



SCAN

Stocksfield Community
Association News

November 2025



Stocksfield Community Association
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, NE43 7HL
Patron: Rt. Hon. Viscount Allendale
Charity No. 1139996

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www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/stocksfield-
community-centre

Facebook: Stocksfield Community Association
(also known as SICA)

Office Opening Hours.

The office opening hours are flexible. If you would like to visit the office in person, please make contact via phone call or email (see above) to arrange a convenient time.

The office will be open every:
Thursday from 9.00am –12noon
Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am

Officials

Chair	Mrs B Braysher
Vice-Chair	Mrs J Harrison
Minutes Secretary	Mrs K Kirkland
Treasurer	Mr P Westbury (Acting)
Honorary Vice President	Mrs B Bouch

DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS FOR STOCKSFIELD

Saturday 20th September was a day of double celebration for the Stocksfield community as three local groups were each awarded £500 for their outstanding community projects—on the same day that SCATA marked a major anniversary of a landmark housing success.

Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm (SCATA) handed out the prizes during a special event celebrating its 10th anniversary of winning the 'Best Partnership in Affordable Housing' award. The award, originally received for a groundbreaking partnership with Isos Housing (now Karbon Homes), recognised the development of much-needed affordable homes—three bungalows and four flats—in the heart of the village.

The £500 community project prizes were hotly contested but ultimately awarded to three deserving groups:

- **Stocksfield Scouts**
- **The Friends of Stocksfield Community Woodland**
- **The Painshawfield Biodiversity Group.**

The cheques were presented by local MP Joe Morris, who praised the winners for their commitment to improving their local area.

The celebration also served as a reunion for the original team behind the affordable housing development. Current SCATA board members Norman Hooks and Pete Duncan, who were also instrumental in the original project, shared insights into the challenges they faced at the time and highlighted ongoing housing issues in rural communities.

Norman Hooks, Chair of SCATA, said: “The Government has set itself a very ambitious target for building more homes, including an affordable housing programme that villages like ours would certainly benefit from.

“It’s a challenge that SCATA is ready and willing to rise to, if and when suitable opportunities present themselves.”

The event underscored SCATA’s continued commitment to improving life in Stocksfield—not just through housing, but by supporting grass roots groups working to preserve the village’s environment, empower young people, and boost biodiversity.

With the £500 awards recognising past and present community efforts, and renewed focus on affordable housing for the future, the day celebrated not only what SCATA has achieved—but what it still plans to do.

Community project prizes presented by Joe Morris



SCATA celebrates its 10th anniversary of winning the 'Best Partnership in Affordable Housing' award



October Board Meeting

There was not much need for discussion at this meeting, which finished earlier than usual. The fact that there was an England football match taking place that evening was not relevant! To be serious, the various reports did not on this occasion require decisions from board members.

The Chairwoman reported that new contracts for our gas and electricity supply have been signed. The Hallmark 1 and 2 certificates have been received, as well as the Assessors' Report. She attended the Stocksfield Community Association Trading Arm (SCATA) Ten Year Anniversary Celebration, at which our MP Joe Morris presented grant awards financed by SCATA to three local groups – the Stocksfield Scouts, the Friends of Stocksfield Community Woodland, and the Painshawfield Biodiversity Group.

The Treasurer's Report for September detailed the usual monthly income and expenditure, as the invoices for the work carried in August were paid in August and October respectively. The reason for the delayed payment was that, although the bulk of the work to upgrade the storage batteries and associated infrastructure was carried out over 2 or 3 days in August, it was not finally completed and the necessary certificates received until the beginning of October. The Property Report dealt with this, as well as the planned relocation of the controls for two of the infrared heaters and the necessary replacement of the timer controls for one of the gas boilers.

The manager reported that the Community Centre is being well used. There are regular bookings by groups or individuals on every day of the week except Saturday. There are activities for all ages, from Kalma Yoga and ARTventurers for babies and toddlers, through to Tuesday Club with carpet bowls for older residents; with badminton, aerobics and art classes being suitable for adults of all ages. Saturdays and Sundays are popular for events, such as the SCATA event in September and the Charity Christmas Card Sale at the end of October, as well as for children's parties.

Top quality hay needed for horses.

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Save the Date
Bywell Castle Garden Open Day

Sunday 21st June 2026

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Contact: Rosemary Newton; Tel. 01661 843163; newtons39@gmail.com
Marion Brown: Tel. 07552 636656



STOCKSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2025 PROGRAMME

12 November

AGM followed by
DVD of 'Bywell Flower Show 1989'

Dec – no meeting

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Stocksfield Methodist Church

Mount View Terrace, New Ridley, Stocksfield NE43 7HL

Stocksfield Methodist Church holds monthly Charity Coffee mornings, usually trying to raise funds for local projects and voluntary groups.

They are held on the first Saturday of each month, and a warm welcome is given to all.

Do pop in if you would like to have good company, a chat and a hot drink on a Saturday morning, whilst supporting local good causes.



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Hexham Textile and Stitch

We are a friendly group of stitchers who meet at the Torch Centre in Hexham on the second Saturday of each month, from 1.00pm-4.00pm.

We have speakers and workshops, and there is always someone willing to help you with any problems you might have.

You will be surprised at what we use in embroidery these days to get the desired effects, such as heat guns and soldering irons, but we still do the traditional stitching as well.

No experience needed, just a desire to learn.

Contact Jessie Reisner on 01661 843136 or Rosemary Newton on 01661 843163, or just come along.

Stocksfield Parish Council Notes

Members of the public are warmly invited to attend Parish Council meetings and are always given an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to speak about things that matter to them.

PARISH COUNCIL PHONE: 01661 844667

Website: www.stocksfield-pc.gov.uk

Email: clerk@stocksfield-pc.gov.uk

The image features a blue-tinted background showing a person using a cleaning machine on a carpet. Overlaid on this is the logo for 'IR Cleaning Services', where 'IR' is in a large, stylized font and 'Cleaning Services' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, a dark blue banner contains the text 'IR Cleaning services making a clean home easy' in a white, italicized font.

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For physio call 07947444179 or email kelly@wellnesstherapeutics.co.uk



Stocksfield Wellbeing Walks

Why not come and join us for a short walk on Monday mornings?

We are a small group of friendly people who meet in the Cricket Club car park every Monday at 10.00am and walk for about an hour (at the most an hour and a half, on mainly flat, easy ground). At the end of the walk we usually go to Stocksfield Cricket Club for tea/coffee and a chat. The walks are free and are led by trained volunteers, supported by The Ramblers Association.

We'd love to see you so do come along with suitable footwear.

Date	Location of walk	Grade
Nov 3	Fords	1-2
Nov 10	Corbridge Mill	2
Nov 17	Stephenson's Cottage	1-2
Nov 24	Wylam—Hagg Bank (steps optional)	2
Dec 1	Prudhoe Riverside	1-2



Friendly Fridays

Friendly Fridays are now meeting at Café 7nn in Stocksfield Cricket Club from 10.30am until noon every Friday.

All you need to do is turn up and be sure of a warm welcome, delicious tea or coffee and other tempting goodies!

Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new- hope to see you there.

Tel. Melna 844040 or Edna 843081
if you want to know more.





Stocksfield
Community Association

WINTER QUIZ

2025/26

ON SALE AT

Stocksfield Community Centre, Stocksfield Cricket
Club, The Spar Garage or from the trustees

£2 PER ENTRY

1ST PRIZE = £20

2ND PRIZE = £15

3RD PRIZE £10

STOCKSFIELD PLANTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY

Autumn/Winter Programme

Engaging and entertaining talks from a variety of locally and nationally renowned speakers.

Tuesday November 18th **Dave Tinsley:**

Winter Pruning – what to prune in the coming months.

Note:- the AGM will take place prior to speaker.

Paperwork will be emailed to all members prior to the evening.

Tuesday December 9th **Growers' Question Time:**

A relaxed and informal evening with a chance to ask questions from a panel of local experts.

Festive nibbles and tipples available.

All meetings start at **7:30pm** at Stocksfield Community Centre

Details of all our activities can be found on our website

www.stocksfieldplantsandgardens.com

or you can follow us on fb.

Email stocksfieldpg@gmail.com



Stocksfield Baptist Church

Contact Details

Minister: Rev. Aileen Innes

Email:

enquiries@stocksfieldbaptistchurch.net

Services at 10 am on Sundays; all are welcome

Stay & Play for toddlers and carers, Tuesdays 10 - 11:30am

STOCKSFIELD TUESDAY CLUB

**Meets every Tuesday at the Community Centre from
10.00 am until 2.00 pm.**

Our friendly group enjoys a variety of social activities, including carpet bowls in the main hall, or just come along for a chat with friends over coffee / tea and / or lunch.

A hot, freshly cooked midday meal is served at a cost of just £6 and meals can be delivered to your home at no extra cost.

All are welcome and that really does mean everyone!

If you want more information or would like to book a meal then contact Christine Hooks on 01661 844863

Meals must be booked in advance by the day before.

November Menu

4 November 2025	Hotpot	Fruit crumble & custard
11 November 2025	Sausage casserole	Coconut sponge & custard
18 November 2025	Cottage pie	Fruit tart & cream
25 November 2025	Chicken & mushroom casserole	Rice pudding

Stocksfield Tuesday Club is always looking for volunteers to join our friendly team – you would only need to be 'on' once each month.

STOCKSFIELD QUAKER MEETING

**Now meeting in person but observing COVID guidelines
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Organiser: Felicity
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Step Aerobics (All Levels)
Tuesday Evenings at 6– 7pm

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Thursday evenings at 6.30– 7.45pm



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Cost: 10 week pass £150.00

5 week pass £75

Drop-in £20

For further information and to book a place contact:
Niki Black: nikihblack@gmail.com
or scan QR code



Your teacher: Niki Black is an experienced freelance artist and art tutor. Based in Stocksfield, Northumberland, Niki works in inks, watercolour and acrylic, drawing inspiration from both local environment and work and travel overseas.



Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings on Thursdays in the hall of Stocksfield Baptist Church (rear hall)

Refreshments from 9:30, talks at 10:30am
Open to all (semi) retired men and their guests
(male and female) Attendance fee £3

**6 November, Pat Hodgson:
Been misbehaving**

**20 November, Ian Hills:
How to move a lighthouse**

Contact: stocksfieldretiredmen@gmail.com

Parish churches of St Peter's Bywell, St George's Mickley and St John's, Stocksfield

For info & enquiries, please Email: stocksfieldchurchofengland@gmail.com or ring our church wardens: Bywell -Mrs Jessie Reisner (01661 843136), Mickley -Mrs Joy Marshall (01661 842418).

What does the Community Association do?

- ◆ It provides local residents with the opportunity and facilities to enjoy a wide range of leisure, recreational and educational facilities.
- ◆ It produces this monthly magazine to keep members informed about activities at the Community Centre and elsewhere in the parish.
- ◆ It hires out rooms.
- ◆ It maintains close links with the Parish and County Councils.
- ◆ It is affiliated to Community Action Northumberland and a member of the West Northumberland Community Building Consortium.

Please contact the Community Centre Office if you are interested in becoming involved in any way with your community association.

(07900 120368)

Stocksfield Community Association

Stocksfield Community Centre is owned and managed by Stocksfield Community Association which is a charitable incorporated organisation. The day to day running of the Community Centre is carried out by the Community Centre Manager whilst the trustees of the Community Association oversee building maintenance, finance, communication, new projects and staffing matters. The trustees are elected by members of the Association at Annual General Meetings at which all members of the Association are both eligible to vote and stand for election.

Types of Membership and Subscriptions 2025

Individual	£ 10.00	Couple	£13.00
Over 60 & under 25	£ 7.00	Over 60 & under 25	£12.00
Family	£13.00		

(Family membership includes all children under 18)

Room Hire

Various rooms, the main hall and the kitchen are available for hire to members and to the general public for community-based activities, including weddings, private parties, children's parties, etc.

Whenever you consider staging an event at the Centre, please contact the Community Centre Manager as soon as possible in order to place your booking and discuss arrangements. The Community Centre Manager will advise you on any licensing or other legal requirements. As these can take some time to arrange, please make bookings well in advance.

**For anyone holding a private event at home
Tables and chairs are available for hire from the Centre.**

**Remember the Community Centre is there for you -
please make use of it.**

What's on at Stocksfield Community Centre

Monday

10:00am– 12:00pm	Artventurers
2.00pm - 3:30pm	Badminton
6.00pm -7.00pm	Puppy School
6:30pm - 7:45pm	Low impact Aerobics Body toning

Tuesday

9.30am -11.30am	Computer Club
10.30am -2.00pm	Tuesday Club
6.00pm -7.00pm	Step Class - all levels

Wednesday

5.45pm-7:45pm	Puppy School
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Painting and Drawing

Thursday

10:00am-12:00pm	Painting and Drawing
10:00am– 12:00pm	Kalma life
6.30pm -7.45pm	Pilates using Stability Balls
7.00pm-9.00pm	Bridge
8.00pm - 9.30pm	Badminton

Friday

9.30am -10.45am	Low impact aerobics (legs, bums & tums!)
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Stocksfield Community Association

Affiliated Members

Stocksfield Tuesday Club
Stocksfield Players
Plants and Gardens

Additional information about Affiliations (contacts and activities) can be obtained from the Centre notice board, website or the Community Centre Manager.

**To advertise in SCAN
(prices from April 2025 to March 2026)**

Annual (10 issues) 1/6 page £60, 1/3 page £120 , 1/2 page £150

Single advert: 1/6 page £10, 1/3 page £20, 1/2 page £25

Note that publicity for Stocksfield groups and events is free of charge.

As well as the printing of your advert in 10 issues, you will also receive a free electronic version of the magazine.

You will also receive single membership of the community centre.

The person named on the email will be the person who is named on the membership.

Should you wish to name a different person, please do let us know.

Membership will give you the benefit of a 25% discount on any private booking (such as a children's party or other event).

Should you wish to opt out of membership, you can email us to let us know.

Should you wish to also receive a physical paper copy of SCAN, there will be a further small charge which is the same as the membership fee published in the magazine and will cover all 10 issues.

