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Stocksfield Community
Association News

May 2026





Stocksfield
Community Association

Stocksfield Community Association

Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, NE43 7HL

Patron: Rt. Hon. Viscount Allendale

Charity No. 1139996

Contact Details

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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.

Normally the office will be open every:

Thursday from 9.00am –12noon

Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am

Officials

Chair

Mrs B Braysher

Vice-Chair

Minutes Secretary

Treasurer

Honorary Vice President

Mrs J Harrison

Mrs K Kirkland

Mr P Westbury (Acting)

Mrs B Bouch

Membership Reminder

Membership subscriptions were due in January.

The trustees would like to thank members who have already paid for their continuing support.

As well as showing support for the community, the money raised contributes towards the running costs of the centre, with an extra 25% from HMRC when gift aided.

This year we are once again asking members who wish to support their community centre in the long term to set up an annual standing order.

Membership fees are the same as in 2025, and payments can also be made by bank transfer, cash or card.

The membership/gift aid form is in the centre of this magazine. If you are making a bank payment and are already a member there is no need to fill in a membership form unless your contact details have changed or you need to change a gift aid declaration.

If you decide to make a bank payment, either by standing order or as a single payment, please use your initial and surname as reference.

STOCKSFIELD QUAKER MEETING

Now meeting in person but observing COVID guidelines

Further information from Caroline Westgate, telephone:

01434604747

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)

Save the Date – Sunday 21st June

Bywell Castle Garden Open Day

From 12 Noon – 6PM



Lord and Lady Allendale will be opening their beautiful garden in aid of Stocksfield Community Association.

Come and wander around the fabulous grounds with a riverside setting.

Unwind with live music, take a stroll through the wildflower and woodland gardens.

We are sure you will enjoy this special day.

Bywell castle open day tickets:

Adults £5 / Children under 12 free!

What's on:

Live Band 'Jeanie and the Jollyboys', playing all day.

Food stands by North Acomb farm shop. The Feathers Inn serving pizzas and paella in the old castle.

Gin & Tonia serving a variety of drinks.

The Honey store.

Ices, Vanilla Treat cakes and teas.

Bottle Tombola, prize Tombola

and other exciting stalls.

NEW This Year:

Tyne Valley Taproom selling a variety of beer.

Megs Welds & Woodwork.

Tipsy sips

Fun children's dog show at 12 Noon (see poster on next page)

Pony grooming and Alpaca walks

Plenty of seating & disabled access / toilet.

Dogs on leads welcome.

Easy parking.

A Great day out – on Father's day – everyone welcome!



DOGS LIFE

Happy Dogs, Happy Hoomans.

BYWELL CASTLE GARDEN CHILDRENS FUN DOG SHOW



21st June at 12 noon Entry £2 per dog

12.00 Agility fun

12.30. Sit, stay and walkaway timed competition

12.45 Judging of waggiest tale, best behaved child and dog combo, best handler and much more.

All children to be accompanied by an adult (and a dog)



Request for bottle donation for prizes.

The Bywell Castle Garden Open Day for this year is being organized in aid of Stocksfield Community Association, and one of the events is a bottle tombola. To help us achieve this we would greatly appreciate donations of bottles for example a drink (alcohol / non-alcohol), toiletries or anything else that is in a bottle.

For health and safety reasons all donations must be unopened with the seal intact.

Please bring any donations to the office either Tuesday or Thursday mornings or Friday before 11:00am.

Thank you for supporting your community centre.

April Board Meeting

I am pleased to report that we have received a grant from the National Lottery Environment Fund to increase our battery storage capacity. Once the new batteries are installed, we will be able to store and use more of the power generated by the solar panels, which in turn should reduce our electricity costs. It's good to know that the environment also benefits.

Unfortunately, our application to the parish council for grant funding towards the cost of improved signage for the Community Centre has been unsuccessful. We will have to consider alternative sources of finance, as good quality appropriate signs would be of benefit and would increase awareness of facilities in the village.

There was a planned interruption to the board meeting as Betty was brought by Lisa to the Richardson Room, where she was surprised to receive flowers and a cake to celebrate a special birthday. The trustees wished to show their appreciation for Betty's many years of work for, and commitment to, the Community Centre.

Following receipt of the Hallmark report, changes and updates to some of our policies were discussed. These should be approved at the next meeting, after the changes have been finalized.

Consideration is being given to conducting a survey of users and non-users of the Community Centre. The aim will be to find out what activities and facilities people would like to have available.

One of the trustees reported on preparations for the Bywell Castle Open Garden, which is taking place on Sunday 21st June. We are grateful that this year Lady Allendale is holding the event in aid of Stocksfield Community Association. Several of the trustees are involved in planning the event, and other volunteers will be helping out over the weekend.

This month we celebrated Betty as she turned 90 years young on the 18th April. Betty works hard, and has done over many years, to keep the Community Centre spotlessly clean and always does it with a smile. We think she is amazing. Happy birthday Betty!



Could You become a Trustee or a Volunteer?

Could you spare a few hours to help your community?

We are looking for potential trustees and volunteers who would like to become involved in running Stocksfield Community Centre.

Stocksfield Community Association, which runs the Community Centre, currently has eight trustees and a number of volunteers. All play active roles in the life of the Centre, with varying levels of involvement.

We would like to recruit two or three more trustees as well as others who would prefer to help as volunteers.

If you have skills in finance, management, DIY, PR, IT, event management or social media we would particularly welcome your involvement – but would also welcome sociable people who simply like to help others.

Trustees are making a commitment to the role and would be expected to attend most of the monthly board meetings. Guidance and support will be given. Volunteers are not making the same level of commitment and would not attend board meetings.

Occasional help at events or a more regular involvement would both be welcomed.

If you are interested in becoming either a trustee or a volunteer please initially contact our manager Lisa at admin@stocksfieldca.org.uk



STOCKSFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

2026 PROGRAMME

Now on summer break.

Meetings are planned to resume in September

Stocksfield Methodist Church

Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield NE43 7HL

Saturday May 2nd from 10.30 -12 noon.

You are warmly invited to join us for a Fundraising Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid Week. There are no longer door to door collections in Stocksfield for the annual Christian Aid Appeal, so this is your opportunity to support and donate to this worthwhile cause. We would welcome donations of cakes or items for a Bring and Buy stall, or just turn up and enjoy a friendly welcome , cuppa and chat.”

Other than Sunday services, we have a busy little church during the rest of the week. Again, you would be warmly welcomed at any of these regular activities.

CRAFT CHURCH on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 2pm....bring along your sewing or knitting and enjoy friendly chat over a cuppa.

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP with interesting speakers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 2pm

FILM NIGHTS on the last Friday of each month at 7pm , with ice cream in the interval! (Excluding Dec, June and July)

MONTHLY coffee mornings in aid of charity, first Saturday of each month from 10.30-12 noon. Popular and friendly.

CAFE CONNECT....family gatherings on Sundays from 4pm -5.30pm , every other month. Craft, games, afternoon tea.

3 GENERATORSregular meetings of our group of young people, looking at Minecraft Church etc.

STOCKSFIELD SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB

If you enjoy dancing The Eightsome Reel and Dashing White Sergeant

Why not try some more advanced dances of this type.

Every Tuesday night From February to December 7.30 until 9.30 ish

Beginners class 6.30 to 7.30

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Contact: Rosemary Newton; Tel. 01661 843163; newtons39@gmail.com

Marion Brown: Tel. 07552 636656

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 would like to know more.



STOCKSFIELD PLANTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY

Spring 2026 Programme of Talks at Stocksfield
Community Centre 7:30pm

Tuesday 19th May **Summer Wreath Making**
Demonstration with Elm Street Flowers and social
evening.

Sunday 7th June Our ever popular **Pop Up Plant Sale**.
Full details available soon but get the date in your diary.



We are running our **Blooming Doorsteps Competition** again this year so put your garden thinking caps on and start planning your pots. The competition is free to enter and open to all residents of Stocksfield, Mickley and Bywell and members of SPAGS wherever they live.

Entry forms will be available at our May meeting and online from our website.

This year we just have one adult category “Flower Power” any container planted with flowering plants.

There will be bonus points for any edibles, perennials, and native plants in the display.

Junior entry category is “Miniature Garden” with the addition of toys, models, or artwork to give your pot a theme.

Closing date for entries is 25th June and judging will take place in last two weeks of July.

There are prizes to be won!

Visitors are always welcome to our talks (£5)

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Stocksfield Community Association Membership Form

January – December 2026

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Individual	£10.00	Couples	£13.00
Over 60/ under 25	£7.00	Couples over 60/ under 25	£12.00
Family	£13.00		

NAME Date of Payment.....
ADDRESS
POSTCODE TELEPHONE

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I/We have paid the sum of £..... via bank transfer.
(Sort Code: 60-83-01 and Account Number: 20260396. Please use your initial and surname as reference).

I/We enclose the cash sum of £.....

If you would like to support Stocksfield Community Association in the longer term, please consider setting up an annual standing order from your bank account. Please use your surname as reference.

Our bank account details are shown above.

*You are also able to pay via Debit/Credit Card in the SCA Office.
If you live outside the village and wish to receive SCAN by post, please include an additional £7.50 to cover postage for the year.

Alternatively, if you wish to receive SCAN as an email attachment, Please include your email address here:

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Please return this form and the Gift Aid form (if applicable) to:
The Community Centre Office,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, NE43 7HL
Registered Charity Number: 1139996

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Gift Aid Declaration Form

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Gift Aid declaration – for past, present & future donations.

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... And any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Stocksfield Community Association

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donor's Details

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Surname.....

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Date..... Signature.....

Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

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- Change your name or home address
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If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

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.

May Menu

5 May 2026 Chicken casserole Lemon meringue pie

12 May 2026 Savory mince Lemon & sultana sponge & custard

19 May 2026 Sausage casserole Fruit crumble

26 May 2026 Corned beef pie Rice pudding

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

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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.

Meetings take place at Stocksfield Community Centre.

Dates for next meeting :

Monday 11th May

PARISH COUNCIL PHONE: 01661 844667

Website: www.stocksfield-pc.gov.uk

Email: clerk@stocksfield-pc.gov.uk



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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 Baptist Church

Minister: Rev. Aileen Innes

Email: enquiries@stocksfieldbaptistchurch.net

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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
May 4	Bank holiday	
May 11	Merryshields to riverside	2
May 18	Broomley village to woods	2
May 25	Bank holiday	
June 1	Fords	1-2

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Low Impact Aerobics/Body Toning– Legs, Bums & Tums

Monday Evenings at 6.30– 7.45pm

Step Aerobics (All Levels)

Tuesday Evenings at 6– 7pm

Pilates using Stability Balls (Balls provided)

Thursday evenings at 6.30– 7.45pm

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Friday mornings at 9.30– 10.00am

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Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meetings on Thursdays in the hall of
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Open to all (semi) retired men in the area.

No annual subscription.

Lady guests also welcome to all meetings

Refreshments from 9:30, talks at 10:30am

Attendance fee £3

7th May. Ian Conacher:

The conquest of Kilimanjaro – unique historical and personal observations

21st May, Roger Francis:

Osteoporosis in men – the neglected gender

Contact: stocksfieldretiredmen@gmail.com

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

10:30am– 12:30pm	Artventurers
2.00pm - 3:30pm	Badminton
5:30pm –6:30pm	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

7:00 pm– 9:00pm	Painting and Drawing
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Thursday

10:00am-12:00pm	Painting and Drawing
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.

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**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.