

Project Monitoring Report to: Selby District Council – Western CEF Partnership Board

Ref: Western CEF Grant Application W0082 – ‘Fairburn Community Café’

Organisation Details:

Fairburn Community Café
Village Hall
Silver Street
Fairburn

Description:

‘Pop-In’ Community Café – One morning per week (Wednesday)

Date of Project:

Commenced 1st March 2017

Contact Name:

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Impact Report for Period:

1st March 2017 – 28th February 2018

Q1 – Key Outcomes of Project:

- Brought together people from Fairburn and surrounding villages
- Encouraged support for those who need it.
- Create and Improve social integration.
- Fund raising for Charities and the homeless.
- Called in from friends - External 'free gratis' aids for advertising (leaflets & Banners)
- Generated Hobbies of knitting and sewing amongst the elderly resulting in 1000 Poppies being made for the British Legion/Selby Abbey appeal.
- Money has been sent to Macmillan Cancer to keep our Macmillan Nurses locally for those who rely on them.
- Money and goods have been given to the Homeless Charity.
- Knitting and sewing of items to raise funds for the Café and funds for Charity.
- A team of us arranged the transport for those who needed it while there was no bus service to our village.

Q2 - How Project met the Objectives

- We have met the objectives laid out in our application, as listed above.
- Children enjoy their visit to the Café and have brought such fun and smiles to the elderly in particular.
- Young families enjoy coming together and learning more about the village and the villagers enjoy telling their stories.
- People from other villages now have a new circle of friends they meet every week, and begin to care more for each other.
- Still learning about the facilities which can be tapped into via Selby District Council and the Parish Council.

Q3 - Additional benefits

- All residents near and far have a focal point to meet – the old get all the conversation and the young get more information.

- We arranged for the Fire Service representative to come to give advice, which raised great awareness for Safety in the Home and appointments were made with the Officer to visit homes and have alarms fitted.
- All the new bus timetables were distributed when the service was back on, and we keep local information coming to the tables at all times.
- Those who do not have any contact with anyone except once a week at the Café are now coming in early and with a smile on their faces. We ensure no-one is left sitting on their own.
- A group of ladies have now formed new friendships and a little team have an outing together once a week by bus or train.
- We invited the Children from Fairburn School to come along and entertain everyone at the Christmas Party. There is so little now in the village for the school children to be involved in.

Q4 – How the project has benefited the community:

- The community has gained a ‘buzz’ back again. The more ‘word of mouth’ is spread the larger our group has become. The villagers were – undoubtedly – sceptical about our project in the beginning and now they are so proud of their Café that the news brings more people in each week, with their friends and families now joining in.

Q5 - How the Fund were used:

- The funding you granted us (£1,520) covered one year’s rent.
- The rent is £30 per week, plus additional hours of hire charge for extended time and any necessary setting up.
- We have purchased an additional Boiler, two Toasters, 50 teapots, new coffee pots, and all our necessary cutlery.
Supply of Goods (i.e.: teas, coffees and consumable food) Containers and dishes and tableware.
- We have raised money – and are now self-funding – and have money in the Bank.
- Our Volunteers have not taken any contribution towards their wonderful baking which has helped to increase our funds for the development of the Café.
- I have not taken any contribution for any fuel, or other overhead costs for printing literature.
- We have all given freely to ensure success and now that we are self-funding we can cover some costs going forward.
- Our funds paid for the Party – our First Christmas Party thrown free to all. Although restricted to numbers (restriction placed on us by the Rules and Regulations of the Hall) we accommodated everyone who wanted to

join us at the Party. Those who have loyally supported the Café deserved to be treated and we were happy to do so and we budgeted accordingly to enable this.

Q6 - Meet any conditions attached by the CEF:

- We consider all conditions required of us to get funding from the CEF have been met over and above expectations.
- We are grateful to you for the opportunity of creating our Café and thank you for your initial support. We hope you have as much success with your other projects, and we have enjoyed such pleasure in seeing everything come together. We are a great team!!