



North Tyneside UKSPF Community Partnership Grants

Last year, West Moor Residents Association were able to apply for funding under the new North of Tyne UKSPF Grant Program and we found out in February that we were successful. Our project is allowing us to put on new activities for all ages. It is free to attend the activities although spaces may be limited on some of them. Some activities are a one-off activity and some last up to 9 weeks. All of the activities are funded up to April 2025, but we hope that if popular, some will continue. The activities will include sign language, Daddy & Baby play class, fall prevention class, children's active classes, tutor led art group, creative writing sessions, DIY Club, community choir, cooking lessons, menopause exercise classes, dance classes and lots more. Details of a lot of the classes can be found in future newsletters, on the notice boards around the building and on the Community Centres' Facebook page.

We are still working on the start dates for some of the classes or when the next round of sessions will start but if you think you will be interested in taking part or want to know a little more information, contact the office and we will come back to you with start dates when secured.

Coronation Garden

The Annual Garden Day will take place at the Centre on **Saturday 13th July**. It is also the day that the King Charles Garden will be officially opened by The Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear. The grand opening will take place at 10am. Come along to enjoy all of the gardens at the Centre, tours will take place. Please come and support the West Moor Gardening Group.

Enviro Squad Update

Hopefully many of you have seen our Enviro Squad out and about litter picking in the village. Everyone can help out by using the bins provided. The council have also agreed to provide additional bins around the village. The bins are emptied every Tuesday, however, if you see one overflowing you can use the QR code to report it directly the council. Also, cigarette stubs, and empty packets from them and vapes are one of the major contributing factors to the rubbish collected. Please use the bins or take your rubbish home. Litter picking takes place on Wednesday evenings from the Centre.

SUBs

We would like to thank everyone who has already paid their SUBs for the 2024/25 year, it is much appreciated, but we are still collecting SUBs for this year. Due to rising prices, the Trustees have taken the difficult decision to increase prices. The cost is £6 full price and £5 concessions and all SUBs collected go towards the running of the Community Centre and the activities that take place there and in the wider community. SUBs can be paid in person or online. Our details are as follows. Account No; 60913839 Sort Code; 20-59-61 Account Name; West Moor Residents Association. If you are a taxpayer, it would be helpful if you could pop into the Centre and complete a Gift Aid form or give us a call to see if you have already completed one.

Youth Activities

We are excited to announce that WMRA are working in partnership with Northeast Youth and UKSPF Funding to start weekly youth groups. The groups run on a Friday evening and are free to attend and are for ages 11 to 14 years (4pm to 5.30pm) and 14 to 18 years (5.30pm to 7pm). The sessions are run by full qualified youth leaders and are young person led. Contact the Centre to complete an application form.

History Talk

A talk on the history of West Moor & Killingworth is taking place at the Centre on **Tuesday 23rd July** at 6pm. The ticket price of £8 also includes a Pie & Pea supper. Contact the Centre to purchase your ticket.

Coffee Mornings

We have had 2 fundraising coffee mornings taking place in recent weeks at the Centre. The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation Coffee Morning raised £774, and the Smile for Life Coffee Morning raised £1550. Thank you to everyone for coming along supporting these events.

Simply Dance Academy.

Did you know that dance classes for children and young people run at the centre every Wednesday from 4.00pm to 6.15pm? Local children from 3 to 18 years enjoy learning different styles with qualified dance teachers and a community of dance friends. The benefits of dance in children include Physical development, Social and emotional development, Cognitive development, Improved communication, Creativity, For more information call Gina on 07498 499095 or email simplydanceacademy@gmail.com

Grass Cutting

We have been in discussions with the council and are working towards better grass cutting and removal of cut grass while still promoting biodiversity – this is a balancing act that needs to be reached to satisfy everyone's expectations.

Highways

As mentioned at the AGM most, not all, potholes in the village have been filled. NTC Highways have said, 'tarmac has a 30year life span therefore there is no plans for re surfacing any time soon'. Drop an email to chair@westmoor.org.uk and we will log and inform the council.

Muga Bookings

Just a reminder that the All-Weather MUGA can be hired for £15ph up to 4pm and for £30ph for evening bookings. We also provide football parties from £60 which includes an hour on the MUGA and use of a party room.

Loose Stones/Chippings

We have been asked by a resident to raise the issue of stones and slate chippings spreading onto pavements from gardens now used for parking. A piece of gravel or slate can cause problems for anyone pushing a walking frame. They are asking if you can occasionally sweep the stones back onto your garden? Thank you on their behalf.

Thank You!

Thank you to our good friends at **Alexander Hudson Estates** for kindly donating new seating for the King Charles Garden. On fine days (!) bistro tables will be set out and you are more than welcome to come into the Centre to purchase a tea or coffee.

Site News

Please remember that the fields are open for all to use. Please stick to the non-barrier side. Electric Scooters are not allowed to be ridden anywhere on site. Dogs are not allowed on site. We have reopened on a Sunday for bookings, including parties.

Daddy & Baby Classes

These fun filled and themed classes are run by the wonderful Baby Bloom and are exclusively for Daddy and baby. The next session will take place on **Sunday 4th Aug** at 10am. They are free to attend but as spaces are limited, they need to be booked via the Centre.

Children's Active Classes

Funded by the UKSPF Grant, we have been holding 4-week blocks of children's active classes. They are taking a break for the summer but will return with Mini Movers on Thurs 5th Sept for 4 weeks and the brilliant Little Ballers will kick off a 4-week block from Tues 1st Oct. Please check with the Centre for the age ranges of these sessions and to book.

New to the Centre

Little Moon Baby Massage is new to the Centre on Thursdays from 1pm.

Mini Athletics (with classes from ages 2 to 7 years) is coming to the Centre on a Saturday morning from 27th July. Check out their websites to book or contact the Centre for more information.

Art Classes

Tutor led art classes will take place once a month on a Wednesday evening. All equipment will be provided, you simply need to sign up and come along with an attitude that you can do more than draw a pair of curtains! The next few classes will take place on 11th Sept 9th Oct and 13th Nov @ 6.30pm. There is no charge, simply contact the Centre to book your space.

Community Chess Group

There is a new group starting at the Community Centre funded by UKSPF fund for anyone wanting to play chess. Anyone of any age (under 8's must be accompanied by an adult) from total beginners to Grand Masters welcome. Every Sunday starting 14th July. 10am to 12pm. Free of charge. For more information, please contact Ethan Tatters via the Community Centre.