

# Community at 67

Building a Better Local Community For All

Charity No: 1163103

## Annual report 2019/20

### 1. Introduction

Welcome to the 2019/20 Annual Report for Community at 67, the report is being written during a period when Community at 67 has ceased most of its normal services due to COVID19. This report covers the period April 2019 – March 2020 , during the majority of the year we have been able to operate a range of services for the community

Community at 67 is a totally volunteer run service which works to promote social cohesion, by bringing together different social and generational groups; improving our community and building trust through interaction between community members. This results in people having a sense of pride in our community and a feeling of belonging. Community at 67 provides a neutral space for different groups to socialise and increase engagement, our events improve relationships within the community by providing a 'hub' for people to meet. Organisations that work with us will find us supportive, trustworthy and willing to work with them to deliver shared objectives.

We could not survive without such a committed and enthusiastic group of volunteers. As well as helping deliver activities, volunteers also work hard behind the scenes doing essential tasks to keep the centre running such as cleaning and the work required to ensure we operate an effective and efficient charity. We are always looking for more volunteers to help run the centre. We are a friendly group who want to make our area a great place in which to live.

### Where are we?



Community at 67 is located in Keynsham South and our centre is in a well-used rank of shops in Queens Road, Keynsham, which are the centre of community life. We have a reception area, well fitted out kitchen and meeting room.

# 1. Community at 67 sponsored activities

## Internet café

The weekly sessions provide guided IT to local people who either don't have access to IT equipment or do not have the skills to use IT. The volunteers help people get online, often for the first time and become fluent in the use of IT. In a society where the only form of transactions with some organisations is online having access to the internet and the skills to get the most out of the web is a vital part of everyday living.

## Lunch club

The weekly lunch club is a highlight of the week for many local people. It provides great food using some of the local produce prepared by a skilled group of volunteers. The sessions also enable people to meet, talk and have fun! This year we worked with the Fare Share Community Food project which involves a weekly payment but in return we get a range of food including meat, vegetables and other foods to help us with our lunch club.

## Keynsham Town Community Radio (KTCR)

This year KTCR was granted a license by OFCOM to broadcast 24 hours a day on 105.8fm and needed new premises for their increased operation, they are now operating from the @One centre in Keynsham. . We wish them well in the future and pleased that we have been involved in their development.

## Coffee and Craft

This is a small group who meet weekly to share their craft skills with others and have a chat over coffee and cake. Each month they run craft taster sessions on a variety of crafts such as felted soap. They have also supported fundraising activities for the centre through the sales of their products and hosting Craft Fairs.

## Scrabble club

This simple but challenging game provides the focus for a group of local people who want to keep mentally active through playing scrabble

## Maths Club

This group is for children in years 5 and 6 and run by an experienced maths teacher along with volunteers. They aim to show children how maths relates to the real world and that it can be fun and offers support to children who sometimes have difficulty with this key subject.

## Code Club

Due to a loss of key volunteers the Code Club closed in July 2019. we were about to restart the group with a new group of volunteers when the centre had to close. It is one of the clubs we want to re start after lockdown.

## Keynsham Older People's Social (KOPS)

An older person's group where local residents can share memories and listen to local people speak about times gone by. They also have speakers or entertainment and occasionally make visits to places of interest.

## Cards for Fun

The group enabled people to meet to play a range of card games and socialise.

## 2. Groups making use of the centre

Community at 67 encourages local groups to hire the premises to support the delivery of the charity's objectives. Regular bookings by groups in 2019/20 included

We provide a range of learning courses run by both local people and formal learning organisations providers. A local person has run Spanish classes and we work with City of Bath college who provide a range of their community learning courses such as art classes at the centre which are provided free of charge.

### Support groups

Many groups use Community at 67 to provide support and advice for the local community, these have included

The **ADHD Group** provide a self help group for parents or friends supporting a young person experiencing ADHD. Their meetings include talks by specialist staff that support the young people

**Keynsham Town Youth Service Cook and Chill** started from an idea gained from young people and is a cooking class about memory and basic skills. They use a lot of different ingredients and focus on learning skills of chopping, timing and clearing up. Young people have taken control and assigned a kitchen supervisor who directs others to ensure all tasks are complete to make the meal within the time. The sessions have improved confidence in cooking and communication skills within the group.

We were pleased to support the development of a **Dungeons and Dragons club** based on the fantasy tabletop role-playing game, the group was meeting on Saturday afternoons.

### 3. Our volunteers

We have a relatively small number of regular volunteers (around 40) who are unstinting in their support of the centre, ranging from weekly cleaning, making cakes for events, doing minor repairs or just being on hand to help.

Whether it is the day to day running or one-off events, we can rely wholeheartedly on our loyal band of volunteers. We are immensely proud of the volunteers who give of their time to support this charity.

### 4. Social and outreach activities

Throughout the year special events are held to encourage people to drop into the centre. In April we held a Fun Day in partnership with Queens Road Methodist Church where the community came together to play on stalls, eat cream teas and enjoy high quality entertainment by local groups.

### 5. Trustees and governance

#### Trustees 2019/20

Martin Burton	Chair of Trustees
Adrian Inker	Vice Chair
Peter Allsop	Treasurer
Ron Sheppard	Chair management committee
Clare Hudson	Charity Trustee
Christina Smith	Charity Trustee



## Management Committee

The trustees are supported by a management committee which includes volunteers, local residents and representatives from local councils

Ron Sheppard (Chair)	Sheila Whittle
Margaret Davies	Barry Williams
Gwyneth Brown	Fay Wright
Karen Kingston	Bridget O'Cleary
Trish Ponfield	Dave Biddleston: Keynsham Town Council
Patricia Adams	Alan Hale: B&NES Council
Teresa Andow	Trustees attend when required

During the year we have continued to review and update the policies to ensure all volunteers and trustees are supporting a well-run charity.

## 6. Promotion and communication



It is important that the community is aware of the activities we provide at Community at 67. We have two skilled volunteers who post regularly on Facebook and Twitter and for major events we boost our posts.

## 7. Building

We need to ensure the centre is well maintained and is welcoming to all the different groups who use the centre. This year we received a grant from the St Johns Foundation to install a hearing loop to ensure the centre is fully accessible for people with hearing impairments. The frontage continues to bring colour to the front with the tubs of flowers .carefully tendered by our volunteers.



## 8. Finance

Community at 67 operates on a low level of income and expenditure. Our main source of income (Operating receipts) comes from hiring out our premises, from which we also receive donations from those attending hosted activities.

During the year we also run various fundraising activities and community events which help generate income whilst also serving the local community. We also apply for grants where appropriate to help with specific projects and targeted activities.

Virtually all our expenditure goes on the day-to-day operation and general maintenance of our premises.

For the financial year 2019/20, our income and expenditure was as follows:

Income & Expenditure	£
Operating Receipts (Income)	12240.80
Operating Payments (Expenditure)	9144.45
Grants received for specific projects	12210.00
Expenditure on specific projects	1451.02

During this past year we also increased our formal Reserves Policy to £10,000, to provide stability to the charity and ensure it is well placed to survive any unplanned events of reasonable severity in the future.

## 9. Wider network

Trustees and members of the management committee have links to a range of other organisations as individuals in their own right which enables Community at 67 to have positive relationships within the community. These groups include

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynsham Action Network</li> <li>• Transition Keynsham</li> <li>• Keynsham in Bloom</li> <li>• St Francis Church</li> <li>• Food Cycle</li> <li>• Keynsham Town Community Radio</li> <li>• Keynsham Town Council</li> <li>• Bath and N E Somerset Council</li> <li>• Virgin Health Care</li> <li>• BANES Interagency Network</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Butterflies Haven (group supporting families with autistic children)</li> <li>• BANES Children's services</li> <li>• Keynsham Area Panel – part of BANES Council</li> <li>• Governors of local schools – primary and secondary</li> <li>• Curo Housing Association</li> <li>• Community Health and Involvement Network (CHAIN)</li> <li>• The Children's Centre</li> <li>• Food Bank</li> <li>• Churches Together</li> </ul>
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## Future

Although we have started this financial year in lockdown Community at 67 has once again responded to the needs of the local community. Community at 67 is a key partner with the COVID19 Keynsham Partnership and during the lockdown has been making meals on the premises, delivering food and using the space for storage of food kindly donated by local people. In the summer holidays we ran a free food takeaway for local families . The pandemic has shown us two aspects of our community. Firstly, that there are people who live on the edge of poverty and dependency and any changes to the network that supports them can have catastrophic impact on their life. Secondly, when needed our community has a huge heart – in asking for food and volunteers we have been overwhelmed with offers of help and gifts of food and in some cases money. The challenge for Community at 67 is how do we respond to both these aspects of our community in the long term. We have funding to run a consultation which will help us listen to our community and identify what Community at 67 can do to help people feel they belong and make our community an even better place to live.

## 8. Thank you!

We are grateful to all the organisations who support Community at 67, we would especially like to thank

- St Johns Foundation, Bath
- Keynsham Town Council

*Thanks to Sarah Fox for taking the outstanding photos for this annual report.*

## Contact us

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