

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Community Centres

April - September 2019



Enhancing the lives of people in Salford

Performance Report for the Community Centres April 2019 – September 2019

Key highlights include:

- Forever Manchester held their Easter Egg Hunt at Rainbow Community Centre sending clues to members via Facebook; over 50 eggs were donated by local businesses. During the summer they held a fair at the centre with stalls and a café which was a fantastic get together for all the community groups they have helped over the past two years
- Rainbow Community Centre's Tuesday night club had a busy June, with card making sessions making their own anniversary and birthday cards
- The Morris dancers at Rainbow Rooms entered the Spring Championships and came first with best leader and best mascot. They also danced at the Blackley and Rudheath Championships and again came first both times with best leader and best mascot yet again
- Precarious Carnival took place on the Bridgewater Canal over a weekend in July. The award winning artistic team from Brazil and the UK returned to make it their biggest work to date. The team held their planning meetings at Rainbow Community Centre every Thursday until the weekend of the Carnival
- The Brownies group at Wardley Community Centre embraced the Great British Spring Clean Campaign and litter picked the Community Centre and surrounding neighbourhood



- Rainbows have been growing plants from seeds to earn one of their badges. When the plants reached a good size, they visited all the local neighbour's houses and presented them with one each. This was a lovely gesture and was well received by the neighbours who have telephoned Wardley Community Centre to pass on their thanks. The Rainbow and Brownies group have now added a Guides group for the older children
- Worsley Concert Band held a concert in aid of Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide. An incredible £300 was raised
- Boothstown Community Centre held successful Easter and Summer Holiday Camps

- The popular Indian Cooking sessions hosted by the Health Improvement Team at Boothstown Community Centre continues to run. During the summer holidays they held a four week mini bake off course for children and parents
- New class Fuego Latino and Salsa Dance class started mid-September at Boothstown Community Centre. The class is sponsored by the Health Improvement Team for four weeks, and then will convert to a business in November. The group had a wonderful start with over 30 beginners taking part
- Boothstown was hired for a Fashion show in aid of St Ann's Hospice in Little Hulton; the fundraiser raised a grand sum of £507 for the Hospice
- Boothstown Community Centre hosted an Afternoon Tea Party in August in collaboration with Sainsbury's to mark their 150 Birthday Celebration. SCL staff and Sainsbury's staff worked together to create a fantastic event which consisted of Afternoon Tea for over 70 people, bingo, raffle and entertainment provided by a local Ukulele band. Profits will be re-invested back into the Community Centre



- Boothstown Art Group has a new display cabinet that will show off their wonderful work to all centre customers, with new artwork being displayed each month



- National Citizenship Service used Wardley Community Centre as a base over the summer. They were a group of extremely polite and helpful teenagers. Their theme was recycling and pollution. They cleaned the surrounding streets and used spray art on the bins as a reminder to recycle
- Well baby clinic/baby massage run by Sure Start have booked Clifton Community Centre every Friday morning. The baby clinic is a drop in session led by health visitors who will check that baby is healthy and provide an opportunity for parents to ask any questions
- Clifton, Beesley Green and The Valley Community Centre have all had new vertical blinds put up in their halls. This has made these buildings look a lot cleaner and brighter
- Jo Jingles joined Beesley Green Community Centre for a 6 week period
- Roe Green art club continue to brighten up the art club cabinet in Beesley Green's entrance hall with wonderful art pieces and are entering an art exhibition in September
- Beesley Green has a new booking which commenced in September, the Mindfulness Teachers. It is an 8 week Mindfulness based stress reduction course
- The new Kurling group once known as the Eager Beavers is now under the new wing of the Arty Farty group; their numbers have soared in the few weeks from starting
- Beesley Line dancers celebrated American Independence Day by decorating the hall with American flags, playing American tunes and enjoyed donuts and coffee
- In May, Beesley Green said goodbye to Geoff Rushton of Salford table tennis club who has retired after many years of service to the club
- Tumble Tots finished for the summer holidays by holding a super hero party with staff and children dressing up for the event
- Reed Momenta have made room bookings at Guild Hall, Rainbow and The Valley Community Centres. The company runs a diabetes prevention programme; early feedback shows it to be a well attended group

Case Study

The Beesley Kurlers continue to see excellent attendances each week, with around 24-30 ladies and gents enjoying the social aspect and gentle exercise they get from the sessions. They often compete against other teams in the Salford area. During June, they were getting ready for Wimbledon 2018. They booked extra time so they could indulge in fish and chips to celebrate the Wimbledon fortnight. Their members look forward each year doing something different.

Customer Feedback:

"A beautiful warm, busy and welcoming centre"

"Vibrant welcoming community centre"

Forthcoming events and activities:

- Building improvements
- Staff training and team meetings
- New bookings
- Boothstown Businesses Together Halloween Hunt
- Boothstown Christmas Carol Service

For more information please see:

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