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Treasured Hawes community building receives funding boost

Staff at a Hawes-based community building are celebrating after receiving a four-figure grant from the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund.

The Market House in Hawes, North Yorkshire, has been a hive of activity for its local community for over 100 years. As well as hosting a weekly indoor market every Tuesday, the building is home to craft fairs, exhibitions, concerts, sports, as well as meetings, playgroups and youth groups, and much more.

The community building is being supported with a £3,000 grant from the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, which offers grants to charities and community groups located in or around the communities served by the Society's branch network.

The grant will go towards repairing a wall damaged by damp in the room that is leased by the local Hawes Youth Club.

Laura Dunn, Administrator at Hawes Market House, said: "The Market House Trustees have supported the local Youth Club for many years, so being able to provide them with a suitable safe space for them to hold their group activities is very important to the Trustees.

"As well as supporting the Youth Club, activities such as our weekly mother and toddler groups and variety of sports activities all play an active role in fostering a sense of belonging among members of our community. We also work in partnership with the local A Good Life Project by providing a warm, welcome space that brings together groups of locals who may otherwise be at risk of loneliness and isolation.

“The grant from Newcastle Building Society’s Community Fund will enable to us to repair the wall that has been damaged by damp for a long time, and allow us to continue to support the younger members of the local community.”

Following the loss of its last bank, the Hawes branch of Newcastle Building Society was opened inside Hawes Community Office in 2019 in collaboration with the Upper Dales Community Partnership Ltd to help restore access to essential financial services to the community.

The branch shares space at the heart of the community with several vital local services, including the post office, a well-used volunteer bus service and the town’s library.

Tim Larmour, manager at Newcastle Building Society’s Hawes branch and who recently visited the community building, said: “Hawes Market House is a community hub with a clear purpose for the people of Hawes, and is very much situated at the heart of our local community. As a regional building society we recognise the value in keeping places like Hawes Market House alive, and that’s why we’re so pleased to be able to support the centre with this grant.”

Since its launch in 2016, Newcastle Building Society’s Community Fund at the Community Foundation has also contributed over £2.3m in grants and partnerships to a wide variety of charities and projects across the region, including the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and the Prince’s Trust.

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As a leading local employer, we're committed to growing our region's talent and being a great place to work where people can realise their potential. We hold Platinum IIP and won the Excellence and Positive Impact Award at the 2022 CIPD North East of England HR&D Awards. We were named Company of the Year in the Northumberland and Tyneside category of the North East Business Awards 2022.

We help people to own their home, to save and to plan their finances through our range of products and services. We believe in the role of the high street at the heart of our communities and, as our branch network grows, are increasingly proactive in making financial information and financial advice accessible across our region.

Our Financial Advice is provided through our Newcastle Financial Advisers Limited division.

We're dedicated to helping our North East communities make positive changes; since 2016 the financial support through grants and donations from the Newcastle Building Society Community Fund at the Community Foundation to benefit local causes has surpassed £2.3m. Our total community contributions in 2022, made up of grants, match funding, and our ongoing partnership donations, was more than £544,000.

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