

Winter Newsletter

LCC COMMUNITY TRUST

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Message from our CEO, Lynsey Cagueua

As the days feel shorter and the nights colder, I'm pleased to share some of the highlights from the past few months at LCC Community Trust. It's been a busy and rewarding season, with much to celebrate together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. This newsletter is just one way we can share the progress we're making but more importantly, it's a reminder that everything we do is rooted in our community. With thanks on behalf of all the team,

CEO, LCC Community Trust

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From Struggle to Strength

This month's story is about how one of our clients can now take pride in their achievements

What better way to start our newsletter than by sharing the thoughts of someone we have supported and who has benefited from our service.

From feeling exhausted and overwhelmed, to being seen and given the space and time to learn and develop new skills, this client now takes pride in showing their kids that change happens when we work together.

This is why we do what we do!

You Belong Here!

"I felt like I was failing my kids, and every week was a battle between bills and food. I thought budgeting meant being told off for spending wrong but the ladies at LCC Community Trust gave kind and practical advice that was full of hope.

I learned how to stretch my income, plan meals that were nutritious and affordable, and even set aside a little for emergencies. I've started saving for Christmas and have even helped a friend with her budget.

I feel proud.

You didn't just feed us, you saw us. You gave me and my kids tools, dignity, and a future.

Thank you."



A Warm Welcome Transforming Our Foodbank Reception

At LCC Community Trust, partnerships like the one with the Eikon Exhibition Centre make a real difference. Their incredible team helped transform the first part of our Foodbank reception space, making it more welcoming and functional for those in need.

With the EIKON Centre helping us bring everything together, support came from all directions.

Trussell Trust with £250 in IKEA vouchers, Pladis (McVitie's) with a further £500 towards furniture, and TIDE who donated a brand-new toilet and sink. B&Q supported us with discounted flooring, while BODEL kindly provided practical items including a sink and kettle.

Read more on our website news.



Local Children Bring Colour to our Foodbank

During Harvest, we held a colouring competition for local children and were delighted to receive some fantastic entries from schools and community groups across Lisburn!

Local artist Susan Ennis judged the competition, and she had a tricky job, as every entry was brilliant.

The winners visited the Foodbank to collect their prizes and see their artwork proudly displayed in our newly refurbished reception.

A huge thank-you to all the children who took part!

Discover more on our Facebook page.



Social Supermarket on the Road!

Fiona has been out and about bringing our Social Supermarket to life across the wider Lisburn community! Through her fantastic outreach work, she has taken the service directly to areas that might otherwise have been unable to access it ensuring that more people can benefit from the support it provides.

Outreach in Ballybean, Ballymacash, and Moneyreagh not only helped participants save an average of £53 per week on food, but also equip them with the knowledge of building vital budgeting skills and more cost-effective healthier food choices.

Across Lisburn & Castlereagh, the programme is making a real difference for diverse groups, from single parents to those reintegrating into society, and Fiona's work will continue to support even more people in 2026.



Summer Fun at LCC Community Trust!

This summer, LCC Community Trust was buzzing with excitement as 42 children joined our annual Summer Scheme, made possible by funding from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

A huge thank you to our 20 volunteers and staff, who kept the fun flowing all week, and to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council for making it all possible.

Read more on our website news.



Record Breaking Autumn: Here When You Need Us

This October, our team provided over 88 hours of one-to-one support covering budgeting, Universal, Credit migration, employment and housing, wellbeing and so much more.

They also made 38+ referrals to trusted partners like Bryson Pathways, CAP UK, and Inspire, helping people access the right support at the right time. Together, we're building a safety net that's practical, compassionate, and responsive.

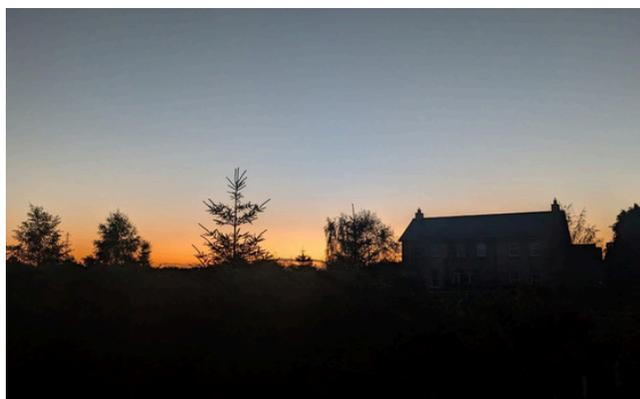


Service Spotlight

Our Walking Group had a brilliant day out at Hillsborough Castle and Gardens, enjoying sunshine, scenic strolls, and a picnic to celebrate #WalkThisMay.

Huge thanks to Lagan Valley Rural Transport for getting us there and back safely! More than just fresh air, this walk was a chance to connect, unwind, and boost wellbeing.

LCC Community Trust's walks are a great way to meet others and stay active and new members always welcome! Visit our website or contact the office to join in



Stepping into Autumn with Purpose: Fiona's 100km Triumph

Throughout the entire month of October, our very own Fiona laced up her trainers and took to the tarmac, walking her 5km commute to work every single day, come rain, hail, or shine!

Her commitment never wavered, even on the darkest mornings and soggiest afternoons.

By the end of the month, she had clocked up an incredible 100km on foot and raised over £850 for Lisburn Foodbank. Each step was a testament to her passion for making a difference and her belief in the power of community.

What an amazing achievement, well done, Fiona! We're all so proud of your dedication and determination!



Fundraising Highlight: Squat Squad Challenge

In June our Squat Squad challenge was a real success, raising £1700 thanks to the commitment and generosity of everyone involved.

A special mention goes to Robbie Butler MLA who steadfastly squatted his way through June in support of our challenge.

In July, our very own Marian Mateer, along with the Lisburn Pickleball Club, hosted a brilliant Table Quiz fundraiser. With 50 people taking part, the night was full of friendly competition and generosity, raising an incredible £520 to support the work of Lisburn Foodbank.



Fundraising Highlight: Caribbean Vibes

Then in August our lovely Ashley brought the sunshine indoors with a lively Caribbean Night that lifted everyone's spirits!

From tasting jerk chicken and plantain to the sound of steel drums, dancing, and games, it was a true celebration of culture and community, all made possible by our dedicated volunteer team.

The room was filled with colour, laughter, and the warmth of togetherness.



Fundraising Highlight: New Heights

To round off the summer in spectacular style, Linda took fundraising to new heights - quite literally - by completing a skydive to raise funds for the Lisburn Foodbank and Atlas Centre.



You Belong Here! Together, We're Building Something Special

We hope you've enjoyed our Newsletter, which offers just a snapshot of what we've been up to!

Our amazing volunteers and supporters have gone above and beyond this summer, bringing community spirit to life through a series of fantastic fundraising events. Their energy and generosity have made a real difference and now, as we head into the festive season, we'd love to keep that momentum going!

It's the perfect time for local groups and businesses to get involved and help spread some seasonal cheer while supporting our community.

If your workplace usually does an office "Secret Santa" why not suggest donating to Lisburn Foodbank instead! Maybe you could host a festive coffee morning or a Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds!

You can set up your own fundraiser on JustGiving - we're here to help you get organized so please get in touch. You can also learn more about our work or get involved by emailing us on hello@lcccommunitytrust.org.

Thanks for your support!

Thank you for reading!

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