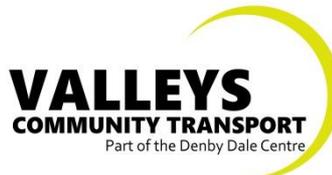


THE Denby Dale CENTRE



The Aims and Objectives of the Denby Dale Centre are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Denby Dale (West Yorkshire) and surrounding areas by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to relieve poverty and human suffering and distress, protect health, and advance education.



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The Denby Dale Centre operates:

- The Hub
- The Valleys Community Transport
- Time Together projects

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Reducing Isolation in South Kirklees

Our Life Story (so far)

How it all Began

The Denby Dale Centre was established in 2005 by members of the Denby Dale and Lower Cumberworth Methodist Churches. It was born out of concern for people who are socially isolated, for various reasons, in our rural area. The aim was to reach the 43 communities that make up South Kirklees. Initial discussions with the Coalfield Regeneration Trust were very positive with regards to funding the project for the first two years.

With local support and planning and with the project under way, it came as a huge blow when the Coalfield Regeneration Trust explained at the last of their meetings that funding was only available for the Emley area and they therefore refused the grant. The difficult decision was taken to go ahead with the project without this funding, and the Centre was registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee in 2005 and as a Charity in February 2007.

As a result of this initial set back, the Centre Manager worked on a voluntary basis to put services into place and begin helping those in need as soon as possible, with the expectation that she would be able to access funding for her post. This proved difficult and a paid manager was not appointed until June 2012 when Kirklees MC funded the post for 3 years.

Location

Premises were set up in the Springfield Mill complex at the heart of Denby Dale.

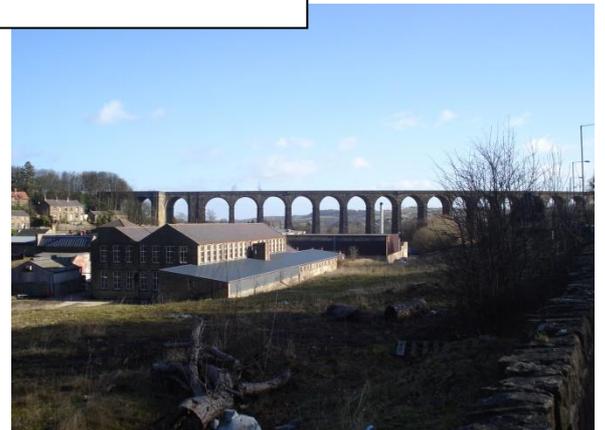
This rented accommodation incorporated offices for administration of the project, a drop-in area with comfortable

chairs, a meeting room for the various activities and meetings, a kitchen and a charity shop to help raise funds.



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Denby Dale
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Valleys Community Transport

In March 2006 we were made aware, by Metro, of residual funding (£55,000) from the Countryside Agency which would revert to the Treasury if not allocated by the end of the

financial year. The funding was matched by the, then, two Area Committees of South Kirklees. In total £115,000 was received by the Centre.

By September 2006, three accessible minibuses had been purchased and the Centre had arranged to fund a training course for a MiDAS (Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme) trainer assessor.



The minibus service is now well established and provides a vital link to the community for isolated people. Within the scheme we provide

- A ring and ride, door-to-door service runs weekly supermarket and town centre trips and outings for lunch or to the coast etc.
- Our transport is also used to bring individuals to our own groups and to take them to appointments
- A Group Transport scheme for South Kirklees community and charity groups. (Over 100 groups have been registered with the Centre including schools, churches, walking and sports clubs, young people's and older people's organisations.)
- Training and assessment for minibus drivers.
- Hourly paid drivers will drive for other organisations that book our minibuses.

In 2010 KMC (Colne Valley Area Committee) funded a car with 3 years' running costs. This continues to be used to transport individuals and small groups locally to activities and appointments.

In 2014 one of the old minibuses was replaced and in 2016 a second new vehicle will be delivered improving passenger comfort and reducing running costs and emissions

Administration is by a part time clerk who has obtained the CPC for National Passenger Transport. A Community Transport Association audit, commissioned by Metro & Kirklees MC, produced a positive report.

For those isolated people living in areas without a bus service and those who need accessible transport, life has been transformed.

Time Together

At the beginning of the DDC project we had a befriending scheme to visit people who were isolated or socially excluded.

The scheme was co-ordinated by a part-time, paid member of staff, who supervised the volunteers who visited clients to assess their needs.

The arrival of accessible minibuses made it possible to bring people into the Centre for afternoon tea or to join a Games Club thereby bringing them back into the community. These services were funded by grant, contract and from Denby Dale Centre's unrestricted funding.



Monday Group visiting Doorstep Crime event, June 2017

Day clubs were begun for more mobile members. The first, fortnightly, club with 12 members, began in May 2009 and, due to need, a second began to alternate with the first beginning in March 2010.



Tea Dance at the Kirkburton Hub

With the passage of time it became appropriate to set up a group for those with dementia.

A weekly morning session it was quickly extended to a full day. It now meets from 10am to 3pm with a hot lunch served to all attendees.

Carers for those attending the group have a few hours respite while members are with us.

A Food and Film Club runs on Wednesday mornings. A film is shown and this is followed by a hot lunch and a chance to chat.



Film and Food Club in Kirkburton

Training of our own volunteers and those of other local groups was undertaken on subjects such as 'Safeguarding', 'Listening', 'Caring for those with dementia' and 'Living with Loss'. We also provided training sessions about organising outings for Kirklees Altogether Better.



Memory Group activities at the Hub

Referrals are received from hospitals, doctors, health visitors, Gateway to Care, families and the clergy.

Transport to all the Centre's activities is offered at a small cost.

Reasonable charges are made for all our activities to help defray costs but all activities are subsidised from the income generated by the Charity Shop and donations received from individuals, churches and other organisations.

Charity Shop

The premises in the Springfield Mills is the venue for our charity shop and administration centre.

The shop space is used to fulfil our charity purpose by bring people together as well as to generate a support income for our operational work. The shop's activities include:

- Charity Shop
- Drop In Centre
- Information Hub
- Reading Group
- Prayer Group
- Cream Teas
- Roadshows
- Meeting space for the community
- Charity Operations Centre



The Kirkburton Hub



In 2006 we were asked by a local village community to manage an unused Hall offered to them, for rent, by the Salvation Army with the option to buy the building when possible. We ran the Hall as a community centre for 5 years using local volunteers whilst fundraising towards the purchase which was completed in April 2011.

The Big Lottery Fund granted us the final £50K towards the purchase and further funding to develop the project.

The facilities there complement those in Denby Dale and allow us to extend and diversify our programmes across the Denby Dale and Kirkburton wards.

However, much work was required to make the building more accessible and user friendly. Central heating, triple glazing and curtains, tanking of the lower floor, lighting and solar panels are among the improvements to date. Further funding is being sought for new toilets and an accessible staircase.

Activities at the Hub

<p>Private Enterprise Users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays Weight Watchers • Tuesdays and Thursdays Zumba • Thursday Tumble Bees pre-school 	 <p>Thursdays – Pre-School Gymnastics</p>
<p>Community Group Users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays Friendship Group • Wednesday Rock Bank • Thursdays HD8 Voices Ladies Choir • Thursdays Tea Dance • Saturday monthly coffee morning • Saturday Youth Club 	 <p>Wednesdays Rock Band</p>
<p>Internal Group Users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday Memory Group • Wednesday Film and Food Group • Friday Live Life Group 	 <p>5 June 2017 – Doorstep Crime Awareness Event</p>
<p>Special Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Awareness events • Crime Prevention events • Polling Station • Changing Energy Supplier • Benefits Checker events • Volunteering Roadshow 	 <p>12 May 2017 Dementia Awareness Event</p>

Our Structure

	Time Together	Valleys Community Transport	The Kirkburton Hub	TOTAL
Individual Members				77
Community Group Members		30	9	39
Volunteers				60
Sessionally Employed Staff		4		4
Contracted Staff	3	1	1	5
Centre Manager				1
Trustees				12

Time Together

- Monday – Memory Group
- Tuesday – Memory Group
- Wednesday – Film and Food Group
- Thursday – Computer Training
- Friday – Computer Training
- Friday – Live Life Group

- Tea Dance
- Coffee Morning
- Cream Teas

Valleys Community Transport

- Group Accessible Minibus Transport
- Individual Ring and Ride Accessible Minibus or Car Transport

The Kirkburton Hub

- Hall Hire (Contract)
- Hall Hire (Adhoc)
- Meeting Room Hire
- Shows and Concert Venue
- Community Emergency Centre

DDC Events

- Awareness Days/Events
- Drop In Sessions
- Polling Station