

## Pinxton Brookhill Community Group

We are a group of local people who came together with one simple plan; to bring our community together.

Our primary goal is to make as many of our events free as we can, so that we can include all families regardless of income, to come together and have a fun afternoon out without it costing them a fortune. Hence our constant search for funding to help us do this.

We hold various events throughout the year which have included Summer Fetes, Christmas fun days and musical evenings.

We try to cover a diverse age range so that everyone benefits and joins in the fun.



### Window Decorations

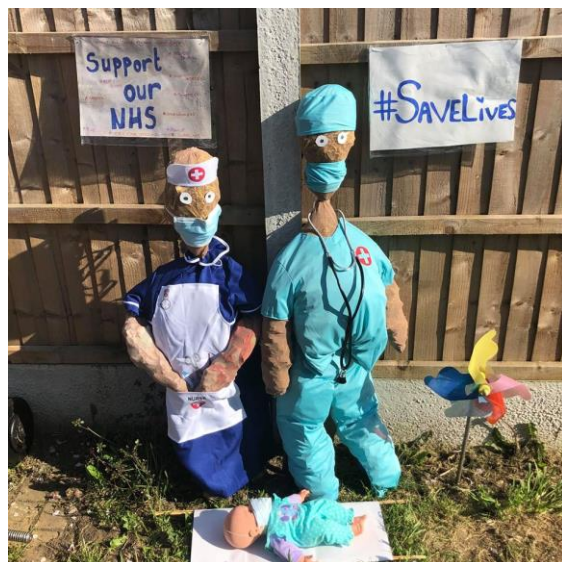
In 2020 we had a whole set of plans which got rapidly wiped out by the Covid pandemic. However, as lockdowns kicked in and we were told to stay at home, our thoughts turned to how we could help our community keep a sparkle in the dark days we faced. So, we set to entertaining the community with online activities. We ran competitions where households had to decorate a window in their house that people could see on their walks. We set monthly themes which started with Easter and progressed to aquariums, dinosaurs, space and many more.

Helen's artwork  
in her window



Jason and Preston's art work

As **VE Day 2020** approached and the parish council were forced to cancel the planned community event, we stepped in and created a village wide stay at home street party, as is the pictures below;



Charlee Louise's tribute to the NHS

Every street in the village managed to decorate somehow and we all held tea parties in our gardens.

We marked a minute's silence on our streets and the parties rolled on into the evening.

We even managed to get Radio Mansfield to play a set list provided by the people of Pinxton in a special show purely for VE Day. It was fantastic.

Remembrance is a big thing in Pinxton so we took it upon ourselves to start an annual display of poppies. In 2020 we had a poppy fence and the children of the village came and attached pictures and poppies to it. In 2021 we expanded the display by asking people in the village who were able to knot or crochet to make wool poppies and we attached them to boards and created 3 wreaths, one giant red wreath, one purple to remember the animals who have died in conflict and white for peace. We are very proud of this.



As the dark months of winter approached and we were yet again told to stay at home, we pulled together with local man Joliet Jake Blues and his blues mobile to dress his car up and we did a village wide Halloween parade throwing bags of sweets out to the children who were all dressed up.

We did a similar thing at Christmas as it looked increasingly like trips to see Santa were going to be an issue, we rallied the Blues Mobile again and decorated it with lights and tinsel, Joliet dressed up as Santa and off we went again. This time raising money for the Scouts and Brownies who normally do the Santa run.

Moving forward in 2022 we are back with a whole bunch of fun, we held a free Easter craft session which was attended by 60 children and their families, we gave them all a jam sandwich picnic and they ran riot making all kinds of decorations.



We plan to do the same later in the year with a Halloween afternoon, a lantern making workshop and a Christmas fun afternoon, there will be music, food, face painting and much more. We held our first community sports day with the local Boxing and Rugby Club to encourage children and families to sign up and get fit. We are already planning 2023 to make it bigger and better.

We are also working closely with St. Helen's Church this year to try and bring more people into our 700-year-old beautiful church. We are supporting children's fun and decorations for Harvest Festival and if all goes well Christingle and other events. Our year will close with the voices of the Pye Hill Male Voice Choir at the church in December.

Along side all this we plant daffodil bulbs annually around the village with the Scouts and Brownies and any other families / members of the community who want to dig in and help out. They provide great joy in spring when you pass through our village and swathes of daffodils and a great satisfaction that we are leaving Pinxton with a lasting memory of what we do. The kids really take pride in what they have achieved and for us that is what it is all about.

