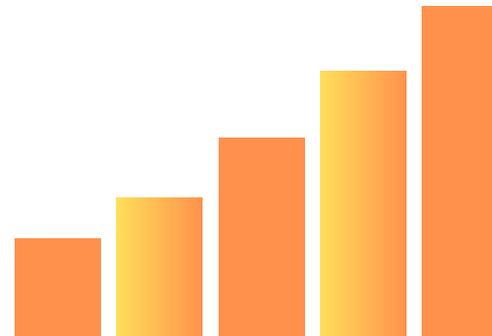


# HIGHFIELD HALL

COMMUNITY CENTRE

## ANNUAL REPORT

2023 / 2024



# ANNUAL REPORT

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## HIGHFIEL HALL COMMUNITY CLUB.

# ABOUT US



### Our Objective 1. (Community Centre)

To further or benefit the residents of Hall Green and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

### Our Objective 2. (Religious Harmony)

The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by:

- (a) Educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths;
- (b) Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

### Our Objective 3. (Social Inclusion)

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

Highfield Hall Community Club (HHCC) is a registered charity (1169586) and non-profit organization, formed to provide a place where people of all ages, cultures and abilities are encouraged to use the community facilities offered by the club to promote community cohesion and wellbeing. It offers dynamic, unique and constantly evolving programs and services that will benefit the local community and the wider society of Birmingham.

HHCC board includes members who are already running their projects in the community centre and local residents who have a variety of skills and years of experience in community engagement.



### Our Mission.

HHCC aims to offer a facility that will provide social, educational, recreational and wellbeing activities in a safe and secure community environment.

It will also promote community cohesion through dialogue and discussions at the centre where all groups from diverse backgrounds will be welcome.





## HIGHFIELD HALL TEAM

Highfield Hall aims to offer a facility that will provide social, educational, recreational activities.



**Maz Iqbal**  
CEO



**Sabia Akhtar**  
Chair



**Robina Iqbal**  
Treasurer



**Andrea Robert**  
Trustee



**Jenny Stewart**  
Secretary / Trustee



**Gita Devlia**  
Manager



**Jane Crouch**  
Volunteer  
Coordinator



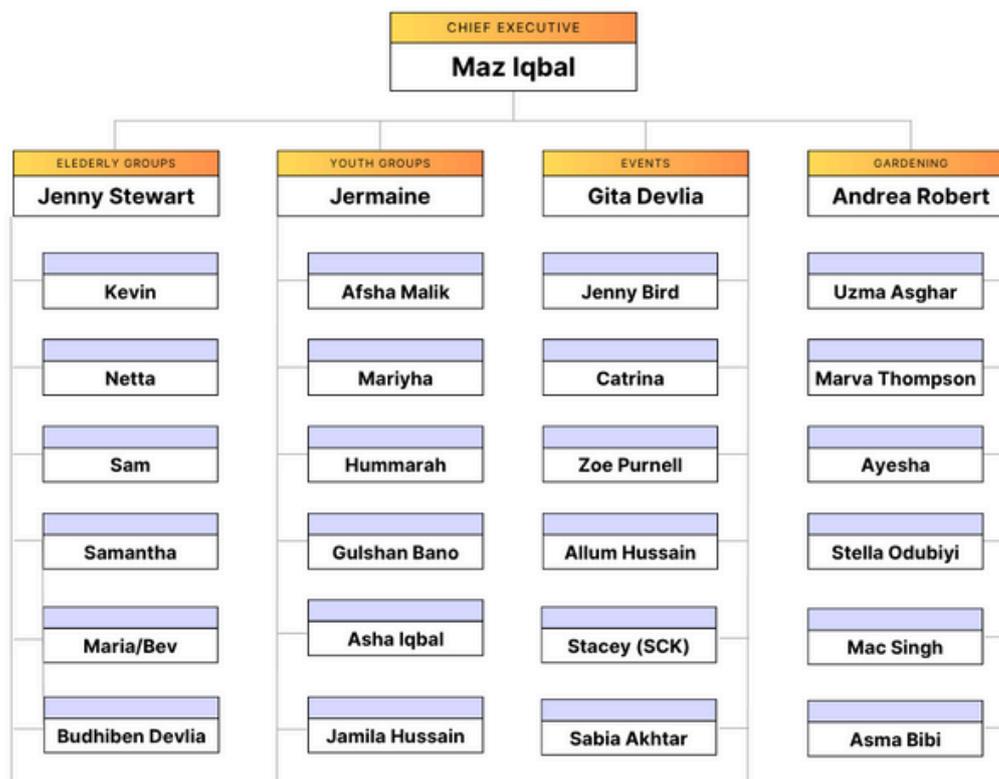
**Jermaine Buchanan**  
Youth Lead



**Mariyha Buchanan**  
Youth Lead



## Friends of Highfield Hall



"We make a living by what we get, We make a life by what we give"

# Report for Year ending Nov2024

HHCC has continued to provide social, recreational and educational activities for the benefit of the whole community and has also been supporting the vulnerable with accessing grants and offering advice in these very stressful times for families.

We continue to run our community centre and the grounds which we maintain and ensure they are fit for purpose and are also welcoming for the community to enjoy.

Highfield Hall is a local community hub and is the only one in the area offering these services which are open to everyone from all backgrounds, faiths and cultures.

We pride our selves in offering a beautiful centre with its well-kept grounds, huts and animals that we know give the whole place a very holistic, calming welcome.

We have done more than 25 community events and 15 social events in last year. We are working very hard to keep our centre open and busy 7 days a week.

We have one new church group joined us for regular basis, and also we have hired CAB room to local business “Mortgage Intel” to make some regular income.



Highfield Hall will remain an open, inclusive, and innovative space — a place that welcomes everyone. We invite local residents, organisations, and partners to join us in creating bold ideas, shaping long-term strategies, and working collectively to transform Hall Green into a place where young people can thrive. Together, we can build a future rooted in safety, opportunity, and shared responsibility



**MAZ IQBAL**  
CEO



**SABIA AKHTAR**  
CHAIR



**ROBINA IQBAL**  
TREASURES



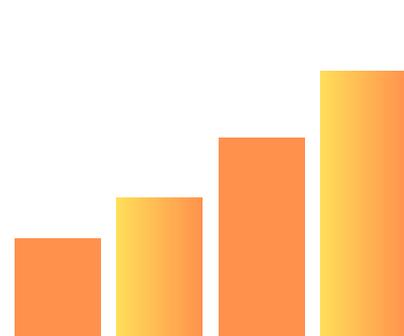
**ANGLEA ROBERT**  
TRUSTEE



**JENNY STEWART**  
TRUSTEE



**GITA DEVLIA**  
MANAGER



# FUTURE PLAN

We continue with our vision and our work amidst turmoil in Birmingham as we see our Council on the brink of bankruptcy. This is having a huge affect on the residents we see higher costs, less services especially the frontline services, huge cutbacks in community support and advice. This has now placed us again in a very important situation as we keep our centre open and functioning as BCC now is closing many its youth centres, community centres, libraries and other places used by the public. It is critical that our centre continues to offer the services for the people including advice, accessing grants, having a safe place to come with families, offering support via food bank or use of centre for Warm Welcome Place, or to bring the Youth in to do activities and be mentored.

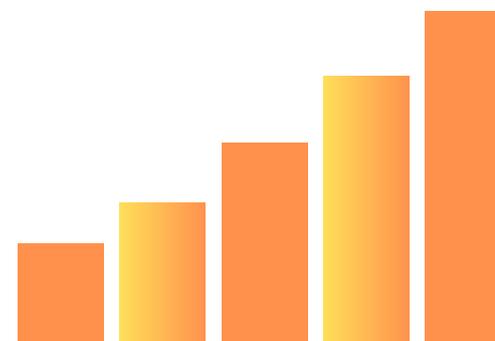
In the coming months we are working very closely with our leaders, Councillors and MPs to work together to provide a frontline service for the community with other organisations and on our own.



Birmingham will see a huge drop in community services that provide valuable services around health, wellbeing, youth activities etc. We are hoping to play a crucial role in the coming months as changes begin to happen here in our community. We are also working with our marketing to promote the centre for hire so that we can generate a generous income stream. We will continue to fundraise and also seek to deliver projects that will bring in funding too.

We are very grateful to Tudor Trust for it vital support as we are a small charity but working tirelessly to provide services to support our community. Your support has enabled us to continue in these difficult times.

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(Sabia Akhtar)

## **Chair's Report**

**Year ending 31st October 2024**

**As another year ends, we reflect back on what has been both a challenging and succesful period for Highfield Hall. We continue to grow from strength to strength mainly due to the resilience and commitment from our board members and staff. Highfield is a community hub that keeps on giving despite the many challenges we face.**

**Our community centre is buzzing with group activity, events and private bookings - something we have worked hard towards since the pandemic. We have had the privilege to host many key events but most importantly our food bank and 'Homeless Project' stands out as our biggest acheivement to date. Over 6500 struggling households have benefitted from this and will continue to so into the next year.**

**The year, however, hasn't come without it's financial challenges. From increased operational costs and reduced funding, the board have done their best to stay on top of our commitments to the community. That being said, we are still hopeful for the coming year as our CEO works tirelessly to promote our services.**

**I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our partners and volunteers and staff who help keep Highfield Hall on the map of community service providers.**

**My biggest thanks goes to our board who have continued to dedicate their free time to run the centre and make it the success it is. We look forward to another promising year with new ideas and projects for our local community.**

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

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Year ending 31st October 2024

As the year comes to a close, it's striking how quickly time has passed compared to last year. Encouragingly, our operations have largely returned to normal. We've seen a resurgence in event and party bookings, with many of our long-standing community groups returning alongside new ones. This is a positive development, though we acknowledge that for some individuals and groups, the effects of the pandemic have led to permanent changes.



(Maz Iqbal)

At Highfield Hall Community Centre (HHCC), our mission remains unchanged: to provide a welcoming and inclusive space where individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can come together. We continue to foster community cohesion, engagement, and mutual understanding by hosting events that unite diverse communities in a safe and neutral environment. Additionally, we serve as an information hub, signposting individuals to relevant services and resources.

Financial sustainability remains one of our core goals. We strive to generate sufficient income through room hires and event bookings to meet our financial targets outlined in our business plan. However, this has proven challenging due to the loss of several regular groups during the pandemic. While we are beginning to recover—thanks to increased bookings—this growth has not yet fully covered our operational costs.

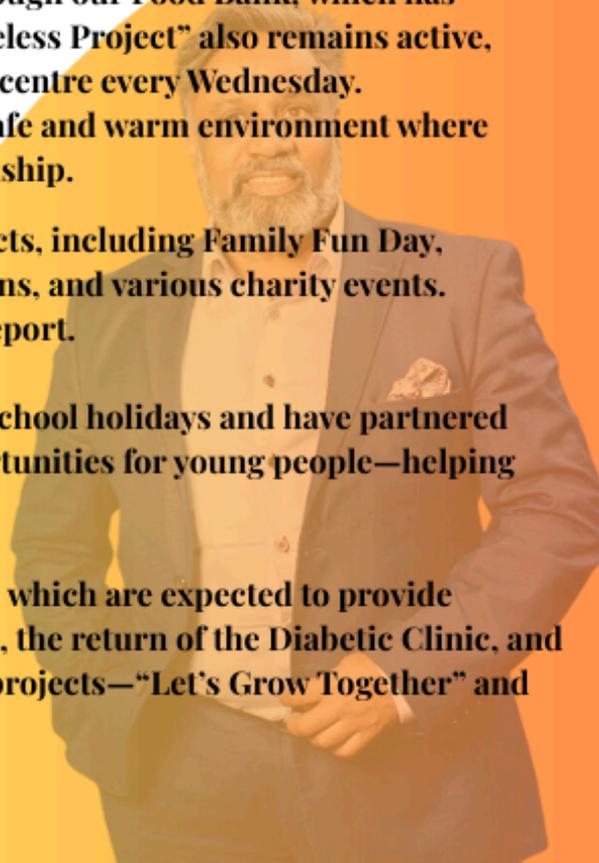
To address this, I remain committed to marketing and outreach efforts to ensure HHCC operates at full capacity, seven days a week. Simultaneously, Robina and our dedicated team are actively pursuing external funding opportunities from local authorities and charitable organisations. We are incredibly grateful to our funders for their continued support.

We are proud to continue supporting low-income families through our Food Bank, which has helped over 6,500 families over the past four years. Our "Homeless Project" also remains active, providing freshly prepared hot meals to individuals in the city centre every Wednesday. Furthermore, our "Warm Welcome Places" initiative offers a safe and warm environment where vulnerable individuals can enjoy refreshments and companionship.

In the past year, HHCC has delivered over 25 community projects, including Family Fun Day, Chand Raat celebrations, Summer Club, Police Drop-in sessions, and various charity events. Photographs of these initiatives are included in the attached report.

We continue to offer enriching programs for children during school holidays and have partnered with local secondary schools to provide work placement opportunities for young people—helping them develop essential life skills and career insights.

We are excited about the launch of several new regular groups, which are expected to provide consistent revenue. These include a Ladies' Self-Defence Class, the return of the Diabetic Clinic, and a Restorative Yoga group. Our popular poly tunnel gardening projects—"Let's Grow Together" and "Mini Growers"—are thriving.



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Year ending 31st October 2024

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**(Maz Iqbal)**

Looking ahead, I am planning a series of innovative community and social events to boost revenue and further raise HHCC's profile. One such initiative—our open-air weddings in the green field—has garnered widespread interest, with several more already booked for the summer.

Renovation work at HHCC has now been completed, with modernised facilities including refurbished toilets (ladies, gents, and accessible), and an upgraded Board Room equipped with a widescreen TV and AV system, ready for meetings and training sessions.

We're also pleased to report that, following discussions with Birmingham City Council's Property Department, we have successfully secured a 125-year lease for the centre. We are deeply grateful to our local councillors, especially Cllr Timothy Huxtable, for their continued support in making this possible.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Board members, staff, volunteers, and local residents for their commitment and hard work over the past year. Your collective efforts have made it possible for us to support so many vulnerable households.

Finally, sincere thanks to our funders and partners whose generosity has enabled us to continue our vital work. HHCC remains a much-needed hub for our community, and we look forward to building on this success in the coming year.

Warm regards,

**Maz Iqbal**

Chief Executive Officer

Highfield Hall Community Centre



## Treasurer's Report

### Year ending 31st October 2024



(Robina Iqbal)

### Financial Report year ending 31st October 2024

I am pleased to present the annual Treasurer's Report for Highfield Hall Community Club for the financial year ending 31st October 2024. This report provides a summary of the Centre's financial activities over the past year,

Highlighting key income and expenditure trends, financial challenges, and considerations for the coming year.

HHCC Board of Trustees, staff and volunteers have continued to ensure that our charity delivers the best service to our community. We are here 7 days a week to provide social, recreational and educational activities and opportunities to all members of our community what ever the age or background.

#### Financial Challenges

This year presented significant financial pressures for the community centre, including:

- **Reduced grant income**, with several local authority and charitable funds oversubscribed.
- **Increased running costs**, particularly for utilities and essential maintenance.
- **Limited fundraising opportunities**, due to economic downturn, lack of a fundraiser

Funding is vital in these difficult times and we are grateful to Tudor Trust for supporting our work and being a part of our journey. We generated funds from Household support Fund Partnership and through our own income streams. We continue to market our selves and increase our partnerships so that we can become self-sustainable. Our venue is being used for hire for parties, and we have put together a full package we can offer now for small weddings etc.

Expenditure has increased with higher utility costs and employee taxes. We have these rising costs in sight and are working on future income generation and funding to keep us afloat and working smoothly.

Challenges are still there, internal and external. The internal challenges are around maintenance of the building and running costs, while the external ones are funding, policies community/ economic issues etc. The building has had some renovation work done, both ladies and gent's toilets have had a facelift with new fixtures and tiling/painting. This has given the place a fresh outlook and is appreciated by our users and the public. We also renovated one of our rooms that is used to store food bank items with funding from Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund and the Lotteries. External challenges are ongoing with added complication of Birmingham City Council filing for bankruptcy. This has sent shock waves to the community and there is a lot of confusion as to which services will be cut. The third sector organisations will be under more pressure to pick up vital services

## Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st October 2024



(Robina Iqbal)

With little or no resources. We at HH will continue to work with our local Councillors and the community to bridge these tensions and work towards finding solutions in our locality.

### Looking Ahead

To address these financial challenges, the following actions are recommended:

- **Actively pursue new grant opportunities**, with a focus on community wellbeing and energy efficiency funding.
- **Develop a refreshed fundraising strategy**, engaging local businesses and community supporters.
- **Review operational costs** and explore cost-saving initiatives, such as energy-saving measures and volunteer-led activities.
- **Strengthen partnerships** with other community organisations for joint projects and funding bids.

### Closing Balance

At the end of the financial year, the community centre held a closing balance of £109,432 (Includes restricted /unrestricted and reserves)

### Conclusion

Despite a challenging year, Highfield Hall Community Club, continues to deliver valuable services to our local community. Careful financial management and community support will be essential to sustain operations and safeguard our future. I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, supporters, and committee members for their dedication during this difficult period. We will continue to deliver to our community and with our dedicated team will ensure that HHCC plays a pivotal role in the community, acting as a local hub and bringing people together in all situations.

Robina Iqbal.  
Treasurer.  
Highfield Hall Community Club.  
4th November 2024

# MANAGER'S REPORT

## Year ending 31st October 2024



Gita Devlia  
(Centre Manager)

Running the centre has been a very challenging role for me and at the same time as soon as you drive or walk through the passage you can tell there is a unique aura around the gardens and the centre.

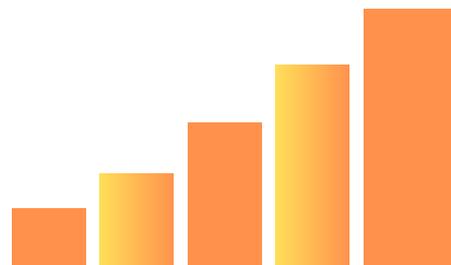
We are experiencing a lot of enquiries regarding bookings and events. Slowly but surely we are getting there.

In the summer the centre was buzzing with 80 or nearly 90 children as two different groups were using our facilities for four week's. Active Brum and stem star's known as (Robocode UK). There was a day when we had a group from central mosque so three groups were enjoying our space. We are proud that we are able to offer our services to our youth and for their wellbeing.

Also we had quite a few community event's and a couple of family fun days outside. Birmingham women's and children's hospital were using our facilities and they said it's a unique place as well as a hidden gem in the community, very welcoming and very peaceful. That is music to our ears and made us feel very proud.

Our Highfield Hall community garden team are on top with their planting , composting ,harvesting from the polytunnel. Compost bay's are very Active. They have harvested potatoes , rocket salad ,chickweed and last of the tomatoes. They have planted for coming spring flowers to make our local area blooming and inviting. Flowering bulb's like hyacinth, tulip's and crocuses. They have also made a mud kitchen to keep the young children entertained.

Finally I would like to thank all the user's, the local community and the management who have made my role very pleasant.



# The Jungle Cafe

Birmingham



## The Journey in the jungle so far:

The jungle theme at Highfield hall came into conception when the heavily overgrown adjacent land to the community centre building was cleared and Maz Iqbal CEO, built the amazing wooden huts mostly single headedly.

Shabnam Shah an avid volunteer of Highfield Hall Community Centre since it opened in 2015 with her passion for cooking , baking and a dream to open a café/restaurant, a space that serves the community individuals with great multi cuisine from around the globe along with other initiatives to support the community through wellbeing and welfare services. The jungle café was born and initially piloted by hard working Gita Devlia, face of Highfield Hall Community Centre who started of as a volunteer to centre Manager at Highfield Hall, offering the Friday breakfast, which was a huge success. We then faced the covid pandemic where everything including the jungle café Friday breakfast came to a halt.

Fast forward to 2022 Shabnum's vision and passion of the jungle café is being brought to life supported by Maz Iqbal and to create a community with focus around community wellbeing , education, welfare work and business support and events raising awareness of community issues ,with the jungle café Birmingham being at the heart to support and fund such projects. Our mission is to create a community that supports sustainable living , wellbeing and encourages people to connect with nature through healthy eating with our home grown organic meals as well as to make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable through a hub offering services to support the needs of individuals , businesses and organisations from the community.

Whilst the jungle café is still in early stages of launching with renovation of the huts and surrounding jungle space to make it even more inviting the piloting of the organic Friday breakfast has been greeted with success again. Using mostly home-grown ingredients from Highfield Halls centres very own constructed polytunnel. Public demand for breakfast has been to offer the jungle café service for families to enjoy and hence the café will look to offer breakfast at the weekends and offer the jungle cafe service to businesses to book their business breakfast or lunch meetings during the weekdays.

We believe in the power of togetherness so we plan to offer a variety of themes and entertainment nights for the jungle café guests and offering a space to serve the needs of the community.



The Jungle Cafe  
**Breakfast**



**THE HUB**

Serving The  
Community

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Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.



# THE JUNGLE CAFE



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**The Jungle Cafe Breakfast**  
 Escape to the jungle and enjoy our organic breakfast. **£9.99** (incl. hot drink)

Proud to host NatureGlow on Wed 19th October

- 1 FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST - VEGETARIAN SAUSAGES, HASH BROWNIES, BEAN MASH/POSSIBLE, 2 FRENCH TOAST, DRIZZLE OF CHOCOLATE AND SLICE OF ORANGE.
- 2 PANCAKE DELIGHT WITH SELECTION OF BERRIES AND DRIZZLE OF CHOCOLATE SAUCE/ BANANA & LEMON ZINGY DRIZZLE
- 4 EGG OMELETTE BREAKFAST - SPICY SCRAMBLED EGG WITH ONIONS, CHILLI, AUTUMNED PARSNIP/ALPICO & AVOCADO OR TOMATO BRAD WITH CHILI FLAVEL, BLACK PEPPER DRIZZLE OF SOFT OIL, WALNUT.

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# "TO PLANT A GARDEN IS TO BELIEVE IN TOMORROW."

## HIGHFIELD HALL COMMUNITY GARDEN



The group plans to plant more flowering plants over the next growing season hoping to attract more pollinators into the area. Spring bulbs have already been carefully placed in giant pots and perennial autumn & winter flowering plants have been bought. They also have ambitions to buy some fruit bearing plants such as raspberries, blackberries and the like and have a dedicated area just outside the polytunnel where they can have new homes.

They have just started trialing a new monthly membership model for families to sign up to, giving the project consistent funds which can then be used on garden supplies going forward. Exciting times of more growing and learning ahead!



### PROGRESS REPORT SEPT 2023 TO OCT 2024



#### Cooking with Green Tomatoes

A whole host of tomatoes were harvested at the end of last season and for the first time the group had the opportunity to cook with green tomatoes.

Potatoes and courgettes did well last summer, again providing a bumper harvest right through to early autumn of last year.



#### Compost Project.

In conjunction with Compost Connection CIC 3 compost bays have been built onsite this year, which have already produced one very healthy lot of compost for the beds on site.



#### Cabbages and Rubab

Cabbages were grown and harvested for the first time this season inside the polytunnel, perfect for stews, kimchis and chopped up to be wilted in broths.

#### Creating More beds for Flowers.

The group has also been clearing the area just outside of the polytunnel making room for more beds where planting can be done. So far those beds have had ample spinach, celery and potatoes growing in them. Seeds from both the spinach and the celery have now been saved and the beds cleared for onions and garlic to be planted next.



# NATURE IS PLEASED WITH SIMPLICITY



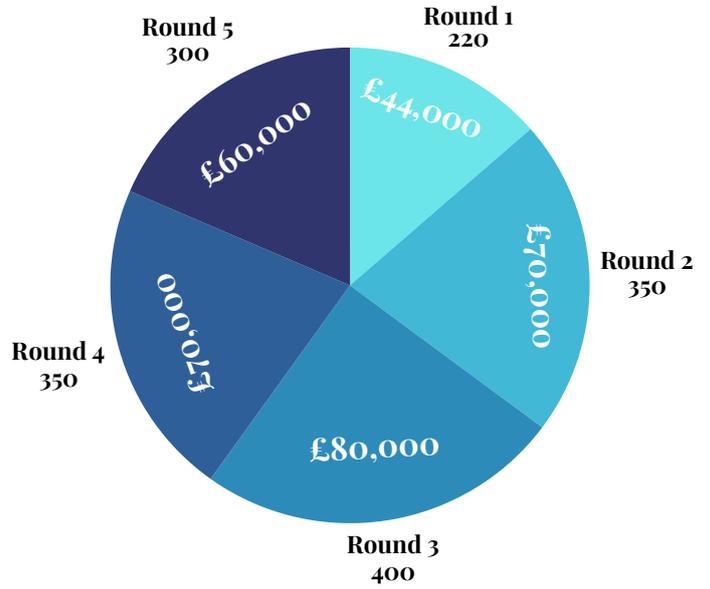
“Nature is pleased with simplicity”

# Household Support Fund

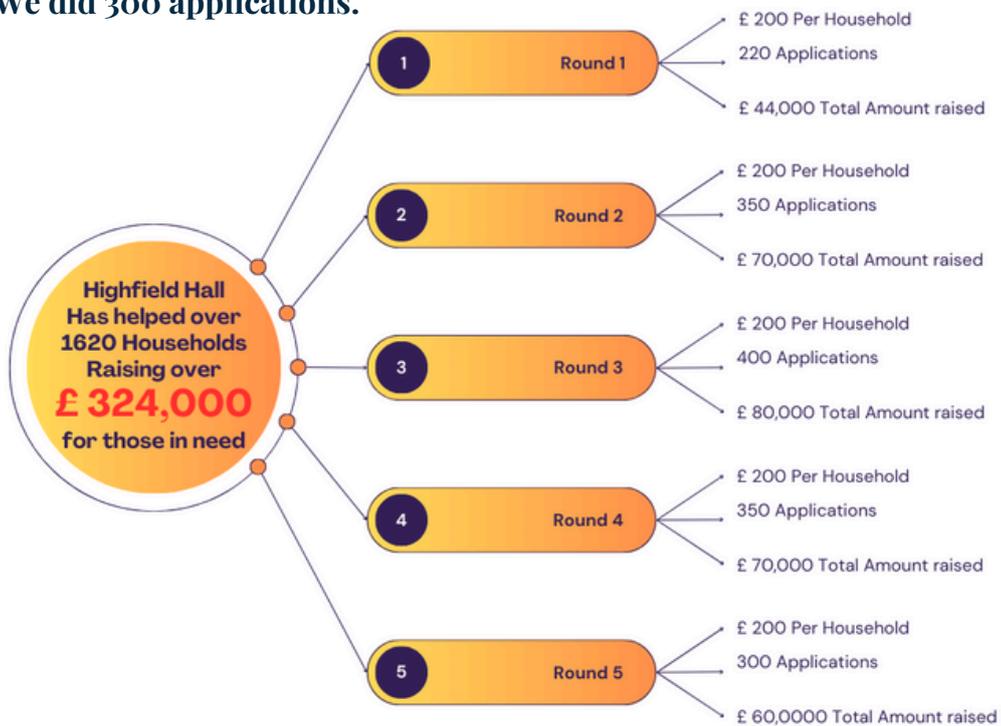
We have seen a rise in people needing support, not necessarily those on benefits but working families. We have supported several households to access the Household Support Fund – up to 1200 families. We continue to provide food parcels to those in need and feed the homeless once a week with other 2 organisations.

Household Support Fund is one-off grant of £200 to Birmingham households, currently facing financial hardship, with food cost and energy payments,

This was Birmingham City Council's grant, We work in partnership with Green Square Accord and BVSC to help and support our local and wider communities. By the end of October 2024 we have done 5 rounds.



- Round 1, We did 220 applications.
- Round 2, We did 350 applications.
- Round 3, We did 400 applications.
- Round 4, We did 350 applications.
- Round 5, We did 300 applications.



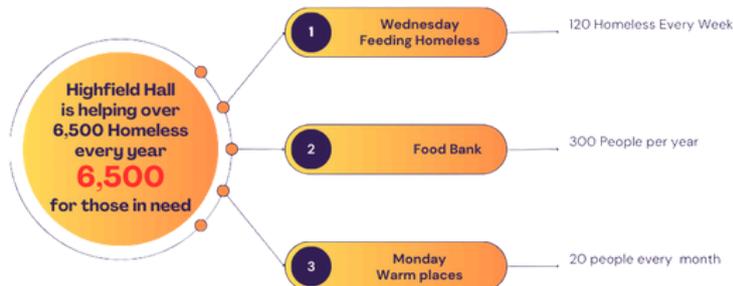
**Highfield Hall has helped over 1620 households, raising over £324,000 for those in need.**



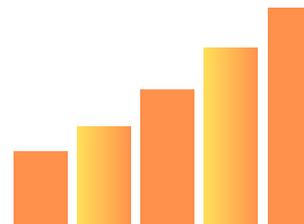
**600 BECOME HOMELESS EVERY WEEK  
IN BIRMINGHAM AND IT COULD GET A LOT WORSE**



**“WHY SHOULD THERE BE HUNGER AND DEPRIVATION IN ANY LAND, IN ANY CITY, AT ANY TABLE, WHEN MAN HAS THE RESOURCES AND THE SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW TO PROVIDE ALL MANKIND WITH THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE? THERE IS NO DEFICIT IN HUMAN RESOURCES. THE DEFICIT IS IN HUMAN WILL.”**



**‘The best of you are THOSE WHO FEED OTHERS’.**



# WORKING WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

We are also working with local organisations and have set up a network – “Hall Green Wellbeing Network,” which bring local groups together to share information, to support each other and to do joint events that bring us all together as well as the community.

HHCC has been the initial partner in setting this up and is continuing to run this for the benefit of the local groups. We are about 10 organisations that meet up regularly, and we also work with the Local Neighbourhood Network Schemes.



We have held many events that have brought people together and we have also worked with local companies to offer our place as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility(CRS) (The Army, Johnson Group, Doutsche Bank, Birmingham City Council).

As part of the activities they have helped to clear our gardens, painted the huts donated towards a drive on lawn mower and helped with pruning the hedges and trees.



We hosted summer, Easter and winter clubs for young children, Highfield Hall provide safer space to youth to spend their holidays in positive and healthier way,



# WORKING WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



# SUPPORTING CHARITIES FUND RAISING EVENT 2024



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Relief  
Foundation  
2024

# Understanding Loss & Grief Workshop



**Empowering Conversations with Compassion, Navigating conversations about loss and grief can be challenging, but with the right tools and understanding,**

**It can make a real difference in someone's life. The whole reason for this "Loss and Grief Workshop" is here to help People to build the confidence to support those who need it most.**

## What You'll Learn:

- **Effective communication strategies to offer support without overwhelming.**
- **The importance of active listening and creating a safe space for sharing.**
- **How to recognize when professional help may be needed and how to gently suggest it.**

## Why Attend?

**Grief can be an isolating experience, but a simple, heartfelt conversation can make a world of difference.**

**"This workshop will provide you with practical tools and understanding to approach these conversations with sensitivity, helping you become a source of comfort and strength for those in need."**



# SUMMER CAMP



## ROBO CODE

Robo Code is a Birmingham based educational company that specialises in Robotics and Programming education. They offer bespoke solutions for Adult and Child Learners as well as Educational Institution. The aim is for children to empower them with excitement about STEM and to make them believe in their abilities with a focus on the future. The aim for adults is to make them believe in their abilities to enable them to engage with exciting careers which are in high demand in the jobs market.

This summer we are collaborating with Robo Code, [Street Games](#) and [Bring it on Brum](#) to facilitate a summer camp for children eligible for free school meals.

"Turn screen time into fun learning this half-term!

We also try different approach switching gears from "Coding to cardio!" 🏃 Our HAF programme got a boost of energy thanks to our amazing fitness coach [Jam Zone Hub #fitness](#)

## Young People



### ACTIVE BHAM CIC

The Muslimah Youth Group is a voluntary organisation where members from the age range of 7 to 16 meet on a regular basis. Having such a broad age range the group usually splits into age bands—7 to 12 and 12 to 16 years. This, in turn, enables the team leaders to arrange activities according to the age range and group size.

The average numbers that attend is teenagers. Through the year we celebrate many festivals at Highfield Hall where we are sometimes joined by other Groups from in and around the Birmingham Area.

Linking communities together -

Caring

Open

Respectful

Responsible

Inclusive

# SUMMER CLUB 2024

## ACTIVE BRUM CIC

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Linking communities together

# WORKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN





# WORKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



## Femtinosaurs™ KIDS SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Our vision is to make education fun and accessible to children; they should enjoy learning and we work hard behind the scenes to create and deliver workshops that will impress and keep them talking about the topics we cover. We are passionate in ensuring children have fun in our sessions whilst also taking away something new they have learnt. Our sessions often have high level content delivered in a fun and accessible way to young children.

# CARING FOR CHILDREN NURTURE CLUB



*Our nurture Club is a focused, short-term intervention for primary or pre school school pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties which make it harder for them to learn in a mainstream class.*



*Nurture Club  
2024*



# MUSLIM YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2024



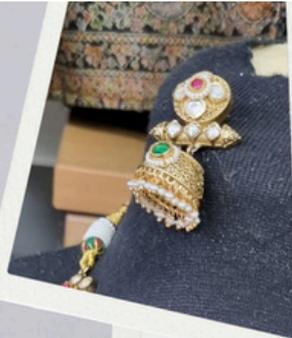
# CORPORATE & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES



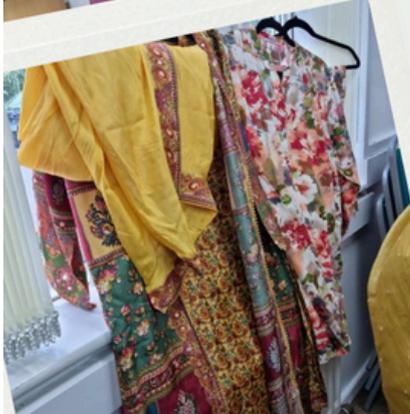
 **JOHNSON**  
Service Group PLC 

**Corporate Social Responsibility**

# SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES



Sujatha launched her new range of South Indian Jewellery and clothing for UK clients



# WORKING WITH OTHER CHARITIES



*Ummi Relief Foundation 2024*



# WORKING WITH CHARITIES RCCG CHURCH



# WORKING WITH CHARITIES

## BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S NHS FOUNDATION TRUST



Always in our Hearts  
Welcome to  
Memorial Event 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
A time for sharing memories for all who have  
experienced a pregnancy or baby loss



# WORKING WITH CHARITIES ISRA UK



**“Community Sleepout “  
in Birmingham to raise funds  
for Gaza children this winter**

## COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT



# COMMUNITY EVENT



# COMMUNITY EVENT CHAND RAAT



Free Entry!

A FABULOUS EVENT FOR WOMEN AND FAMILY ONLY

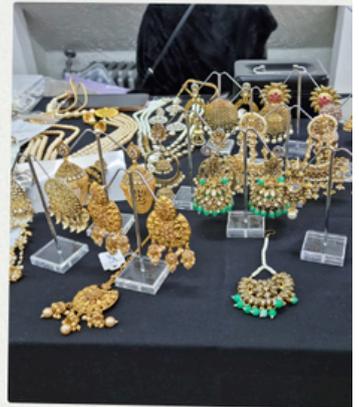
# Chand Raat

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 4PM-9PM

VENUE: HIGHFIELD HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 127 - 129 HIGHFIELD ROAD, B28 6HS

 HENNA	 CLOTHING	 JEWELLERY	 FOOD
 KIDS ACTIVITIES	 PAMPERING	 PHOTOBOOTH	

CALL 0121 439 2690 OR 07583 086 987/07470 153 525 FOR STALL BOOKING



Highfield Hall organised "Chand Raat" for Hall Green friends and families to celebrate a special occasion and getting ready for EID. Face painting, Mehndi, food and lots more stalls were under one roof. It was well attended event by local communities, everyone enjoyed and had wonderful time..





# REFURBISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

## Gents, Ladies and Disabled toilets completely refurbished



Toilets area were very old and needs desperate attention, we completely changed everything, floor tiles, wall tiles, ceiling and new toilets were installed. It has made huge difference.

## Board Room roof repair and AV system installed!



## Easter, Winter and Summer Play Schemes

We also hosted Easter, Winter and Summer Holiday Play Schemes, There were about 180 children that attended every day, healthy lunch was provided FREE of charge. This was a huge support to the families and children as they enjoyed time spent here. They were provided with free healthy lunch and snacks.



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## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



"We at JamZone have been working with Highfield Hall Community Club to facilitate multiple youth groups since 2020 and simply can not imagine a better organisation to base ourselves at. Maz, Robina and Gita have created an incredibly unique community hub. Everyone who spends time at Highfield Hall has felt its warm welcome and open, safe space to have conversations, explore the grounds and create real change for the wider community. Our youth groups have seen hundreds of young people using the facilities at Highfield Hall, the calming scenery, exciting wildlife and spacious rooms! We have been able to teach children about nature, growing sustainable food using the poly tunnel and the importance of using nature to combat difficult mental health challenges. We believe in everything Highfield Hall Community Club stands for, its determination to serve the community and bring the diversity of Birmingham together to learn, connect and create friendships with each other. We see these values represented in everything they do, in the building and in every interaction we have had with them. We are extremely grateful for Highfield Hall for allowing us to work with them to continue to spread their light!"

**Jermaine Buchanan**  
Founder | Wellbeing Coach

For More Information  
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## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



"Highfield Hall has been a fantastic venue to run my Women's and Girls self defence classes and workshops for Strike Back Self Defence. The venue is a fantastic place right at the heart of the community providing a place where the local community can come together. The staff go above and beyond to provide support and a welcoming inclusive environment. Without Highfield Hall, the women and girls I teach simply wouldn't be able to attend to learn these valuable life saving skills."

**Gulshen Bano**  
[www.strikebackselfdefence.com](http://www.strikebackselfdefence.com)

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"We have used the Highfield Hall for our AGM on many occasions and the support we receive from the team is amazing and they are always on hand to make sure that our event goes smoothly, it's not like you booked a hall and left to get on with it, the support is there from start to finish. The Hall also comprising with a beautiful gardens, birds, and small animals to see. The added benefit of the car parks also a good to have. I recommend anyone to come and use the hall, a great venue to be in our local community for the local community."

**Razia Hadait MBE**  
CEO of Himaya Haven CIC

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"Highfield Hall is a community organisation truly led from the heart. When I launched my business as a new yoga teacher, Highfield Hall were the first organisation to support my growth and continue to do so. The staff are approachable and solution oriented. They go above and beyond to ensure I am happy and that my ladies are catered for during classes. They are also very charitable, always willing to offer their venue for a good cause. Thank you to Maz, Gita and Robina. We are all appreciative of your efforts and community spirit."

**Aisha Iqbal**  
[www.naturylglow.com](http://www.naturylglow.com)

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"I absolutely adore Highfield Hall and the folks that take care of it. As a community we have been invited and enthusiastically supported to create a garden to help families learn how to grow their own food. The local community is now able to benefit from harvesting their own produce, planting fruit & veg of their preference and pooling efforts to keep the garden going. The community spirit generated as a result of Highfield Hall's generosity is truly uplifting."

**Uzma Asghar**  
[support@uzmaasghar.com](mailto:support@uzmaasghar.com)

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## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



"I have had the pleasure of working with the team at Highfield Hall since 2020 when they proved to be so resilient during the pandemic, proving a vital lifeline to so many local people. Everything that Maz, Robina and Gita do has the best interests of their local community at the heart of it. Their facilities both inside and outside are amazing along with the wonderful growing projects they have in the community Polytunnel. The wonderful community events they hold are always so well organised and inclusive and you always receive a very warm welcome. I have seen the group grow in the numbers of groups they support and I feel very proud to have been able to work with them."

**Janet Price**  
Community Champion ASDA

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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"As a Trustee of Pashtun Trust, I have only words of praise for the work carried out at Highfield Hall by Maz, Robina and Gita.

We have worked collaboratively for a number of years helping feed the local homeless in Birmingham. Highfield Hall has become a central hub for donations for other local charitable organisations, which are then distributed out. With recent improvements to the facilities we hope to increase our collaborative work to help as many other of the less fortunate in Birmingham."

**Daud Kkan**  
Trustee of Pashtun Trust

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## CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

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"We at Tiffin Kadai have been working alongside Team Highfield hall for quite a few years now. The work that Team Highfield Hall does is quite commendable. Maz , Robina and Gita have been actively involved in sending food to the homeless around the city every week. We at Tiffin Kadai been working alongside Highfield Hall by providing and sending freshly cooked vegetarian meals. Highfield Hall the venue is a fantastic place where you are always greeted with a smile. The centre has beautiful gardens and birds and small animals to see. The car park is an added benefit and brilliant to have."

**Sujatha Palanikumar**  
CEO, Tiffin Kadai

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" We recently held an event under Shaping Birmingham's Future Together on behalf of Birmingham City Council at Highfield Hall, and it was an amazing day made in no small part to the wonderful venue and the hospitality of our lovely hosts. Highfield Hall is firmly rooted in the community, for all the community and it was great to find out about all of the work they perform to support the people of Hall Green. A real hidden gem. "

**Sal Naseem**  
Assistant Director - BCC

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"Highfield Hall is an amazing local venue deep rooted in improving outcomes for local citizens. With thanks to the management, we had the pleasure of using this fantastic venue for free to run a community led marketplace event as part of the City Council's approach to Shaping Birmingham's Future Together. The event was a huge success and colleagues from Highfield Hall worked in true partnership with the Public Participation Team to deliver a high quality informative and welcoming event which attracted over 150 people. Thanks to Maz and Robina for their incredible support, we look forward to working with you in partnership again. "

**June Marshall**  
Head of Public Participation - BCC

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"Dear Maz, Robina and Geeta,

I wanted to say a huge thank you for hosting the launch of the Shaping Birmingham's Future together Marketplace Roadshow, also for hosting the first of the 2025 SBFT partnership meetings.

I am so glad you have become part of the partnership as you all do the most incredible work for and within the community.

The SBFT partnership really loved your wonderful venue, and your warm welcome was much appreciated by all.

We are really looking forward to taking this journey with you to build an inclusive and dynamic city that we can all be proud.

**Simon Furze**  
Policy & Research Advisor - Engagement  
Public Participation Team  
Deputy Chief Executive's Directorate

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" Holding our Baby loss Memorial event for all our Bereaved families at Highfield Hall this year was incredibly special. The venue and the team were so welcoming and the grounds and space were perfectly inclusive for our needs. After visiting several locations all around Birmingham trying to locate a neutral space that our families would be comfortable with, Highfield Hall provided us with everything we needed and more. On the day our wider Chaplaincy team were so impressed by the space especially the special welcome by the birds as you drive in, the team are excited to use it for future events.

To sum up, Highfield Hall is a hidden gem when you want to escape the busy city and switch off and immerse yourself in whatever you are attending. Thank you for hosting us in the summer and accommodating us so well Highfield Hall. Everyone loved the place and only had positives things to say about it. "

**Mobeen Shairbano**  
Muslim Chaplain

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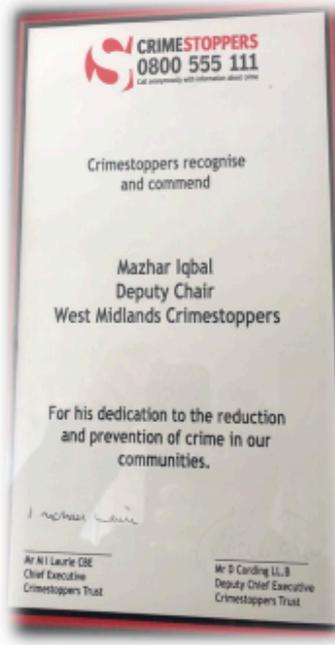
Robina played a vital role in Muslim Women's Network UK, She was also a very active committee member of NAWO (National Association of Women Organisation), She was also a part of CEDAW mechanism to empower women.



Maz has been awarded several prestigious awards including local awards by several organisations . MACAA for Community Champion 3 years running, Phoenix Newspaper Award for Community services, Birmingham City Council's "Civic Heroes" In recognition of out standing services to local communities and many more.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Maz was the first ever Asian to become a vice chair of Crime Stoppers, He promoted and introduce the amazing work of organisation among Asian and MBE communities. Maz has been awarded “Community Champion” by Pakistan Consulate General.



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**Maz received his Phoenix Award as Employer of the Year**

**2021 BIRMINGHAM AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

**Gita was Awarded as Employee of the Year 2021**



**A CARERS DAY**

The alarm goes off,  
I raise my head,  
thinking of the day ahead,  
How things have changed in many ways,  
bringing sleepless nights and tiring days,  
But my role as a carer remains the same.

I find it's important to have a little humour thrown  
through our day,  
and a little laughter helps as well,  
When you are having a bad day,  
I wonder Oh who can help out.

I phone Highfield Hall up,  
I know that you will be there  
with a friendly voice at the end of the line,  
It could be Gita or it could be Maz,  
offering help and support.

They say 'do you need a food parcel'  
and would that help you?  
'Do yes' I say,  
Now I don't need to worry where my next meal comes from,  
and I'll be OK for the week ahead.

A lovely volunteer takes up with the parcel  
and it puts a smile on my face,  
It feels like Christmas come early  
as I unwrap the golden tonic.

Now it's nearing the end of the day,  
Here for a warming cup of tea,  
with thoughts of a cosy bed,  
where I can rest my weary head.

So good night to all you amazing carers and volunteers,  
Take care and keep well,  
you're in my prayers.

Katherine Sklarer

To Highfield Hall,  
Just want to say thank you for the food parcels that you provided for me and my family.  
Your support has been much appreciated.  
Best Wishes,  
Uli Mende

To All The Wonderful Staff at Highfield Hall,  
On behalf of all the family teams and young carers at Home Group I would like to say a massive thank you for all your hard work and dedication throughout what has been a very tough time for many families. Your willingness has been amazing and all of the staff and young carers are extremely grateful. Our young carers have had hours of fun with the social games that you not only funded but also delivered so you have put a smile on the faces of many young children that don't have the chance to be able to purchase such activities. The food parcels have also been a life saver for some of our families even sometimes being amended to families individual preferences.  
Thank you once again you truly are amazing.  
Best Wishes,  
Jolly, Emma, Jayla, Isaac, Terry and all the Young Carers at Home Group  
Holly Capener  
Support Coordinator

To all at Highfield Hall,  
Thank you for helping me and my girlfriend out with food parcels.  
We both suffer from mental health issues and have been unable to go out shopping.  
Your brilliant support has literally been a life saver.  
Best Wishes,  
Tia

TO HIGHFIELD HALL -  
I would like to thank everyone at Highfield Hall for the outstanding work that they have done to support a community in crisis. Their amazing assistance to people in need has proved that there are wonderful, selfless people out there who are willing to donate their precious time to help others in need. Well done Highfield Hall... you're tagged here!

ataaha Day - Support Worker - Home Group

TO HIGHFIELD HALL -  
Thank you for helping me and my 4 kids out with food parcels. I was very worried about where our next meals were coming from.  
Much appreciated for your generosity.  
Frans,  
Sarah and children

**hOmE GRoUP  
AnD  
CARERS  
WOULd  
LUKE  
TO SAY  
THANK  
YOU**

**“ In life you never expect to be forced with extreme circumstances and issues, in a crisis you always look towards family and friends to be there for you. For those who don't have families or friends we are there family and friend at Highfield Hall.”**



# HIRE FACILITIES

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Highfield Hall has a number of rooms and a big hall for hire

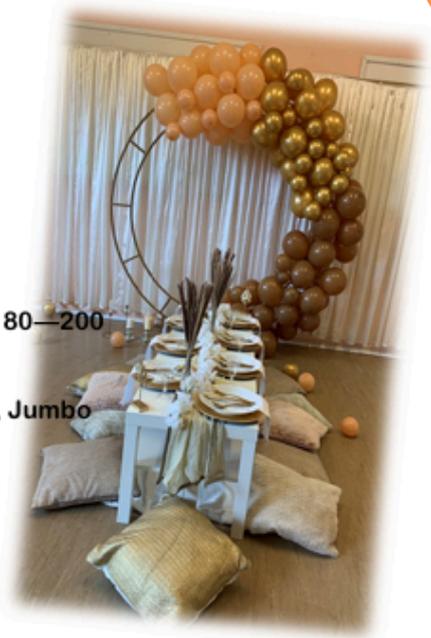
Suitable for Parties, weddings,

Equipped with a sound system and has a capacity of 180—200 people.

Has 2 folding walls to divide into 3 sections.

Suitable for Birthday Parties, Other Parties, Meetings, Jumbo Sales

Large green area for state of the art Marquees



Jungle Garden with Jungle Huts

Earth Oven and BBQ  
Children activities & Ponds  
Wild life, Chickens & Birds.

Full disabled facilities

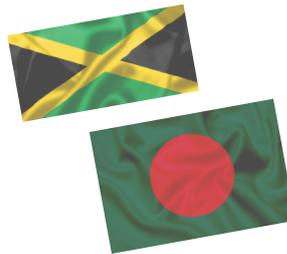
Ramps and Toilet



LARGE PRIVATE SECURED CARPARK  
(Off Road)



# Community Hub



**Highfield Community Centre welcomes all communities, faiths and cultures.....**

**We can proudly say that we are a HUB for multi faiths and multi cultures**

**W E L C O M E T O H I G H F I E L D C O M M U N I T Y C E N T R E**

Eid celebration dinner was organised for Nigerian community



Russian Community

Moroccan Community's Iftaar Party



Birmingham Egyptian Community Dinner



French Community Annual Dinner

Romanian's Farmers Market



Egyptian Club Birmingham Welcomes You



Party and dinner was organised for Sudanese community



Zimbabwe Wedding Party



King of Nigeria



*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a process. Working together is a success."*





The HHCC believes that all people should be treated equally, regardless of race, gender, disability, age or sexuality and that differences should be accepted and respected



# FUNDERS & SUPPOTERS

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Highfield Hall Community Centre would like to thank all Our supporters and funders in helping us to achieve our goals...

We truly appreciate your continuous support and very generous funding, your contribution will dramatically help us develop and succeed in future endeavours.

Without your involvement and generosity, we would not be able to aim high and reach our potential.

Thank you once more, your support is not something we take lightly and is much appreciated by everyone connected with Highfield Hall.



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Working with you for a positive change

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