

Tamworth Street Angels Annual Report 2024

Tamworth Street Angels is a local branch of ROC Angels (Redeeming Our Communities) which enables us to use the ROC charity status. ROC Angels are not responsible for the running of the Tamworth Street Angels project. The Steering Group are responsible for all activities involved in the running of the project including purchasing decisions, contracts entered into, employment and ensuring budgets do not exceed what is available in the bank account.

The use of the national ROC charity number / company limited by guarantee helps with our funding applications. This also ensures that we are covered under the ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) insurance policy. A contribution to ROC is made each year to cover this.

King's Award For Voluntary Service

In November 2024 we were honoured and excited to receive the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) with the announcement being made on His Majesty The King's birthday.



Equivalent to an MBE, the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) is the highest award given to voluntary groups in the UK. It is a lifetime award.

Created in 2002 to celebrate Her Majesty the late Queen's Golden Jubilee, and previously known as The

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the Award has been recognising the outstanding work of volunteers for over 20 years. His Majesty The King pledged to continue the Award to ensure that volunteers from across the UK are recognised for the services they provide within their communities. Nominations are received from all across the UK and, following eligibility checks, nominations are assessed first locally and then nationally. A shortlist is then presented to His Majesty the King for final approval.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach when it comes to KAVS Awardees but there are 3 key characteristics that the National Committee look for:-

1. Groups that are truly outstanding and making a big difference to their local community.
2. Groups where volunteers, rather than paid staff, are in the driving seat.
3. Groups that have the highest standards in everything they do.

What We Do

Tamworth Street Angels is all about ensuring people are able to feel safe on the streets of our town. We offer support, care and assistance to anyone who needs it and to those who become vulnerable during a night out. In doing so we also look to reduce the pressures on the already overstretched emergency services, thus leaving the NHS and Police more time to deal with urgent incidents.



We continue to face the challenges surrounding the recruitment of volunteers. Due to the unsociable times at which we operate it is difficult to find people who are willing and able to accommodate this into their lifestyle pattern. However, during this period we were able to add six regular new volunteers to our rota. This resulted in us managing to have a team out on 63 occasions over the year, up from 42 last year.



Over the year we held training courses for our volunteers covering Conflict Resolution, Hate Crime Awareness, Adult Safeguarding Awareness and Emergency First Aid at Work.

We have also expanded the number of activities we became involved in. During the year we have given support at the Reload 12-16s events held in Tamworth ensuring that youngsters attending are able to get home safely after the events. A number of our volunteers also provided support as part of the Festival Angels teams at Derby Summer Sessions in July.



Over the year we have given talks to the Rooted Community Church, the Wednesday Lunch Club and Friday Friendship Group at the Sacred Heart Church, Newton Regis and Warton WI Groups, St George's Church and the Community Safety Partnership to raise awareness of Tamworth Street Angels. We have also attended the Amington Fete, the Spital Ward CommunityFest, the Support Staffordshire Volunteer Week event at the Town Hall, the Tamworth Funding Fair and the Tamworth Borough Council Funding Forum. Teams have also supported the Tamworth Town Policing Unit at the Safer Nights events held in the town centre.



Members of our Steering Group have also regularly attended the Responsible Bodies Group, Community Safety Partnership Group and the Community Cohesion Group run by Tamworth Borough Council - this year saw one of the meetings being attended by members of the Home Office following the disturbances in Tamworth to gather information and to discuss the way forward. We have been part of the review of the Tamworth Borough

Council Community Safety and Strategic Assessment and have also attended Pubwatch meetings and the VCSE Forums run by Support Staffordshire. We are now part of the Tamworth Borough Council register of organisations that can be called upon to provide assistance at any local emergencies/ large scale incidents.



We are currently working closely with both Tamworth Borough Council and Walksafe to introduce the mapping of safe spaces across Tamworth. This will enable users of the Walksafe app to see what safety initiatives are in place at the various venues in the town. It is hoped that this will be released generally in early February 2025.

Finances

Our financial situation continues to remain stable with more detail regarding this given below.

At the start of 2024 the cash in our bank account was £3,329.59. At the end of 2024 the cash in our Lloyds bank account was £4,321.67 (an increase of £992.08 over the year).

A summary of our expenditure over the year is shown below.

Expenditure

Base, furniture & equipment	£468.96
First Aid Supplies	£123.20
Other Items	£211.25

Protective Clothing	£118.80
Website	£108.00
Mobile Phone	£55.00
ROC	£350.00
DBS Certificates	£18.00
Flip Flops	£180.00
Total.	£1633.23

A breakdown of our income for 2024 is summarised below.

Income

Talks	£215.00
Stripe Donations	£24.30
Shift Donations	£56.01
Tamworth Borough Council	£1000
Morrisons Foundation	£1000
Community Foundation	£250
Councillors Grant	

The above figures left us with a residual cash balance of £4,321.67

Our major items of expenditure over the year were our Base costs which included a quarterly payment of £125 to St Editha's Church for use of their Community Church Hall as our operating base. We also paid for our insurance and made a contribution to ROC. Annual website hosting and domain names were also paid during the year. Other purchases included replenishment of our supply of flip flops, first aid supplies and protective clothing for new volunteers. Full details of our accounts, including our final bank statement and a copy of this report have been sent to ROC to be included as part of their annual reporting process.



Thank You

We rely totally on donations to operate and would like to thank the following organisations and businesses for their financial support/donations of supplies during the year:-

- Tamworth Borough Council
- Morrisons Community Fund
- TBC Councillors Grant
- Warton WI
- St George's Community Church
- Newton Regis WI
- Heart of Tamworth
- Asda Tamworth
- Tamworth Pantry