



MARCH NEWS UPDATE

March has given us a bit of everything this year—sunshine, rain, wind, and the odd surprise in between! But while the weather can't quite make up its mind, one thing remains steady: CAFAG is always here at the heart of the community. No matter what's happening outside, our doors stay open, our activities continue, and our commitment to supporting local residents never wavers.

With that in mind, here's a look at what's been happening throughout March and what's coming up next...

5-Star Food Hygiene Rating!

We're proud to announce that CAFAG has received a 5-star food hygiene rating following our recent Environmental Health inspection. Even with the disruption of moving out of the main kitchen, our amazing staff and volunteers have continued to maintain exceptional standards. A big thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this well-deserved result!

Fresh Growth Across the Grounds

Spring is starting to show across the CAFAG grounds, where 60 new Woodland Trust saplings have been planted to boost wildlife, improve air quality and enrich our green spaces. New benches donated by UNIT1 Skatepark are in place so you can sit out in the gardens to enjoy them as the weather starts to improve.

Volunteers Enjoy the Light Up Winter Event

Some of our wonderful CAFAG volunteers recently enjoyed a magical evening at Appetite's Light Up Winter event. The night was filled with colour, creativity and spectacular installations – from illuminated artworks to playful interactive displays that transformed familiar places into something truly special. Our volunteers had a fantastic time exploring the sights, soaking up the atmosphere and experiencing the joy that these community arts events bring. We're grateful to Appetite for inviting us along and giving our volunteers a chance to enjoy such a vibrant and uplifting night out.

Our Baby Room Goes Full Time! We're delighted to share the fantastic progress of our Baby Room, which first opened in January. Thanks to its growing popularity and the wonderful response from families, we're now expanding our hours! Following on from the Easter break, the Baby Room will be open 9:30am to 4:30pm, offering full-day sessions instead of the previous morning-only slot. We're thrilled to see this space thriving and to be able to support even more little ones and their families throughout the day. Call 01782 814 134 to enquire about spaces

March Community Walk

Our third walk of the season took place this month, with 10 participants joining us for a relaxed stroll from the centre to High Lane, along the Greenway and through the beautiful Victorian Tunstall Park. We enjoyed a well-earned brew at the Floral Hall and were even treated to the call of a nuthatch along the way. It was a lovely morning full of fresh air, conversation and good company – exactly what our walks are all about. Our walking group is open to everyone and we would love for you to join the next one!



IMPACT

March 2026

- 27 new Gym Sign ups. 193 active gym members
- 20 attended the Brew Club
- 38 community members supported by our wellbeing service
- 143 attendees to free breakfast
- 66 attendees to lunch club
- 10 attending the walking group
- 23 amazing Volunteers supported CAFAG and the community in March



OUR COMMUNITY VOICE MATTERS

Have Your Say! Community Survey

We want to make sure we're offering the right services, activities, and support for the people who live, work, and spend time in our local area – and we need your help to do it!

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to complete our Community Needs Survey. Your feedback will help shape future projects, events, and services at the centre. Every voice matters, and we'd really love to hear yours.

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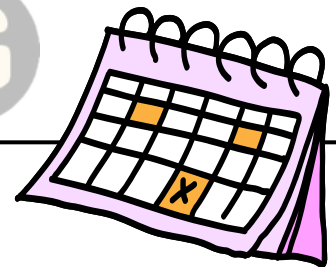


Thank You

upcoming EVENTS



Bringing people and communities together!



1st April

Community Egg hunt & Craft Fair

1st & 8th April

HAFF Youth Group

1st April

Easter Raffle Draw - Amazing prizes! Grab yours from the office before its too late!

Together we grow, together we thrive.