



January 2022 Newsletter
Happy New Year!

Jenni Jones-Annetts
Chair

May I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. After some very uncertain and challenging months the future of the Miners is looking bright. I'm not the only one who is excited about seeing the first floor in all its glory and welcoming our existing and new businesses to the wellbeing hub on the second floor. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Katherine Hughes

Company Secretary

I'm very aware of the challenges of working remotely trying to support the Miners and each other. We'd have liked to be able to meet in person, have the upstairs finished, and have Covid behind us. Despite all these things, our community is much better off than it would have been without our support and inspiration. We should be very proud of what we have achieved together and not beat ourselves up if things aren't perfect. Huge thanks to all of you! I'm here if you need me or if you just want a chat.

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Pippa Skipper

Room Hire Administrator

As the contact point for people wanting to hire rooms, I'm excited about the next few weeks getting everything ready to expand upstairs and keeping all the room hirers up to date with new developments.

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Pauline Elcock

Volunteer Coordinator

Since I started in August I've been organising training and support for existing volunteers and recruiting new volunteers for projects, activities and events. I also volunteer for the Children's Gardening project and support the knitting project. 07871 593038

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Anthony Bending

Finance Officer

It's my job to keep the Miners' finances in a healthy position. We're challenged by ongoing building works, increasing energy prices, and Covid, but project activities are in a healthy position. I'm the point of contact for expenses, payroll, procurement and banking.

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Gordon Bradley

IT Support Officer

I'm the point of contact for your IT support in the 6 hours a week I work for the Centre.

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Tara Candlin

Projects Coordinator

I'm a qualified IT Support Specialist and Performing Arts Graduate. I have been a volunteer at The Miners since September, mostly involved in the Outreach project that has

made it accessible for activities that happen at The Miners to be delivered over zoom or in person to Sheltered Housing Schemes in Caerphilly. I have a passion for inclusion in the community and creating opportunities for everyone to be involved in whatever capacity that may be.

With funding from the Post Code Lottery, Tara was appointed for 12 months in January 2022 and will be coordinating the following projects:

- Supporting older people – including Elderberries, Dance 50+ and Seated Dance, Knitting Project, Craft and Chat, Outreach projects, Digital Inclusion, Art Classes.
- Supporting Early years and young people – including Stay and Play, Children's craft and film activities, Lego club, Welsh Stay and Play, children's parties, School Ambassadors and Youth Forum

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JoAnne Dando

Projects Coordinator

I am really excited to be joining the Caerphilly Miners Centre team. My background is within the health and wellbeing sector spanning nearly 16 years. I currently teach yoga sessions and I am

looking forward to supporting the growth and success of the Miners and its positive impact within the community.

With funding from Resilience Funding, Jo was appointed for 12 months in January 2022 and will be coordinating the following projects:

- Climate change action – including the climate change garden, gardening club, the Children’s Gardening Club, greenhouse development, children’s garden, Caerphilly in Bloom, Repair Café, Kitchen and Café business development
- Website/Virtual digital space
- Celebrating our Heritage

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Rhian Cosslett

Outreach Project

Rhian and her team of volunteers have set up new activities for older people in the community in person or over Zoom in Plas Hyfryd and Cole Court sheltered schemes. Rhian will be moving on soon. We’d like to thank you for your skill and dedication in making such a challenging project work so well.

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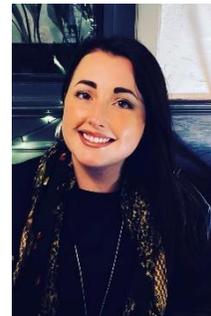


Belinda Snow

Digital Inclusion Administrator

My role is to recruit community members to attend our digital courses and to recruit digital volunteers for extra support. My team includes Digital Inclusion Tutor, Mel Holly, and Digital Volunteers, John Brinkworth, John Jasper and Irena Cleverly, who run the drop in. I also volunteer by managing the Facebook page, creating posters/ videos and producing webpages for the website.

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Amie Lock

Plant and Grow Project

I have volunteered for the miners from 2014 supporting marketing projects and events. My current venture consists of creating the children’s gardening workshops and supporting our climate change projects, with the help of 14 volunteers.

Caretaker/Facilities Officer

We’re currently looking for a Caretaker/Facilities Officer 10-12 hours a week as part of a Resilience Fund grant received in December (deadline 17 January). This will massively help our cleaning team – Laura Morgan, Howard Williams and Gail Evans – and our stewards – Ann Lewis, Alan Welch, Patrick Wall, Derek Markham, Derek Green, Yvonne Fidler, Gail Evans, Julie Annetts and Katherine Hughes. Thanks also go to Patrick for offering to lead on Health and Safety

Quick Updates:

Building: This will not be ready before 29th January. The works include finishing tiling, decorating, floors, plumbing and heating, electrical works and finally commissioning the lift on 29th January. We are also waiting for funding for the commercial kitchen, portico repair and around £50,000 of unforeseen costs, but this £2 million project is nearly complete!.

Stay and Play: Tasha Gittings has found cheaper accommodation elsewhere and took Stay and Play with her, but thanks to smart actions by Pauline, Pippa, Amie, Laura, Tara, Jo, Belinda and Ann we’ve recreated a replacement with a fresh new brand – to start on 11th and 13th January.

Climate Change Garden: Alan Richards and Phil Turner have done a wonderful job in making Fiona Cloke’s design a reality. Chris O’Meara, Ruth Starr, Dawn Cole, Janet Cornwall, Phil Jenkins, Liz and Ken Paull, Louise Kenyon, Chris Cooper and Juniors from the Children’s Gardening Workshops have been involved in weeding, planting, making the bug hotel and Hugel beds, and sourcing plants. We also created a Digital Wildlife Garden. We’re hoping to do a lot more in 2022.

Fundraising:

- Christmas Events raised over £2,000.
 - Aviva, through Thomas Carroll Insurance, donated £5,000 towards a greenhouse
 - TSSW Winter Pressure Small Grant Scheme awarded us £2,500 towards our fuel bills.
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