

December 2021.

Accidents/Incidents reported – 0
Complaints received – 0



*Merry Christmas
and all
the best for 2022!*

This report is written collectively from all staff, with snippets and photos from our busy centre allowing us to share some of our good news stories, successes, achievements and lessons learnt.

Please note - all activities are being carried out in a COVID-19 secure way, with appropriate social distancing, adhering to strict infection control procedures, using correct personal protective equipment while adhering to the current Government guidelines in accordance with corona virus restrictions.

Bring on 2022! I wanted to say a huge thank you to all who have joined us at events or groups, supported our fundraising efforts, shared posts to inform others, spoke about us when out and about, joined our gym or even just popped in for a chat. During strange times like pandemics, storms and power cuts, we feel it is the community pulling together which helps the most. Supporting others and being there for each other, especially those in need, gets people through these situations and we have seen this so much over the last couple of years and are very proud to be a part of it.

Some of our regulars have yet to return to our centre for whatever reason, and we understand that, things still aren't back to "normal", but we are here ready for when you decide to join us. We have introduced mandatory masks once again, we have all the same cleaning routines, room changes and restrictions.

We are also here to help get everyone back on their feet, and mental health is something our partners and service providers are concentrating on. So, working in partnership with Wellbeing 4 life was a no brainer, we wanted to increase our provision for our community, concentrating on social activities, mental wellbeing and looking after yourself and your family. The Wellbeing team have booked quite a few new sessions and we are busy working on many more for the New Year.

We are here to help, and hope we can help many.

Social & Craft Group

Every Wednesday
12:30pm to 1:30pm
From the 19th January 2022 to
the 9th March 2022

Meet
new
people

Friendly
& free

Beginners
welcome

Learn new
skills

Share
your own
skills

well.
being
for life



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For further information on the Wellbeing for Life service:
Freephone: 0800 87 66887 www.wellbeingforlife.net

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Community Health Champion

We're looking for volunteers to enable us to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. You will be provided with training, support and the opportunity to make a real difference within your community

Are you friendly? Approachable? Keen to learn new skills?

Are you looking to utilise your life skills in a way that makes a real difference?

You could be exactly what we're looking for!

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For more details contact:
Kevin Parke from the wellbeing for life team on -
07706 359390

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FESTIVE WELLBEING AFTERNOON



Date: 9TH DECEMBER 2021

Time: 12.30– 3.00

Venue: PELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

It's FREE!

CHRISTMAS
CRAFTS

SEASONAL
FOOD
IDEAS

MOCKTAILS

RELAX
HAVE FUN

For more information and to book a place contact Wendy Scofield-Marlowe:
07825196656 / wendyscofieldmarlowe@nhs.net

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Recent Developments:

- Pottery Painting took place after a little blip, however 20 people joined throughout the day creating some fantastic masterpieces. The mince pies and treats along with festive music made it really special. We can't wait to see the finished products when they come back from the kiln. Thank you Canyy Crafty for dropping off the party pottery kits.
- Elton John is tonight and we have over 80 tickets sold, we can't wait to hear and watch the show, with a bar fully stocked and some fantastic donated raffle prizes I am sure we will have fun.
- A huge Tac and Tog sale took place one Friday evening in the Main Hall, this was well attended even though the snow was falling. This was us hiring the hall to individuals to run, but something they noted doesn't happen anywhere else in this area so we may see more future bookings. It was really well attended.
- From Tuesday 30th November we decided face masks would become mandatory in communal areas within Pelton Community Centre again, we looked at government guidance and felt that decision suited our building, the members using it as well as staff and volunteers. Our community have fully supported our decision, and although the odd one or two keep forgetting, they don't mind popping it on when requested. We also have masks available from reception if needed.
- On Sunday 14th November we were able to all get together for our staff xmas meal down at Sambucas in Chester -e Street. We also took the opportunity to give a good send off to Gemma and Tracy which was much appreciated. A great time was had by all,, and it was nice to chat and catch up, telling stories about the mischief Gemma and Tracy have been up to over the years.
- We have someone we wish to introduce to you all, Have you met Charlotte yet? – Charlotte is the newest member of our team. Charlotte works within the building already, working for Durham Alliance for Community Care and has now joined our team too. Charlotte will be working mostly evenings and weekends, serving in the bar, helping with room set ups, general office tasks and helping with large community events. Charlotte is busy learning the ropes but we hope to introduce Charlotte to you all over the next month or so and hopefully her role will develop into something spectacular.
- Snagging issues were resolved on our new front doors, they are now fully working and are safe for all our centre users, including those with little finger and toes. These doors do help create a nice lobby area, which is warm and welcoming. So much so, we purchased a new christmas tree to just finish the area off.



As a result of Gemma leaving us, the well established Circuits class on a Tuesday and Thursday was left

without a coach. Gemma asked around to find a replacement and was successful in finding two new coaches. We were so pleased to allow this group to continue as it has been with us for over 10 years. Gemma left a little note for the group: Since day one these guys have been my test dummies and I've loved every minute of it, I've learnt so much! It's been an absolute pleasure teaching you all for so many years, it's been fantastic getting to know you all. Thank you! 😊❤️



World Challenge



• Sophie and Laura from Park View School approached us this month to see if we could help in anyway. They are raising funds to attend the World Challenge 2023 expedition trip to Borneo, Sepilok in

July 2023. To help raise funds they will be joining us at the Merry Family Christmas Party selling goodies, doing face painting and more. They are selling Christmas Hot Chocolate kits from our Reception, and they are hosting events throughout the year. The first session being a Christmas Crafts Morning. We wish the girls the best of luck in their efforts and hope they reach their desired total. If anyone would like to kindly donate to the cause, please get in

touch.

- The season of giving. We are collecting new unwrapped toys, clothes and goodies for the Salvation Army Christmas Present appeal again this year, ensuring no child goes without. Please feel free to pop your donations into reception.

- We noticed a family of Bluetits had made a home in our bird box in the park. After posting on social media two more bird boxes were donated. We are going to ask Room 14 to give them a little decoration and they can then join the other one.

- We were also able to give away free nappies and baby items this month to help those with young children get through this expensive month. These were greatly appreciated.

- We are also continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...

Kids Christmas Craft Morning



Where: Pelton Community Centre

Date: Saturday 11th December

Time: There are 2 sessions:

10am - 11am

11am - 12noon

Price: £2 per child (includes all craft making activities only)

To ensure your place please make a reservation by texting or emailing Leanne Sutherland, Tel. 07447485125,

leannesutherland@hotmail.co.uk

Extras: *Hot chocolate*
reindeer cones

Guess the number
of sweets in the jar

Tombola



Face painting

Also selling hot and cold drinks,
mince pies and
sweets.



Hello

Christmas is a difficult time for everyone financially. If you are finding it hard at the moment and a small food parcel would help, then give us a ring at reception 0191 3700726. All collections are only by a pre-arranged appointment.

Our funding that we have secured for this project is to assist families within Pelton Parish, during this pandemic.

Thank you



Dates for your diary...

- Friday 10th December - Police Grotto outside, Hot Choc and treats inside.
- Saturday 11th - World Challenge fundraiser
- Friday 17th Dec – Chester Brass Festive Afternoon Tea
- Friday 17th Dec – Xmas Family Night
- Monday 20th December – Main Hall Floor refurb.
- A well-deserved break for staff.
- Friday 31st Dec – NYE Dance

More to come in the New Year!!!!

Thank you for taking the time to read our snapshot report, again a huge thank you goes to everyone who makes this all possible. We hope you have a lovely festive break and look forward to what fantastic projects and achievements we can come up with next year.

*Regards Clare
Robinson and
Team.*

Something from
the
Wellbeingteam
that you may
want to try.....

Alcohol Free Berry Mulled Wine

Method:



You'll need...
200ml apple juice
200 ml alcohol free wine
300ml pomegranate juice
300ml cranberry juice
1 cinnamon stick
3 cloves



- Simmer all the ingredients together for approx. 10 minutes, to allow the flavours to infuse.
- Strain the juice and discard the leftover spices.
- Serve hot and enjoy!



Chester Le Street Police
Presents
Santa in a Van!
Free Event

Friday 10th December 2021:
4-5.30pm Grange Villa
Community Centre Carpark
6-8pm Pelton Community
Centre Carpark

Saturday 11th December 2021:
2-4pm Sacriston Fulforth
Centre Carpark
5-7pm Ouston Community
Centre Carpark

Sunday 12th December 2021:
2-4pm Bullion Hall Community
Centre Carpark
5-7pm Great Lumley Community
Centre Carpark

Hot Drink & Cakes

Festive Music

Pelton Community Centre

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

MERRY
Family
Christmas
PARTY

Come along with the whole family for a night of games
& laughter this festive season.

Friday 17th December
At Pelton Community Centre
6-8pm

Tickets
£2 Child
£1 Adult

Everyone attending **MUST** have a ticket
For more information please call 0191 3700726.

PELTON PARISH COUNCIL
CHRISTMAS THEMED COMPETITION



We would like to see some Christmas themed pictures from our creative residents in Grange Villa, Perkinsville, High Handenhold, West Pelton, Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends.

The pictures could be showing us the wonderful outdoor Christmas decorations you have on display. We would also welcome any pictures drawn/painted by residents of all ages that include a Christmas theme.

All entries are to be dropped off at Pelton Community Centre or Grange Villa Enterprise Centre or emailed to the Clerk on the following email address by 31st December 2021-
Clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

A £20.00 Tesco Gift Card will be awarded for the best 2 entries-
to be announced before 31st January 2022.

A selection of entries will be published in the next Parish Council Newsletter and on our website.



Pelton Parish Council wish all of our residents a healthy and safe Christmas and we look forward to receiving your entries to this competition.



M & K
NEW YEARS EVE DANCE
at
Pelton Community Center,
Front Street, Pelton,
Chester le Street, DH2 1DE

Friday 31st December
Doors open - 7:00 Music starts - 7:30. Carriages -
12:30

Tickets £17:50

Bingo
Bucks Fizz reception

Raffle
Superb buffet



Pelton Community Centre,
Front Street,
Pelton,
Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham,
DH2 1DE
Charity Number: 1155121

We are looking to employ a
Development Worker
to fulfil a role here at Pelton Community Centre.

This is an exciting opportunity; if successful, we hope the post will develop and grow into something more over time.

Job Description: Development Worker
Hours: 17 hours per week, with the possibility of overtime.
Shifts to include daytime, evening and weekend work on a rota basis.
Based at: Pelton Community Centre, Front Street, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham DH2 1DE
Position Reports to: Community Centre Manager
Salary: £10.29 per hour (increased to £10.80 April 1st, 2022)
Closing date: Sunday 12th Dec 2021
Proposed start date: Monday 17th January 2022 (3 Month Trial period)
Position: Permanent
Annual Leave entitlement: 5 Weeks + Bank Holidays

To apply please submit a cover letter addressing each point on the person specification and attach your CV detailing your work experience to date. Applications can be hand delivered or emailed to hello@peltoncc.org.uk

Please note we will ONLY consider completed application forms from the applicant, not from third parties or agencies. We will only consider those who apply with the correct information listed above.

For more information, please contact reception on 0191 3700726 or email: hello@peltoncc.org.uk



Supported by:

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TEAM

We are also recruiting, we are looking to recruit a Development Worker, for more information please get in touch.

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Providing a strong foundation for life

Digital Drop-In

By appointment

Looking for digital support? Get one-to-one advice, online access and a chance to have chat with our friendly digital coaches at our free drop-in sessions.

When: **Thursdays commencing 25th Nov**

Venue: **Pelton Community Centre**

Time: **9:30 – 11:30 am**

- Laptops and tablets available to use, or you can bring your own device
- Free Wi-Fi
- Support on hand from our digital coaches



Call to book your appointment:

☎ 0191 223 8750