

May 2022.

Accidents/Incidents reported – 0
Complaints received – 0

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 conducted 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.

Update from Ellen:

Owl & Owlets is proving to be a popular session that is well attended by local parents. It's great to see a range of ages each week and it's wonderful to see both the children and parents socialising and engaging with each other. The group is friendly and welcoming as we continue to see new families join us on a weekly basis. We have a range of regular activities on offer as well as one off messy and

craft activities added in each week. Old clothes are advisable, as you can see from the pictures of our recent pom pom splat activity. As the warmer weather approaches, we plan to take advantage of the outdoor space within the Centre's gated park where I'm hoping we can add in some water play and gardening



Pelton Community Centre

Owl & Owlets

Fridays
9.30am-11am
No booking required

A parent/guardian and toddler group.
A safe and friendly environment for you and your children to play and socialise.
Great for 0-5's

Only £1.50 per child
Additional siblings £1.00
Call for more info : 0191 3700726

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Councillor Danny Wood



activities to create more fun for all.

Update from Hyleen: Pelton Lifeline

Project.

Hi everyone, now that a lot of restrictions have been lifted post Covid, it was time to look to re starting the Pelton Lifeline project. This is funding that we have secured to provide drop-in sessions etc. for people with substance abuse from The Police and Crime Commissioners funds pre Covid.

It was exceedingly difficult to find a provider but eventually we found one through Humankind, a gentleman called Sean who runs a two-hour drop-in session here at the centre on a Thursday afternoon. This has only been in place for two weeks, so uptake is slow as yet. We are trying to get word out about the service offered

here and we look forward to more people accessing the provision.

Many thanks

Hyleen Wood



**County Durham Drug and Alcohol
Recovery Services**

Call: 03000 266666 (option 1)

We offer a free confidential service for individuals and their families whose lives are affected by drugs and/or alcohol and who live within County Durham

**Pelton Community Centre Drop-In Every
Thursday**

1:00pm –3:00pm

Funding Update.

This has been a busy month for funding, we received the following to help improve the lives of those using our facilities.

Jubilee Celebrations, The National Lottery Community Fund awarded us £4424 for us to use in June for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations. Check out the posters for our City Swing Jubilee Celebration, our Jubilee Family Fun Day and speak to your group leader to find out how they are celebrating with us. We have also purchased fundraising games and provision to help improve all future events.

County Durham Community Foundation and County Durham Care Partnership awarded us £7975.30 to start up a new Baby Hub in Pelton, offering a drop in session on a weekly basis with visiting professionals, service providers and advisors. Ellen is now sourcing the provision we need and speaking to our local health care providers and community midwives to ensure we are doing things correctly.

Easter was fully funded, £1243.00 from AAPs Holiday Activities with Healthy Food was awarded which allowed us to provide two weeks of provision completely free to our community.

Durham County Council, The Arts, awarded us £3000 to ensure our new group, Craft Together, can run for the full year. The session runs every Thursday afternoon, is artist led and is open to anyone.

Recent Developments: Easter 2022



Lianne Boylan
Kids had a fab time
thankyou



The ladies running the session were very impressed with the creativeness and confidence the children showed when acting out their stories



Yvonne Graham
Millie had a lovely time Thank you x



Fun & Food
Funding, 2022.
What a great
Easter fortnight
we had, with
new faces, new
provision, great
provision



returning to us, a new breakfast and lunch idea, a booking system that worked, new staff on board, new ideas and lots and lots of smiley faces. We will learn for this programme, as it was very different to previous years as we needed to adapt to the needs of our community, however it was a success and we received many comments about the high quality. Each session included a free healthy meal, so many got a lovely, fruit-filled breakfast, then others received a packed lunch to eat after, we even ate outdoors some days, when the sun was shining. We were pleased to see some sessions were fully booked, and majority joined us for breakfast or lunch. We wanted to offer healthy meals and sessions that would improve their lives in one way or another. This included physical activities, mental wellbeing sessions, fun and laughter and education. What we also saw were people coming out of their comfort zones, people trying new things, meeting others, enjoying time together as a family around a table, learning new skills and venturing into our building to find out what else we do.

Final numbers of those participating were as follows...

Preschool (0-4)	32
Primary School age (4 to 11)	87
Secondary School Age (11-16)	0
16-18 (or 25 years if a young person has a disability)	1
Adults (parent/carers)	84



- We held our first Repair Café this month, people could bring unwanted electrical items in for recycling, however you were also given the option to bring broken items in for repair and we had a steady flow of people throughout the session. Items were given a new life and were sent home to be used some more. We also asked them to look over our Bingo machine and we rescued that from going to landfill. Our Battery recycle bin was emptied this month also, and we continue to do our bit throughout the building.
- Since Gemma left Pelton Community Centre (We spoke to her recently and she is loving her new job but misses us all), we had to out source someone to run the Tuesday and Thursday Gentle Circuits, Leanne and Andrea took over the sessions and they are doing really well, but still have spaces

Repair Cafe

- Do you have a broken small electrical appliance that you want to fix? Bring it along and one of our volunteers will help try and fix it and give you tips on repairing
- Do you have an unwanted small electrical item that is still in working condition? Bring it along and donate it to our local reuse charity
- Do you have an unwanted small electrical item that is broken and cannot be repaired? Bring it along and donate it to our recycling point
- Please note we cannot guarantee repair of items brought in
- If it isn't small enough to fit in a carrier bag, please recycle it at a household waste recycling centre.

The first touring Repair Café and Swap Shop!

To be held at Pelton Community Centre between 9am-12pm on the 30th April 2022

Free Tea and Coffee will also be available!

Our Repair Café Swap Shop aims to keep second-hand clothing in active use to reduce textile waste.

Bring along any clean clothes, in good condition and take part in our Swap Shop. If you donate an item of clothing, you can take an item from our selection and give it a new life.

www.durham.gov.uk/WEEE

CDHS Recycle Valpak go Durham

In partnership with Valpak, ACUson and County Durham Furniture Help Scheme



training this month. They are now Qualified Walk Leaders and can step in when required, or lead walks of their own on different days. This is a voluntary role but these volunteers often say they benefit greatly by coming along week to week. We have seen a lovely group form, and noticed they do enjoy a nice biscuit and sometimes a slice of cake after their go minute walk. Well deserved though!

for new people to join. 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays in our Main Hall with a cuppa after in the lounge 😊

- Two walkers from our Wednesday morning walk, which leaves at 10am from reception, come rain or shine, participated in their walk leader



We are also continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...you just need to ask.

Dates for your diary...

- Saturday 4th June, City Swing Queens Jubilee Celebration, £5 a ticket, doors open 12.30pm.
- Sunday 5th June, Family Funday with Pelton Parish Council, £1 a ticket, 1-4pm.
- Friday 1st July, Party Bingo, 7pm-late, more info coming soon.
- Sunday 17th July, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.
- Monday 25th July, Summer Provision for young people and their families to enjoy.
- Sunday 14th August, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.
- Sunday 11th September, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.
- Sunday 9th October, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.
- Sunday 20th November, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.
- Sunday 11th December, Aladdin Panto, 10am.
- Friday 16th Dec – Festive Afternoon Tea with Chester Brass
- Sunday 18th December, Afternoon tea dance with M&K Dance.

We are also supporting Kaylans Journey, Kaylans Mam and Dad attend our gym most days and are looking to fundraise to help purchase a much needed bed for Kaylan. We have offered them our Main Hall, Bar and Staff for the evening to help them raise some funds. If you can help or donate in anyway please get in touch.

Regards Clare Robinson and Team



Kaylan's journey

Disco, Games

,Tombola,Bar,popcorn and candy floss 1per child ,Buffet and many more surprises!!!

May
20th
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Why don't you come along to the fun? In aid to help support Kaylan's journey on getting a specialist Bed to meet and protect his needs

Location - Pelton Community Centre
Chester le street DH2 1DE

Were tickets will be sold also at £2.50 per person



Jubilee Celebrations

City Swing

Saturday 4th June 2022

Tickets £5 per Person

Limited tickets available

Afternoon Tea, Music & Dancing

Bar Open

Doors open 12.30pm

Afternoon Tea 1pm

Music 1.30-2.30pm

Interval

Music 3-4pm

Photographer will be present on the day

Call 0191 3700726 for more information or pop in to buy tickets

Afternoon tea & admission included in ticket price







WITH US

Celebrate!



Rouse School of
Dance Performances



Family Fun Day

Sunday 5th June 2022
Drop in between 1-4pm
£1 a ticket

(Tickets on sale Monday 16th May)

Ticket only event, Limited tickets available, under 1's go free. Sales limited to 5 tickets per person.



'Please come in your Red, White and Blue clothes'





To purchase tickets please pop into Pelton Community Centre Reception, cash only. Call us for more info 0191 3700726. We will have a photographer present on the day. Kindly funded by The National Lottery's Community Fund.