



**Pelton
Community
Centre**

Centre Manager Report -
Clare Robinson

MARCH 2023

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.

Recent Developments:

- Our photo competition entries have been printed and framed. We are in the process of hanging them across the building for everyone to view and admire.

If you submitted a picture we would love you to pop in and see it, you can even have your photo taken with it....perfect selfie opportunity 📸



- After their success at other venues recently **Recyke y'Bike**

Chester-le-

Street are hosting

at **Pelton Community Centre**. Saturday 18th March, come along with your bike, learn to fix and maintain a safe bike.



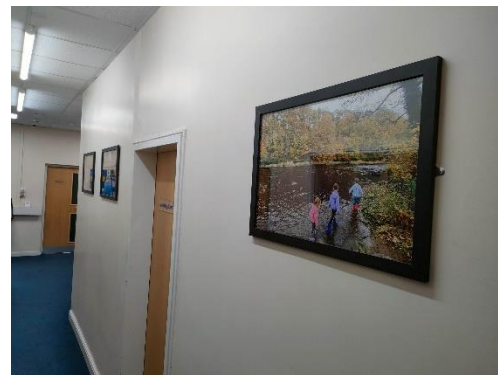
We will have cuppas, juice and snacks out too!!

BOOKING essential, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../bite-bike-tickets...>

- What a fantastic session we had with **Construction Kids** today, with 30 children all having a great time building, racing and exploring the endless possibilities of Lego. Funding wasn't used for this session, therefore we had to charge a little more per ticket to cover our costs. This isn't something we usually do but thought we would give it a

try, yet it still sold out at £4 a child. We do tend to find if it is a great session, with a known provider, then families do like to still attend and join the fun.

Thank you **Construction Kids**! 🍷 The grownups had a nice cuppa too.



Bite & Bike

Join us for an afternoon of bike maintenance mysteries. Bring y'bike and learn how to fix it under the supervision of our experienced staff and volunteers.

The activity is free and suitable for a maximum of twelve children aged 7-16. Please, book your space at: <https://tinyurl.com/bdzb36xf>

2:00 - 3:30 PM, MARCH 18, 2023

@PELTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, FRONT ST. DH2 1DE

Pelton Community Centre

Recyke y'bike



We may add more sessions to our program of events like this, in amongst our fully funded sessions that are either free or a nominal 50p.



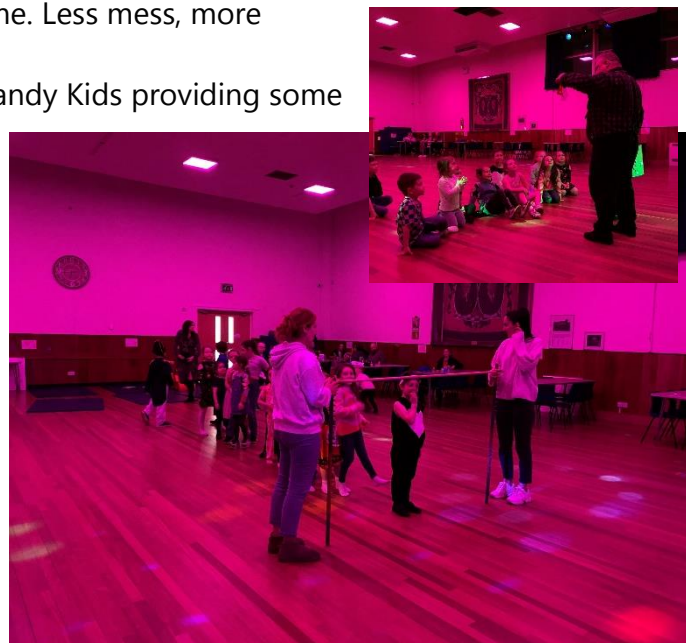
- I popped to Pelton Chapel this month to have a cuppa and drop off somethings we thought they may be able to use. It was a lovely group, friendly, with homemade goodies on offer too. They continue to offer so much for our community.

Coffee Mornings, Thursdays, 9.30-11am. ☕

Recently we were awarded funding to make over 250 warm packs for the whole area to distribute, through the AAP, and we were tasked with purchasing, making the packs up and distributing. Over 8 other community buildings were invited to collect around 20 packs each and distribute them to their area. We also worked closely with schools, nurseries, the police, the fire brigade and local churches. Pelton Chapel kindly offered to distribute them as well and were very grateful. The warm packs included a flask, hot water bottle, blanket and socks, information booklets and sheets as well as cuppa soups and hot chocolate sachets.



- Events are increasing and our building is perfect for all celebrations. Our Room 3 was hired for a 1st Birthday and what a lovely set up they had, we also had a wedding reception use Room 3, between their wedding ceremony and their evening do elsewhere. They hired the room, ordered a buffet and had a good chat and catch up before the wedding party that evening. Our rooms start at £10 an hour, so ideal for celebrations out of your home. Less mess, more space and we do all the setting up etc.
- Friday 17th was our first quiet family disco with Candy Kids providing some entertainment in our Main Hall, for just £2 a ticket. We decorated, added a soft play area, held a raffle and placed colouring on the tables. It was a smaller event, with no bar, however those who came were the more nervous, quieter children and this event worked out perfectly. Our younger families really enjoyed it. We will continue to do our usual family nights with the bar as these also work well, but may add a smaller one in every now and then.





- Our Wednesday walk is still thriving, with over 20 walkers coming along at 10am. This month they celebrated a 70th Birthday, Eric, one of our walk leaders, was given a mini party that week, each walker came with a plate of goodies. Anyone

can join our walk, they head out for no more than 90 minutes usually and they are great at celebrating birthdays.



- If you pop in our hall you may see our new banner on display, Sunday 5th March was a big day here at the centre, those who were members, family of members or remembered Peltons Jazz Band, the Stargazers, came together to see the original banner unveiling. Kevan Jones MP unveiled the banner for all to see, our hall was full of stalls and

activities, and John and Joan Dodds gathered memorabilia for all to see. The celebrations went on into the evening, with entertainment, food and some good fun.

Thank you to all who attended.



PELTON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BLOOM COMPETITION (PPNIB)

What is the PPNIB Competition? –

The PPNIB Competition encourages community green projects, impressive floral displays and important environmental improvements in the Pelton Parish area. The aim is to create a more attractive environment in which we can all live, visit and work. The competition is open to all individuals, groups and organisations throughout the Pelton Parish area.

Only gardens viewable from a public highway or footpath are eligible, (does not apply to allotments or schools).

Who can enter the competition?

These are the 4 different categories that you can enter-

1. School, Community Building or Business Frontage
2. Neighbourhood Area or Group Project
3. Garden or Yard
4. Allotment/kitchen garden. If you don't have a garden, you can use plant pots, containers, window boxes or hanging baskets for your displays viewable from a public highway or footpath.

How do I enter?

All residents will have a Parish Council Newsletter delivered in February 2023. Further information and an entry form is included in the newsletter. You can also enter using the QR code below.

Everyone who participates will be helping to improve the Pelton Parish area, and you could win a gift voucher and a trophy.



Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information on 07912688050 or clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

All completed entries to be returned between 1.3.23 & 30.6.23. Judging will take place week commencing 24th July 2023 and 31st July 2023. Winners will be informed by 30th September 2023. A presentation will be carried out in October 2023- date, time and venue tbc. Further information, rules, guidance and updates will be detailed on the Parish Council Website-

[Pelton Parish Neighbourhood in Bloom Competition - Pelton Parish Council](https://www.peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk/PPNIB)



- Pelton Community Centre is going to enter Pelton Parish Neighbourhood In Bloom this year and would kindly ask for some community help and support with this, maybe you can spare an hour a week and you love gardening and can help improve our surroundings? The plan is to improve the front of Room 14, our Main entrance and give our bottom park some much needed TLC.

Who can help?

We will provide everything required we hope.



Drop-in
Warm Spaces

Every Thursday 10-4pm
and Saturday 10-2pm

We all know how much our utility prices are rocketing up. Pop along to spend some time here at the centre in a nice warm room, no charge. Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Meet other people, enjoy a chat. Do the crossword or puzzles in the newspaper. Enjoy one of the small activities that are on offer.



For more information, please contact 0191 3700726

Pelton Community Centre

Hello Everyone,
March 2023

Our Warm Spaces is continuing to run on Thursdays & Saturday's here at the centre. Although these days are advertised as Warm Spaces, we do actually offer warmth & a cuppa to people every day. They may be part of a group having a cuppa or just an odd person or more who just drops in & we provide refreshments.



On a Thursday for our last four weeks, we have had 10,13,4 and 9 people accessing our facilities. The atmosphere in the group is very friendly, sociable with lots of reminiscing as a lot of people know each other with being a small community.

As part of "Warm Spaces" age UK are providing Indoor Archery in our main hall at the same time as our Thursday group. The numbers attending are increasing slowly and we had 6 people at our last session on 2/3/23.

We provide a variety of hot drinks and a snack e.g. hot cross buns, crumpets etc each day. We have found, through trial & error, that this is the most suitable kind of food items to provide. Lots of games & activities are provided and scrabble and dominoes seem to be among the most popular. Please send me any questions regarding this project by email & I will answer them. Many thanks, Hyleen

Funding Applications:

- We have recently completed two large funding applications to try to improve the building in many ways. I recently mentioned our 5 part capital programme, and these applications may well help us with three of the five areas. We have applied to the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls fund for over £20,000 to help create a safe space outdoors for Room 14, including seating, food area, lockable storage and sports area. We have also applied to Durham County Council for a new roof to be fitted on the Main Hall (Over recent years all other areas have been replaced) and some internal improvements to our Main Hall including cladding on the walls to create a multi use space. I will update you further as the applications progress.
- We are often struggling to fit groups, meetings and events into our busy diary. Of course we have quiet spells, but during the busy popular times, and at weekends we often have to turn people away. Looking at Party availability for weekends we are fully booked for the next 3 months, and have bookings in right up until November and December.
- Some groups failed to get up and running this month and have sadly had to pull out of our timetable. Step forward with North East Dance was a fully funded session, making it free for those who wanted to come and try something new, however not a single person came along, and we did try for a number of weeks, with posters, leaflets and lots of advertising, but it wasn't to be. We hope to retry again in the future, possibly earlier in the day if possible.

As always we are continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...you just need to ask.

Regards Clare Robinson and Team

We need your help!

In 2023 it's our Community centres 50th birthday!

We would love your help to construct a timeline covering the Community centre over the last 50 years.

We would like information, photos, newspaper articles, personal stories relating to the community centre over this period. Did you attend any groups here? Have a party or wedding reception? Etc

We will photocopy any images & give you the originals back straight away.

Please call into reception with any information that you have or email it to us on hello@peltoncc.org.uk
Could you please note the date that these events took place,

Thank you.

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Community Litter Picking

Can you head out and litter pick around our local area?

If so, ask at reception NOW as we can supply all the equipment you will need!

 Love
where
you
Live

 Pelton Parish Council
Committed to Our Community



Waste Not Box

We all end up with left over nappies when they move up a size, or a few jars of unused baby food as their taste buds change.

Don't waste it share it!!

Any baby or children's products you have that are left over, (unopened/unused) pop it in this box and if anyone can use it, they can take it free of charge.

Save it from the bin and share with a friend!



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We have setup a Waste Not Box that will be out during our Baby Hub and Owl & Owlet sessions.

We all end up with left over nappies when babies move up a size, or a few jars of unused baby food as their taste buds change. Any (small) baby or children's products you have that are left over, (unopened/unused) pop it in the box during the sessions and if anyone can use it, they can take it free of charge.

Save it from the bin and share with a friend!