



Introduction

Welcome to Pelton Youth Project's September 2023 update, which exhibits an active and dynamic summer holiday programme provided. This includes our onsite and offsite activities for junior, senior, and DofE members; as well as our DofE qualifying expeditions for young people at both gold and silver levels of the awards. The report also includes our plans for the beginning of a new school year, and a new term for the youth project. Standard information relating to funding and monthly attendance can be found towards the end of the document. Our report is written to keep our trustees, funders, partners, parents, and young people informed of Pelton Youth Project's progress. Should there be any questions relating to the content of this report, then please contact me (Tom), Youth Project Manager at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk.



Summer Programme 2023



Our Junior Youth Club members were able to access four onsite youth sessions, funded by Durham Fun & Food. During these sessions, our young people participated in nutrition sessions, music, crafts, and sports. In addition to our onsite sessions, JYC members could book onto two of four offsite visits which included War Room Laser, Infinite Air, Jump Giants, and Hollywood Bowl. Young people were thrilled to take part in these opportunities with their friends and the response from families has been supportive and positive as always.

Young people from our Senior Youth Clubs in Pelton, Grange Villa and Bournmoor were able to participate in four onsite sessions, where they worked on a graffiti art mural for the cyber safety programme. These young people were also able to participate in offsite visits to Top Gear Karting, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Roseberry Driving Range, Whitley Bay Ice Rink, The Vue Cinema, Jump Giants, Infinite Air, and TeamSport Karting. Again, attendance was fantastic, and the feedback from the community on what we provide young people is always motivating.



In addition to our Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions, which we discuss later in the report. Our young people attending our DofE sessions were able to participate in three offsite visits over the summer holidays. There were two paddle boarding and canoeing days at Scaling Dam Reservoir and an activity day at Ravensgill Camp Site, all led by Tees Outdoors. It was great for our DofE members to access these opportunities given the hard work they put into completing their awards.



DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition 2023

In August 2023, ten members working towards their gold DofE awards completed their qualifying expedition. Their gold qualifying challenge involved canoeing for four days along the Caledonian Canal in Scotland, from Fort William to Inverness. Aside from the physical canoeing trials, young people carried their own camping equipment, and set up their own camps. They carried four-days worth of food, and cooked all their meals using Trangia stoves throughout the expedition. The group perfected their navigation, resilience, determination and team work skills, qualities which they will take with them into their adult lives. The gold level of the award is by far the most challenging, and the gold qualifying expedition is the most difficult for young people to complete. So, we wanted to say a massive well done to all of these young people, you should be very proud of your achievements.



DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition 2 2023

Also in August 2023, another cohort of young people participated in their silver qualifying expedition. In May 2023, our first group of young people completed their silver qualifier, and this second group of young people were able to complete their three day walking challenge in the Northumberland area too. This route can be demanding, with tricky terrain, and an unusually cold and wet August, so these young people have done amazingly well to complete their expedition, with positive reviews from our DofE leader Davey and assessor Paul. A massive congratulations to you all.





Durham Youth Council – Youth Awards 2023



The youth work team and young people were thrilled to be nominated for a Youth Award 2023, for our work delivering youth social action project Box Buddies are Back, funded by County Durham Community Foundation #iwill programme. This project is led by our senior youth club members, benefitting those young people accessing junior's sessions. On Wednesday 16th August 2023, a small group of young people and youth workers attended the awards ceremony at Beamish Hall Hotel, which included welcome refreshments and a buffet lunch. It was wonderful to see so many young people being recognised for their selflessness from across the

County, including young people from our very own project. We were elated to win one of the group awards, and a massive thanks to Jess, Ella, and Ava for representing our youth project during the event.

Services Restart – September 2023

We are heading into a busy September 2023, when our services for young people will restart. This includes our junior, senior, and DofE provision across the Pelton, Grange Villa, Fencehouses, and Bournmoor communities, with young people welcome from all of the surrounding villages and communities. There will be some changes to the days and times of our offsite sports and activity sessions. Our additional session in partnership with Chester-Le-Street CofE School will also begin in September 23, serving the South Pelaw community.



Youth Print Durham



The youth project will commence work as the anchor organisation for Youth Print Durham, serving the North Durham area. We are excited to begin our partnership with the newly appointed strategic manager for Youth Print Durham, Rachel Avery. There is a collaboration meeting set up for agencies supporting young people in the Consett area, so we are excited to begin working with our youth work colleagues in those communities.

Park View School Partnership

Pelton Community Association are excited to be working in partnership with Park View School, commencing in September 2023. Park View are going to be delivering their alternative education provision from Room 14 Youth Centre five days a week in term time. We are confident that this move will strengthen our partnership, and lead to additional projects.



Room 14 Youth Centre Garden

Our work and efforts continue to secure the funding required to make our Youth Centre Garden a reality, giving young people an outdoor space to spend time during our youth work sessions. To date, we have a pledge of £5,000 from the Bernard Sunley Foundation towards the project, and have applied for further funds, including to Durham County Council S106 funding. We look forward to providing a further update, hopefully with more funding secured.



Fundraising Update

Our progress in terms of fundraising throughout July and August 2023 has been tremendously encouraging. A total of £20,000.00 was incoming in grant funding in July 23 alone, which comprised five grants. The Barbour Foundation awarded £5000, the Hadrian Trust £500, the Three Monkeys Charitable Trust £2500, the Sir James Knott Charitable Trust £10000, and finally £2000 from the Hedley Foundation. Then a further £12000 was awarded in August 23 from two grants. These were £10000 from County Durham Community Foundation PCN Community Investment Funding, and £2000 from the John Priestman Charity Trust. This means a total of £32,000.00 has been raised by Pelton Youth Project since our previous update, the support we receive is essential to the survival of our services and is always immensely appreciated.

Attendance July & August 2023

As of the end of August 23, we have continued to make progress in our aim to support over one thousand young people in 2023-2024. To date, we have worked with 644 young people, an increase of 7% from June 23 to August 23. This figure includes 437 young people participating in One Youth CLS sessions funded by the National Lottery.

Total 2022-2023 Attendance	644
One Youth Chester-Le-Street	437
R14 Senior Youth Clubs	135
R14 Junior Youth Clubs	179
R14 Sports & Activity Sessions	158
R14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award	62
School Holiday Programmes	205
Grange Villa Youth Clubs	81
Fencehouses & Bournmoor Sessions	54

Closing Comment

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OUR SESSIONS:

Monday:
Room 14, Fencehouses & Grange Villa Joint Activity Session | 5pm - 8pm (11 - 19) [Free]
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 19) [£1 Entry]

Tuesday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (7 - 12) [£1 Entry]
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 19) [£1 Entry]

Wednesday:
C of E Primary School South Pelaw Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (7 - 14) [£1 Entry]
Room 14 Offsite Activity/Outreach Session | 5:30pm - 8pm (11 - 19) [Free]
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+) [£1 Entry]

Thursday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (7 - 12) [£1 Entry]
Room 14 Activity Session | 6pm - 8pm (11 - 19) [Free]
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+) [£1 Entry]

Friday:
Grange Villa Junior Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (7 - 14) [50p Entry]

Sponsors:
BALLINGER CHARITABLE TRUST, Supported by Children in Need, County Durham Community Foundation, COMMUNITY FUND, Pelton Parish Council, Pelton Youth Project

To conclude, I would like to thank our youth workers for the delivery of a fantastic summer programme for young people, from across our services and our communities. It is clear from the responses from parents and directly from young people, that they've appreciated the opportunities available. I would like to thank the National Lottery, Durham Fun & Food, and the Ballinger Trust who supported our summer programme financially. A massive congratulations to all those DofE participants who have completed their qualifying expeditions with us this summer, you've been hard

working and resilient throughout those physical challenges. We are looking forward to a busy September 23 and restarting our term time services for young people. Finally, to the seven grant funders who have awarded our youth project grants, and helped us to raise £32,000.00 in two months, an enormous thank you, from everyone here at Pelton Youth Project, and Pelton Community Association.