

November 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.



Report from Hyleen

Our Space, This facility is still used every week by varying numbers of people.

For Halloween we provided a treat for the group of old-fashioned sweets & gingerbread cake. They all enjoyed this & went home with their tin of sweets.

For Guy Fawkes we celebrated on the 2/11/23 with a buffet lunch for everyone. They took the leftovers home to use at teatime, as a lot of our clients live on their own.

Food Parcels

We do distribute some food parcels to people in the area who are financially finding things hard.

We know that in a month or two time the need is going to be much greater when people must start using heating & more electricity in their homes. This is when money is very tight for some people.

We are looking into possible further funding so that we can help these families.

OPSIF During October we completed the talks by wellbeing for life. This one focused on Exercise for the older person. The numbers were not great for these sessions but we had attendees at all of them. Helping someone is better than helping no one.

On 20-10-23 there was a craft session making a seaside scene out of driftwood. The tutor was Forget me Not Art.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this & were very pleased with the end results.

These are a couple of photos from the Driftwood craft.





OPSIF
Make a small seaside scene.

Friday 20th October 10am - 12pm.

Places are limited, pop into reception to register.

For more info call: 01913700726

Making memories with us

Many thanks for reading my report & contact me if you need any further information.

Hyleen (Centre Co-ordinator)



OPSIF

Old persons isolation fund.

Visitor Talks

20.09.23 - 12 - 2PM
Caring for your mental health.

27.09.23 - 12 - 2PM
Diet for the older person.

04.10.23 - 12 - 2PM
Caring for feet, nails, body etc.

11.10.23 - 12 - 2PM
Exercise for the older person.

For more details pop in or call: 01913700726.



OPSIF
OLDER PERSONS Isolation Fund

Quilling Workshop

Tuesday 28th November
1.15pm - 3.15pm

Book your place at Reception

Limited spaces available.
For more info: 01913700726

Ellens Report,

A busy October for our children and their families, with lots going on, especially in the half term holidays. The Halloween Family disco was a great sold-out event, with all ages coming together, friendship groups meeting up and having so much fun. We also held a Wizard Class...

We had great fun at our Wizard Class, our hall magically turned into Hogwarts and we spent the afternoon making spell books, wands and potions with

[STARS Community Learning CIC.](#)

Stacey and her team of wizard teachers kept the children engrossed for the full session and then filled everyone's tummy's up with some delicious tea of curry, rice and naan bread! Thanks to funding provided by the Durham County Council Fun and Food team we were able to run this amazing session

free of charge 😊 The feedback from families was fantastic.



We also held a special Baby Messy play in the holidays to allow little ones to get a bit messy and make a mess of our Main Hall, instead of their own homes. Exploring texture, new feels and smells is always great fun and very educational for little ones, encouraging trying new things, using new motor skills and more...however it is

not always possible, and fun, in your own home when you are worried about the cleaning up.....so we filled our Main Hall and invited everyone in with the help of our fab volunteers Helen and Ian. We had over 30 families joining us and can't wait for our next one.



Some great news this month! We were successful in some further funding for our Baby Hub session which currently runs every Monday, however due to lack of funding,.. was soon scheduled to end. This additional funding will allow us to keep it going and will help so many new mums who can pop in, meet others, get guidance and advice from visiting professionals, baby can relax and enjoy our sensory toys etc. and be introduced to all the fun and exciting things we do in our building. We also encourage Mental health and Wellbeing for the parents in the session, ensuring they continue to look after themselves as well as baby, as we are aware parenthood comes with some big challenges these days. Our next visitor will hopefully be looking at relaxing and our mental wellbeing, giving us some 'me time'.



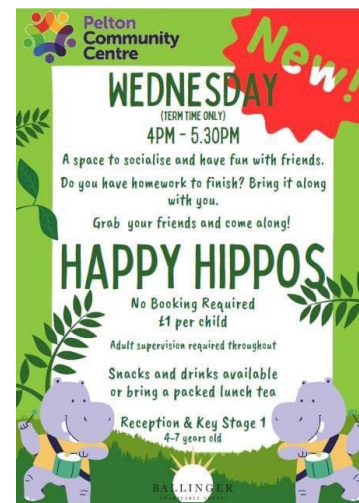
Our FitMammas session continues to be a big hit with Get Fit North East on a Wednesday morning, so much so we have added another session and run two back to back, giving around 20 new mums a week, the chance to get back into fitness safely, in a familiar surroundings, building confidence and exercising with the instruction of our fab Get Fit North East Instructor Tanya. The babies get a little play on our mats with sensory toys, they can do some tummy time or enjoy the colour



changing lights on our ceiling with mum by their side.

A funding bid was submitted this month to ensure this session can stay and be a weekly group all next year, so fingers crossed we can. The funding we have at present allows us to offer this session for free, ensuring the cost is not a barrier for new mums not exercising.

We are still a little low on numbers within our Happy Hippos after school club, but hope this builds over the winter months and grows to be a great weekly session, helping families through homework struggles and stress, the cost of living crisis and other challenges we often face. The space is warm, we have hot drinks and offer snacks.

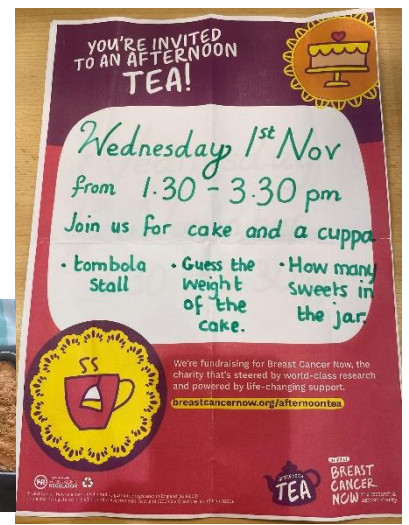


Recent Developments:

A busy month in the centre, busy with events our public are hosting, event planing for ourselves, and unlike previous years, a busy half term holidays to keep families busy.



- Claire hired our lounge and hosted a 2 hour Afternoon Tea fundraiser and managed to raise a whopping £470 on the day through a tombola, cake sale, games and activites. Well done Claire and her volunteers, that is a great amount of money to raise for Breast Cancer Now.

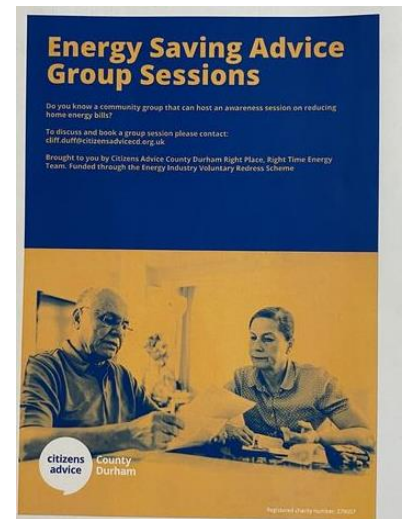


- We also received our certificate from Cllr Danny Wood at the Pelton Parish Council meeting this month. This was for our Gold award in the recent Pelton in Bloom Competition and we were very pleased with our award.

- Citizens Advice popped into the 'Our Space' project this month to chat to our regulars about the challenges ahead with regards to energy consupctions, ways in which you can save and things

to look out for. We encourage all providers and services to pop in if they can help our regulars at any point.

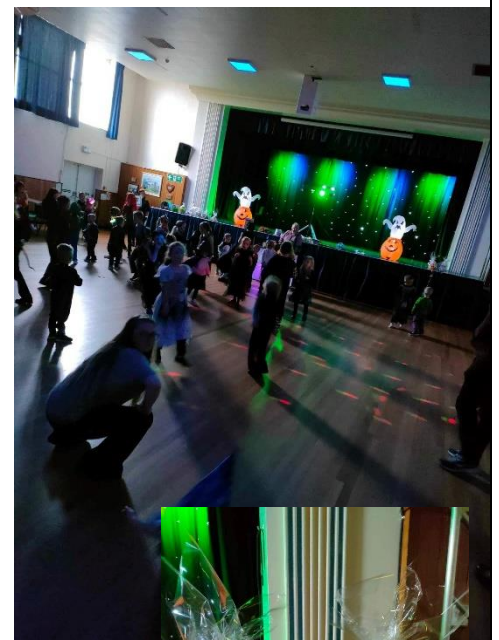
- Beyond Caring was a fabulous evening for those who came, we were surprised at the low numbers and wished more people would've come along, but for those who came, it was a lovely evening. The feedback from the audience and those who saw it was amazing to read. Our stage and hall provided the perfect location for a performance like that, and with seating up to 250 we hope, one day, to provide a sell out performance for you all to enjoy. I was lucky enough to be invited to the Gala Theatre to watch the opening night and thoroughly enjoyed it, and funding allowed us to keep the price of the ticket low for our community, which is always nice.



- We celebrated Halloween well in our building this year, with decorations, parties and fun groups. Those who hire our facilities always go to town in their themed sessions and it is always lovely to see. Jill, Yoga Pupz Chester-le-street was dressed up for her sessions, Durham Alliance for Community care made decorations and our Family Night was a sell out. Candy Kids always do us



proud, and provide 2 hours a full entertainment, getting the parents involved too. We held a raffle, best dressed competitions and invited Fidget and Things in to sell pocket money toys and treats to our families.



- We are again supporting The Salvation Army this year and collecting gifts and goodies to go to those who won't receive a thing this year. We find our community love to add just something small (Needs to be a new gift for babies up to 18yrs, and unwrapped) to

those less fortunate. We encourage you to just add something small to your shopping if you can and pop it in the box. We will collect right up to the week before Christmas, however get them in now if you can so they can start planning.



As always we are continuing to offer food parcels to those in need...you just need to ask.
Our Community centre also allows you to recycle damaged, broken or unwanted electrical items that fit in a carrier, these can be put in the DCC box under reception. You can also recycle your old batteries and now your soft plastics.

Regards Clare Robinson and Team



M&K Music and Dance

Thank you to everyone that joined us last night at Pelton Community Centre
Our next dance at Pelton is Saturday 18th November when we have a fabulous demonstration by the current British Amateur Modern Sequence and British Amateur Classical Sequence Champions Emma Walker and Harry Smith Hampton
Doors open at 7
Music starts at 7:30

 Proudly present their 2023 touring pantomime

Sleeping Beauty

Sunday 17th December 2023

10am start

£3 a ticket

Featuring State-of-the-Art
**BACK-PROJECTION
SCENERY**

Everyone needs a ticket (Under 1's free) and all children must be accompanied. Tickets available from reception, for more info please call 0191 3700726. Canteen will be on for drinks and snacks.
Two 40-minute performances with a 20-minute interval. Suitable for the whole family.

 **Christmas family night**

BLUE VS YELLOW!

Friday 22nd December
6 - 8PM

£2 Per ticket - EVERYBODY NEEDS ONE!

Limited amount, be quick to avoid disappointment!

Adult supervision required at all times!



BAR OPEN **CANDY** **RAFFLE**
Kids Entertainment

For more info call: 01913700726

This will be our last report until the new year, as we do not meet as a Board in December, so we do hope you all have a great time over the Festive Period. However, we are still here at the centre, opening every day except bank holidays we think, so we have lot's more to offer you before Christmas and look forward to celebrating with you all.