



August and September 2025

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 Ellen – September 2025 Owlets Beach Trip

This summer, 63 members of our Owl & Owlets group enjoyed our much-anticipated annual trip to South Shields.

Thanks to generous funding from our County Councillors, we were able to provide coach transport for over 30 attendees, making it easier for families to travel together comfortably and safely. Additionally, we offered packed lunches for the children and chips for the adults, helping to ease financial pressures and ensure everyone could fully enjoy the day. The feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive. It was heartening to see so many smiles and hear the laughter of children throughout the day. Events like this are a wonderful reminder of how targeted funding can create meaningful and memorable experiences that are accessible to all.



Summer Activities Programme

Thanks to funding from the Banks Community Fund and Cash for Kids North East, we were able to deliver a full and varied six week summer activities programme for local families.



We offered a wide range of activities to suit all ages and interests, including:

- Baking Paw Biscuits with Creative Kitchen
- A variety of craft sessions, including a Friendship Bracelet Workshop and activities led by our Craft Together group
- Sports and fitness sessions in partnership with Sportscool Durham and Get Fit North East
- A Family Drum Workshop and family board game session
- And the return of our ever popular Big Science Show

The programme was extremely well received,

with many sessions fully booked:

- Total Participants: 354 across 16 sessions
- Booking Rate: 90% of available spaces reserved
- Attendance Rate: 88% of those booked attended

Feedback was incredibly positive, with many parents highlighting the accessibility, quality, and inclusive nature of the activities:



"Friendly welcome, plenty of games and pizza for everyone. Enjoyed bingo."

"The activities outside were brilliant. My little ones loved making potions."

"The organisation and structure of the activities. Such a great community centre. Very inclusive to all children and caters to a variety of ages."

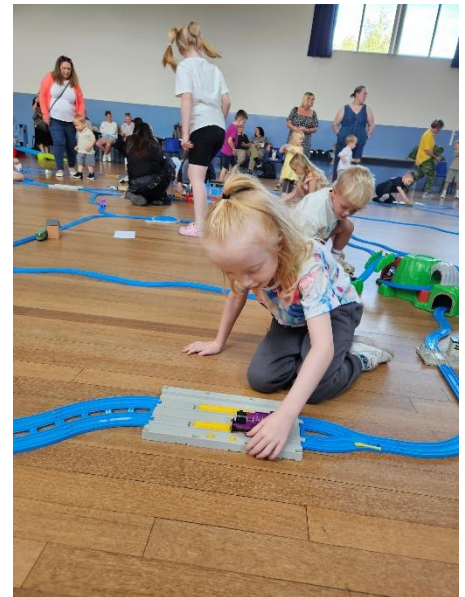
It was especially encouraging to hear that many new families joined us after hearing about the programme through word of mouth, and that many participants returned for multiple sessions. The feedback has also provided us with valuable insights and ideas for future holiday activity planning.

Beamish Museum Community Support Pass

We are pleased to share that we have successfully secured a Community Support Pass from Beamish Museum. This initiative, offered by the museum to small local charities, allows us to purchase an annual pass that provides entry for up to five people during regular opening hours.

Our aim in acquiring this pass is to offer our service users the opportunity to experience all that Beamish Museum has to offer, its unique heritage, exhibits, and activities, in an accessible and enjoyable way.

Once the pass system is in place, it will be available for service users to borrow on a booking basis. They will be able to reserve a date, collect the pass, and return it after use. We hope this initiative will help create meaningful experiences and memorable days out for those we support.



Our Space

Our new motto is

'Anytime is a Warm Space time' here at the centre.

Anyone can call in for a cuppa anytime.

Thursday's session continues to be well attended. With up to approx. 20 people joining us.

There is a weekly 'Move and Grow' gardening session and Our Space is used as a cuppa & chat area for these people too.

We also continue to provide a cuppa & a warm space to anyone who calls in at any time.

Food Parcels & Ready Meals

With funding from Age UK we provide 40 two course meals a week to the over 50's living around Pelton Parish.

Food parcels are available to anyone who calls into the centre. What we say to people is that we are not somewhere to come every week. We are here, with supplies, in a crisis. We can direct them to where they can access help longer term.

We have ready meals here weekly, to help our community through the cost-of-living crisis. If you feel these would be beneficial and you are **50yrs +** then please get in touch.

If this is you (or you have a friend or relative), please email us with your/their name and contact number.

Email: hello@peltoncc.org.uk

Call us on 01913700726 or pop into reception.

We will require you to complete an information form, but this is not means tested.

Come Join Us

With funding from the AAP, we continue our Come Join Us project. We had approx. £5,800 to be spent by September 2025.

July

Monday 7th **Film** Bonnie & Clyde 10.30-1pm

Tuesday 8th **Craft** Silk Painting 9.30-11.30am

Thursday 10th **Craft** Collage Workshop 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 23rd **Film** Chicago 1.30-3.30pm

August

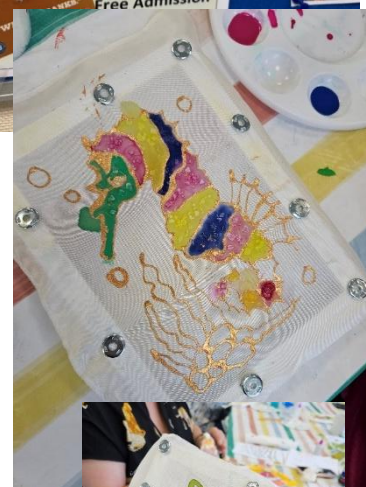
Wednesday 6th **Craft** Glass Painting Techniques 1-3pm

Monday 18th **Film** Some Like It Hot 11am-1.30pm

Tuesday 19th **Craft** Glass 'S' Curls workshop

There were seven people who attended the film showing.

But it was a great success with these people. They enjoyed a selection of snacks & an ice cream halfway through the film.



Everyone said that they had had great fun.

This craft workshop had 13 attendees. It was led by Helen Wheatley of Helen Wheatley art.

Everyone completed two pieces of work during the session. Some results are shown below.



Six ladies took part in this activity, again with Helen Wheatley Art



Thirteen ladies joined us for this film showing.



They all really enjoyed this film & a few of them admitted to a few tears during the film.

The pasties & fruit were a great success as snacks.

An ice cream halfway through also went down well.

Fourteen people attended our Glass Painting workshop, which was the last craft session of this funding, run by Helen Wheatley Art.



Everyone decorated a wine glass and a tee light holder.

We had 16 ladies attend this film showing, which happens to be the last one of this Come Join Us funding.

Everyone really enjoyed the film, in fact one or two said they had never seen it before.



It is also a great social scene where people meet up with friends and family.

A party atmosphere was enjoyed with snacks, drinks & ice creams. Lots of comments were 'When is the next one on?'

The first of our two glass workshops was held on the 19th August. 11 people attended this session. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it & there were some great glass pieces created.



If you require any further information, then do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Hyleen Wood

Centre Coordinator.



Recent Developments:

• Skydive, They Did It! 🎉

Helen and Barbie have successfully completed their skydive, joined by Steph, Helen, and James. In an unforgettable day full of nerves, emotion, and excitement! Both ladies showed incredible courage, and it was amazing to watch the sky fill with parachutes as they made their descent. What a moment!

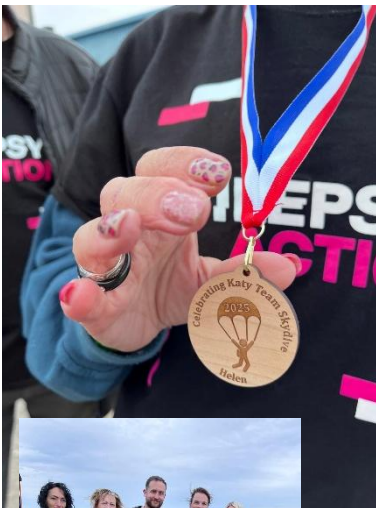
A huge thank you to everyone who's supported our journey so far, your

donations and encouragement have meant the world.

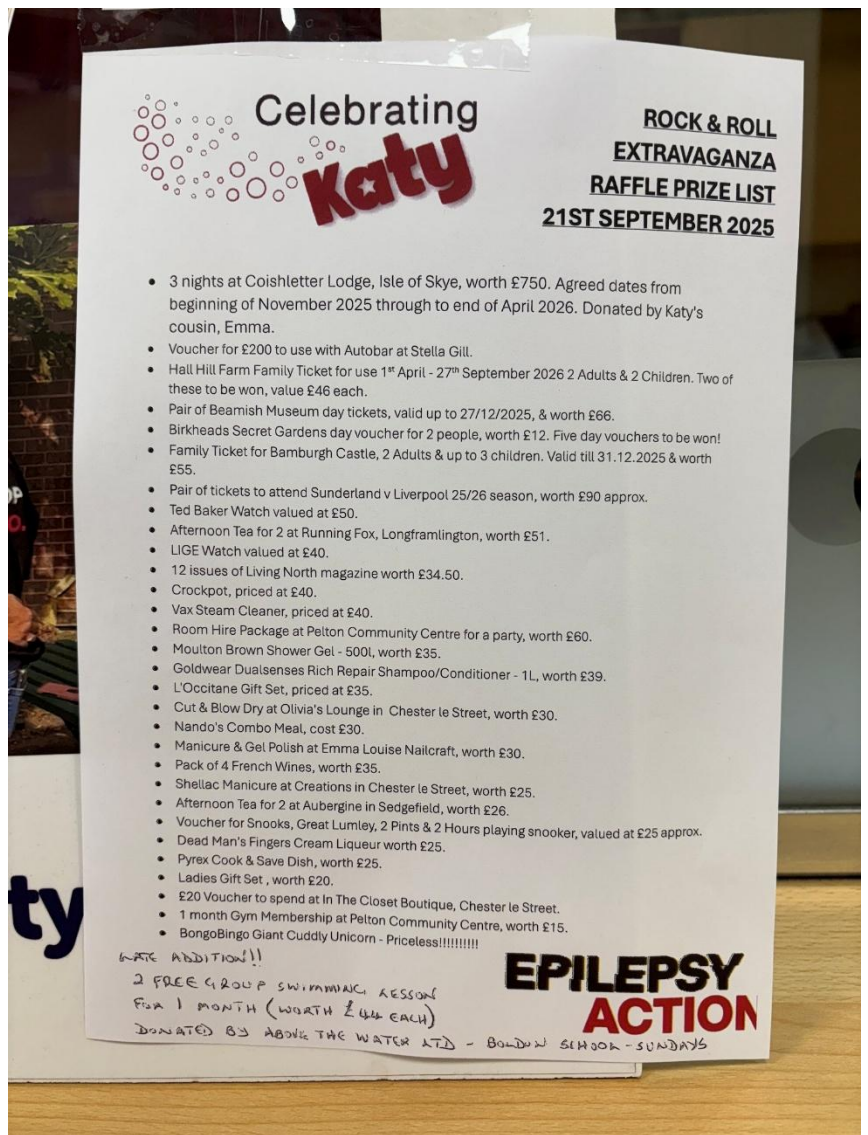
Next up... we're looking ahead to our Hadrian's Wall Hike in September where our feet will stay firmly on the ground.

If you've already pledged a donation, feel free to pop into the centre to pay in cash. And if you haven't had the chance yet but would still like to support us, you can donate easily via our JustGiving page. Every contribution makes a difference, and we're so grateful for your continued support!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/barbie-clare-ellen>



We are also busy planning our Rock n Roll extravaganza as another way to raise funds for Epilepsy Action UK, and this is the fab list of raffle prizes. Raffle tickets are £1 each and are available from reception. The raffle will be drawn on September 21st.



- Two new groups – We have added a day time Line Dancing session and an evening Fit steps session to get everyone moving...both off to a great start and we are confident the numbers will grow. Please see posters for more info.
- We have also added a monthly drop in, with the Wellbeing4Life team as we have had a few people request this service again. Please feel free to pop in and see a member of the team, ask those health and wellbeing questions, have a mini health check or find out more about the array of services they

provide in our area.

- We've also welcomed Winners Chapel into our busy timetable. They'll be in the Main Hall every Sunday morning, bringing friends and families together with plenty of music and a great community spirit.

- After the success of our last Fashion show, we have booked another in, and we need volunteer models to help showcase the beautiful clothes on the day. If you can help please speak to us in the office, or pop and get your tickets is spectating and shopping is more your thing.

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, vapes and now your soft plastics.
Regards Clare Robinson and Team



**BLACKPOOL TOWER
BALLROOM ORGANIST
CHRIS HOPKINS**

*Plays at M&K Saturday
Social Dance
Pelton Community Centre*

1st NOVEMBER
7:30 - 11:00

**An evening of Sequence &
Ballroom dancing,
dancing to the fabulous
sound of Chris Hopkins**

Tickets £12:00




Come Join Us
presents

City Swing

Saturday 20th September 2025

Tickets £7 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

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

Afternoon tea & admission included in ticket price



TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS CONTACT
Marian on 07803 205167
Kevin on 07814 894622
e mail mkdance@sky.com



HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
6 TILL 8 PM

Hotdogs, sweets,
glitter tattoos &
face gems will
also be available.

**BAR OPEN
RAFFLE
TOMBOLA**

**£2 PER TICKET
EVERYBODY NEEDS ONE.**

CANDY
Kids Entertainment

FOR MORE INFO CALL 01913700726
POP INTO RECEPTION TO GET YOUR TICKETS. CASH OR MIN £5 CARD SPEND.



Don't forget to
bring your pocket
money for Fidgets
& Things stall.



By Ros







Ring Workshop by Ros

Ros will guide us through the process of making
our very own silver band or stacking rings ready
to wear home that evening.

Tuesday 18th November
5.30pm – 8.30pm

£38 per person
required when booking, as limited spaces

Bar will be on for you to enjoy a nice cold
beverage while you work away.
For more information please call
01913700726