



Feb & March 26

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.

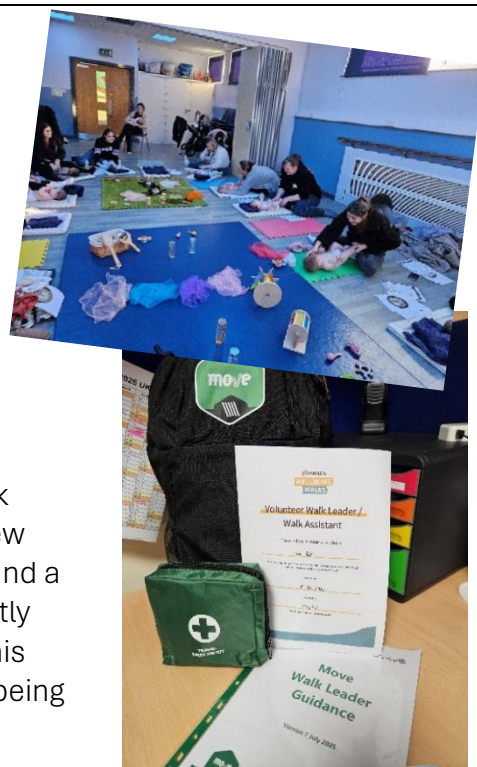
Report from Ellen –

Over the past couple of months, we have welcomed lots of new faces to our Baby Hub sessions since returning after the Christmas break. Many of the babies are of a similar age, and we look forward to watching them grow together and progress through to Owl & Owlets in the future. In February we held a lovely baby massage session with Elisabeth from the Infant Feeding Team. Thirteen mums had the opportunity to learn basic massage techniques to help their babies feel relaxed and calm, as well as help alleviate symptoms of colic.

Elisabeth is also the walk leader for our fortnightly Buggy Walk & Talk sessions. These began in December and are going well, with both new faces and regular attendees joining us to get out for some fresh air and a chat. To help ensure these walks can always go ahead, I have recently completed Walk Leader training thanks to Move County Durham. This involved completing online training, shadowing a walk with the wellbeing walk group, and then leading a walk myself the following week.

Our Owl & Owlets toddler group continues to keep us very busy. Most weeks we are welcoming an average of 80 children across the two sessions, which is fantastic. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from local families, particularly as we often hear about other groups struggling with low numbers or even closing due to lack of attendance. Our current funding pot for the toddler group has now come to an end. We do still have a small amount of income from weekly subs, however securing new funding will be a priority so that we can continue to offer a wide range of activities and experiences for families.

Our weekly after-school multi-sports sessions have been funded over the past year, allowing parents to access them for just £1 per week. Unfortunately, this funding has now ended. The good news is that we have been able to continue running the sessions after speaking with Jon, the owner of SportsCool. Although the price has increased slightly, SportsCool are happy to continue delivering the sessions as long as all spaces remain filled.



During February half-term we held another Silent Disco event. Across two discos we welcomed around 70 people. Both adults and children were able to choose from three different music channels to listen to, as well as taking a turn on the karaoke. We also had a craft table where children could make headbands and bracelets to add to their disco outfits. Everyone had a great time, and for many it was their first silent disco experience. We already have plans in place for the upcoming Easter holidays and are starting to plan ahead for activities during the summer.



Report from Hyleen

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.

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

Ready Meals

The funding from Age UK has been increased in November 2025 for the provision of ready meals. This is allowing us to provide 70, two course meals per week to the over 50's living around Pelton Parish.

On Monday 16th Feb we received £30 Tesco vouchers also from Age UK. These were distributed to the people who were registered for the meals.

These were a great help to the people who received them.

This is my last Trustees report.

Thank you for the last 14 years and I know that the centre will continue to thrive under your leadership.

Many thanks, Hyleen Wood

Centre Coordinator

Drop-in

Our Space

Every Thursday 10-4pm

Enjoy a hot drink and some light refreshments. Meet other people, enjoy a chat. Do the crossword or puzzles in the newspaper. Enjoy one of the small activities that are on offer, we may put on a film, have visiting professionals and more. You shape the group, tell us what you would like. Everyone Welcome.

But please remember....'Anytime is a Warm Space time'. Pop in any day if you need a corner to sit with a cuppa.

LIVE JOYFULLY

For more information, please contact 0191 3700726.
Pelton Community Centre, Front Street, Pelton, Chester le street, DH2 1DE

Pelton Community Centre **County Durham ageUK**

WOULD READY MEALS HELP YOU?

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.

Recent Developments:

- We recently experienced some challenging times, where our emails were lost due to technical issues behind the scenes. With the help of Atom IT, we were able to regain access. We have since decided to use new emails moving forwards and are in the process of migrating over. All old emails will be checked for the next month or so, but with the hope our new emails reach everyone. Please make a note of these and help spread the word.

clare@pelton.cc

New

hello@pelton.cc

- A great AiCD roadshow was held last month with DCC DWRS team **Groundwork - County Durham Advice & Guidance Service** and **Citizens Advice Gateshead** as guest speakers and plenty of networking of some amazing services ..thanks to everyone who came along to support the event, our hall is perfect for these kind of events.



- Pelton saw an increase in ASB this month, but we have all been working together, with our local PCSO's, the Police, our Neighbourhood Wardens, Pelton Youth Project and other partners. We hope to see a change, and encourage the young people to access provision, engage and stop these frustrating crimes in our area before they really cause some harm. A weekly meeting is taking place until we see a vast improvement.



- Let's pack the hall and support a great cause! 🐣

Annalise has planned and will host our first Pilates & FitSteps Fundraiser to raise money for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for local families.



- 🐣 Move – Tone – Dance – Have Fun!, 14 29th March
- 🕒 2–3PM 🎫 £5 | Ages 16+ | All abilities welcome
- Great music, lights, a relaxed supportive vibe – and air con if needed! ❄️ Bring a friend and come along for an hour of fun while supporting our Easter activities 🐰

- HR changes, they are never easy, and recruiting in the past has been tricky, but this month, with Hyleen sadly leaving the team, we interviewed some fantastic applicants for the role, with over 25 people applying. Thank you to all who took the time to apply, it made things very tough, but it was great meeting everyone and hearing how you wish to help make a difference. We have appointed Vicky and we are looking forward to Vicky bringing some fresh ideas into the office. We have also received another resignation this month, as Barbie has decided it's time to concentrate on her business, so we are searching for the perfect candidate to fill her boots....she too will be greatly missed.
- We are still seeking funding, we never stop, however at present we are concentrating on health and wellbeing and holiday provision...these are both important for our community and hopefully, with the right funding, we can do the projects we have in mind.



Pelton Community Centre,
Front Street,
Pelton,
Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham,
DH2 1DE
Charity Number: 1155121

We are looking to employ a
Community Centre Cleaner,
to fulfil a range of cleaning duties in the Community
Centre on a daily basis.

Please note we will be interviewing on a rolling basis, applications will be reviewed as they are received and the position may close early.

Job Description: Community Centre Cleaner
Based at: Pelton Community Centre, Front Street, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham DH2 1DE
Position Reports to: Community Centre Manager
Salary: £12.80 per hour
Closing date: 22nd March 2026, **Please note:** Applications will be reviewed as they are received, and interviews may be conducted before the closing date. We reserve the right to close the vacancy early if a suitable candidate is appointed.
Proposed start date: As soon as possible
Position: Permanent

The successful applicant will be responsible for general cleaning duties, which should be carried out during the week and weekends, and at times to fit in with the day-to-day use of the centre. The hours worked will be 12 hours a week, and at present these are carried out on a morning, 7am-9am, however applicant should be flexible due to nature of our busy timetable. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in cleaning offices / public buildings.

The successful applicant will be a key holder and responsible for opening, securing, and ensuring the Community Centre is safely locked at the end of their shift.

All jobs with Pelton Community Centre are conditional on satisfactory DBS check and references.

To request an application form,
please contact reception on 0191 3700726 or email: clare@pelton.cc



An afternoon with **Black 'n' Blue**

Come and join us with Pop and Rock music from the 60's, 70's and 80's, including Beatles, Rolling Stones, Dire Straits, Eagles etc. Come with friends or family or come to meet others.

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Doors Open 12.30pm
Music 1-3pm

**£5 a
ticket**

Get yours now from
Reception

Fully stocked
bar available.

All monies
raised support
our charity.

Bring your
own snacks

For more information please contact Reception on 0191 3700726.

*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