PELTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1155121

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2013-12-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Pelton Community Centre Front Street Pelton Chester le Street DH2 1DE
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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF PELTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATIONS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. B) TO ESTABLISH OR TO SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Activities: We are a registered charity whose objectives are to facilitate educational, training and leisure activities for the people of Pelton and surrounding areas. The Association occupies and manages Pelton Community Centre, which incorporates a purpose built Youth facility called Room 14, an outside Play Area, a Community Gym, IT Suite, a 320m2 Main Hall with full size stage and seven other rooms.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** PELTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£612,225	£722,407	£542,770	14
2024-03-31	£740,794	£654,031	£511,736	13
2023-03-31	£473,199	£519,049	-	-
2022-03-31	£626,652	£584,944	£470,823	13
2021-03-31	£344,604	£295,364	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR MICK RODGERS	Chair	2013-11-08
CLARE TODD		2022-04-18
Irene Brown		2024-09-18
Joy Allen		2021-09-15
Lesley Herring		2023-05-31
Michael Barratt		2025-03-19
PENNY MARIE McLean		2013-11-08

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2025

Charity No 1155121

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

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Reference and Administrative information

Charity name	PELTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Charity Number	11155121
Registered Office and Operational address	Front Street Pelton Chester-le Street County Durham DH2 1DE
Trustees	Mick Rodgers Penny Marie McClean Clare Todd Rt Honourable Kevan David Jones MP Joy Allen Lesley Herring
Independent Examiner	Tracy Lewis Bowman 3 Bonnie Grove Byers Green Spennymoor Co Durham DL16 7QH

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), .

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accrual's basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to: -

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 17th September 2025.

Mick Rodgers
Trustee

Pelton Community Association

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charity on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity on pages 12 to 20 for the year ended 31 March 2025 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) adapted to meet the needs of unincorporated organisations, as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 19.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 9, you, the charity's Trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the Governing Document for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to: -

a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;

b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, the charity's examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am an authorised member of Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and of the accounting systems employed by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that: -

The gross income of the charity in the year ended 31 March 2025 appears to exceed the sum specified in Section 145(3) of the Act, namely £250000, and that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner in accordance with that section by virtue of my being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: -

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by with Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed: -



Tracy Lewis Bowman - Independent Examiner

Association of Accounting Technicians

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This report was signed on 17th September 2025

Pelton Community Association - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	SOR P Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds		Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025		2025	2024
		£	£		£	£
Income & Endowments from:						
Donations & Legacies	A1	140,847	313,435		**454,282**	608,233
Charitable activities	A2	137,306	-		**137,306**	118,560
Other trading activities	A3	11,438	-		**11,438**	9,861
Investments	A4	9,199	-		**9,199**	4,140
Total income	**A**	**298,790**	**313,435**		**612,225**	**740,794**
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	B1	6,668	-		**6,668**	3,384
Charitable activities	B2	458,940	256,799		**715,739**	650,647
Total expenditure	**B**	**465,608**	**256,799**		**722,407**	**654,031**
Net (expenditure)/income for the year		**(166,818)**	**56,636**		**(110,182)**	**86,763**
Transfers between funds	**C**	46,016	95,200		**141,216**	-
Net income after transfers	**A-B-C**	**(120,802)**	**151,836**		**31,034**	**86,763**
Net movement in funds		**(120,802)**	**151,836**		**31,034**	**86,763**
Reconciliation of funds: -	**E**					
Total funds brought forward		288,802	222,934		**511,736**	424,973
Total funds carried forward		**168,000**	**374,770**		**542,770**	**511,736**

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 9 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

Pelton Community Association - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SOR P Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	33,257	574,976	**608,233**
Charitable activities	A2	118,560	-	**118,560**
Other trading activities	A3	9,861	-	**9,861**
Investments	A4	4,140	-	**4,140**
Total income	**A**	165,818	574,976	740,794
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	B1	3,384	-	**3,384**
Charitable activities	B2	242,272	408,375	**650,647**
Total expenditure	**B**	**245,656**	**408,375**	**654,031**
Net income for the year		(79,838)	166,601	**86,763**
Net income after transfers		(79,838)	166,601	86,763
Net movement in funds		**(79,838)**	**166,601**	**86,763**
Reconciliation of funds: -	**E**			
Total funds brought forward		368,640	56,333	**424,973**
Total funds carried forward		**288,802**	**222,934**	**511,736**

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Pelton Community Association - Resources applied in the year ended 31 March 2025 towards fixed assets for Charity use: -

	2025 £	2024 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	31,034	86,763
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	(2,245)	(6,089)
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	**28,789**	**80,674**

The resources applied on fixed assets for charity use represents the cost of additions less proceeds of any disposals.

Pelton Community Association - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	SORP Ref		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets		A				
Tangible assets	7	A2		1,910		13,845
Current assets		B				
Stocks		B1	1,902		2,643	
Debtors	8	B2	9,629		2,061	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	539,045		495,618	
Total current assets			550,576		500,322	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	C1	(9,716)		(2,431)	
Net current assets				540,860		497,891
The total net assets of the charity				542,770		511,736
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows: -						
Restricted funds						
Restricted Revenue Funds	13	D2		183,118		222,934
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	13	D3		324,457		288,802
Designated Funds						
Designated Revenue Funds	13	D3		35,195		-
Total charity funds				542,770		511,736

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 3.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Mick Rodgers
Trustee
Approved by the board of trustees on 17th September 2025

The notes attached on pages 9 to 24 form an integral part of these accounts.

Pelton Community Association

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention
The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2019, applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.
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Going Concern

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and voluntary donations as well as trading revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees have obtained forecasts and, after reviewing the financial forecasts for future periods to 31 March 2025, the Trustees are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.

Nature of income

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

Categories of Income

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

Income from exchange transactions is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

Income from a non-exchange transaction is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

Income recognition

Income, whether from exchange or non-exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated.

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

However, the trustees value the significant contribution made to the activities of the charity by unpaid volunteers and this is described more fully in Note 4.

Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Equipment, Furniture & Fittings	15	% Straight Line
Building Improvements	15	% Straight Line
Computer Equipment	15	% Straight line

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after following any trade discounts due

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

3 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 of FRS 102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS 102 SORP

4 The contribution of volunteers

The charity has around 25-30 volunteers, who do jobs such as run bingo sessions, help within the toddler sessions, assist within the youth project, help deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, help maintain the garden space and many other things within the building. The Board of Trustees are also all volunteers, who meet bimonthly for around 90 mins to oversee the running of the building and assist the managers with the running of the Association.

Volunteers are offered; however, they very rarely take us up on the offer.

5 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2025 £	2024 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	263,370	231,439
Employer's National Insurance for all staff	14,566	-
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	6,083	
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**284,019**	**231,439**

Numbers of full-time employees or full-time equivalents	**2025**	**2024**
The average number of total staff employed in the year was	**14**	14
The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	**11**	**11**
The average number of full-time staff employed in the year was	**3**	**3**

6 Defined contribution pension schemes

Any liabilities and assets associated with the scheme are shown under debtors and creditors.

7 Tangible fixed assets

Restricted	Fixtures, fittings& Furnishings	Building Improvements	Room 14 Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	**63,849**	**103,174**	**12,391**	**179,414**
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	**63,849**	**103,174**	**12,391**	**179,414**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	**63,848**	**103,173**	**8,820**	**175,841**
Charge for the year	1	1	1,859	**1,861**
Disposals	-		-	
At 31st March 2025	**63,849**	**103,174**	**10,679**	**177,702**
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2025	**-**	**-**	**1,712**	**1,712**
As at 31st March 2024	1	1	3,571	3,571

Unrestricted	Fixtures, fittings& Furnishings	Building Improvements	Room 14 Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2024	**77,429**	**26,712**	**6,568**	**110,709**
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	**77,429**	**26,712**	**6,568**	**110,709**
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	**67,157**	**26,712**	**6,568**	**100,437**
Charge for the year	10,074	-	-	**10,074**
Disposals	-		-	
At 31st March 2025	**77,231**	**26,712**	**6,568**	**110,511**
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st March 2025	**198**	**-**	**-**	**198**
At 31st March 2024	10,272	-	-	10,272
Total Assets				
At 31st March 2025	**198**	**-**	**1,712**	**1,910**
At 31st March 2024	10,273	1	3,571	13,845

8 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,384	2,061
Prepayments	2,245	-
	9,629	**2,061**

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Accruals	4,212	2,431
PAYE & NIC	4,505	-
Pension	999	-
	9,716	**2,431**

10 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 April 2024	511,736	424,973
(Loss)/Surplus after tax for the year	31,034	86,763
At 31ST MARCH 2025	**542,770**	**511,736**

11 Related Party transactions

	2025	2024
	£	£
Lesley Herring		
Trustee for provision of bookkeeping services	1,200	1,200

12 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	2,443	-	1,712	**4,155**	**4,155**
Current Assets	331,730	35,195	181,406	**548,331**	**548,331**
Current Liabilities	(9,716)	-	-	**(9,716)**	**(9,716)**
	324,457	**35,195**	**183,118**	**542,770**	**542,770**

At 1 April 2024	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets *(see note)	3,573	-	10,272	**13,845**	**13,845**
Current Assets	282,956	-	212,662	**500,322**	**500,322**
Current Liabilities	(2,431)	-	-	**(2,431)**	**(2,431)**
	288,802	**-**	**222,934**	**511,736**	**511,736**

* The figures in red were in the wrong place in 2024 accounts

13 Funding movements	31.3.24 b/f	restated b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.3.25 c/f
Unrestricted PCC						
General	16,608	(16,608.00)	158,829	(291,329)	132,500	0
Development worker			1,170	(346)		824
total unrestricted PCC	**16,608**	**(16,608.00)**	**159,999**	**(291,675)**	**132,500**	**824**
Designated						
Grant from parish council			90,000	(90,000)		0
Restricted PCC						
Sensory		430		(430)		0
Kajima		1,275		(438)		837
CLLR DW Piglets & Owlets		2,128		(2,128)		0
CDCF Baby Hub		1,564		(1,564)		0
Covid 19 Grant		17,240		(1,250)		15,990
Warm. Our Spaces		2,254		(2,180)		74
Warm Packs Year 2		1,144		(1,036)		108
OPSIF 23		699		(699)		0
Karbon Garden		48		(48)		0
Welcome Spaces		235		(235)		0
New Baby Hub CDCF		2,480		(2,371)		109
AAP Pelton Care In Crisis		19,997		(20,626)	629	0
Pelton Care In Crisis NL		1,937			(1,937)	0
Craft Together DCC Arts		968		(129)		839
John Horseman - Emergency		139				139
Tesco Owlets		6		(6)		0
DCC - CCTV			439	(439)		0
DCC - point north			10,000	(9,900)		100
Ballinger		1,715	15,697	(2,839)	562	15,135
Come Join Us AAP			14,343	(1,603)		12,740
Coop Rainbow Patch		903	1,615	(1,215)	290	1,593
Age Uk Hot Meals			7,000	(8,137)	1,137	0
Leslie & Lillian Owlets Trip			1,000			1,000
Point North - Bank Holiday Provision			5,500	(605)		4,895
NeighbourhoodBudget25			9,600	(5,412)		4,188
Energy Eff Grant			5,000			5,000
total restricted PCC	**0**	**55,162**	**70,194**	**(63,290)**	**681**	**62,747**
Internal recharges				**19,145**	**(19,145)**	0
Total PCC	**16,608**	**38,554**	**320,193**	**(425,820)**	**114,036**	**63,571**

Funding Movements cont'd	31.3.24 b/f	restated b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.3.25 c/f
Room 14	202,753	(202,753)				0
Unrestricted Room 14						
General		20,733	21,622	(75,872)	49,174	15,657
Bank interest		3,746	1,619			5,365
School Holiday Programmes		9,000				9,000
Salary reserves		110,676			(46,472)	64,204
additional hours & Room hire 23/24		2,180		(2,180)		0
Total Unrestricted	**0**	**146,335**	**23,241**	**(78,052)**	**2,702**	**94,226**
Designated Room 14						
Unrestricted grants to transfer to Salaries for 2025/6					25,550	25,550
Project contributions from 2024/25 for 25/26					9,645	9,645
The John Horseman CT Grant 2024			5,000		(5,000)	0
The Hospital of God at Greatham Grant 2024			2,000		(2,000)	0
The P & FW Family Charitable Trust Grant 2024			750		(750)	0
The Ardwick Trust Grant 2024			200		(200)	0
The William Leech Charity Grant 2024			3,000		(3,000)	0
The Three Monkies Trust Grant 2024			2,500		(2,500)	0
The Buckland Charitable Trust Grant 2024			1,000		(1,000)	0
The Carr-Ellison Family CT Grant 2024			200		(200)	0
The Hadrian Trust Grant 2024			500		(500)	0
The Fitton Trust Grant 2024			300		(300)	0
The Sackler Trust Grant 2024 (General £5,000.00 of £10,000.00 Grant)			5,000		(5,000)	0
The 29th of May 1961 Charitable Trust Grant 2024			3,000		(3,000)	0
The Molitor Charitable Trust Grant 2025			2,000		(2,000)	0
The Michael & Anna Wix CT Grant 2025			100		(100)	0
Total Designated	**0**	**0**	**25,550**	**0**	**9,645**	**35,195**
Restricted Room 14						
BBC CIN Main - APT Youth Y3		172			(172)	0
BBC CIN Small Y2 - Juniors		63			(63)	0
NL One Youth CLS Y2		17			(17)	0
NL One Youth CLS Y3		40		(40)		0
NL One Youth CLS Y3 Cost of Living Uplift		767		(760)	(7)	0
William Webster Charitable Trust		1,502			(1,502)	0
Durham HAWHF - Fun & Food		10			(10)	0
BBC CIN SMALL Y3 - Juniors		772		(772)		0
The Ballinger Charitable Trust Grant 2023		1,298		(1,256)	(42)	0
Youth Centre Garden Grant Income		17,027		(17,027)		0
Big Kids Club DofE Fundraiser		650			(650)	0
TNL CF & GWF One Youth CLS Y4		0	95,741	(90,737)	30	5,034
CDCF PCN CIN Grant 2023 - Access & Active		3,533	9,910	(8,329)	38	5,152
NE Youth - Youth Print Durham ND Anchor Grant		5,351	15,365	(11,938)		8,778

Funding Movements cont'd	31.3.24 b/f	restated b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.3.25 c/f
Coop Community Fund Grant 2023		1,517		(700)		817
Karbon Homes Winter Wellbeing Fund		487				487
TNL Awards 4 All Grant 2023		19,684		(10,215)		9,469
T&WCF The Wellesley Trust Grant 2024			9,728	(8,179)		1,549
The Sir Tom Cowie CT Grant 2024 JPN			5,644	(194)	(2,974)	2,476
CDCF DBS YCG Equipment Grant			4,840	(2,759)		2,081
Durham PCVC Friday Night SYC Grant 2024			4,470	(3,355)	20	1,135
The Gosling Foundation Grant 2024			6,000			6,000
The Rest Harrow Charitable Trust			200			200
Duke of Edinburgh Reserves		18,594		(5,226)	9,625	22,993
Dofe fundraiser		1,586			(1,586)	0
Dofe Enrolment 25/26		1,017			(1,017)	0
Dofe expedition contributions 23/24		243			(243)	0
Dofe expedition contributions 24/25		565	8,041		(8,606)	0
Dofe expedition contributions 25/26					2,135	2,135
The Squire Foundation Grant 2023		2,518		(2,476)	(42)	0
Tesco Community Grants DofE 2024		1,000		(956)	(44)	0
DofE Resilience Fund Grant 2024		1,000	1,250	(2,250)		0
The Champniss Foundation - DofE			10,000	(8,995)	(785)	220
The Sir John Priestman Chairty Trust DofE Grant 24				3,000	(2,050)	950
The Sackler Trust 2024 Grant (DofE)			5,000			5,000
The Joicey Trust DofE Grant 2025			1,500			1,500
DCC Cllrs DofE Grant 2025			5,522			5,522
EC Graham Belford CT Grant 2025			10,000			10,000
Northern Rail DofE Grant 2025			500			500
Arnold Clark Community Grant 2025			400			400
AAP Hygiene Packs Project			5,279	(3,813)	(1,466)	0
DCC Fun & Food Christmas 2024 Panto			910	(275)	(635)	0
Groundwork UK VCSE EEG 60% Windows Payment*			26,261			26,261
DCC Fun & Food Grant Pelton Summer Sessions*			8,962	(5,503)	(3,459)	0
Durham County Council Fun & Food Xmas Parties Grant*			2,908	(2,072)	(836)	0
NE Youth LTD GJ Film Making Invoice Paid*			1,060	(1,030)	(30)	0
The Rothley Trust Grant 2024*			750	(741)	(9)	0
Sub Total Room 14 Restricted	**0**	**79,413**	**243,241**	**(191,648)**	**(12,347)**	**118,659**
Internal Recharges of Payroll & Room Hire				**116,190**	**(116,190)**	0
Total Room 14	**202,753**	**22,995**	**292,032**	**(269,700)**	**0**	**248,080**
Fixed Assets	3,573			(1,861)		1,712
Total	**222,934**	**61,549**	**612,225**	**(697,381)**	**114,036**	**313,363**
unrestricted	288,802	(61,549)			2,154	229,407
Total	**511,736**	**0**	**612,225**	**(697,381)**	**116,190**	**542,770**

Funding Movements cont'd

Summary	31.3.24 b/f	restated b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31.3.25 c/f
Unrestricted	288,802	84,786	183,240	(465,608)	143,237	324,457
Designated	-	-	115,550	(90,000)	9,645	35,195
Restricted	222,934	(84,786)	313,435	(256,799)	(11,666)	183,118
	511,736	0	612,225	(722,407)	141,216	542,770

14. The purpose for which the funds in note 13 are held by the charity are:

Unrestricted revenue funds
These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and, subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Designated Funds

Contribution to staff salaries.

Restricted Funds

The funding is awarded for various revenue and capital projects and for running groups and events for the local community.

Sensory	Funding to cover the purchase of early years provision, including sensory play
Kajima	General outgoings to enhance events and projects we do.
CLLR DW Piglets & Owlets	Funding to provide Owl and Owlets Toddler sessions for our community to enjoy and benefit from.
CDCF Baby Hub	Funding to provide a weekly Baby Hub session to support new parents. Funding covers room hire, staffing and visitors to the session, such as first aid courses, health visitors etc.
Covid 19 Grant	Funding to help our building through the struggle of Covid 19, including future projects in the aftermath.
Warm. Our Spaces	Funding to help host a weekly warm space to benefit those who are lonely, isolated and struggling financially.
Warm Packs Year 2	Warm packs were purchased and distributed throughout the area, packs included hot water bottles, flasks, warm socks. The packs hopefully encouraged simple changes at home to help get through the colder months with fuel poverty in mind
OPSIF 23	Funding to provide sessions, groups and events to encourage participation for the older person with the building. Tackling isolation and other barriers some may have.
Karbon Garden	Funding to help enhance the outdoor classroom we have at the community centre.

Welcome Spaces	Further funding to enhance and add additional warm spaces to our timetable
New Baby Hub CDCF	Further funding to enhance and continue our Baby Hub Session, with funds to purchase additional provision.
AAP Pelton Care In Crisis	Funding to cover the cost of Food parcels, Weekly ready meals and hygiene packs to help people struggling financially.
Pelton Care In Crisis NL	Funding to cover the cost of Food parcels, Weekly ready meals and hygiene packs to help people struggling financially.
Craft Together DCC Arts	Funding to cover visiting artists and provision for our Thursday Craft Together group.
John Horseman - Emergency	Emergency boxes and contents were purchased for our building and Grangevilla. Including torches, wind up radios, foil blankets, flasks etc.
Tesco Owlets	Funding awarded to continue the running of our Wednesday and Friday Owl and Owlets group.
DCC - CCTV	Funding was required to make changes and repairs to the CCTV system within the Centre, Room 14 and the surrounding grounds
DCC - point north	Funding to help cover the salary of our Early Years Development Worker.
Ballinger	Funding to assist with our Early Years Provision
Come Join Us AAP	This funding allowed us to host events and groups to enhance the social calendar of our older community members.
Coop Rainbow Patch	Funding to enhance our Outdoor classroom and surrounding areas.
Age Uk Hot Meals	This funding covers 50 weekly meals to those aged 50 who find themselves with financial worries.
Leslie & Lillian Owlets Trip	Funding to allow our Toddler groups, Owl and Owlets to head out of some trips as a group over the year.
Point North - Bank Holiday Provision	Funding to enhance our School Holiday provision, covering staffing, room hire, materials and external providers.
NeighbourhoodBudget25	Funding to enhance our School Holiday provision, covering staffing, room hire, materials and external providers.
Energy Eff Grant	Funding to help with the cost of Solar Panels on our flat roof.

Pelton Community Association

Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

15 Donations and Legacies

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts from individuals					
Small donations individually less than £1000		2,505	-	**2,505**	-
Total donations and gifts from individuals		**2,505**	**-**	**2,505**	**-**
Revenue grants from government and public bodies					
Salaries		90,000	-	**90,000**	98,257
PCC		1,170	70,194	**71,364**	115,272
Room 14		47,172	243,241	**290,413**	394,704
Total public sector revenue grants		**138,342**	**313,435**	**451,777**	**608,233**
Total Donations and Legacies	A1	**140,847**	**403,435**	**454,282**	**608,233**

16 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Primary purpose and ancillary trading				
Kitchen & Bar	9,267	-	**9,267**	8,493
Room Hire	116,309	-	**116,309**	95,152
Bingo, Raffle and Dominoes	1,844	-	**1,844**	2,712
Gym	9,886	-	**9,886**	12,203
Total Primary purpose and ancillary trading	**137,306**	**-**	**137,306**	**118,560**

17 Total Income from charitable activities

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
		2025	2025	2025	2024
Total income from charitable trading		137,306	-	**137,306**	118,560
Total from charitable activities	**A2**	**137,306**	**-**	**137,306**	**118,560**

18 Income from other, non-charitable, trading activities

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income from fundraising events		11,438	-	**11,438**	9,861
Total from other activities	**A3**	**11,438**	**-**	**11,438**	**9,861**

19 Investment income

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Bank Interest Receivable		9,199	-	**9,199**	4,140
Total investment income	**A4**	**9,199**	**-**	**9,199**	**4,140**

20 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Gross wages and salaries - charitable activities		263,370	-	**263,370**	231,439
Employers' NI - Charitable activities		14,566	-	**14,566**	-
Defined contribution pension costs - charitable activities		6,083	-	**6,083**	-
Bingo		67	-	**67**	74
Kitchen & Bar		6,070	-	**6,070**	4,486
Total direct spending	**B2a**	**290,156**	**-**	**290,156**	**235,999**

21 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Employee costs not included in direct costs				
Training and welfare - staff	361	-	**361**	480
Premises Expenses				
Utilities & Telephone	37,032	-	**37,032**	20,692
Cleaning and waste management	1,746	-	**1,746**	4,322
Premises repairs, renewals and maintenance	8,367	-	**8,367**	8,012
Maintenance & Service Contracts	15,756	-	**15,756**	10,206
Administrative overheads				
Stationery and printing	943	-	**943**	-
Sundry expenses	964	-	**964**	2,025
Licences & Permits	2,691	-	**2,691**	1,367
Insurance	4,376	-	**4,376**	4,378
Grant Expenditure PCC	346	63,290	**63,636**	98,664
Grant Expenditure Room 14	78,052	191,648	**269,700**	241,226
Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner				
Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	3,966	-	**3,966**	2,310
Other legal and professional	3,101	-	**3,101**	4,298
Financial costs				
other interest	9	-	**9**	-
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for the period	10,074	1,861	**11,935**	16,268
Support costs before reallocation	**167,784**	**256,799**	**424,583**	**414,248**
Total support costs	**167,784**	**256,799**	**424,583**	**414,248**

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

22 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

	Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Independent Examiner's fees	1,000	-	**1,000**	400
Total Governance costs	**1,000**	**-**	**1,000**	**400**

23 Total Charitable expenditure

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Total direct spending	**B2a**	290,156	-	**290,156**	235,999
Total support costs	**B2d**	167,784	256,799	**424,583**	414,248
Total Governance costs	**B2e**	1,000	-	**1,000**	400
Total charitable expenditure	**B2**	**458,940**	**256,799**	**715,739**	**650,647**

24 Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2025 £	Current year Total Funds 2025 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2024 £
Cost of fundraising activities		6,668	-	**6,668**	3,384
Total fundraising costs	B1	**6,668**	**-**	**6,668**	**3,384**

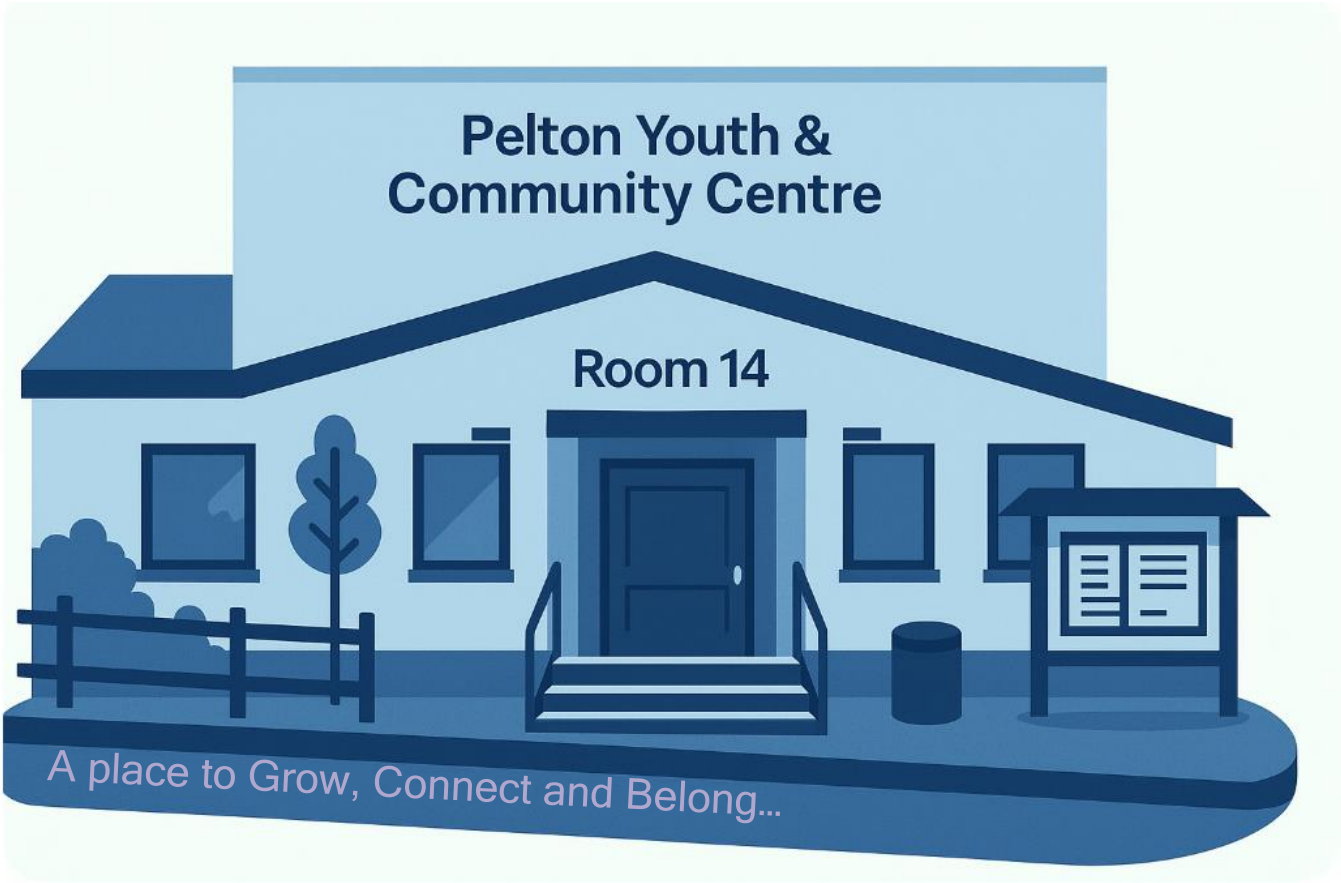
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Pelton Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account

	2025	2024
Income		
Grants		
Salaries	90,000	98,257
PCC	71,364	115,272
Room 14	290,413	394,704
	451,777	608,233
Income from Activities		
Bingo Raffle and Dominoes	1,844	2,712
Kitchen & Bar	9,267	8,493
Room Hire	116,309	95,152
Gym	9,886	12,203
	137,306	118,560
Fundraising and Donations	13,943	9,861
Investment income	9,199	4,140
Total income	**612,225**	**740,794**
Resources Expended		
Salaries	263,370	231,439
ERS Ni	14,566	
Pension	6,083	
Accounts	4,966	2,710
Insurance	4,376	4,378
Prof services	3,101	4,298
Training	361	480
Repairs and Maintenance	8,367	8,012
Maintenance/Service contracts	15,756	10,206
Consumables	943	
Cleaning	1,746	4,322
Utilities & Telephone	37,032	20,692
Licenses	2,691	1,367
Bingo	67	74
Kitchen & Bar	6,070	4,486
Events & Activities	5,817	3,188
Sundry Expenses	964	2,025
Donations expenditure	851	196
interest	9	
Depreciation	11,935	16,268
Grant Expenditure PCC	63,636	98,664
Grant Expenditure Room 14	269,700	241,226
Total Expenditure	**722,407**	**654,031**
Surplus/Loss before transfers	**(110,182)**	**86,763**

Annual Report

2024 - 2025



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A Place to grow, connect and belong...

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A place to Grow, Connect and Belong...

Who We Are

Pelton Community Association (PCA) is a registered charity dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals in Pelton and the surrounding areas. Through a wide range of health and wellbeing activities, PCA aims to create a meaningful and lasting impact in the community. Governed by a Board of Trustees and supported by a committed team of staff and volunteers, PCA delivers services for all age groups, seven days a week, from Pelton Community Centre in Pelton, Chester-le-Street, County Durham.

Pelton Community Association (PCA) is a welcoming and inclusive charitable organisation at the heart of the Pelton community. Our mission is to provide a safe, modern and accessible space where people of all ages can connect, grow and feel a sense of belonging. We deliver a varied programme of activities and services focused on leisure, learning and wellbeing.

PCA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Charity Number: 1155121), led by a dedicated Board of Trustees drawn from public, private and voluntary sector backgrounds. With experience in politics, business and community engagement, the Board meets bi-monthly to guide the strategic direction of the organisation. Day-to-day operations are managed by a small but committed team, including a Centre Manager and Youth Project Manager.

We are based at Pelton Community Centre, centrally located on Front Street, Pelton. The centre is a vibrant, well-equipped and much-loved community hub, hosting over 60 groups and activities every week and welcoming more than 1,600 visitors weekly.

The original community building, designed in a modernist style, was constructed by Durham County Council and officially opened on 23 May 1973. The two-storey facility includes a welcoming reception, a community gym, a main hall with stage, lounge/bar area, multiple meeting rooms, and Room 14 Youth Centre. The centre has been developed and improved over the years to maintain high standards and provide a quality environment for all users.

Room 14 Youth Centre delivers tailored provision for children and young people, including play activities for ages 7–12 and youth work sessions for ages 12–19. Services are extended up to age 25 for young people with a learning disability.

PCA leases the community centre from Durham County Council on a 30-year lease agreement, which began in March 2015. A Service Level Agreement with the Council covers most of the building's servicing needs at an annual cost of approximately £5000. PCA remains responsible for repairs and call-out charges.

Centre Manager's Welcome Statement



As Centre Manager, it is my pleasure to introduce this year's Annual Report for Pelton Community Association (PCA). This report reflects another year of dedication, resilience, and positive impact at the heart of our community.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver a diverse and meaningful programme of activities that promote health, wellbeing, learning, and connection for people of all ages. Whether it's supporting young people through our Room 14 Youth Centre, offering fitness and social groups for older adults, or providing a safe and welcoming space for local organisations, our centre continues to be a vital hub for the Pelton area.

None of this would be possible without the continued commitment of our staff, volunteers, trustees, and partners. Their passion and hard work make PCA what it is – a place where everyone is valued and welcome. I would also like to thank the thousands of community members who visit us each week. Your energy, feedback and support inspire everything we do.

Looking ahead, we're excited about the future. Our plans include installing solar panels to help reduce running costs and support our sustainability goals, completing ongoing refurbishments to improve the centre, and seeking new funding to develop projects that support men's health and wellbeing in our community. We're also keen to build on the success of our recent comedy night by offering more social events in the hall, creating new ways for people to come together, have fun and connect.

As always, PCA remains committed to listening to our community and evolving to meet local needs. With strong foundations, we are proud of what we have achieved and excited about what's to come.

Thank you for being part of our journey, we feel we have had another fantastic year, we look forward to many more.

Clare Robinson
Centre Manager
Pelton Community Association



Chairmans Message

Message from Mick Rodgers, Chairman of the Pelton Community Association:

It is once again a great pleasure to reflect on the accomplishments and progress of Pelton Community Association, particularly as I celebrate my eighteenth year as chair of this remarkable organisation. Despite the ongoing challenges of running a charitable organisation and managing a community building, our unwavering commitment to supporting our residents remains stronger than ever.

Throughout the 2024-2025 period, we have continued to deliver a diverse range of community and youth work programmes, ensuring that individuals and groups in Pelton and the surrounding areas receive the support they need. In response to the ongoing cost-of-living challenges faced by our community, we have sustained essential services such as food parcels, Our Space sessions, food support, hampers, and hygiene packs. These critical initiatives have been maintained despite rising operational costs, including salaries, utilities, and essential services—a true testament to our resilience and dedication to serving our community.

Key highlights this year have been our continued investment in capital development, ensuring that our facilities remain modern, welcoming, and fit for purpose. The completion of the youth centre garden and the refurbishment of our main hall last year demonstrated our commitment to creating practical, multi-functional spaces. Looking ahead, we plan to refurbish our lounge area, replace all windows in our community building and install much-needed solar panels, significantly enhancing the building's energy efficiency. Additionally, we aim to upgrade the kitchen area of Room 14 Youth Centre, further enhancing this valuable space for young people.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated board of trustees, with whom I am privileged to work alongside in governing the charity. A special thanks goes to our exceptional management team, Clare Robinson and Tom Jones, for their exemplary leadership throughout 2024-2025. I also want to recognise the tireless efforts of our community and youth work teams, including all volunteers, whose dedication ensures that we continue to deliver high-quality services that positively impact individuals of all ages.

Finally, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has provided financial support to our organisation during 2024-2025. A special acknowledgment goes to Pelton Parish Council and the National Lottery for their significant contributions, which have enabled us to make a substantial impact on our community. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all our funders—without your support, Pelton Community Association would not be able to function as effectively as it does today.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening our services, expanding our reach, and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, allowing them to Grow, Connect, and Belong.

Mick Rodgers, Chairman.

Charity Details

Name of Charity	Pelton Community Association
Charity Type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number	1155121
Constitution	Revised 2013
Registered Address	Pelton Community Centre Front Street, Pelton Chester-le-Street County Durham DH2 1DE
Trustee Meetings	The 3rd Wednesday, Bi-Monthly at 6pm

Pelton Community Association – Board of Trustees

Chairman	Mick Rodgers
Treasurer	Lesley Herring
Secretary	Penny McLean
Trustee (part year)	Irene Brown
Trustee	Joy Allen
Trustee	Clare Todd
Trustee (part year)	Michael Barratt

Pelton Community Association – Paid Community Centre Employees

Centre Manager	Clare Robinson
Centre Coordinator	Hyleen Wood
Early Years Development Worker	Ellen Bell
Events and Fundraising Coordinator	Terri Murray
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Paul Neasham
Gym and Bar Coordinator (part year)	Annalise Newell
Cleaner	Phillip Martin
Cleaner	Barbara Shippen

***Note – This table excludes our six paid youth centre employees, as they produce a separate annual report containing staff information.**

Financial Information



As a charity, our Audited accounts can be found on the Charity Commissions website, found here: www.gov.uk

Pelton Community Association remains in a strong financial position, thanks to careful management, successful funding applications, and the continued support of our community and partners. This stability has allowed us to deliver a wide range of activities and services, maintain our facilities and plan for future developments with confidence.

However, like many organisations, we are not without our challenges. Rising fuel and utility costs, increases in the National Living Wage, and general inflation have all placed additional pressure on our budgets. These growing costs mean we must continue to plan wisely, seek new funding opportunities and explore ways to improve our efficiency such as our plans to introduce solar panels to help reduce our energy bills.

Despite these challenges, we remain committed to our mission and optimistic about the future. Our financial resilience puts us in a strong position to continue supporting the community, while being realistic and proactive about the evolving financial landscape.



‘Pelton Community Association is managed by budget forecasting and works closely to the Business Plan to ensure the best use of funds to maximise service provision. Looking at a snapshot of the financial situation does not tell the whole story. The aim is to break even each year whilst ensuring there are sufficient funds for the building to be improved and maintained efficiently and effectively for all who work in and use the building.

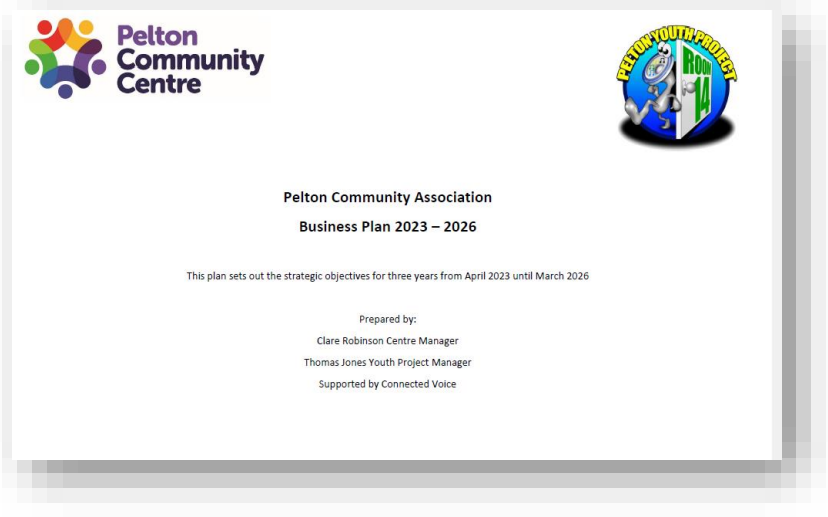
A contingency fund is held to guarantee the services, that we are committed to provide, continue in the event of exceptional circumstances such as experienced during Covid 19 or where the uncertain financial climate means funding becomes more difficult to obtain. Generally, the funding we receive is earmarked for specific projects or ringfenced for necessary capital expenditure for the upkeep of the building. If it were not for our generous funders, Pelton Community Association would not be able to provide the current level of activities and services to the community.’ Lesley Herring, Treasurer.

Business Plan Development

The 3-year Business Plan from 2023-2026 is a useful tool to ensure PCA adheres to the charity's aims and objectives. Environmental improvements were included in the Business Plan, and this is something we have concentrated our efforts on this year.



Applications were submitted for funds to help improve the energy status of our building, to try and bring down our ever-increasing electricity bills and to enhance our facilities. We were successful in a funding bid with Groundworks as previously mentioned. These works, the replacement of all windows, which is well under way, and the addition of solar panels to our roof will hopefully reduce our energy bills greatly, with the possibility of generating revenue. We were also awarded £5000 from Durham Community Action via the Community Buildings Energy Efficiency Grant, to add a Battery element to the Solar Panel set up. Not only will this allow us to store energy during the day and use this within the evenings, but we will hopefully have a supply in emergency scenarios. As a hub of the community, we feel we are now in the position to open our building in times of need. For example, during storms and power cuts, our building can act as a safe place if it safe to do so. We have supplies and facilities in place via previous funding such as blankets, wind up torches, radios, hot water bottles, flasks, etc. These, along with some power to enable us to boil a kettle, charge phones, power lights etc. will allow us to do so. This work will complete May 2025 and we are looking forward to being in a stronger position to further support of community.


Pelton Community Centre

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Business Plan 2023 – 2026

This plan sets out the strategic objectives for three years from April 2023 until March 2026

Prepared by:

Clare Robinson Centre Manager

Thomas Jones Youth Project Manager

Supported by Connected Voice

A place to Grow, Connect and Belong...

Moving forward

Our business plan for 2023-2026 holds the following statements, which we aim to follow in the coming years:

Vision – What we do

Pelton Community Association – A place to Grow, Connect and Belong

Mission – How we do it

Pelton Community Association is at the heart of our community, a welcoming and inclusive charitable organisation. We offer a warm, modern and safe venue that allows each of us to grow, connect and belong. We do this through a diverse programme of activities and facilities for leisure, learning and wellbeing.

Values

- Pelton Community Association responds to the needs of the community by providing a programme for all
- Is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Is committed to investing in our staff and volunteers
- Has a proud reputation for developing strong partnerships, collaborations and networks
- Takes great pride in maintaining a welcoming community building that is at the heart of our communities





Funding Information

Pelton Community Centre, along with our Youth Project, relies heavily on financial assistance from external agencies, charitable trusts, and foundations. This support enables us to run the majority of our groups, events, and projects—many of which would not be possible without such vital funding.

Securing funding is becoming increasingly challenging, but we continue to pursue every opportunity and are proud to have achieved some significant successes over the past year.

Below, you'll find details of the organisations that have supported Pelton Community Centre throughout 2024–2025, to whom we are extremely grateful. Please note that our Youth Project has a separate annual report. If you have contributed financially to the Pelton Youth Project, your support will be acknowledged in their report rather than this one.











Chester-le-street and District Area Action Partnerships

Durham County Council Area Action Budget

Cllr Danny Wood

Cllr Alison Batey

Cllr Paul Pringle

The John Horseman Trust

Point North

Pelton Parish Council

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The Ballinger Trust

The National Lottery

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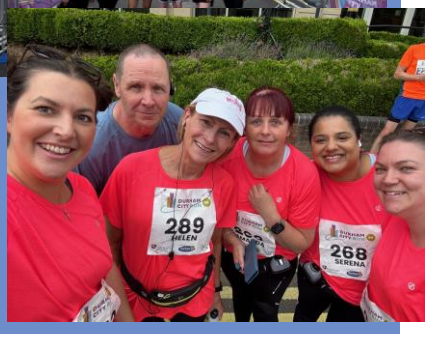
The Banks Group

Durham Community Action

and many more…

Staff Team Building





Lots of staff team building has taken place this year, some for fun, some to help boost moral and others to collectively help raise much needed funds for the Community Centre. After completion of the Couch 2 5k programme with Move Durham, which was held at the community centre this year, three members of the staff, Clare, Ellen and Paul decided to take it one step further, and along with some community members, signed up for the Durham 5k and smashed it. We raised over £1000 for the centre and had a fantastic day.
Well done Ellen, Paul, Clare, Serena, Amanda and Helen.... and Leanne, Beth and Abigail who were also there!



Another staff night out was in September, 11 of us from Pelton Community Centre and Pelton Youth Project attended the NE Charity Awards 2024 at The Fed including Mick our Chairman and his family.
Our Chairman, Mick Rodgers, was nominated for Charity Leader of the Year, and what a privilege it was to be invited and to attend, especially when they were celebrating 10 amazing years of the awards. Although Mick didn't win this time, we had a lovely evening and thoroughly enjoyed the celebration. Hearing about all the fantastic work that happens in the North East made us feel very lucky to be a part of it.





The County Durham Together Awards took place in December at Hardwick Hall Hotel. Clare and Ellen had the pleasure of joining Lucy and Kate from The Banks Group as well as staff and volunteers from West Rainton & Leamside Partnership, St Margaret's Centre and Five Acres Community Garden.
We felt very privileged to be invited by Kate who was presenting an award for "Charity of the Year" on behalf of The Banks Group. It was amazing to listen to all the inspiring stories from charities and organisations making a difference to lives across County Durham.



Events like this strengthen our team and allow us to enjoy the glamourous side of charity work, but hearing all about the work that goes on in our area, swapping stories, successful projects and hearing about the difference all our work makes is why we do it.

Project Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre is a thriving centre and a lifeline for many. We provide a variety of activities, groups and events for all to enjoy and benefit in one way or another. We have several weekly groups that we deliver and are responsible for as a charity. These opportunities are often delivered utilising external grants that we have been able to secure. This delivery combined with our external agency groups has led to a packed weekly timetable of activities which at present is the fullest it has ever been.

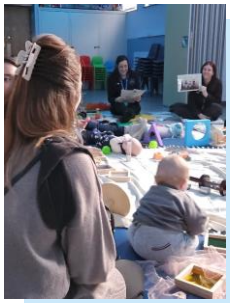
Within this year, groups and areas of work within the building continued to be the responsibility of certain staff members, who will now report on the areas they have dedicated many hours of work to over the last year.

Report from Ellen, Development Worker.



Baby Hub

Since forming a new partnership with the County Durham Growing Healthy Team in September, Baby Hub has hosted a series of valuable advice sessions for parents and carers. These sessions have focused on a range of key early years topics including weaning, safety in the home, and safe sleeping, with health visitors and practitioners available to offer support and answer individual questions. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Many parents have expressed how helpful these sessions have been, both in terms of practical guidance and emotional reassurance. Several families shared that they felt more confident and less isolated in their parenting journey after attending.



These sessions have also helped build a stronger sense of community, encouraging peer support in a welcoming relaxed environment. With further dates scheduled between now and June 2025, we are pleased to continue offering this support to local families.

Owl & Owlets

Owl & Owlets continues to offer a varied and engaging programme of activities for families with young children, helping to build connections and support early development. In June, Pete from Purple Bear Music delivered an interactive music session during our Friday group, focusing on rhythm and following instructions, an activity that was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults. On the Wednesday of the same week, our group was visited by High Handenhold's Blue Watch, who brought along their fire engine and allowed the children to explore the vehicle, sit in the cab, and try the hose. This proved to be a real highlight.





July saw a successful trip to Sand Haven Beach, with over 50 families attending. Travel was made easier by a hired coach, which helped reduce stress for families and encouraged shared experiences. Despite initial concerns about the weather, the day was a great success, with families playing, socialising and creating memories together.

The group celebrated the festive season with our Christmas party on 11th December. This event welcomed 45 children and their parents/carers, with each child receiving a gift from Santa. The afternoon included party games, music, Christmas jumper decorating and concluded with a group Hoke-Koke with Santa, which brought plenty of joy to all.

In the lead-up to Valentine's Day, we were grateful to receive a donation of flower bouquets from Sarah at the Co-op Distribution Centre. Children enjoyed creating their own mini arrangements to gift to their families, a simple but thoughtful activity that was well received.

In March, the group enjoyed two local outings. The first was a visit to Pelton Library for a Rhyme Time session, where children joined in with singing and storytelling activities. Later in the week, families visited Thorntons Close Pocket Park, taking full advantage of the spring sunshine to explore and play outdoors.





Multi-Sport After School Session

In March, we launched a new weekly after-school multi-sport session in partnership with Sports Cool Durham. Each week, children have the opportunity to try a different sport, helping to develop both physical skills and confidence in a fun, inclusive environment.

These sessions have also created valuable opportunities for children to socialise, build friendships and enjoy structured activities outside of school hours. We are pleased with the positive response so far and look forward to seeing the group continue to grow.

Move and Grow Gardening Session

In collaboration with Phil, Community & Wellbeing Coordinator at Move Durham, we launched a new gardening group in April. The weekly sessions take place on Thursday mornings and are designed to offer a relaxed, hands-on way for participants to engage with nature, learn new skills, and enjoy shared time in the garden.





To ensure the space is accessible to all, we have added a raised planter to our Rainbow Patch area. This was built using recycled pallets by a team of volunteers including Sarah and Kev from the Co-op Distribution Centre, along with Phil and his colleague Stephen. Their contribution has made a lasting improvement to the space, and we're excited to see the garden develop over the coming seasons.

Holiday Activities

Summer 2024

Over the six-week summer break, we delivered 21 sessions, designed to offer a wide variety of engaging, affordable activities for children and families. These included:



- Ice cream workshops with Re-Fuse Café
- Forest School sessions
- Multi-sports with Get Fit North East and MK Youth Sports CIC
- Music sessions with Purple Bear Music
- A high-energy Nerf Battle

In total 360 places were available. 74% of these were booked and paid for in advance, and 65% of places were attended–strong figures that reflect how much families value these opportunities.

October Half Term 2024



We kicked off the break with a monster-themed junk modelling session, split into two sessions. The first sold out completely, and although the second was quieter, it created a more relaxed experience for families. Later in the week we hosted a spooky cinema session, perfectly timed so families could head straight out for trick-or-treating afterward–a fun and festive way to end the day.

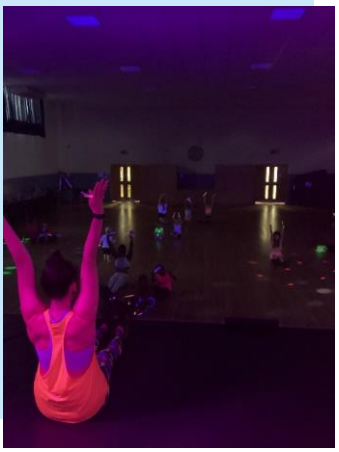
Funding

Ensuring that our sessions remain affordable and accessible is a core priority, we continue to actively seek out new funding opportunities to support this. In November, my role formally transitioned to focus solely on development work, allowing me to dedicate more time to fundraising, session planning and building partnerships to expand what we offer.



We are pleased to share that:

• The Banks Group has pledged a generous grant to support our 2025 holiday activity programme. After visiting our centre, they commented:



"We were blown away by your amazing centre and the incredible work you are doing here. Every community should have a centre like yours."

- Thanks to support from local County Councillors, we are able to continue running our regular Children's Corner groups for the next year, with essential costs like room hire, guest visitors and replenishing materials all covered.
- Additional funding from Cash for Kids will help us maintain the quality and consistency of our family sessions, particularly during school holidays.

We remain committed to listening to the needs and ideas of our community. Feedback plays a key role in helping us shape our programmes, and we are always happy to hear suggestions to ensure our groups and activities remain relevant, engaging and valuable to those who attend.

Report from Hyleen, Centre Coordinator



Food Parcels

From lottery funding in the first quarter of the year, we had £3k to purchase provisions for food parcels. This provided one off food parcels to help people during challenging times.
Later in the year we received a further £2k to help with the provision of food parcels, this service had increased significantly over the period including the summer holidays. This would be due to the extra cost for families having the children at home all day. This money also allowed us to buy Christmas goods to help the families with the Christmas period.

Ready Meals

With some of the lottery funding we began the year providing one hundred meals (2 courses) twice a week. Some of these meals went to Room 14 to help feed the users when they were accessing the youth provision. The last meals were delivered on 9/11/24.
In November 2024 we received funding from Co Durham Age UK to provide 80 meals weekly for people age 50+.

Our Space



'Anytime is a Warm Space Time' here at Pelton Community Centre.
Our Space was advertised on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Thursday has always been well attended & numbers continue to grow. Wednesday was not a popular day however. Mid-year 2024 some of the ladies attending the Thursday session started cutting up plastic pop bottles into poppy shapes that would be used later for a project. We asked the public to save pop bottles for them.



Some of the ladies have been helping with a couple of the poppy projects. They have put all the cable ties on the large poppies ready for them to go up in the local area. They also have been sowing poppies onto cargo nets for the parishes & also for in the centre.



Singing with the Salvation Army

We sold forty-two tickets for this event.
There was a sing along with the Salvation Army.
Then refreshments of tea & scones were provided. Followed by a quiz, set & compared by Clare & Hyleen.

We have been doing various activities in the run up to Christmas.
Nov 7th was belated Bonfire night & everyone made chocolate apple slices & enjoyed eating them.
Nov 14th old fashioned games & sweets. We had purchased some packets of old-fashioned sweets eg liquorice torpedoes. There was a lot of reminiscing about games played when they were young.
Nov 21st old photographs of people & the local area. Some people brought in photos of when they were young, which proved great fun.
Nov 28th favourite recipes. A lot of discussion of meals & baking that were done when they were younger.
Dec 5th was Salvation Army singalong & refreshments.
We had about forty people attend this event & everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.
There was a sing song with the Salvation Army, a game of Pass the parcel all followed by festive refreshments.





Dec 12th Our Space Christmas party. A buffet was provided for approximately fifteen people. We played games including 'Pin the carrot on the snowman' & 'Pass the Brussel sprout.'
Dec 19th Christmas cake & small gift. Everyone joined in with Christmas cake & festive treats. There was a small gift to take home for everyone.

Due to the poor take up of Our Space on a Wednesday we have removed that from our timetable.
It remains that anyone can have a cuppa whenever they are at the centre.

OPSIF

The OPSIF funding from the AAP's, ended at the end of March 2024 but because we had a small underspend we were allowed to use it in April. We used it to provide three craft sessions, these were Mosaic Craft, which was a lovely session with 13 people attending

and some fantastic pieces were created to add to flower pots. The Raggy Wreath session had 11 attending, we had some wonderful wreaths made. There was a lot of fun & chatter during the session. This session was open to children aged 7+ too, which brought the generations together. We held a Driftwood Craft session, where everything was supplied to make miniture drift wood houses, 13 attended this group.







Come Join Us

We received £5,800 from Chester le Street AAP to provide a varied timetable of events for our older centre users.
We have held 2 Raggy Wreath workshops and we have a calendar of events planned for the coming months ending in September 2025.



My thoughts

I really enjoy working with the older centre users. I like to see the social aspect when they all come together and there is lots of chatter and laughing. I hope new friendships can be made. Some of these people live on their own and it is their only social contact with other people. We provide activities that people may never otherwise be able to attend.

I hope that the ready meals and food parcels that we have distributed have made a difference to our families. Times have been, and still are, very hard for local families due to the increase in costs of everything.



I feel proud that I work at a centre that has their locals first and foremost in all that we do.
Many thanks for reading my report. Please contact me if you need any further Information. Hyleen Wood, Centre Coordinator



Caretaker Update - Paul Neasham





I have worked here for many years and remain committed to keeping our building safe, well-maintained, and functioning to the highest possible standard for our staff and community. While I primarily work evenings and weekends, you may occasionally see me around during the day carrying out repairs, maintenance, decorating, and other essential tasks.

Over time, we have built up a collection of tools and equipment, and I have used my skills to refurbish various rooms, which has helped save the charity money. I have played a key role in enhancing our spaces and take pride in contributing wherever I can. I also lend a hand in the garden when needed and occasionally use my drone to capture images of the building—especially useful for checking roof repairs. There's rarely a week that goes by without some DIY needing attention, and I'm proud to dedicate my time and care to the upkeep of our building.

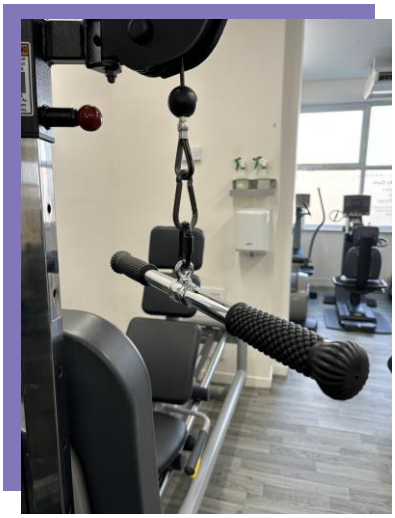
Community Gym



Meet John (on the left, aged 86) and John (on the right, aged 89) ….175 years combined, both attended the gym today and made us proud!

John junior attends up to 5 days a week, and John senior attends 2 days a week and both use our Cardio equipment... John Junior still uses the weights too!

Their visit isn't just a gym visit, it isn't to only improve fitness, both Johns use the gym and our centre as a social activity. The gym session lasts around an hour, but John Jnr then has a shower, finds a nice quiet spot within the lounge or Room 2 and reads some of his book, has a cuppa or finds someone to chat to. We believe this is a much needed and appreciated part of both Johns weeks and would not have it any other way.



Annalise Newel, Bar and Gym Coordinator

Our community centre gym is a massive part of our aim to provide our community with opportunities to keep active, in a safe and welcoming environment. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am until late and 9.00am to 5.00pm on a Saturday. Members of the community can often fit in a workout around their free time. We believe that our prices are affordable with £2.00 for pay as you go members, £15.00 for a monthly membership and £100.00 for an annual and these prices have still not increased since we opened.

Our gym provides a safe space for the local community and brings joy into many lives. Looking after yourself and monitoring your health is crucial in the world we live in today, more so than ever. Spending the time working out or walking for 30 minutes a week will improve the quality of your life. That's why it's so important to us that we provide a comfortable, safe environment for our community to work out in.

We possess fantastic equipment such as treadmills, weights, rowing machine, exercise bikes, and more advanced equipment such as the stair master, knee press and weighted machines such as the overhead press, low pull and many more, check out our gym to see all of the equipment.

We know that many things can get in the way of fitness, and that's why we have versatile opening times, whether you come in and spend 10 minutes on the treadmill or the full day lifting weights, we know that our community feels great after.

This year we've seen an increase in members inviting others to join, recommending the facilities to family and friends. Something we love to see here are the members speaking to each other, whether they're talking about their goals or snitching on their friends to fellow gym members for not coming to the gym with them. There are a range of ages and capabilities that join our gym, shedding the stigma of most gyms.
In the gym we have a notice board that features; fitness facts, tips for cutting down sugar, inspiring quotes and more. I asked our gym users randomly if they wanted anything on the board, and I delivered, adding in things like the difference between anaerobic and aerobic exercises or the benefits of lifting weights. Some of the users have stated that the quotes do genuinely help and inspire them on the days that they feel low.

Our gym made a staggering £11,126 over the year, it was below our expected budget, however a small increase on last year. We are working hard to increase this, thinking about new ways in which we can encourage usage and increase our income. We plan to go out into the area, into workplaces, into the industrial estates and encourage more participation.

Community Events - Why We Hold Events

At Pelton Community Centre, we seize every opportunity to bring people together and strengthen community spirit. Hosting events throughout the year not only helps create memorable experiences, but also allows neighbours to connect, children to play together and our weekly programmes to be enriched with variety. In the past year, we've introduced exciting new events such as Comedy Nights, Theatre Performances and Charity Fashion Shows, each helping to raise money, boost morale and offer something fresh for all ages to enjoy.



Our dedicated staff take great pride in seeing the positive impact these events have on the local community. It's incredibly rewarding to see the smiles, laughter and sense of togetherness they inspire. Events like these take many hours of preparation and planning, and we're always learning as we go. Some are a real hit, while others don't always attract the audience we hoped for—but we remain committed to building them up over time. The feedback we receive from those who attend has been overwhelmingly positive that encourages us to keep going, trying new ideas, and refining what we offer.

Events also play a vital role in supporting the centre financially. Our Main Hall—equipped with a bouncy castle, air conditioning and heating, disco lights, soft play area, cinema screen and refreshment table—is a popular venue, with over 80% of weekends booked for private parties. These bookings generate an average of £90 to £180 each weekend, with some events raising hundreds of pounds in profit. Thanks to word of mouth and our welcoming space, we have become a go-to location for celebrations, offering the ideal setting for parties that everyone can enjoy.

Silent Disco Time.

This year we held our first family Silent Disco, we hired the equipment needed and made playlists, added activities and decorations to our hall and sold as many tickets as we could. We had a fantastic time, although it was quieter than we hoped, it worked in our favour for our first event as it allowed us to ensure the event went well and wasn't too chaotic. Those who came had a fantastic time, they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to choose from the three music channels, dance and sing like no one is watching and have fun as a whole family. We are already planning our next event and are in the planning stages of adding an adult only disco the same day. This event will also have the bar and will hopefully be just as much fun.







Report from Terri, Event and Fundraising Coordinator





Over the last year we have had different events and fundraisers to bring funds into our community centre, we have had two £1 tables which have raised £140 between them, we had a Christmas bottle tombola and raffle which raised £156. We had a fashion show in March, the raffle raised £99. We also decided to recycle some of our books that are donated to us that using an app called 'sell your books' which raised

£20.45 and made space for more book donations in the future.

Overall, we have raised a fab £661.65 this year from different tombola's and Raffle's, most of what we use for tombola's and raffle prizes are kindly donated to us by the public, with the understanding that anything raised goes back into the running of our Community centre. Future plans are evolving as we speak.

External Agency Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre acts as a reliable venue for approximately 50 weekly groups and classes, that are delivered by external agencies who hire our facilities. Whether they hire the same room on a weekly basis for 52 weeks of the year, or move around the building on different days, we appreciate them all, they offer fantastic opportunities for our community as well as a much-needed income to the centre.
Our room hire income for the year was £122,260, which is £27,000 more than last year and a great increase. It is becoming harder and harder to fit things in when we get approached by new groups, but we always try out best, and with improved facilities and closures of local amenities such as several stages in our area, we are seeing an increase. We just hope this continues to grow.

Over the years the organisation has established strong working relationships with many partners, with partnership work often starting after a room is hired.

Throughout the year we see groups come and go, we offer discount on new blocks as we are aware growing a group from scratch can be very trying, but we have some new





fantastic additions this year, with numbers as high as 30-35 new people week on week. Some of our big hirers again this year include Park View School, who utilise Room 14 9-3pm, 5 days a week to use as a student support centre. Get Fit Northeast, who hold around 6 sessions a week in our Main Hall, for those looking to improve their fitness. GFNE have been utilising the hall for many years now, with the aircon, sound system and the big open space, it proves a popular venue for many. Get Fit North East developed a CIC this year, to help subsidise the costs of sessions to the community, making them accessible to many more. They were successful in a number of bids and as a result, added 3 Chair fit sessions a week and a Fit Mammas class to our timetable. The feedback we receive from Chair Fit is fantastic… "Love the classes, they are great and just love the music"

Durham Alliance for Community Care who use Room 2, 4 days a week, offer day care to the elderly, they also use our lounge for a hot meal every day and you may also find the group out in the garden enjoying the sunshine.

The group benefit from all the extra events we hold, such as our new Day Fever daytime disco with Age UK, which was a massive hit earlier this year. So much so, another date is already in the diary.

MK Youth Sports CIC are now based here on a Friday evening, delivering a Gymnastics session followed by a Cheerleading session from children 4+ and they have established some great numbers from day one. They provide a fun and energetic session with shows for families to enjoy throughout the year. The Large empty space in the hall is ideal, they can use the mats and create zones for different activities.





We support a wide range of groups by regularly setting up rooms, promoting their activities, and working closely with providers to create a welcoming environment tailored to their needs.

One recent change has been the loss of the NHS Speech and Language service, which previously hired our IT room four days a week for drop-in sessions. The space we provided was warm and family-friendly, with reception support and facilities available for visiting families. We were proud that children felt at ease in our environment, often preferring it to a clinical hospital setting.

However, due to a change within the NHS trust for the service, they will no longer be using our facilities. This represents not only a significant loss of income from the regular room hire but also a loss of valuable contact with families, many of whom we were able to introduce to our wider range of services.

As a result, we are now considering new ways to maximise the use of the available rooms – the Meeting Room and the IT Suite – both of which have the potential to generate £12 per hour. We are exploring a variety of options to encourage use, such as one-to-one meeting spaces, flexible office hire, or even hosting a small shop or service.

Facilities

Pelton Community Centre has a range of high-quality facilities that are available to groups and organisation to hire. Our range of facilities supports the organisation to offer a diverse weekly programme to the community.

Community Centre Facilities

Welcoming Reception Area on Entrance

Parish Council Clerk's Office

Small office style room, with desk, computer and two lounge chairs.
IT Suite with Laptops, Interactive White Board, Tables & Chairs
Medium Sized Open Room, Multi-Function Capacity
Large Main Area, Multi-Function Capacity, Table, Chairs or Open
Large Stage Area, Performance Capable, Sound & Lighting
Medium Sized Room, Multi-Function, Table & Chairs
Fully Equipped Kitchen Facilities, Cooking, Serving, Washing
Modern Community Gym, Cardio & Weight Training Capacity
Meeting & Day Care Room, Comfortable Seating, Multi-Function
Male and Female Toilet Facilities
Accessible Toilet Facilities including Shower.
An External Children's Play Park
An outside classroom, called The Rainbow Patch

Pelton Community Centre also takes great pride in the extra facilities and provision we have to enhance our communities visit to our centre. We have guest Wi-Fi throughout the building, which is there for anyone to use, a gym user whilst working out, a coffee drinker while having a break, our groups, services, events, staff and volunteers and of course our community.

Our recent refurbishment of the Main Hall has significantly enhanced the space we offer. It now provides a more modern, versatile area that can be dressed and staged to suit a variety of events. The positive feedback we continue to receive reinforces the importance of maintaining and updating our building and facilities, ensuring our users benefit from a welcoming and functional environment.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that, thanks to funding from the Groundwork Energy Efficiency Grant, all windows throughout the building will be replaced this year. These new windows will improve insulation, helping our rooms retain heat more effectively during the colder months. We'll also be installing new opening mechanisms and blinds, which will be a practical upgrade for our groups and users.

In addition, funding from Chester-le-Street Area Action Partnership has allowed us to begin refurbishing the Lounge. Improvements include widening the doorway to create better access, installing wall cladding to modernise the space and protect against wear and tear, and covering the original 50-year-old brickwork. We've also made better use of the space by adding shelving and building a cupboard for storage. Once complete, the Lounge will be finished with stylish accessories to create a more welcoming and functional room for all to enjoy.



We are Responsive, Inclusive, Committed, Collaborative, and Proud.

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…Chairman's Message

Message from Mick Rodgers, Chairman of the Pelton Community Association:

It is once again a great pleasure to reflect on the accomplishments and progress of Pelton Community Association, particularly as I celebrate my eighteenth year as chair of this remarkable organisation. Despite the ongoing challenges of running a charitable organisation and managing a community building, our unwavering commitment to supporting our residents remains stronger than ever.



Throughout the 2024-2025 period, we have continued to deliver a diverse range of community and youth work programmes, ensuring that individuals and groups in Pelton and the surrounding areas receive the support they need. In response to the ongoing cost-of-living challenges faced by our community, we have sustained essential services such as food parcels, Our Space sessions, food support, hampers, and hygiene packs. These critical initiatives have been maintained despite rising operational costs, including salaries, utilities, and essential services—a true testament to our resilience and dedication to serving our community.

Key highlights this year have been our continued investment in capital development, ensuring that our facilities remain modern, welcoming, and fit for purpose. The completion of the youth centre garden and the refurbishment of our main hall last year demonstrated our commitment to creating practical, multi-functional spaces. Looking ahead, we plan to refurbish our lounge area, replace all windows in our community building and install much-needed solar panels, significantly enhancing the building's energy efficiency. Additionally, we aim to upgrade the kitchen area of Room 14 Youth Centre, further enhancing this valuable space for young people.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated board of trustees, with whom I am privileged to work alongside in governing the charity. A special thanks goes to our exceptional management team, Clare Robinson and Tom Jones, for their exemplary leadership throughout 2024-2025. I also want to recognise the tireless efforts of our community and youth work teams, including all volunteers, whose dedication ensures that we continue to deliver high-quality services that positively impact individuals of all ages.

Finally, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who has provided financial support to our organisation during 2024-2025. A special acknowledgment goes to Pelton Parish Council and the National Lottery for their significant contributions, which have enabled us to make a substantial impact on our community. Our deepest gratitude goes out to all our funders—without your support, Pelton Community Association would not be able to function as effectively as it does today.

As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening our services, expanding our reach, and continuing to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, allowing them to Grow, Connect, and Belong.

Who We Are...



Pelton Youth Project, founded in 2008, alongside Pelton Community Centre, established in 1973, are managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation that exists to provide residents with a space to grow, connect, and belong. This year, 2025, marks the youth project's seventeenth year of operating, and we continue to be a dynamic and resolute youth work organisation. Our prominent position, on the front street of Pelton, means our youth centre, Room 14, is at the very heart of the community for young people. Luckily, our organisation is led by a dedicated board of trustees, who continue to prioritise services for young people, and have allowed the youth work team to thrive throughout 2024-2025.



In 2008, Pelton endured some of the highest rates of youth crime and anti-social behaviour reported in County Durham. This prompted the deployment of youth workers to support and redirect young people towards more positive activities. Subsequently, a substantial grant from the Department of Children, Schools, and Families was awarded to construct Room 14, an annex to the existing community centre building. Officially opened in 2010, Room 14 has served as the home of Pelton Youth Project for fifteen years, offering a dedicated space for young people to engage in structured youth work sessions, projects, and activities year-round.



Despite our origins being rooted in addressing historical anti-social behaviour, Pelton Youth Project has evolved. Today, our focus extends to working with young people simply because they are young people, deserving services to navigate through adolescence. We operate without categorising young individuals as deviants or problematic; instead, our work is based on a voluntary relationship between our team of youth workers and groups of young people. Embracing the traditional open access model of youth work engagement, we enhance our programmes with additional services such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and project nights, enriching our youth work offer.



Throughout 2023-2024, the youth work team concentrated on delivering an extensive and varied weekly programme for young people, supported by the board of trustees and backed by financial support from the National Lottery, the Ballinger Trust, Pelton Parish Council, and various smaller grant funders. Presently, we lead One Youth CLS, a local youth partnership in Chester-Le-Street, and serve as the North Durham anchor organisation for the countywide youth work collaboration Youth Print Durham. As we eagerly anticipate 2024-2025, we remain optimistic, committed to continuing our partnerships and tirelessly working for the improvement of opportunities and outcomes for young people across our services.

...Youth Work Team



Thomas Jones

Youth Project Manager



George Jones

Youth Project Supervisor



Tracy Neasham

Senior Youth Worker



Davey Hardy

Senior Youth Worker & DofE Lead



Michael Gibson

Senior Youth Worker



Lynn Barrass

Auxiliary Youth Worker

*Volunteers – Ryan Lee (Pelton), Jake Rollings (DofE), Paul Kendall (DofE)

*Young Volunteers – Martha Dowson-Jones, Ava Burdis, Lola Holmes, Kaytlin Scott, Joseph Hogg, Lucy Stonebank, Amy Banyard

*External Providers – Chris Clark (Heart Remind), Peter Morris (Morris Music), Chris Shield (DCC)

Our Facilities…



Room 14, an integral part of our community, reached completion in January 2010 as an extension to the longstanding Pelton Community Centre, which originally opened its doors in May 1973. This transformative project, with a development cost exceeding half a million pounds, was made possible through a grant from the Department of Children, Schools, and Families Youth Capital Fund Plus.



The creation of Room 14 was marked by collaboration between young minds and seasoned architects in 2009, ensuring that the facility was purposefully designed to meet the dynamic needs of our groups of young people. Over the years, Room 14 has continuously evolved, attuning itself to the varied interests and preferences of different groups of young people. The youth centre stands as a testament to our charity's commitment to providing a tailored space for the growth and development of the younger generation. Today, our youth centre boasts a range of contemporary facilities designed to inspire and engage. These include:

Room	Facilities
Computer Room	Six PCs with internet access and associated seating
Chill Out Room	Comfortable seating, 65" TV, games console, interactive white board & laptop
Hair & Beauty Salon	Hair wash basin, hair dressing, sink & hair & beauty equipment
Kitchen & Chill Out	Working kitchen, comfortable seating, 65" TV & games console
Main Activity Area	Music & DJ facilities, pool, table tennis, table football, art tables, air hockey, video arcades, comfortable seating, aeroplane seating, Two 65" TV's & games consoles
Music Room	Drum kit, PA system, amplifiers, keyboards, ukeleles, acoustic, electric & bass guitars
Tuck Shop	Small tuck shop
Toilets	Male, female & accessible toilet facilities
Reception	Reception desk and separate youth centre main entrance
Youth Centre Garden	Outdoor area, basketball hoops, youth shelter, BBQ area, outdoor seating

Youth Centre Garden...



In March 2024, our much-anticipated Youth Centre Garden project officially commenced. This transformative space was introduced to provide our young participants with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors during their youth sessions within a secure environment. The thoughtfully designed area encompasses key features such as a youth shelter, outdoor seating, a BBQ area, storage facilities, and basketball hoops, enhancing the overall experience of attending a youth session at Room 14.



This expansion was designed to empower our youth work team, enabling them to craft a more diverse and engaging programme, utilising the additional space. We were thrilled about the potential for dynamic activities and impactful experiences that this new garden area will facilitate. It was anticipated this would include our DofE training, food support, and small-scale games and sports.



Financial backing for this initiative was graciously extended through four esteemed charitable grants, underscoring the organisations commitment to supporting youth development. These invaluable contributors include Durham County Council S106, The John Horseman Charitable Trust, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, and the Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust. Their generosity was pivotal in making this project a reality and furthering our mission to create a vibrant and nurturing space for young people in our community.



I am pleased to report, that while later than anticipated, the Youth Centre Garden development is now complete. The final equipment was installed in August 2024. We now have the dedicated outdoor space being enjoyed by all the young people who access Room 14 across all our services. This has already begun to provide young people with a safe space to sit and socialise, dedicated area for small-scale sports, games, and group work. The YCG has also provided a dedicated space for DofE training including training in camping, map reading, cooking using stoves and team building. Finally, the space has given a place to BBQ and eat together outside in the warmer months. Young people have also been able to use the space during our onsite sessions during the summer holidays and term time sessions. The project having the breakout space really changes the session dynamic for the better, with feedback from young people positive, and so much potential for the different projects young people can now take part in using their new Youth Centre Garden.

…Our Timetable in 2024-2025

Day	Session	Location	Time	Age	Price
Monday	Juniors Project Night	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Tuesday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Wednesday	Grange Villa Youth Club	Grange Villa Community Enterprise	4pm – 5.30pm	8 – 14	FREE
	R14 & GV Activity Session	Various	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Activity Session	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Thursday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Activity Session	Various	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Activity Session	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Friday	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	5pm – 7pm	12 – 19	£1.00

Youth Work Projects…

In the following section, you will find information relating to the youth work projects that have been delivered over the 2024-2025 financial year. These projects range from our larger externally funded initiatives such as One Youth CLS, to smaller pieces of work with young people throughout the year.

One Youth Chester-Le-Street – Year Four



In the financial year from April 2024 to March 2025, Pelton Youth Project completed delivery of the fourth year of our National Lottery Community Funded initiative, 'One Youth Chester-Le-Street.' Originally awarded £309,780.00 for three years in December 2019, the project commenced in April 2021 due to a twelve-month delay caused by Covid-19. This year, One Youth CLS continued its collaboration with four local charities to deliver youth services across Chester-Le-Street. Pelton Youth Project, Pelton Fell Community Partnership, and MK Youth maintained the delivery of eight established youth work sessions. In our fourth year, we engaged with over five hundred young people, exceeding our annual target. One Youth CLS continued its focus on physical activity, mental health support, and social-emotional skill development. This year, we completed our monitoring for the National Lottery and the Garfield Weston Foundation. However, unlike recent years where a written report has been produced, this year, we decided to make a film to demonstrate the projects impact. The One Youth team are pleased to have a further two years funding for our project, thanks to a grant of £264,940.00, and match fund from GWF of £20,000.00.

Easter Programme 2024



In each of the school holiday periods, Pelton Youth Project aims to provide a school holiday programme of onsite and offsite visits. This is to offer ongoing support to local young people when they're not in school and often includes food support. This Easter was no different, and the youth work team provided a programme consisting of two onsite junior sessions, three offsite juniors' sessions, two offsite senior sessions, a DofE silver expedition, and two bronze day walks. Our programme was a great success, attended by well over one hundred young people in total. It was particularly pleasing to take our junior youth club members offsite, where there was not a single no-show in any of those offsite visits, which is fantastic.

Level Three Youth Workers



It gives me great pleasure to report that two members of our youth work team Michael Gibson and Tracy Neasham, qualified as Level Three youth workers this year. Michael and Tracy worked tirelessly over twelve months to complete their level three diplomas in Youth Work, and we are so proud to announce that they have passed. This means our team of six youth workers at Pelton Youth Project, now has five qualified youth workers, with a minimum level three qualification. This allows us to share the role of lead worker more equally, in the delivery of both onsite and offsite sessions.

Juniors Project Night Begins



The youth work team here at Pelton Youth Project felt that it would be a positive addition to our programme to develop an additional junior's session. We felt that a session that allowed young people the space to work on specific projects, rather than our traditional open access methods would be beneficial. This would allow young people the space and time to focus more on structured activities and learning. We have been delivering this session from May 2024 thanks to financial support from the Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust. This session has included young people working on projects such as arcade building, time capsules, junk modelling, and green screen. The plan is that this session will become a permanent session delivered as part of our programme, provided our young people continue to attend, and respond well to the offer.

Pelton Underpass -Graffiti Art Project



During May half term, in partnership with Heart Remind cic, young people from Pelton Youth Project helped to decorate Pelton underpass with graffiti art, utilising funding secured by Heart Remind from Durham Police and Crime Commissioner. The project, which also involved young people working with the Immediate Justice team, was successful, and brightened the underpass, which hadn't been decorated for almost twenty years. Well done to everyone involved including Heart Remind, Durham County Council, Pelton Parish Council, Sustrans, Immediate Justice, and local young people.

Junior's Moorhouse Activity Centre Visit



Also, during May half term, a group of young people from our Junior Youth Club, with the highest attendance, were invited to Moorhouse Activity Centre in Durham, to participate in a free afternoon of activities. The activities included high ropes, leap of faith, and archery. The young people enjoyed the opportunity, widening skills such as confidence, coordination, and teamwork, and have asked the youth work team to return to Moorhouse during the summer school holidays, which has been planned.

Hygiene Packs – Care in Crisis Project



Youth workers and young people at Pelton Youth Project worked this year to provide Hygiene Packs as part of our Care in Crisis Project funded through Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership, having previously been funded by a National Lottery Cost of Living grant. This project, along with several others delivered by our colleagues in the community centre team, was delivered to support our community around the cost-of-living crisis. It supported the community by providing essential food and meals, food parcels, and hygiene packs. The feedback from the community was positive and these projects were gratefully received by all those recipients.

Summer Programme 2024

Pelton Youth Project has provided local young people with a summer programme every year since we began operating in 2008. These programmes often include daytrips, residentials, expeditions, and reward activities. This year, we were pleased to be able to provide activities for juniors, seniors, and our DofE members. Further details for the opportunities provided for each can be found below:



Juniors – Thanks to funding predominantly from Durham Fun & Food, we were able to offer young people aged seven to twelve eight sessions during the summer. This included three offsite visits to War Room Laser, Moorhouse Activity Centre, and Infinite Air. Young people enjoyed two Candy Kids parties in the community centre main hall, a Nerf session, and two multi-sports sessions. All the activities we provided our young people aged seven to twelve included food and healthy snacks, and our partnership with Pelton Pork Shop helped us to provide that service.

Seniors – Again thanks to external funding, this time from the Champniss Foundation and the National Lottery through One Youth CLS, we were able to provide eight opportunities for our young people aged eleven to nineteen including four offsite visits. The offsite visits included a trip to the cinema, an ice-skating trip, Flamingo Land trip and a day out at Whitby. Onsite, young people were able to attend four BBQ sessions, where young people could come along, spend time in the youth centre, and eat together in the new Youth Centre Garden.





DofE Group – Finally, in addition to the expeditions we deliver over the school summer holidays, our team also make sure our DofE members are afforded the opportunity participate in reward activities for their hard work and commitment in completing their awards. This year, our DofE members were given the opportunity to visit Scaling Dam for an activity day on the water, which included paddle boarding, always a favourite among young people. Perhaps the highlight though, was a trip to Flamingo Land, to enjoy the theme park and the zoo.

Parish Council Summer Fair

It was a pleasure for the youth work team here at Pelton Youth Project, alongside Heart Remind cic, to support Pelton Parish Council summer fair. The event provided the community and local families with the opportunity to take part in games, crafts, and food. Our activity involved young people decorating name plaques with graffiti artist Chris. It was a beautiful day for the event which saw local groups and families come together as a community. Thank you to the Parish Council for organising the event and for including our team.



Friday Evening Senior Session

Pelton Youth Project worked in partnership again with Durham Police, Crime, and Victim Commissioner Joy Allen's office. We were successful in an application for the trailblazer funding to deliver a senior youth club session on a Friday evening, with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour in Pelton and the surrounding areas. The young people who participated in the session worked on a six-week anti-social behaviour programme, to learn about the impact and consequences of ASB.

JOY ALLEN
DURHAM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Northeast Charity Awards



This year our chairman, Mick Rodgers, was honoured to be shortlisted for the 'Charity Leader of the Year' category at the Northeast Charity Awards 2024. It was a true privilege for representatives from our charity to attend the awards ceremony on Thursday, 19th September 2024, alongside Mick and his family. The evening provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on our organisation's accomplishments over the past seventeen years under Mick's leadership. It was also a pleasure to learn more about the impactful work of other charities across the region. The event, held at the Fed in Gateshead, was made even more memorable by the excellent food and drinks provided at this wonderful venue.

NE Youth Impact Awards 2024 – Success for Pelton Youth Project

On Wednesday 06th November 2024, youth workers and young people at Pelton Youth Project attended the NE Youth Impact Awards 2024, at the Grand Hotel in Gosforth Park. NE Youth Impact Awards are about celebrating and recognising the achievements and talents of member organisations including their young people, staff and volunteers over the previous year. On the evening there were fifteen award categories and Pelton Youth Project were thrilled to have won two awards, with many other nominations across twelve of the fifteen categories.





We were delighted to see one of our Senior Youth Workers Michael Gibson win the Mentor of the Year Award 2024. Michael was nominated for showing a deep commitment to developing his skills, particularly in providing one-to-one support to young people. In addition to Michael's individual success, Pelton Youth Project were awarded NE Youth Member of the Year 2024. We were recognised for our proactive role in collaborating with other organisation and leading two local youth partnerships including our role as anchor organisation for Youth Print Durham's North Durham.

October Half Term 2024 Programme



Pelton Youth Project were pleased to offer our young people a programme of activites over October half term. We provided a total of three offsite visits, two for our senior youth club, and one for our Duke of Edinburgh's Award members. We took a group of twenty-one young people and three staff to York City for the day, where our young people were able to visit the Jorvik Viking Centre and York Dungeons. The group had a fantastic time at York, many of them for the first time, we look forward to providing our highest attenders similar opportunities in the future. Thirty-three of our young people working hard on their DofE awards were able to visit Blackpool Pleasure Beach, for a day enjoying the theme park with their friends, a well deserved rest from their normal hard work and commitment to their DofE journeys.



Our final activity of the half term programme was a North Durham area visit to Hollywood Bowl in Washington, which involved ninety-three young people and nineteen staff and volunteers from nine different youth projects across the area. It was a wonderful occasion where young people were brought together to meet with other projects and their young people. The event, funded by Pelton Youth Project and Stanley Area Youth Consortium allowed our groups to enjoy a game of bowling, have some lunch together, and time in the video arcade. Our co-anchors the Activity Den even managed to deliver some consultation with young people during the event, which will inform future area events and activities. Thanks to everyone who came along!

Sponsored Activity Night Fundraisers 2024



Pelton Youth Project find it valuable to involve young people in fundraising that supports the activities and services they participate in. In October 2024, two groups of young people completed a twelve-hour challenge at Room 14 youth centre, staying awake all night, and participating in a range of activities including baking, sports, movies, and karaoke. The youth work team are incredibly proud of our young people who worked exceptionally hard raising sponsorship. Our DofE group, whose event took place on Friday 18th October raised an impressive £1,550.00. Young people from our Senior Youth Clubs, whose event took place on the following Friday 25th October, managed to raise £1,300.00, which again is again fantastic. We are so proud of the more than seventy young people who took part in these events, and their sponsorship will be a great support for DofE expeditions and school holiday programmes in 2025.

IIC Seen & Heard History Project - Can You Hear Me Now?



Young people attending Pelton Youth Project were some of the many groups of young people that worked with Investing in Children on their Seen & Heard history project. As our young people participated in the project, they were kindly invited to watch a play by Jack Drum Arts, bringing the project to life. Our young people enjoyed the experience, which offered something a little different to their normal weekly youth session.

Christmas Parties 2024



During the Christmas holidays, Pelton Youth Project hosted two fantastic Christmas parties for our junior-age members, made possible by generous funding from Durham Fun & Food. Delivered in partnership with Candy Kids Entertainment, the parties were filled with exciting activities, including a disco, games, a bouncy castle, a photobooth, face painting, candy floss, and plenty of dancing. Each young participant was also provided with a packed lunch to enjoy. In addition to the main events, the youth centre offered various engaging activities such as Christmas crafts and window decorating to celebrate the New Year 2025. It was heartwarming to see so many young people enjoying themselves over the festive period, a time when we would normally close for two weeks.

Cinderella Pantomime 2024



As part of our Christmas festivities, we organised a Pantomime trip kindly funded by Durham Fun & Food. On Friday, 27th December 2024, the youth work team accompanied a group of over thirty young people to see *Cinderella* at the Consett Empire. Before the performance, the young people gathered at the youth centre to enjoy packed lunches together, creating a warm and social start to the day. They also brought along their own snacks to enjoy during the show. The group had an incredible time, with plenty of smiles, laughter, and excellent behaviour throughout the outing. The interactive performance was a highlight, particularly when the audience, including our youth workers, were playfully targeted with water guns for not singing along. This fun and unexpected moment delighted the young people and made the experience even more memorable.

Room 14 Youth Centre 15th Birthday

It's hard to believe, but Room 14 Youth Centre is now fifteen years old! On Wednesday, 22nd January 2025, we celebrated exactly fifteen years since its official opening by MP Kevan Jones and then-leader of Durham County Council, Simon Henig. The launch event back in 2010 was an unforgettable occasion, featuring UFC fighter Ross Pearson, who kicked off the celebrations, followed by a vibrant music event. To mark this special milestone, we celebrated throughout the birthday week during our youth sessions. Young people took part in cake decorating, sharing cake, and enjoying the moment together—just as it should be for a place that has given so much to the community. Here's to many more years of Room 14!



Streetgames Sport for Development Awards 2024 – Highly Commended



Pelton Youth Project were thrilled to learn that we had been nominated for two awards with Streetgames and their Sport for Development Awards 2024. Our youth project was shortlisted in both Project of the Year and the #HolidaysMatter Award for Outstanding Holiday Activities categories. The winners were decided by a national panel made up of representatives from the StreetGames network, StreetGames staff and trustees, and partners from Team GB. While Pelton Youth Project didn't win any of the awards, and head off to the headquarters of team GB in London, it was a pleasure to be recognised for the work we do not only to support local young people, but to give them opportunities to stay active, and become a valued part of their communities.

Channy Concert



Youth workers and young people at Pelton Youth Project were extremely grateful to receive twenty-five free tickets for the Channy Concert on the 10th of January 2025, thanks to Channy's and our association with NE Youth. Our group of young people had the most amazing time watching all the music and dance performances throughout the evening, which included Jamie Lee Harrison. Our young people also enjoyed food and refreshments at Sunderland Live Arena. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making these events happen, and for including our young people.

One Youth CLS - Year Four - Youth Evaluation Event



It was a pleasure to organise and deliver our One Youth CLS year four young people's evaluation event on Sunday 09th March 2025. It was a beautiful day at Beamish Hall Hotel, and a group of sixty young people and youth work gathered from the four One Youth partner organisations. The five-hour event included food and refreshments on arrival, games, prizes, and breaks spent outside in the sun. Importantly, the event allowed our young people to feedback on their experience of youth work through One Youth, including its impact on their emotional wellbeing, their skills development, and communities.

AAP Celebration Event



It was a pleasure for Pelton Community Association to be represented at Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership's celebration event in early March. Alongside our community centre colleagues, our organisation showcased the work that the AAP had supported over the years, which included cost of living projects, youth support, and DofE expeditions. We, as an organisation are looking forward to being a part of the new Local Networks, and continuing to work alongside our colleagues from across the CLS area.

Youth Print Durham – North Durham – Youth Voice Meeting



In March, ourselves and fellow Youth Print North Durham anchor organisation the Activity Den organised a Youth Voice meeting. This event offered young people from across the YPD North Durham area the chance to organise the next YPD area activity, which would take place during the Easter holidays. Young people also discussed their experience of issues such as crime, ASB, violence, and participated in completing a survey for Peer Action Collective. Youth voice is vital to quality youth work, and its important for the Youth Print network to incorporate this into the programmes for our area. It was great to have five projects taking part, with fifteen young people, who contributed confidently throughout the meeting, enjoyed food together, and loved our wink murder games.

CDCF Durham High Sheriff's Awards 2025



Pelton Youth Project were thrilled to have been shortlisted for a High Sheriff's Award again this year, where we received an unrestricted grant of £2,500.00. On the 20th March 2025, two members of the youth work team and three of our young people headed to Kynren at Bishop Auckland to enjoy an evening of celebrations. This was a historic year for Point North and the High Sheriff's awards, as it marked their 30th anniversary, and they therefore handed out a record-breaking £30,000.00 to ten lucky winners. We always appreciate recognition for the work we do with young people, and to share the evening with so many others like us was amazing.

This Is Youth Work – Durham Youth Work Conference







In March 2025, the Youth Print Durham network, supported as always by NE Youth, hosted the fourth annual Durham Youth Work Conference, titled This is Youth Work County Durham. This year's theme highlighted the diverse youth work across County Durham and the various delivery methods—all driving similar positive outcomes for young people and communities.

As always, Pelton Youth Project played a key role, with our Youth Project Supervisor, George, planning, filming, and editing a documentary of the same name. This involved visiting ten youth projects, capturing interviews with youth workers and young people about their experiences and the impact of youth work.

A group of ten students from Park View School joined our team, contributing invaluable youth perspectives in workshops and discussions. The event was a resounding success—both inspiring and a testament to the dedication of the voluntary and community sector in supporting local young people.

…Duke of Edinburgh's Award



In the 2024-2025 period, Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group achieved incredible success, marking the culmination of our eight-year journey since Pelton Community Association became a directly licensed DofE centre in November 2017. Under the dedicated DofE leadership of senior youth worker Davey Hardy, who brings decades of experience in youth work, our group has continued to thrive. Davey is supported by a team of passionate youth workers including Lynn and Tracy, as well as committed volunteers like Paul and Jake, who play integral roles in our expedition delivery and sessions.

Financially, our endeavours have been bolstered over the past year by generous grants from esteemed organisations such as The National Lottery, The Squire Foundation, P & L Cain Big Kids Club fundraiser, DofE Resilience Fund, and The Champniss Foundation. These contributions, coupled with the fundraising efforts of parents and young people, have ensured that our youth can pursue their DofE awards without hindrance. We have also secured required funds to deliver expeditions for young people in 2025.

Throughout this period, we've sustained the growth momentum achieved in the previous years, offering four DofE sessions weekly in Room 14. This continuity owes much to the support of the National Lottery's Community Fund grant for the One Youth CLS project, which funds two of these sessions. Our DofE sessions, held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, have been complemented by new activity sessions on the same days, inviting young people to utilise the community gym at Pelton Community Centre. This ongoing commitment reflects our dedication to providing enriching opportunities for young people in our community.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



In the 2024-2025 period, Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group successfully organised three bronze expeditions across separate weekends in both May and September 2024. These expeditions marked the first outdoor experience with our organisation for our DofE members, constituting a crucial step towards achieving their initial DofE awards. All sixteen of our young participants rose to the challenge admirably, successfully navigating a route from Lumley to Durham City. The expedition entailed carrying their own camping gear, food, and beverages, as well as autonomously setting up camp for an overnight stay. Congratulations to all these young adventurers on their accomplishment, and best wishes as they progress towards the silver level of the awards.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



In the 2024-2025 period, Room 14 DofE group meticulously organised and executed silver expeditions for two groups, each successfully completing both practice and qualifying expeditions. In April 2024, our first group of young participants embarked on their silver practice expedition, navigating through the Durham City area, and camping overnight at Moorhouse Activity Centre, while adhering to the standard equipment and meal preparation requirements of the DofE programme. Our second silver cohort completed the same practice expedition in June 2024.

During the May half term of 2024, the first group of silver adventurers completed their qualifying expedition in Northumberland, trekking along Hadrian's Wall. Subsequently, in August 2024, the second cohort undertook the same challenging journey for their qualifying expedition. The route, renowned for its demanding terrain, posed significant challenges, yet both groups exhibited exceptional resilience and determination, earning praise from our DofE leader, Davey who said, "two great groups of young people, who were committed to helping each other and are a credit to their families".



A hearty congratulations to all participants for their outstanding commitment and achievements! We eagerly anticipate witnessing your continued progress as you aim for the gold level with our organisation next year.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



It is widely acknowledged that the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award represents the pinnacle of achievement within the DofE programme, demanding both endurance and determination. I am delighted to share the successful completion of a Gold Canoeing Expedition during the 2023-2024 period, which involved comprehensive training, practice, and a qualifying journey, engaging eleven enthusiastic participants over two groups.

In April and May 2024, this year's DofE gold expedition group completed their canoeing training and practice expeditions in the Teeside and Yorkshire areas. These opportunities are all about young people putting the skills they have developed during the weekly DofE sessions to the test outdoors, in addition to developing a range of new practical skills in canoeing and in water safety. The groups work over training and practice outings prepared our young participants for the challenge that awaited them in the qualifier. Our DofE leader, youth workers, and adventurous activities provider spoke very highly of this year's group, their work ethic, and support for each other.





This year, unlike our previous qualifying expeditions, which have taken place in Scotland, this challenge was down on the Welsh border. The young people navigated a route along the River Wye, which is the fourth-longest river in the UK, stretching some 250 kilometres from its source on Plynlimon in mid Wales to the Severn Estuary. During the five days the weather stayed pleasant for our group, who at times endured high temperatures, which can be as challenging as cold weather on an expedition. The expedition also included an educational visit to Castle Goodrich in Herefordshire, which was a welcome break from the challenging canoeing. The feedback from the youth work team and the DofE assessor is that this group worked tremendously hard during their expedition, supporting each other, and remaining positive during the tougher moments.

Completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a remarkable feat, and the qualifying expedition stands as its most formidable test. Therefore, I extend heartfelt congratulations to all the young participants. Your achievements are a testament to your dedication and perseverance, and you should take immense pride in your accomplishments. We hope that you enjoy the opportunity to visit either Buckingham or Holyrood Palace to be recognised for everything you have achieved through each level of the awards.



DofE Buckingham Palace Gold Award Celebration 2024



On Monday 13th May 2024 three members of the youth work team here at Pelton Youth Project were invited to Buckingham Palace to attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Award Celebration. This was due to ten members of our very own Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group being recognised for achieving the highest level of the DofE awards. It was a beautiful day in the capital, and fantastic to see so many of our young people and their families taking the time to celebrate these remarkable achievements. A massive well done to all the young people who joined us in London.

DofE Holyrood Palace Gold Award Celebration 2024

On Friday 05th July 2024 our Duke of Edinburgh's Award leader here at Pelton Youth Project Davey Hardy was invited to Holyrood Palace to attend the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Award Celebration. This was due to another six members of our very own Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group being recognised for achieving the highest level of the DofE awards. It was a pleasure once again to see so many of our young people and their families taking the time to celebrate these remarkable achievements. A massive well done to all the young people who joined Davey in Edinburgh.



Young People's Feedback

Youth workers here at Pelton Youth Project are keen to hear young people's feedback when it comes to the Duke of Edinburgh's awards, and how we deliver them. We want to know the impact it has on young people's lives, and what they will take from their experience into their adult lives.

Phoebe said, "*The DofE has given me new opportunities and interests that I wouldn't have had without it. I had a wonderful experience canoeing and made some amazing friends along the way. It has taught me perseverance and brilliant organisational skills*".

Chloe told the team "*I had a great time participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Room 14. I have gained new life skills such as map reading, putting up a tent and learning to canoe and much more. I learnt that no matter what I faced that I could push myself to keep going and persevere during the difficult times on the expeditions. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Pelton who gave me the opportunity to do my Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Davey, Lynn and Tracy have been a huge help throughout my time at DofE and I can't thank them enough for everything they have done*".

Megan fedback that "*from starting the bronze award to finishing the gold, I have become a lot more confident. I am more outgoing and willing to speak to new people. The expeditions were some of the first times I travelled far without my mam, which made me more confident in travelling to and exploring new places, for example moving away for university and even doing a semester abroad. The experience has taught me to take on new challenges and help others. It has also helped me with how I handle my diabetes, giving me more independence control. Overall, it has been a very valuable experience, and I have learned a lot about myself, I would encourage everyone to do it. Thanks for everything Davey*".

Parents Feedback

Just like the feedback from young people, we are always keen to hear from parents, as they often provide the best perspective on their child as they progress through their awards. Here is some of the feedback we have received from parents in 2024-2025.

Phoebe's father Simon said, "*the DofE has given Phoebe an enormous increase in social confidence from the challenges but also the volunteering, and the appreciation of the strength of a team. They all had their individual strengths and complemented one another well. A positive attitude in concentrating on what they can do rather than what they can't. Phoebe developed her "can do" attitude to new opportunities and finds a way of completing them*".

The Gray's have had three members of their family involved in our DofE group, and they told us, "*Completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award has been transformative for our girls. The programme offered a sense of belonging and purpose, helping to build their confidence, independence, and resilience. It gave them an 'I can do this' attitude. Through the activities, volunteering and physical challenges, it helped them develop important life skills. For these young women, the DofE Gold Award has been more than a paper qualification; it symbolises their determination and growth. It has empowered them to set ambitious goals, inspiring them to overcome barriers and thrive*".

Charlotte's family told our DofE leader that "*when Charlotte first started DofE, she was quiet and reserved with very little confidence. As she progressed over the years, she has developed into an amazing young person who has gained in confidence immensely. She has made lifelong friends, tried new experiences, and thrived on a challenge. As a result of her experiences with Dave and his team, she now would like to train as a young leader to help others gain this invaluable life experience. Dave, Lynn and Tracy have been amazing. Their kindness and patience have had a huge influence on shaping Charlotte into the young person she is today*".

Other DofE Activities & Opportunities

In recognition of the hard work and effort that our young people put into their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, the youth work team tries where possible, to involve young people in additional activities. Below are some of the opportunities young people have enjoyed in 2024-2025.

DofE Summer Offsite Visits 2024



In addition to the expeditions we deliver over the school summer holidays, our team also make sure our DofE members are afforded the opportunity participate in reward activities for their hard work and commitment in completing their awards. This year, our DofE members were given the opportunity to visit Scaling Dam for an activity day on the water, which included paddle boarding, always a favourite among young people. Perhaps the highlight though, was a trip to Flamingo Land, to enjoy the theme park and the zoo. The sun was shining, and it was the perfect way to end the summer programme.

DofE Blackpool Visit – October 2024

Young people attending our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group were able to sign up to a free offsite visit to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in October half term. This National Lottery, One Youth CLS funded outing allowed thirty-six young people to visit the theme park and enjoy the attractions with their DofE friends and staff. The pleasure beach is often a first choice for young people when deciding their reward activities, and our DofE members truly deserved this opportunity, for their hard work in completing the awards.



DofE Sponsored Activity Night – October 2024

Members of our DofE group completed a twelve-hour challenge at Room 14 youth centre, staying awake all night, and participating in a range of activities including baking, sports, movies, dancing, and karaoke. The youth work team are incredibly proud of our young people who worked exceptionally hard raising sponsorship.Our DofE groups sponsored activity night fundraiser took place on Friday 18th October 2024, and young people raised an impressive £1,550.00. We are so grateful to the young people who took part in this event, as their sponsorship will be a great support for DofE expeditions in 2025.

Thank You

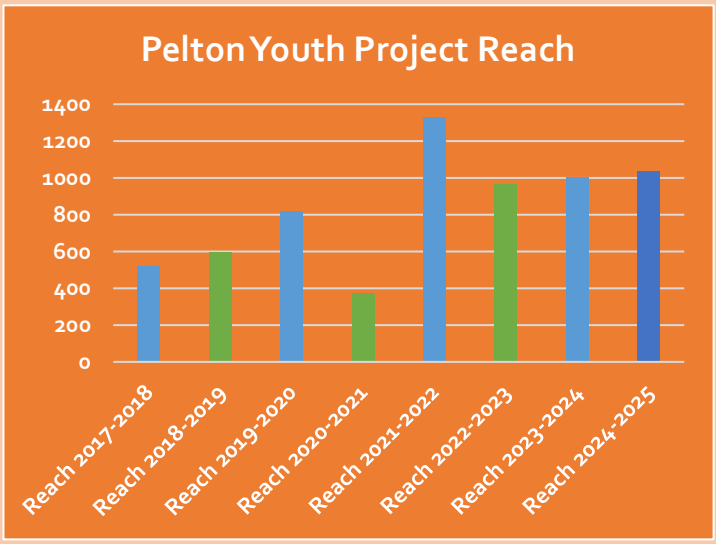
Award Level	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Completed Awards	16	16	9
Working Towards	29	18	16

Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group owes its success to the unwavering support of numerous individuals and organisations. I extend heartfelt appreciation to the charities and organisations whose financial contributions during 2024-2025 enabled us to offer the DofE programme to all young people, irrespective of their backgrounds. Recognising the invaluable contributions of volunteers is essential, and I express gratitude to all those who give their time voluntarily. Special recognition is due to our staff who work tirelessly to deliver these services. I would like to acknowledge Davey Hardy for his extraordinary dedication.

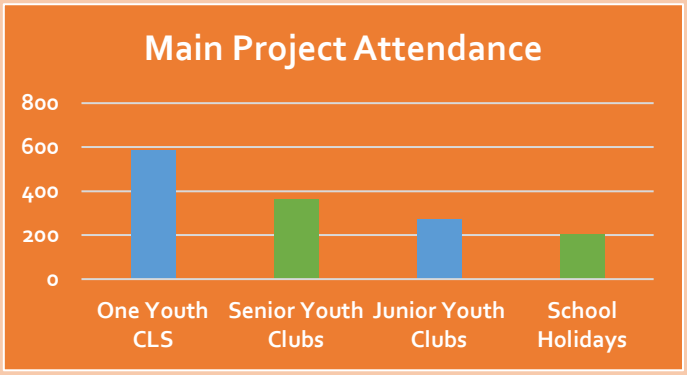
Demographics...

Total Reach

In this financial year 2024-2025, we have reached a total of 1035 young people across Chester-Le-Street, which represents a 3% increase on the previous year. This year is our second highest year for contacting young people on record, and the third time in the youth projects history we have exceeded one thousand young people reached. Our continued high numbers of young people supported is largely down to grant funded projects like One Youth CLS which increases the number of sessions the youth project delivers in more communities across the Chester-Le-Street area.



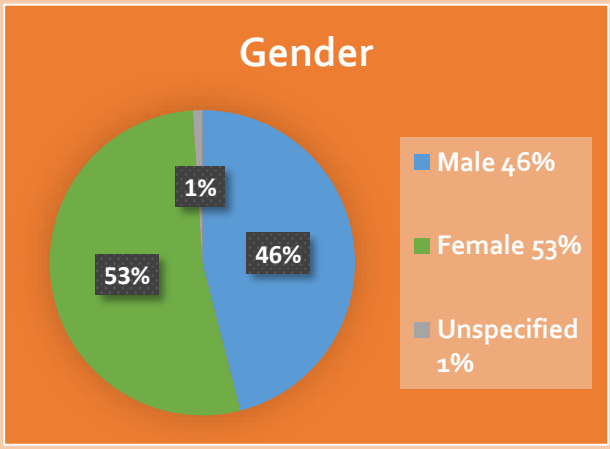
Project Attendance



It is also interesting to see young people's attendance of main projects delivered throughout 2024-2025. These are One Youth CLS, majority funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, Junior Youth Clubs, funded by The National Lottery Awards for All, Senior Youth Clubs, funded this year by the Wellesley Trust, and finally our school holiday programmes. You will see from the chart that One Youth CLS has the highest attendance again this year at 586, which is expected, as this is the largest project. However, it is fantastic to see such high attendance across the youth project.

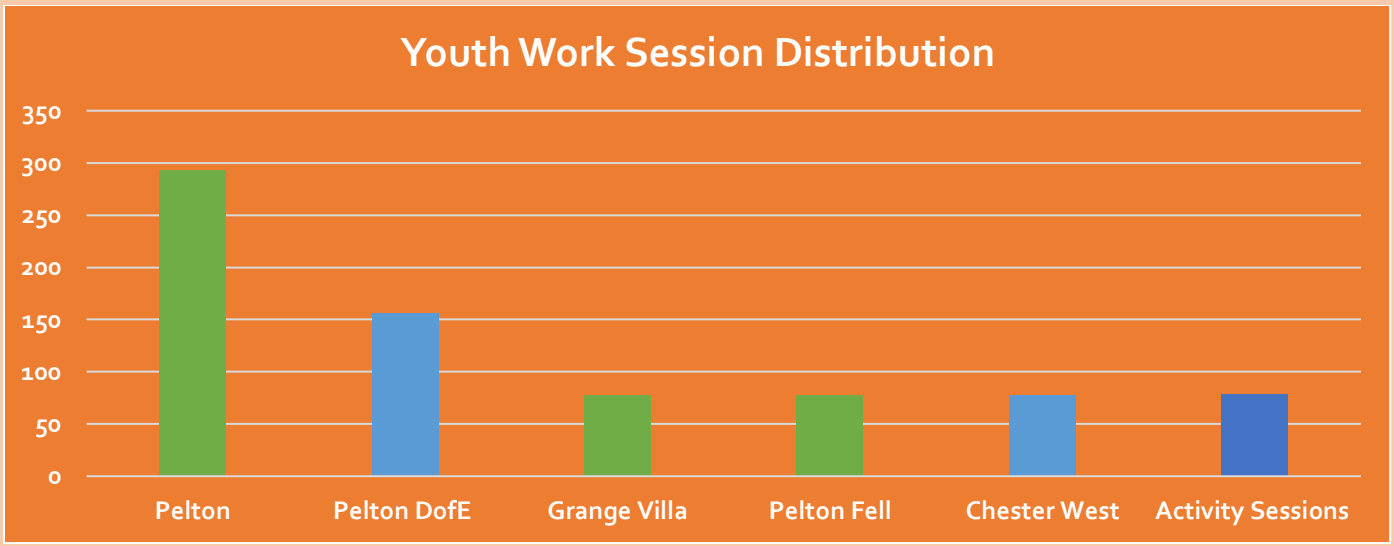
Gender Divide

It has always been important to the team that we work to support both male and female young people, often in open access settings available for all to access. It gives me pleasure to report that across all services, we are well attended by both male and female young people. The chart shows the gender divide for 2024-2025 across all services. It indicates that we are working with slightly more females at 53% than males at 46%. Traditionally youth work activities are dominated by young men, so it continues to be uplifting to see that young women are prevalent in our sessions.



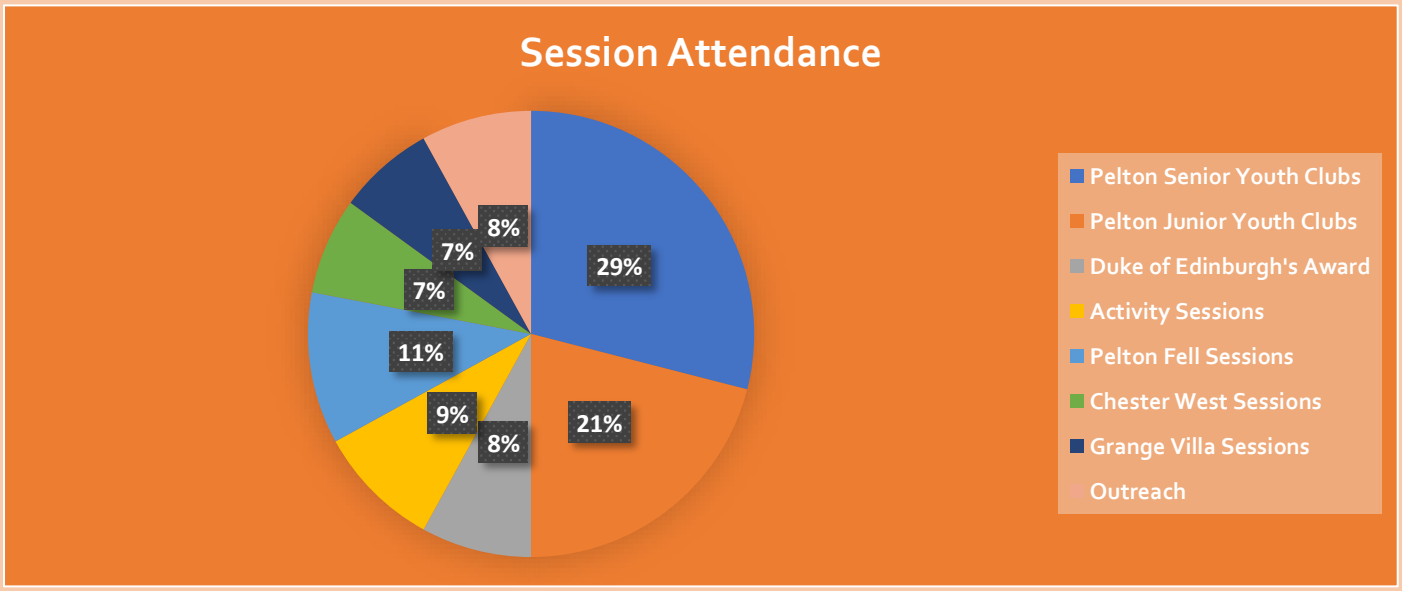
Session Distribution

During the 2024-2025 financial year, Pelton Youth Project has managed to deliver six hundred and forty-four youth work sessions across Chester-Le-Street in term time. In addition, we have delivered more than twenty day trips, three youth voice meetings, and ten DofE expeditions in the school holiday periods. The chart shows the number of sessions delivered in each location in Chester-Le-Street. You will see from the data, that while our services cover many villages across the Chester-Le-Street area, young people in Pelton, across SYC, JYC, and DofE sessions, continue to have access to most sessions at 449 again this year.



Session Attendance

The chart below indicates the percentage of young people accessing sessions in each community for example, Grange Villa, or by theme, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group. This is the percentage of young people per session or theme of our total 1005 contacts this year. You will see from the chart that our senior youth club sessions have the highest percentage of young people attending at 29%, followed in a close second by our junior youth club contacts at 21% of our total 1035 young people.



…Young People's Consultation

Pelton Youth Project consistently engages in ongoing consultations with young people as a fundamental aspect of our commitment to high-quality youth work. These consultations are integral to assessing the impact of our sessions, projects, and programmes on the young people we serve. We utilise the insights gathered to fulfil monitoring requirements stipulated by our funding partners and to strategically shape future services. Additionally, we actively solicit feedback from young people on an annual basis, normally through structured questionnaires. However, this year over fifty young people were invited to Beamish Hall Hotel to take part in a structured evaluation day. This provided youth workers feedback on the One Youth CLS project and youth services in general. It was fantastic to capture young people's thoughts in a slightly different way this year, the event was a great success.

Q1) Tell us what you have been up to this year with your youth clubs and groups?

Responses:

Parties
Christmas Activities
Sponsored Sleepovers
Sponsored Stay Awake
Fundraisers
Easteregg Hunt
Binbag fashion show
Trying New Foods
Youth Café
Woodland Walks
Erecting Tents
British Sign Language
Volunteering
Learning Music
Map Reading
Route Planning
Being self-reliant
Play Pool
Teamwork Skills
Fire/Stove Skills
Personalised Clothing
Going Swimming
First Aid Training
Sports Sessions
Baking & Cooking
Bonfire Night
Talent shows
Pantomimes
Cinema trips
Residentials
Learning Line Dancing
Bingo
Award Ceremony
Making Mocktails
Making Chocolate apples
Learning Cheer Leading
Graffiti Art
Saturday Socials
Making Hampers / Care Home
Cost of Living Support
Going to Evolve
Flamingo Land
Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Adventure Valley
Edinburgh dungeons
Trip to York
Theatre
Beamish Hall Evaluation
DofE Weekly Sessions
Gym
Day Walks
DofE Expeditions
Anniversary Celebrations
Paddle Boarding
Film Making
Guest Speakers
Making Puppets
Arts & Crafts
Making Pizza
Having Fun
Health and Safety Skills
Bowling
Trampolining
Residential to Edinburgh
Whitby Day Trip
Laser tag
Jewellery Making
Moorhouse
York Dungeons
Ice Skating
Ninja Warriors
Events
Youth Print Days

Q2) How have we supported you to be more physically active?

Responses:

Outdoor Sports
Football
DofE Gym
Bowling Sessions
Indoor Sports
DofE Day Walks
DofE Expeditions
Canoeing
Paddle Boarding
Team Races
Line Dancing
Air Track and Barrel
Laser Tag
Running
Netball
Rugby
Cheerleading
Gymnastics
Swimming
Dancing
Volunteering
Dog Walking,
Coaching Juniors
Fell Walks
Help Cleaning & Tidying
Jump Giants
Multi-Sports
Easter Egg Hunt
Evolve
Ice Skating
Playing Tag
Clip and Climb
Table Tennis
Air Hockey
Hide and Seek
Playing Games
MUGA Sports
Hola Hooping
Dodgeball
Just Dance

Q3) How does youth work help with your Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing?

Responses:

New Opportunities
New Places
New Experiences
Gets Me Out the House
New Friends
Meet New People
Learn New Hobbies
Surrounded by Friends
Supportive Youth Workers
Supportive Peers
Safe Environment
Caring Adults
Caring Friends
More Social
See Friends Outside School
I Feel That I Am Heard
I Feel Listened To
I Feel Part of Something
I Feel Important
I Feel Good About Myself
I Can Talk to Someone
Youth Club is Consistent
Confidentiality
Trust
Feel Safe
Youth Workers Always There
Socialise
Great Food
Honest Talks
Mind Occupied
Encouraged
Good Advice & Help
Being Part of DofE
Supportive Staff
I Can Get Help
Fun Trips
Youth workers Care About Us
Fun Activities
I Can Help Others
Learning New Skills
Making New Friends
Playing Music
Don't Feel Judged
Talk About Problems
Make Me Laugh
Get Passed to Other Services
Makes Me Feel Happy
Confident Speaking





Q4) What skills have you developed?

Responses:

Socialising
More Confident
More Creative
Sense of Humour
Talking In Front of Other
Teamwork
Rucksack Packing
Map Reading
Route Planning
Leadership Skills
Perseverance
Determination
First Aid-CPR
Countryside Code of Conduct
Resilience
Happy with my Achievements
Listening
Cooking on a Trangia Stove
Overcome my Shyness
I'm Ambitious
I Can Cook
I Learned to Knit
Play Guitar
Play Drums
Determined
Play Pool
Crochet
Origami
More Responsible
Boosted My Self Esteem
Life Skill
independent Living
Singing
Needle Craft
Confidence with Numbers
Beauty Care
Boxing Skills
Being Grateful
Appreciation
Independence
Learned to Swim
Make Things
How to Bowl
Learnt How to Bake
Drawing
Fine Motor Skills
Making Friends Easier
Photography
Sign language
Personal Hygiene
Responsibility
Planning
Problem Solving Skills

Q5) Does youth work improve the communities where you live?

Responses:

Encourages a Healthy Lifestyle
Build Friendships
Meet New Young People
Meet New Adults
Meet New Older People
Clean Environment
Help Bring People Together
A More Diverse Community
Brings Laughter and Happiness
Volunteering
Litter Picking
Opens New Opportunities
Brings Communities Together
Breaks For Parents
Keeps Us Off the Streets
Not Causing Trouble
Less Anti-Social Behaviour
Decorated The Underpass
Free Activities and Trips
Brings Business to Local Shops
Everyone Respects Each Other
Help Raise Money for Charity
Help Build New Skills
Gives People Things to Do
Brings Communities Closer
Helps Us Stay Active
Everyone Knows Each Other
Keeps Us Entertained
Helps Families with Costs
Gives People a Place / Space
Changes Our Attitudes
Community More Positive
Something to Look Forward To
Support for Families
Food Packs
Cost of Living Support
Hygiene Packs
Helps Communication





Q6) How can we improve services for young people?

Responses:

More Sessions
More Pantomimes
Make More Movies
Have Well-being Sessions
Visit the Care Homes
Go to York Again
Go to the Cinema More Often
Litter Picking in Community
More Fundraising Event
Go for Walks
More Residentials
More Community Events
More Graffiti Projects
Intergenerational Project
More Music Activities
More Outdoor Activities
Encourage New Members
More Group Work
More Cooking
New Equipment
Gaming Chairs
Dance Area
More Weekend Trips
More Merch
More Sports Coaches
Separate Quiet Rooms
More Cheerleading
Calm Down Space
More Guest Speakers
Free Transport
Homework Club
Lego Club
Chess Club
More Gardening
More Bingo
Sewing
Tye dye
Rock climbing
Skiing
Make Puppet Shows
More Baking

Conclusion

It was a pleasure to take extra time and space this year to evaluate our services beyond our regular weekly youth sessions, where consultations typically take place. The event at Beamish Hall Hotel felt like a well-deserved reward for young people—set in a grand venue with great food.

Right from the first question, it was inspiring to see the sheer volume of projects, sessions, and support provided over the past year. Young people across Chester-Le-Street have engaged in a wide range of activities, and the feedback clearly shows they feel supported in both their physical health and emotional well-being. The diverse skills they are developing, along with the positive impact our services have on the community, confirm that we're on the right path.

Additionally, young people shared some fantastic ideas for the future, and I was especially pleased to see suggestions such as supporting care homes, fundraising for charities, and launching intergenerational projects. A huge thank you to all the youth workers and young people who participated in our evaluation day. Your insights have been invaluable in shaping the future of our projects and services.





…Funders

In the fiscal year 2024-2025, the benevolent trusts, foundations, and organisations listed below have provided substantial financial support to Pelton Youth Project, enabling the continuation of our vital services for young people. As delineated in the ensuing financial section, our youth project predominantly relies on charitable grants, with revenue generated from subscriptions and sales typically constituting less than 10% of our total income. Thus, on behalf of Pelton Community Association, we express our sincere gratitude for your invaluable contributions. We are profoundly appreciative and recognise that our endeavours would not flourish without your generous support.

Large Grants of £10,000.00 and above

Pelton Parish Council	Pelton Community Association - General
The National Lottery Community Fund	One Youth Chester-Le-Street Year Four
The National Lottery Awards 4 All	Junior Youth Clubs

Medium Grants of £5,000.00 to £10,000.00

The John Horseman Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
CDCF CLS Primary Care Network CIF	Activity Youth Work Sessions
NE Youth & The National Lottery	Youth Print Durham Anchor Funding
T&WCF The Wellesley Trust	Senior Youth Club Sessions
The Champniss Foundation	Pelton Youth Project & DofE
The EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Anonymous Trust	Pelton Youth Project & DofE
The Garfield Weston Foundation	One Youth Chester-Le-Street Year Four
Durham Fun & Food HAWHF	School Holiday Programmes 2024

Small Grants of Below £5,000.00

CDCF High Sheriff's Awards	Pelton Youth Project General
Durham PCVC Trailblazer Funding	ASB Programme & Friday SYC
The Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust	Juniors Project Night
The Hospital of God at Greatham	Pelton Youth Project General
The P&FW Family Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Ardwick Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The William Leech Charity	Pelton Youth Project General
The Buckland Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Carr Ellison Family Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
Point North Darlington Building Society	YCG Equipment
The Hadrian Trust	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
The Three Monkies Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Fitton Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
The Molitor Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Michael & Anna Wix Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
P&L Cain Big Kids Club DofE Fundraiser	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
The Rothley Trust	Youth Centre Capital & Equipment
The Gosling Foundation	JPN & Area Events
The Joicey Trust	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Northern Rail Small Grants Fund	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

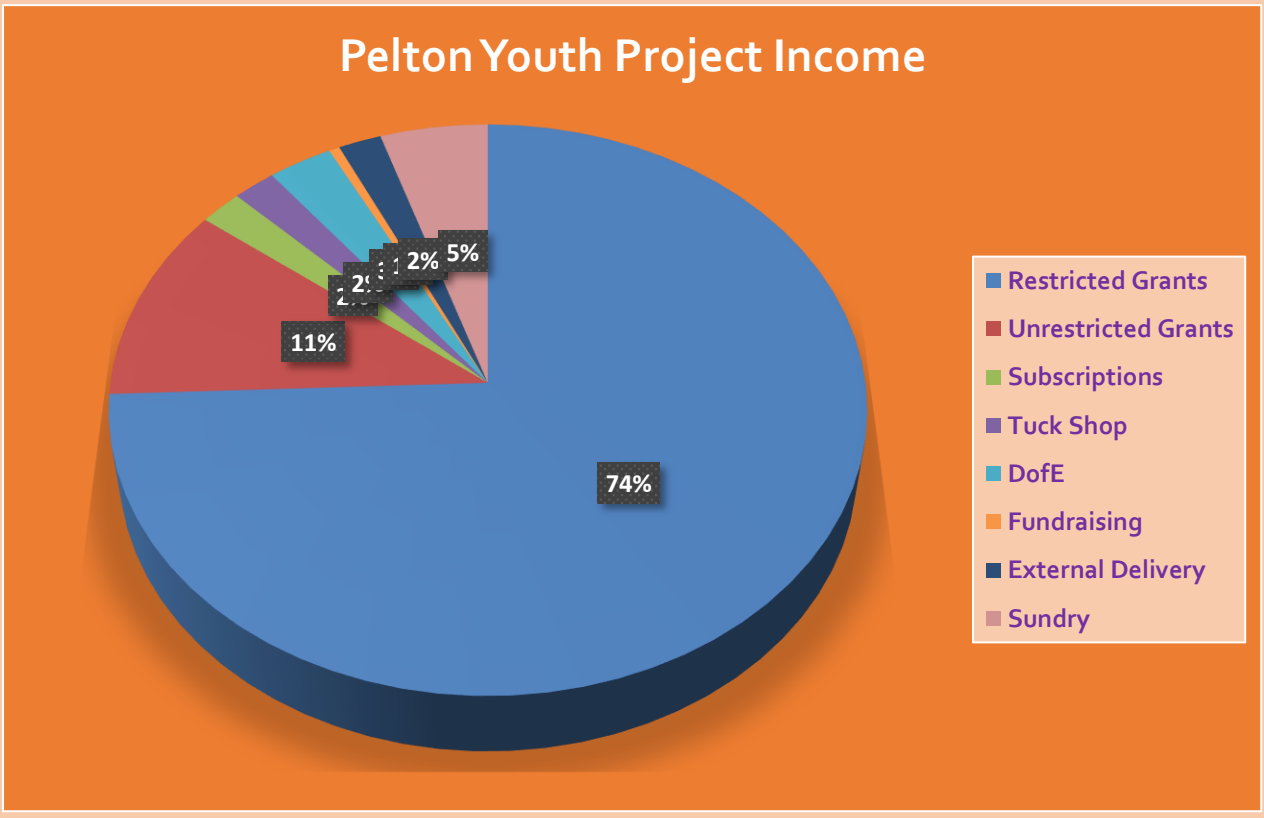
Financial Information…

Income

In the financial year 2024-2025, Pelton Youth Project recorded a total income of £305,412.57 an increase of just over 1% on the previous year's income of £301,694.30. Throughout this period, we have maintained vital relationships with grant funders such as the National Lottery Community Fund, Point North Community Foundation, and the Garfield Weston Foundation. However, grants for projects such as APT Youth funded by BBC Children in Need have come to an end.

A breakdown of our income distribution, delineated in the accompanying chart, underscores the significance of various revenue streams. Specifically, our restricted charitable grants for projects and services constituted 74% of the total income, reflecting a 3% decrease from the previous fiscal year. Meanwhile, unrestricted grants, which typically allocate resources towards youth work salaries and projects for the subsequent financial year, contributed 11% to our income. The remaining 15% was derived from diverse sources including subscriptions, tuck shop sales, Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programmes, fundraising initiatives, external delivery arrangements, and miscellaneous contributions.

This breakdown underscores the pronounced dependence of our youth services on charitable grants. Without the steadfast support of these grants, the sustenance of our operations would be profoundly challenged. It's essential to note that the financial figures pertain exclusively to Pelton Youth Project and not the entirety of Pelton Community Association. A comprehensive breakdown of the association's finances is available in the charities audited accounts for the year 2024-2025.



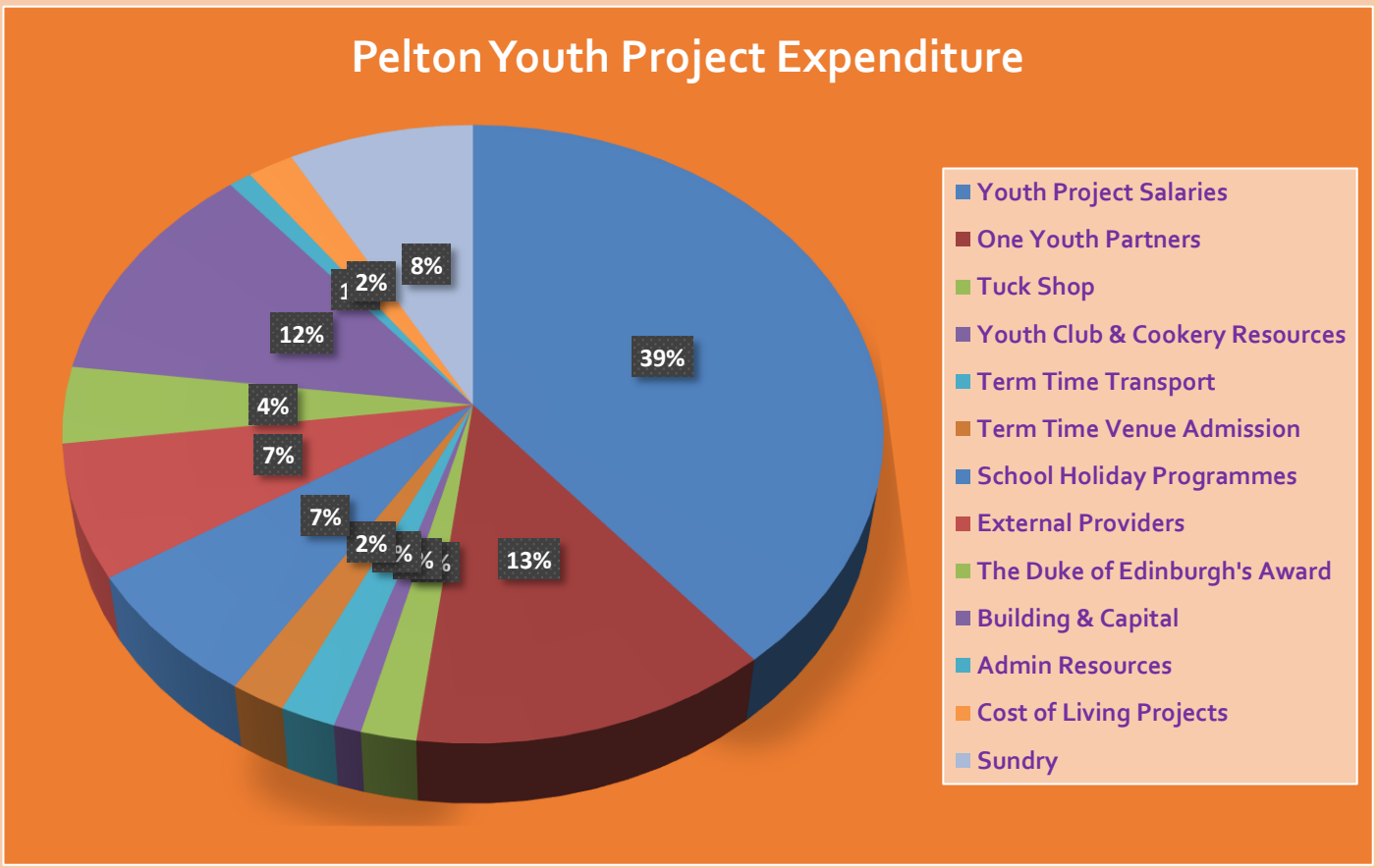
Expenditure

In the financial year 2024-2025, Pelton Youth Project disbursed a total expenditure of £284,699.91, an increase of 16% on the previous year's outgoings at £245,449.20. The ensuing pie chart offers a comprehensive breakdown of the allocation of our financial resources during this period.

Predominantly, our largest outlay, constituting 39% of the total expenditure, was directed towards youth work salaries. This is followed by payments to our One Youth partner organisations at 13%, and buildings and capital developments at 12%. This element inflated this year due to the creation of the youth centre garden and associated payments.

Additional expenditure included our delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's awards at 4%, external providers at 7%, tuck shop stock at 2%, school holiday programme delivery at 7%, while term time venue admission and transport contributed to a total of 4% of total expenditure this year.

It's crucial to note that the figures solely pertain to Pelton Youth Project's own financial resources and do not encompass all charity expenditures such as utilities, building services, HR, and DCC Service Level Agreement, which are supported and subsidised by Pelton Community Association. This delineation ensures transparency and accuracy in accounting practices, with funds ring-fenced within the audited accounts under 'Room 14' dedicated to our youth work initiatives.



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"First time there and really quite impressed, lovely bunch and a lot going on for the community - at all stages of life. ☺ Definatly worth a look to see what is going on there if you're local and seems to be a great venue if you're looking to host your own thing."

Who We Are

Pelton Community Association (PCA) exists to make people's lives better in Pelton and surrounding areas by delivering health and wellbeing activities that make a positive difference in their lives. PCA is a registered charity, with a Board of Trustees, and staff and volunteer teams that operates and delivers services to all ages, seven days a week in Pelton Community Centre, Pelton, Chester-le-Street, County Durham.

Pelton Community Association is at the heart of our community, a welcoming and inclusive charitable organisation. We offer a warm, modern and safe venue that allows each of us to grow, connect and belong. We do this through a diverse programme of activities and facilities for leisure, learning and wellbeing.



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Charity Type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number	1155121
Constitution	Revised 2013
Registered Address	Pelton Community Centre Front Street, Pelton Chester-le-Street County Durham DH2 1DE
Trustee Meetings	The 3rd Wednesday Monthly at 6pm

Pelton Community Association - Board of Trustees

Chairman	Mick Rodgers
Treasurer (Acting)	Lesley Herring
Secretary	Penny McLean
Trustee	Rt Hon Kevan Jones
Trustee	Joy Allen
Trustee	Clare Todd

Pelton Community Association - Paid Community Centre Employees

Centre Manager	Clare Robinson
Centre Coordinator	Hyleen Wood
Community Centre Activity Assistant	Charlotte Lowes (Part Year)
Development Worker	Ellen Bell
Events and Fundraising Coordinator	Terri Murray
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Paul Neasham
Cleaner	Phillip Martin
Cleaner	Lorraine Turnbull

***Note – This table excludes our six paid youth centre employees, as they produce a separate annual report containing staff information.**

Financial Information

As a charity, our Audited accounts can be found on the Charity Commissions website, found here: www.gov.uk

The Centre had a successful year increasing our income and level of provision in a challenging and difficult economic climate and increase demand and competition for the funding, however you will see in our annual accounts, a deficit of over £50k was made. Room hire was again high, with £84,064.96 over the twelve months as mentioned in this report, and the Gym also generated a high income.

The main expenditure was employee costs totalling £214512.57. This year we did see an increase as we had some bumps in the road with staff and had to cover in other ways.

The Trustees have a Reserves Policy as per guidance from Charity Commission to protect the charity against drops in income or allow it to take advantage of new opportunities. Reserves are built/maintained/reduced to a level, which ensures that minimum 6 months of the organisations core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. Pelton Community Centres reserves have been utilised a little this year, resulting in a drop in our reserves at the end of the financial year. We hope to be in a stronger position soon, enabling us to build this back up to put us in good stead for anything we may face these coming years.







Funding Information

Pelton Community Centre, along with our youth project, are heavily supported and subsidised by financial assistance from external agencies, charitable trusts and foundations. You will find information below on the organisations who have supported Pelton Community Centre throughout 2022-2023, and to whom we are extremely grateful. Remember, our youth project has a separate annual report, so if you have provided financial support to Pelton Youth Project, you will be contained within their annual report as opposed to this report.

Chester-le-street and District Area Action Partnerships - Older Peoples Social Isolation Fund

Chester-le-street and District Area Action Partnerships - Fun & Food Funding

Durham County Council Area Action Budget

Durham County Council Community Buildings Support Fund

Cllr Danny Wood
Cllr Alison Batey
Cllr Paul Pringle

Asda Foundation
County Durham Community Foundation
Durham Community Action
Durham County Council & County Durham Community Foundation, Community Arts & Culture Small Grants Scheme
Pelton Parish Council
Morrisons
Kajima
and many more...

Project Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre is a busy centre, providing a variety of activities, groups and events for all to enjoy and benefit in one way or another. We have several weekly groups that we deliver and are responsible for as a charity. These opportunities are often delivered utilising external grants that we have been able to secure, to support our work on behalf of the community. This delivery combined with our external agency groups has led to a packed weekly timetable of activities, which over this year has started to build back up again, after we did loose a few core groups due to the pandemic.

Within this year, groups and areas of work within the building were tasked to particular staff members, who will now report on the areas they have dedicated many hours of work to over the last year.

Report from Ellen, Development Worker.



Owl & Owlets has gone from strength to strength since we started sessions back up in March 2022. Over the past year we have welcomed over 180 children through our doors, due to funding from Councillor Danny Wood and The Karbon Home Fund. The Asda Foundation have also been able to offer some unforgettable experiences for our families. These have included a day trip to Beamish for 25 families and two trips to Dream Big Roleplay Centre, each hosting 20 children. As well as visits into our group from the Live Well North east C.I.C, Seven stories, Yoga Pupz and a special Christmas session with Santa Ste.





Future plans for our toddler session include developing our outdoor space to allow regular use during sessions. This will allow us to offer a wider variety of play experiences different to those



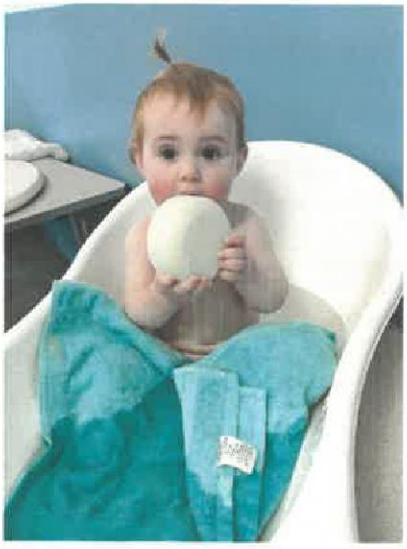
we are already able to offer. As well as give all the children who attend a safe outdoor environment where they can play and explore. We are currently raising funds for this project and so far, our families themselves have raised £250 by completing a sponsored circuit session.

The main struggle we face during our sessions is ensuring we have an adequate amount of staff and volunteers to ensure we can offer a quality level of support to those who attend. Due to the popularity of our sessions we often see 20-30 children in attendance so between myself and our volunteer Cheryl it can often be all hands on deck ensuring activities are set up and everyone feels welcome and included. We have recently advertised for volunteers and have 2 people lined up and ready to start once all the appropriate checks have been completed.





Baby hub sessions started running in June and, like the toddler session, this also continues to grow in popularity. This session focuses more upon younger babies, providing a safe and welcoming environment for babies to explore and take in the world around them. Whilst also allowing Parent's to socialise, self-weigh baby and access support and advice. To date we have been able to offer advice sessions around, baby first aid, weaning, safe sleep practices and starting nursery. We can offer these sessions free of charge thanks to the funding received from County Durham Community Foundation.



A recent survey I sent to Baby Hub attendees allowed us to consider the impact this session has for those who attend. All parents who responded to the survey said they feel



welcome during the sessions. We also received comments letting us know how sessions had helped improve mental wellbeing and the supportive, non-judgemental environment was appreciated. When asked how we could improve the sessions a number of the responders asked for additional baby hub sessions to be added to our weekly timetable. Followed by all responders confirming they will continue to attend future sessions.

The funding received from County Durham Community Foundation also allowed us to fully fund pre and postnatal yoga sessions facilitated by Jill Ward from Bump to Baby Yoga, we ran these from August onwards. Those who attended expressed how much they enjoyed the sessions and how beneficial they found them. However due to low uptake we have been rethinking how to offer a group session to support health and fitness for our local Mum's in another way. We have plans in place to trial a Mum & baby exercise session starting in September.

Report from Hyleen, Office Coordinator

Food Parcels

With funding from Fareshare & Tesco we have been able to provide one off food parcels to people who need a little help with feeding their families. Due to the massive rise in the price of everything we have found that we have done more parcels than during Covid. People who have received these parcels are always so grateful for the help. We also sign post people to venues in Chester where they can receive regular help with food.

City Swing Jubilee Event

This was held on 4th June 2022. We had some funding for this event from County Durham Community Foundation. The band City Swing played at the event, some people danced and others just watched and listened. Afternoon tea was provided by Perryman's Picnics. The afternoon was a great social event for the community. Tickets for the event were £5.





Pelton Lifeline

With funding from County Durham Community Foundation Safety Fund, we had started Lifeline, working alongside Humankind, which provided drop-in sessions for people with substance abuse prior to Covid.

In May 2022 we tried to restart this programme but unfortunately there were no people accessing the provision & therefore the sessions were stopped.



Warm Spaces

Funding by DCC and CDCF

With the drastic rise in prices for food, utilities, transport etc we knew that people and families in our community were going to be struggling. With the funding that we received we started Warm Spaces drop-in on Thursday 6th October 2022. These sessions are advertised Thursday 10-4pm and Saturday 10-2pm. If anyone calls at any other time, we will always help them with a warm cuppa and any help that we can give.

At Warm Spaces sessions we provide teas & coffees with a light snack and biscuits. There are also lots of activities and board games for people to use.

Initially the uptake of people attending was slow but now on a Thursday we have approximately 15 people most weeks. Saturday gets very few people, but the facility is always there.

On 6th April 2023 as an Easter treat for the group, we provided a fish and chip lunch. Then there was a chocolate Easter bunny gift for everyone. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Keep Warm, Keep Moving - Indoor Archery

As part of Warm Spaces AgeUK offered an initial 6 weeks of a choice of indoor activities. We chose Archery. This has proved to be very popular with the men and the ladies. They initially started with the safe equipment (the arrows had suckers on the end) but now they are firing real arrows on to straw backed targets. We have just heard from AgeUK that Durham Community Action have given more funding for the scheme so that it will last until June,

What we would like to continue the Archery group after June. We need to see if anyone that attends now is willing to take on the role as lead in the group. Then we need to secure some funding to purchase the necessary equipment.

50th Birthday celebrations for the centre

I have and still am very busy helping with the organisation of the above event. We have planned a Family night, a day of carnival fun, City Swing and afternoon tea, a week of offers for members in the gym and a Timeline showing the centre over the last 50 years.

My future plans

One project I will lead on is Older People's social isolation fund (OPSIF 23). This is to provide craft sessions, large events, film shows etc for the older people over the next year. I will continue to help run Warm Spaces as funding allows and maybe there may be more funding to apply for this worthwhile project. I have no doubt that further opportunities will come my way to work on other projects.

Many thanks for reading my report. Please contact me if you need any further information. Hyleen Wood, Centre Co-ordinator

Community Gym

Our community centre gym is a massive part of our aim to provide our community with opportunities to keep active. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am until late and 9.00am to 5.00pm on a Saturday, members of the community can often fit in a workout around in their free time. We believe that our prices are affordable with £2.00 for pay as you go members, £15.00 for a monthly membership and £100.00 for an annual and these prices have still not increased since we opened. The gym is very well utilised, with an average of forty people using the facilities every single day it is available. This year the gym turned 10 years old, and we are still going strong. John, pictured right, has been with us since we opened and still attends twice a week, we congratulated him with some goodies, and gave him a big pat on the back.



We induct every member and have really seen a boost in memberships post the pandemic, with an increase in usage during the day, which is

great to see. Some fabulous friendships have formed along the way. We were lucky enough, with some funding, to give away some free membership this year, we had a spin wheel and every time someone visited, they could be in with a chance of winning a free session, free month and we even gave away 4 annual memberships. These were much appreciated due to the current cost of living crisis we find ourselves in, and hopefully it helped some continue to look after their health and wellbeing and not worry as much about the cost of doing so. Future plans are to improve the quality of our equipment, consult with our users and community and find out if anyone needs to be added.

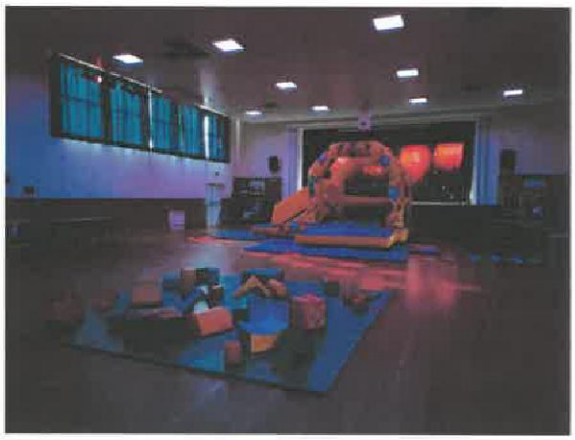




Our gym income £11500 for the year, which shows we are still a popular choice for many of our community.

Community events

Why We Hold Events



Here at Pelton Community Centre, we take every opportunity that we can to bring the community together. There are many benefits associated with hosting events throughout the year. Members of our community can socialise with one another, children are able to play together, and our weekly programmes are enhanced by offering something a little different. We also generate much needed income through these events, with some making hundreds of pounds profit. Our Main Hall, with bouncy castle, aircon/heating and disco lights, along with soft play, cinema screen, refreshment table and more is a great source of income, with more than 80% of our weekends hired out for private parties, generating between £90 and £180 on average every weekend. Word of mouth is our main form of advertising for parities and we feel we have the perfect location for parties for all to enjoy.



Other events this year include our very first quieter disco for those families not used to, or who prefer a calmer environment at parties. This was well appreciated by many families and was a great evening.



We also held a slightly different Christmas to usual, with targeted events for all to enjoy, such as a visit from Santa Ste for our young children, a family disco for families to enjoy, a weekend Pantomime, themed craft sessions and then an afternoon tea with our local brass band. This event was a sell-out, at only £5 a ticket you could come along to our warm main hall, sit with others and enjoy a sing song and a boxed afternoon tea.



Our events and activities raised £2500+ over the year, which is fantastic.

External Agency delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre acts as a reliable venue for approximately forty weekly groups and classes, that are delivered by external agencies who hire our facilities. Our room hire income for the year was in excess of 84k which is a fantastic figure to help preserve our building and enable us to continue doing what we do for our community. The organisation has established strong working relationships with many partners, and lots of them hire space on multiple occasions every week.

We really appreciate all who hire our facilities, we acknowledge the difference these sessions have made to our community, the impact they can have of the lives of our community and how much they are well received.

Some of our big hirers this year include Speech and Language with the NHS, using our IT room 4 days a week to meet families to chat and give advice, Get Fit North East who hold around 8 sessions a week in our Main Hall for those looking to improve their fitness and Durham Alliance for Community Care who use Room 2 3 days a week offering day care to the elderly, they also use our lounge for a hot meal every day.

Facilities

Pelton Community Centre has a range of high-quality facilities that are available to groups and organisation to hire. Our range of facilities supports the organisation to offer a diverse weekly programme to the community.

Community Centre Facilities

Welcoming Reception Area on Entrance
Parish Council Clerk's Office
Small office style room, with desk, computer and two lounge chairs.
IT Suite with Laptops, Interactive White Board, Tables & Chairs
Medium Sized Open Room, Multi-Function Capacity
Large Main Area, Multi-Function Capacity, Table, Chairs or Open
Large Stage Area, Performance Capable, Sound & Lighting
Medium Sized Room, Multi-Function, Table & Chairs
Fully Equipped Kitchen Facilities, Cooking, Serving, Washing
Modern Community Gym, Cardio & Weight Training Capacity
Meeting & Day Care Room, Comfortable Seating, Multi-Function
Male and Female Toilet Facilities
Accessible Toilet Facilities including Shower
Two External Children's Play Parks

Pelton Community Centre also takes great pride in the extra facilities and provision we have to enhance our communities visit to our centre. We now have guest Wifi throughout the building, which is there for anyone to use, a gym user whilst working out, a coffee drinker while having a break, our groups, services, events, staff and volunteers and of course our community.

We also purchased a Litter Picking station this year and filled it with bundles of everything you would need to head out into your community to help reduce litter on the ground. We purchased pickers, hoops and bin liners, we also added backpacks for people to utilise on their litter pick.



Business Plan Development

Pelton Community Centre's previous business plan had expired and was no longer relevant to the work we were doing, and hoped to do, in some places. We felt it was time to dedicate many hours, consultations, work with our management, staff, volunteers and board members to create a more relevant business plan to take us through the next few years, which we feel may become challenging at times. We worked with Connected Voice to create a business plan we could use as a tool within our trustees' meetings, a document we could use to guide us when applying for funding, making changes within the building and to help keep us on track. Our business plan will start April 2023.



Pelton Community Centre

Pelton Community Association

Business Plan 2023 – 2026

This plan sets out the strategic objectives for three years from April 2023 until March 2026

Prepared by:

Clare Robinson Centre Manager

Thomas Jones Youth Project Manager

Supported by Connected Voice

We are also hoping to re-brand a little, using our new tag line:

A place to Grow, Connect and Belong...

Moving forward

Our business plan for 2023-2026 holds the following statements, which we aim to follow in the coming years:

Vision - What we do

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- Is committed to investing in our staff and volunteers
- Has a proud reputation for developing strong partnerships, collaborations and networks
- Takes great pride in maintaining a welcoming community building that is at the heart of our communities

We are Responsive, Inclusive, Committed, Collaborative, and Proud.



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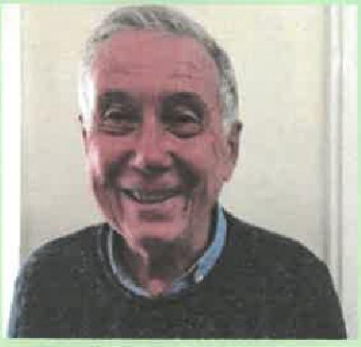
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Who We Are...



Pelton Youth Project, founded in 2008, alongside Pelton Community Centre established in 1973 are managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation that exists to support the residents of Pelton and the surrounding communities. This year, 2023, represents the youth project's fifteenth year of existence, and we continue to be a motivated and determined youth work organisation. Our prominent position, on the front street of Pelton, means our youth centre, Room 14, is the very heart of the community for young people. Luckily, our organisation is led by a dedicated board of trustees, who continue to prioritise services for young people, and have allowed the youth work team to thrive throughout 2022-2023.



Back in 2008, Pelton experienced some of the highest and most reported rates of youth crime and anti-social behaviour in County Durham. This was the original reason that youth workers were deployed in the area, to support young people and direct them to more positive pastimes. It was also the motivation behind the community being awarded a substantial grant from the Department of Children, Schools, and Families, to build a youth centre as an annex to the existing community centre building. Room 14 was officially opened in 2010 and has been the home of Pelton Youth Project for thirteen years. It provides a dedicated space for young people to spend their free time, allowing them to participate in a variety of structured youth work sessions, projects, and activities year-round.



Despite our origins and the historic anti-social behaviour in our community, our youth project has progressed. Nowadays, Pelton Youth Project works with young people simply because they are young people, who deserve services to support them through adolescence. We do not work with young people because they are considered deviants or problematic. Our work often starts where young people are, and with their views of the world. It is very much based on a voluntary relationship between groups of young people and our team of youth workers. The team values the traditional open access model of youth work engagement, with additional services such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award and sports sessions adding further value to our youth work offer.



During 2022-2023, the youth work teams focus has been on the delivery of our extensive and varied weekly programme for young people. Thankfully, we were able to deliver all services without being affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, unlike the two previous years. We have been able to concentrate entirely on the needs of our young people, with the backing of the board of trustees and utilising financial support from the National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, and Pelton Parish Council, among other smaller grant funders. We have everything to be optimistic about when looking forward to 2023-2024, continuing our grant partnerships and working hard for young people across all our services.

...Youth Work Team



Thomas Jones

Youth Project Manager



George Jones

Youth Project Supervisor



Tracy Neasham

Senior Youth Worker



Davey Hardy

Senior Youth Worker & DofE Lead



Michael Gibson

Auxiliary Youth Worker



Lynn Barrass

Auxiliary Youth Worker

*Volunteers – Ryan Lee (Pelton), Jake Rollings (DofE), Paul Kendall (DofE), Michelle Radford (Grange Villa), & Chloe Gray (Juniors)

*Students – Aidan Riley, Lily Hunt & Lyndsay Fletcher (University of Sunderland)

Our Facilities...



Room 14 was completed in January 2010 as an extension to the existing community centre building in Pelton, which opened in May 1973. The development cost over half a million pounds to complete and was funded using a grant from the Department of Children, Schools and Families Youth Capital Fund Plus. The youth centre is a purpose-built youth facility, and young people were involved in the design of facilities with architects back in 2009. Room 14 has changed and adapted over the years to suit different groups of young people and their interests. Our current youth centre facilities include:

Room	Facilities
Computer Room	Four PCs with internet access and associated seating
Chill Out Room	Comfortable seating, 65" TV, games console, interactive white board & laptop
Hair & Beauty Salon	Hair wash basin, hair dressing, sink & hair & beauty equipment
Kitchen & Chill Out	Working kitchen, comfortable seating, 65" TV & games console
Main Activity Area	Music & DJ facilities, pool, table tennis, table football, art tables, air hockey, video arcades, comfortable seating, 50" TV & games console
Music Room	Drum kit, PA system, amplifiers, keyboards, ukeleles, acoustic, electric & bass guitars
Tuck Shop	Small tuck shop
Toilets	Male, female & accessible toilet facilities
Reception	Reception desk and separate youth centre main entrance



Throughout 2022-2023, we have continued to invest in Room 14 youth centre, to ensure the facilities remain quality and attractive to young people. In the main activity area, we have replaced games tables with commercial quality pool, table tennis, table football, and air hockey tables. This will ensure this equipment is durable and can withstand the heavy use associated with our youth work setting. In the kitchen chill out area, we have replaced the comfortable seating, with two new leather two-seater sofas, ensuring that room is comfortable. Finally, in the main area and the corridors, we have installed perspex cladding, to ensure the lower walls remain clean, which will minimise the costs of re-painting.



...Our Timetable

Day	Session	Location	Time	Age	Price
Monday	Fencehouses Activity Session	Various	4pm – 6pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Fencehouses Outreach Session	Fencehouses Community	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Tuesday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Wednesday	Grange Villa Youth Club	Grange Villa Community Enterprise	4.30pm – 6pm	8 – 14	£0.50
	Bowling Activity Session	Hollywood Bowl	6.30pm – 8.00pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Thursday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Kick On Football Session	Powerleague Gateshead	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Activity Session	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Friday	Grange Villa Youth Club	Grange Villa Community Enterprise	4.30pm – 6pm	8 – 14	£0.50

Youth Work Sessions...

Pelton Youth Project directly delivers thirteen term time youth work sessions for young people across Chester-Le-Street, with a further four sessions delivered by Pelton Fell Community Partnership as part of the One Youth CLS project. Below, you will find some information regarding the sessions we deliver, how many young people attend them, and the kinds of projects and activities young people have been participating in throughout 2022-2023.

Fencehouses & Bournmoor Sessions



Youth work in Fencehouses and Bournmoor consists of two sessions, and is part of the One Youth CLS project, which is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. On a Monday evening, from 4pm to 6pm, youth workers George and Michael deliver the offsite activity session for young people of secondary school age. The offsite activity and venue changes on a half-termly basis, and youngsters get to choose their destination. This year, the session has involved participants experiencing trampolining at Jump Giants, go karting at Top Gear Karting in Durham, and bowling at Hollywood Bowl Washington. Over the past twelve months, over twenty-five young people have participated, with twelve to sixteen young people being taken offsite weekly. Young people have challenged themselves physically, developed positive working relationships with the youth work team and gained new experiences. In addition to the offsite activity session, also on a Monday evening, George and Michael deliver an outreach session across the two communities, contacting local young people and aiming to include them in local opportunities. The session, which is delivered from 6pm to 8pm, can see thirty to forty young people contacted every week, many of whom routinely communicate with the youth work team about various issues. Young people from these communities are also travelling to Room 14 Youth Centre too, to experience youth work sessions available in Pelton, usually on a Tuesday evening.

Senior Youth Club Sessions



Senior youth clubs in Pelton, which we deliver from Room 14 youth centre, first began when the project was founded, back in 2008. On a Monday and Tuesday evening, from 6pm to 8pm, young people aged eleven to nineteen are welcomed to participate in a range of ongoing and structured activities. Presently, these sessions are funded by BBC Children in Needs Main Grant, under the APT Youth scheme, financial support which will continue until June 2023. Normally, twenty to forty young people access the sessions, and consistently engage in informal education activities based around current affairs, diversity, local issues, and creativity. In addition, young people spend time in youth clubs socialising, enjoying music, eating together, and making new friends. The sessions have been popular throughout 2022-2023, with young people attending from Pelton, Ouston, Perkinsville, Grange Villa and across Chester-Le-Street.

Junior Youth Club Sessions



Junior youth clubs in Pelton first began back in 2009, around twelve months after the introduction of our senior youth clubs. They are currently delivered on a Tuesday and a Thursday, from 4pm to 5.30pm, for young people aged seven to twelve. Presently funded by BBC Children in Need Small Grants, the JYC continues to encourage young people to grow in confidence, build positive relationships and develop their creativity skills. The junior youth clubs have been an extremely popular place for young people to spend their free time, with attendances regularly between fifty and sixty young people per session. Young people are given a range of opportunities during their youth clubs, one being the weekly visit from Durham County Council sports coach Gareth Haley, who encourages young people to participate in sports and physical activities, making use of the main hall in the community centre. Another of those opportunities is provided in partnership with Peter Morris Music, who delivers a weekly music workshop with young people from our music room, helping young people to develop their creativity skills in music. The youth project also has a long-term partnership with Chris Clark who leads Heart Remind cic and delivers graffiti art and DJ workshops with our juniors once a week, again developing creativity skills. Finally, our youth work team delivers a programme of craft, cookery, games, and education programmes to young people throughout the year.

Grange Villa Sessions



Our youth work team first began delivering youth work from Grange Villa Community Centre back in 2018, when the session was funded by CLS Area Action Partnership for twelve months. Presently funded by the National Lottery Community Fund for three years, we have two youth work sessions for the benefit of young people in Grange Villa. The two sessions delivered are on a Wednesday and Friday 4.30pm to 6.00pm, for young people aged eight to fourteen. From January 2023, the Wednesday evening session changed from an onsite session to an offsite activity session, while the Friday session continues to be delivered as an onsite youth club session. The offsite activity session has allowed young people to participate in trampolining at Infinite Air. Our youth work team has worked in partnership with Heart Remind, Durham County Council, and Re-f-use Café throughout the year. This has allowed us to deliver art, sport and reducing food waste sessions respectively, which have provided great opportunities for young people.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Sessions



Pelton Youth Project manages Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's award group, who meet on a Wednesday and a Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. An entire section on our abundant DofE provision can be found later in the annual report. This provides some finer detail of the fantastic achievements, work, and fundraising efforts of over seventy young people who are participating in the DofE awards with our organisation across bronze, silver and gold levels of the award.

Sports & Offsite Activity Sessions

Pelton Youth Project has always valued youth work delivered using the traditional open access model, and this continues to be our most common method of session delivery. However, taking young people to experience activities outside of their communities and their normal routines, enhances our offer. It also attracts a wider audience and achieves outcomes including improved physical and mental health in participants. Again in 2022-2023, thanks to our BBC Children in Need funding for APT Youth and our National Lottery Community Funding for One Youth CLS, we have been able to deliver two consistent offsite activity sessions.

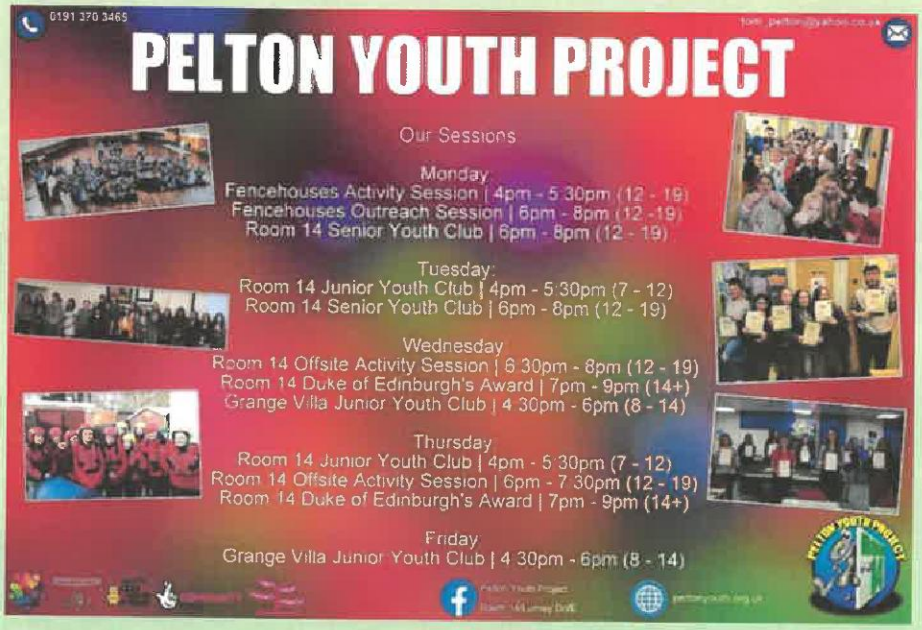


On a Wednesday evening, from April 22 to January 23, we delivered an offsite activity session from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. This provided up to fourteen young people every week with the opportunity to participate in Bowling at Hollywood Bowl. From January 2023, we merged our Wednesday evening offsite activity session for young people in Pelton, with an offsite activity session for young people in Grange Villa. This allowed the session to be delivered from 5.00pm to 8.30pm, an increased timeframe, and for up to twenty-six young people every week as appose to fourteen, so a positive development.



In addition to our opportunity on a Wednesday, we also provide a weekly football session named 'Kick On'. On a Thursday evening, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, the youth work team takes a group of up to fourteen young people to Powerleague in Gateshead, to enjoy an informal football session, using one of the seven-a-side pitches. Again, the young people can develop their physical fitness and work on their football skills, which supports young people to maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.

Youth Work Flyer 2022-2023



...Top Ten Attenders

Pelton Youth Project values regular and consistent attendance from the young people we work with. It ensures those young people are not merely individuals we have contacted but are active participants in our services. The tables below show those young people who are our top ten attenders in our junior & senior youth clubs, Grange Villa & Fencehouses/Bournmoor youth sessions, sports and activity sessions, and the Duke of Edinburgh's award group.

Junior Youth Clubs

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Olivia Owers	76
2nd	Angel Ramshaw	74
3rd	Tyler Keenan	70
4th	Jayden Lowery	69
4th	Lucas Beckett	69
5th	Amelia Beckett	68
6th	Caleb Logue	67
6th	Emily Bell	67
6th	Oakley Wilson	67
6th	Mason Best	67



Senior Youth Clubs

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Rebecca Williams	68
2nd	Ella Peacock	65
3rd	Maisy Birkbeck	63
4th	Jessicca Cummings	58
5th	Miya Skeoch	55
6th	Alara Birgin	53
7th	Jake Cavagan	52
8th	Ava Coulson	50
8th	Daniel Blenkiron	50
9th	Fara Brown	45



Sports & Activity Sessions

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Ella Peacock	57
2nd	Daniel Blenkiron	56
3rd	Robert Gibson	43
4th	Troy Hood	40
5th	Callum Leightell	37
6th	Jake Cavagan	36
7th	Megan Burrell	35
8th	Tasha Burrell	33
9th	Jay Elliot	32
10th	Leo Burrell	31



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Eva Dodds	81
2nd	Violet Mullenger	78
3rd	Isabella Alexander	76
3rd	Josh Gray	76
4th	Theo Crossley	74
4th	Sophie Whitfield	74
4th	Cory Nichols	74
4th	Naomi Talbot	74
5th	Sonny Laws	72
5th	Kayley Gray	72



Grange Villa Youth Clubs

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Abigail Ferris	59
2nd	Ella Peacock	58
3rd	Shay Wilson	51
4th	Neave Alderson	46
5th	Robert Gibson	45
6th	Daniel Blenkiron	39
7th	Bailey-Lee Layton	35
7th	Sovereign Wilson	35
8th	John Swinbanks	33
9th	Charlie Edmundson	32



Fencehouses & Bournmoor Youth Sessions

No.	Young Person	No. Sessions
1st	Megan Burrell	66
2nd	Skye Swinburne	65
3rd	Tasha Burrell	63
3rd	Leo Burrell	63
4th	Jenson Dalkin	56
5th	Mhairi Coulthard-Logan	55
6th	Harvey Bainbridge	51
7th	Tom Swinburne	39
8th	Courtney Loughran	38
9th	Connor Swinburne	31



Youth Work Projects...

In the following section, you will find information relating to the youth work projects that have been delivered over the 2022-2023 financial year. These projects range from our larger externally funded initiatives such as One Youth CLS & APT Youth, to smaller pieces of work with young people throughout the year.

One Youth CLS – Year Two



In the financial year April 2022 to March 2023, Pelton Youth Project delivered the second year of our National Lottery Community Funded project 'One Youth Chester-Le-Street'. To recap, the funding totalling £309,780.00 for three years, was originally awarded in December 2019, yet the project began in April 2021, following a Covid-19 related twelve-month delay to starting. One Youth CLS continues to involve five charities across Chester-Le-Street working in partnership to provide youth services to young people in our respective communities. The projects delivery agencies, Pelton Youth Project and Pelton Fell Community Partnership have continued the delivery of the ten youth work sessions, which were established during the first year of the project with some minor session time changes and a more recent change to delivery methods in Grange Villa. In our second year, the team has managed to work with over five hundred young people in total, which while a decrease on the first year, is still an impressive reach. Over two-hundred young people have also completed a progression outcome, recording their development through work within the youth work sessions. One Youth CLS, in our second year, has continued to keep young people physically active, support them with their mental health and assist them to develop their social and emotional capabilities. A more detailed One Youth CLS Year two report is available at request from Pelton Youth Project, should partners be interested in reading more about our first NL Community Funded project.

APT Youth – Year Three



In July 2022, we began our third and final year of the delivery of our APT Youth project, which stands for active, positive, together. This project has been funded by our BBC Children in Need main grant since 2019 and having been unsuccessful in an application to continue the project for another three years, will come to an end. The disappointment of the project ending aside, the final year of delivering APT Youth has been hugely successful and the combined three-year project has brought countless opportunities to young people in Pelton. In year three the project continued to fund our two senior youth clubs, our two offsite activity sessions, and one of our three DofE sessions. Over three hundred young people have been involved in the past twelve months across the five sessions. It is important to mention that there will be no change to our consistent session delivery despite this loss of funding, these sessions will continue to be available for young people, and opportunities to stay active, learn new things, and work together in groups will continue.

Easter Programme 2022



In April 2022, the team at Pelton Youth Project managed to deliver an Easter Programme for young people aged seven to nineteen, which consisted of six offsite activities and two onsite celebrations. Our offsite visits invited senior youth club members from across the Chester-Le-Street area to participate in visits to Flamingo Land theme park, The Vue cinema, Top Gear Karting, Infinite Air trampolining and Delta Force paintballing. These fun offsite opportunities gave young people the chance to gain new experiences and spend time with their peers over the school holidays, at zero cost to families. In addition to those six daytrips, thirty-five of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award members were also taken offsite to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, where they utilised the theme park for one full day. Finally, we were able to deliver two Easter celebration events for our junior youth club members. These events involved young people participating in arts sessions with Heart Remind and Culture for Kids, an Easter egg hunt, and a pizza lunch from Domino's Pizza. The sessions were very well attended, and the response from young people and their families was extremely positive. A massive thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund and BBC Children in Need, whose financial support allowed the team to provide the Easter Programme. In total, the programme supported 112 young people, from across the Chester-Le-Street area.



Jubilee Events – May Half Term



Youth workers and young people were involved in activities and Jubilee Celebrations throughout May half term, and I am pleased to report that the three events were a success. On Tuesday 31st May 2022, youth workers delivered an area bowling activity, for young people from Pelton, Bournmoor and Grange Villa sessions. This activity was attended by eighteen young people, who enjoyed a game at Hollywood Bowl in Washington and were provided with lunch at the venue. On Wednesday 01st June 22, the youth work team attended a fantastic Jubilee Afternoon Tea and Cinema event, organised by the community centre team. The event, which took place in the main hall at Pelton Community Centre welcomed almost one hundred and fifty children and families. Finally, on Sunday 05th June 22, the youth work team were involved in the delivery of the Platinum Jubilee Family Fun Day. The event was organised by the community centre team and Pelton Parish Council, while our youth workers were able to support the delivery of crafts for young people and a tuck shop stall. The celebration welcomed around two hundred and fifty local people, and really brought the community together to enjoy the occasion. Well done to all involved!

Summer Programme 2022



The summer programme 2022 was a huge success. The youth work team and young people designed a programme of twenty offsite visits benefitting young people from across junior, senior and DofE sessions. This included young people aged from seven to nineteen from Pelton and the surrounding communities including Grange Villa, Perkinsville, Fencehouses and Bournmoor. In total, the summer programme offered young people 479 participation places, which were attended by 139 young people throughout the summer. The programme cost just over fourteen thousand pounds and was funded by the National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, and the Barbour Foundation.

Juniors Offsite Visits – SP 2022



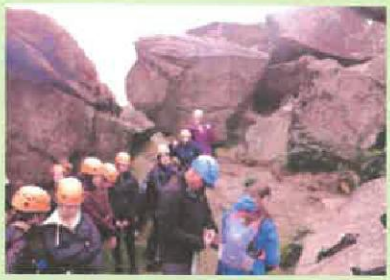
Young people attending our Junior Youth Clubs were able to participate in five different activities over the summer holidays. Our groups visited Infinite Air Trampoline Park, Light Water Valley Theme Park, War Room Laser Tag, The Vue Cinema, and Hollywood Bowl. The feedback from young people and their families has been extremely positive, with some commenting that the challenges facing families due to the cost-of-living crisis, means these opportunities for young people are more important than ever.

Seniors Offsite Visits – SP 2022

Our senior youth club members attending sessions in Pelton, Bournmoor and Grange Villa were given the opportunity to access nine offsite visits throughout the summer holidays. These visits were ice skating at Whitley Bay Ice Rink, football at Soccarena, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, The Vue cinema, Birtley snooker club, Jump Giants trampolining, Flamingo Land theme park, Team Sport go karting & Ocean Beach Pleasure Park. Our senior young people were grateful for the new experiences they gained with their peers and rewards they received for their hard work and commitment to term time sessions with Pelton Youth Project.



DofE Group Offsite Visits – SP 2022



Young people participating in their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards with the youth project were also given the opportunity to join in offsite visits alongside their awards. The group were provided with four offsite opportunities in total, which were Flamingo Land theme park, paddle boarding & canoeing, climbing & abseiling, and bowling. It was great to be able to involve our DofE members in activities for leisure, after having put so much hard work into their awards and expeditions so far this year.

One Youth CLS Year Two – Area Residential – Edinburgh City Centre

The One Youth CLS delivery teams at Pelton Youth Project and Pelton Fell Youth Project (The Brockwell Centre) provided young people from across the Chester-Le-Street area, with a three day and two evening residential to Edinburgh city centre during October half term. Our group of thirty-four included young people from Pelton, Pelton Fell, Chester West, Bournmoor, and Grange Villa. The visit was packed with attractions including the dungeons, theatre, ghost bus tour, and Mary kings close. While young people were also given the opportunity to learn, through a city sightseeing tour and national museum visit. Young people really appreciated the opportunity and were thrilled to be away from home with a large group of their friends. The rain on the first day couldn't prevent this from being a memorable visit for young people and for our youth projects.





Sponsored Activity Nights

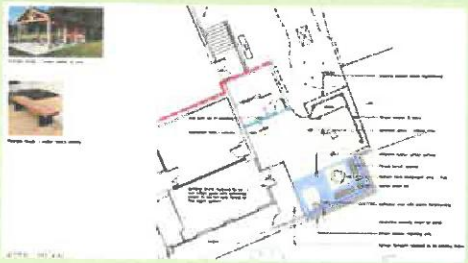


On Friday 18th November 2022, from 10.00pm until 10.00am, our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group and staff took part in a sponsored activity night. The group of over thirty stayed up during the night in Room 14 youth centre, and participated in activities including karaoke, dancing, cookery, hair & beauty, movies, pool, and games. Together, the young people, supported by their families, managed to raise over £1200 pounds in sponsorship. These funds will be allocated to DofE expeditions in 2023, a year we expect to support over fifty young people through expeditions.



On Friday 25th November 2022, our Senior Youth Club members and staff also completed a sponsored activity night from 7.00pm until 8.00am. The group of twenty-five stayed up throughout the evening and participated in sports, baking, movies, hair & beauty, pool, table tennis, karaoke, dancing, and games. These young people, again assisted by families, managed to raise a fabulous £652.00 in sponsorship. These funds will be split between our own charity, to support our youth clubs, and BBC Children in Need who have been one of our long-term partners, providing financial support.

Potential Youth Centre Garden



Managers and trustees have been working throughout 2022-2023 with local architects in the preparation of several capital developments across community and youth centre. One of these potential developments is a youth centre garden, which we hope to create to the right of Room 14 youth centre. This dedicated garden space for young people would include shelter, storage, activity area, seating, BBQ & pizza oven, and basketball hoop. Our young people have been involved in consultation and offered their views on the new space. This development will be subject to planning permission, securing funding, and building contractor. However, this is one of our many ambitious plans to improve the youth centre and project for local young people in 2023-2024 and beyond.

Box Buddies Are Back 2023



Pelton Youth Project received exciting news from County Durham Community Foundation in December 2022. We had applied to the #iwill youth social action grant, to bring back the 'box buddies' project, due to its success during the Covid-19 pandemic. Presently, families have the cost-of-living crisis to contend with, meaning additional pressure on resources. The box buddies project is providing young people accessing the junior youth clubs with a weekly pack of arts, crafts, and snacks that they will take home with them from the session. Our senior youth club members have worked with the youth work team to plan the project, procure resources, and are putting packs together each week for the juniors, which is the social action element. The project was awarded £9,933.00 and will be delivered for twelve months until January 2024.

...Duke of Edinburgh's Award



This year 2022-2023, has been another successful twelve months for Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group. Pelton Community Association became a directly licenced DofE centre in November 2017, so 2023 will be our sixth year supporting young people with the awards scheme. Our DofE group continue to be led by senior youth worker Davey Hardy, an enthusiastic and passionate youth worker, who has worked with young people in Chester-Le-Street since the early 1980's. Davey is assisted during sessions, activities and expeditions by youth workers Lynn, Michael, and Tracy. Volunteers including Paul and Jake are also regularly involved in delivery.

Throughout the last financial year, our group has been financially supported through charitable grants from The National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, The Rothley Trust, The Benevolence Committee of the Province of Durham, The Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust, and Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership. This is in addition to contributions from parents, and young people's fundraising efforts all ensuring young people can achieve their awards. It is extremely encouraging overseeing the delivery of these services, when backing from other charities, foundations, groups, and parents is in abundance.



In 2022-2023, we have managed to maintain the growth achieved in 2021-2022, with three DofE sessions available to young people each week in Room 14, this continues largely to be due to our Community Fund grant from the National Lottery for the One Youth CLS project. We continue to provide Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 7pm and 9pm, with the addition of an activity session on a Thursday evening, inviting young people to use the community gym here at Pelton Community Centre.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



When beginning the DofE journey, young people will first enrol onto the bronze level of the awards, which is standard across the awards scheme. Young people then work during DofE session and in their own time to complete the practical, skill, and volunteering sections. Collectively, young people work with their DofE leader to train in map reading, navigation, camp skills, teamwork, and survival to then complete their expedition section as a group. It gives me great pleasure to report enrolments have been abundant this year, and we have worked with a total of forty young people at bronze level. In 2022-2023, twenty-three young people managed to complete their bronze awards entirely, while we have a further seventeen young people working towards their bronze award. We have managed to maintain the high level of participation in bronze from 2021-2022, while the rate of young people completing awards this year is up 130% on the previous year. Well done to all those who completed bronze awards this year, and best of luck as you move to your next challenge, the silver award.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



The second DofE level, the silver award, is a little more demanding for young people. The sections take longer to complete including the expedition, which is often a greater challenge. In 2022-2023 we delivered one silver canoeing practice and one qualifying expedition, which involved a group of seven young people traversing routes along to rivers Ure and Ouse. Adventurous activities provider and DofE assessor for silver David Hopwood from Tees Outdoors cic said *"It is a mark of the standard of every person in the group that they achieved this expedition with virtually no intervention from the adult supervisors. This is due to the training that these young people have received being of the highest standard in all areas of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. I have absolutely no concerns, each person in this group totally deserved to have passed this section of their award".* In 2022-2023, these seven young people have managed to complete their full awards, while a further twenty-four are working towards, many of whom have progressed from the bronze level. Well done to those young people who have completed, and best of luck for your gold awards.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level

The final level of the DofE awards is gold, and this represents the ultimate challenge for young people both in terms of dedicated hours per section and the expedition. In 2022-2023, for those eleven young people who were expedition ready, we delivered practice and qualifying canoeing expeditions. The practice involved young people navigating a similar route to our silver qualifiers from Ripon to York, which young people managed well. The practice involved a surprise on the final leg into York when thousands of people lined the riverbanks as the young people arrived, applauding them as they completed their expedition. Apparently, there was dragon boat racing event happening, but I understand Davey told our young people, the crowds had turned up to support our DofE group.



The gold level qualifier this year was a route along the Caledonian Canal from Fort William on the west coast of Scotland to Inverness on the east coast. The group set off from Fort William in high spirits and throughout the four-day challenge, battled high winds and heavy rain, camped in the wild, and made it to Inverness having overcome an enormous challenge. Tees Outdoors David Hopwood commented that *"each young person was fully committed and showed they were well planned, prepared, and organised. They were mature, responsible, and reliable with great timings and pace. I am entirely satisfied that this group proved themselves capable of this challenge and achieved this within the twenty conditions of the award".*



In total in 2022-2023 there have been seven young people complete their gold awards entirely, including the residential section. These are a combination of our eleven completing expeditions this year, and those who completed all sections except the residential section in 2021-2022. We have twenty-two young people in total still working towards their gold, some with the residential sections to complete and others who have progressed from silver. Well done to Grace, Victoria, Hannah, Annabel, Jack, Lucy, and Holly, who completed this year, and good luck to all those who plan to complete in 2023-2024.

Buckingham Palace Gold Award Presentations



On Friday 20th May 2022, five young women accompanied by their families, and our DofE leader Davey Hardy, visited Buckingham Palace in London. The gold members had been invited to the Palace to officially receive their gold DofE awards, having completed them pre Covid. The Covid-19 pandemic meant that these young women were yet to attend an official gold awards ceremony and collect their honours. In addition to being invited to the prestigious event, our group of young women, were one of a small number of groups selected to meet HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex. A massive congratulations to Abigail, Alanah, Jess, Olivia, and Rebecca. You are a credit to your families, and Pelton Youth Project, we are all extremely proud of your achievements. Again, a huge thanks to our Senior Youth Worker Davey Hardy, who works tirelessly to give young people an unforgettable Duke of Edinburgh's Award experience. I'm sure our latest cohort of gold achievers will be visiting Buckingham Place in 2023-2024, to accept their awards and have their day of celebration.



Young People's Feedback



Youth workers here at Pelton Youth Project are keen to hear young people's feedback when it comes to the Duke of Edinburgh's awards, and how we deliver them. Jack Bell told us *"I started my time at Room 14 DofE group after an assembly in school. I knew the DofE was something I was very keen to take part in, so made my way to the next session. After me and two of my friends had been warmly welcomed by Dave, Lynn, and Jake, I knew that DofE was something I wanted to progress through all the stages of and complete. We learned important skills such as putting up tents in gale force winds and heavy hail, how to cook without the help of parents, but also important skills like communication, especially in stressful situations. Over the last four years I have covered rivers in York, the Lake District and in Scotland for my gold qualifier. All these expeditions and activities have provided me with lifetime memories, and this wasn't the only thing I gained from the DofE group. I have been to flamingo land, Alton towers, on adventure days, water sports, all over the country on free experiences. I loved my time at DofE, and if given the chance, I would do it all over again. I'm grateful for the help and support I received from the team at Pelton, as well as the encouragement from my group each week to keep us going during the tough times".* The team here were thrilled to read Jack's account of his DofE experience and can't wait to offer the same opportunities to more young people like him.

Parents Feedback

Just like the feedback from young people, we are always keen to hear from parents, as they often provide the best perspective on their child as they progress through their awards. Here is some of the feedback we have received from parents in 2022-2023.



Sue, Lucy's mother told us *"Lucy started her Bronze DofE in 2019 aged fourteen and achieved her Gold aged seventeen. Dave and Lynn supported Lucy throughout the three years. This was achieved through Covid which required good communication from Dave and flexibility to adjust to the challenges presented. When Lucy started the DofE she lacked confidence in some social settings, taking part in all the different activities and undertaking the challenges with the consistent support and encouragement from Dave and Lynn, Lucy was able to achieve more than she believed. Taking part in volunteering gave her a sense of making a difference and an opportunity to give back to the community. We are very proud of Lucy's achievement and grateful for the opportunity she had in undertaking the DofE in such a supportive environment".*



Fiona, Holly's mother said *"I would like to take a bit of time to reflect on my daughter's journey within Duke of Edinburgh. Holly has completed her Gold Award, being with Pelton since the beginning of her Bronze. Throughout the last four years I have observed her grow in confidence and receive validation from the group, group leaders, and herself for her existing skill set. It has offered her opportunities to grow and develop both interpersonally as well as practically. It has offered her the opportunity to feel proud of herself for completion of physical activities, challenges and an appreciation for teamwork, objective thought, and organisational skills. Almost above and beyond this has been a sense of community, belonging and a focus that has allowed her to achieve her potential as a young growing woman. As a parent I have found the Duke of Edinburgh invaluable, it has helped to ground my daughter with a commitment and work ethic I'm not sure she would have developed and recognised as early as she did. This has allowed her to be accepting of others, appreciating diversity and needs in others and a compassionate and caring approach to those in her community. We are both so grateful for the experience. Dave has been incredible, offering support, guidance, humour, and motivation along the way. Dave connects and validates young people, with a particular talent for recognising the skills in others. Thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh team for supporting and nurturing my daughter these last four years, for playing a part in her growing into a confident and compassionate young woman".*



Finally, Andrew, Jack's father told us *"Jack first attended Room 14 over four years ago when he embarked on his DofE Journey. Not being able to access the award at school this provided him with the perfect opportunity which he grasped with both hands. The staff were very knowledgeable and friendly, and he felt part of the group from day one. The weekly sessions allowed him to develop the skills necessary to successfully complete each stage of the award. Not only has he been able to apply those skills in Duke of Edinburgh, but it has made him a more confident, outgoing, and socially aware young man. The provision for the young people to succeed is impressive with many subsidised and often free opportunities to bond as a group, develop skills and have fun at residential camps, days out at theme parks and practice expeditions. These opportunities were available to all irrespective of any demographic and the fundraising evenings and sponsored events only served to help the individuals and their families fully appreciate the work that goes in to successfully running such an organisation".*

Other DofE Activities & Opportunities

In recognition of the hard work and effort that our young people put into their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, the youth work team tries where possible, to involve young people in additional activities. Below are some of the opportunities young people have enjoyed in 2022-2023.

Easter 2022 - DofE Blackpool Visit



During the Easter school holidays, a group of thirty-five young people from our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach for the day. Blackpool Pleasure Beach is a popular theme park for young people to visit, with attractions such as the Big One, Revolution and Ice Blast a favourite among our young people. All those who participated had a fantastic time on a beautiful sunny day. It is always a pleasure to reward our DofE members with trips like this, as they put so much hard work and energy into their DofE journeys. Young people are always happy to support sponsored events and activities, so they really do deserve opportunities and experiences such as this Blackpool visit.

DofE Summer Offsite Visits 2022



As discussed earlier, young people participating in their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards with the youth project were also given the opportunity to join in offsite visits alongside their awards. The group were provided with four offsite opportunities in total, which were Flamingo Land theme park, paddle boarding & canoeing, climbing & abseiling, and bowling. It was great to be able to involve our DofE members in activities for leisure, after having put so much hard work into their awards and expeditions so far this year.

DofE Carlton Lodge Residential 2022



In October half term, a group of twenty-six DofE members visited Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre for a three-day residential. These members represented young people working at bronze, silver, and gold levels of the awards. Young people thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity they were given to participate in paddle boarding, water games, climbing, team building, high ropes, and zip wire. I am informed that the paddle boarding activity was a huge hit with our young people, and a new addition from the activity centre. The evenings also included free time for young people to relax, socialise and enjoy a break from their normal routines. Our DofE members really do deserve these opportunities after their hard work and effort completing expeditions and full awards.

DofE Sponsored Activity Night



On Friday 18th November 2022, from 10.00pm until 10.00am, our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group and staff took part in a sponsored activity night. The group of over thirty stayed up during the night in Room 14 youth centre, and participated in activities including karaoke, dancing, cookery, hair & beauty, movies, pool, and games. Together, the young people, supported by their families, managed to raise over £1200 pounds in sponsorship. These funds will be allocated to DofE expeditions in 2023, a year we expect to support over fifty young people through expeditions.

Thank You



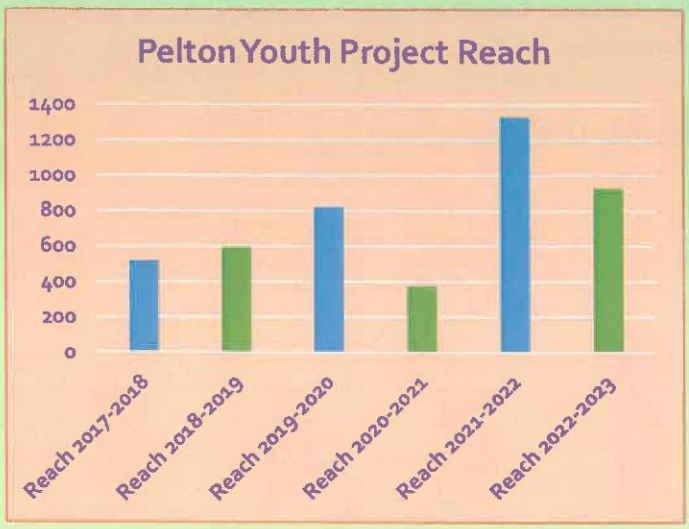
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group would not be able to support young people the way we do, without the assistance of many individuals and organisations. I would like to thank all those charities and organisations who provided financial support in 2022-2023, as these grants allow us to make the DofE accessible to all young people. It is important to recognise all those who help the DofE group on a voluntary basis, so a massive thanks to Paul, Jake, Craig, Rocky, and Dave who have all given their time in 2022-2023, to see our young people progress and achieve. Thanks to all the young people's families who get behind our young people and support them through the awards. Finally, thanks to all Pelton Youth Project staff running the group, particularly Davey Hardy, who goes above and beyond to ensure young people's DofE experiences are exciting and memorable.

Awards Summary

Award Level			
Completed Awards	23	7	7
Working Towards	17	24	22

Demographics...

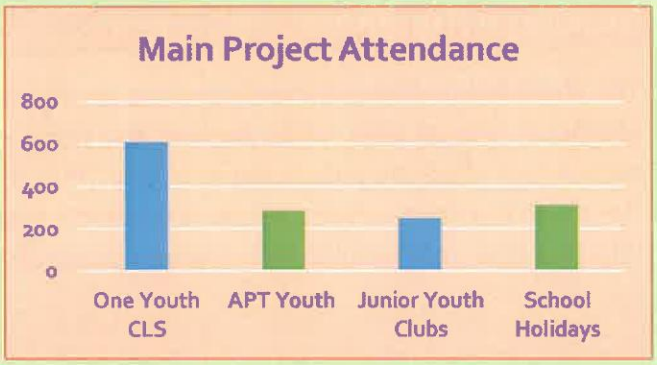
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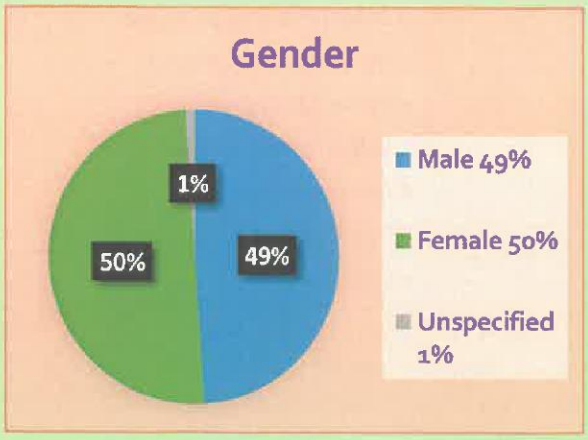
In this financial year 2022-2023, we have reached a total of 964 young people across Chester-Le-Street, which does represent a 27% decrease on 2021-2022, a year which was exceptionally high due to increased outreach work resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. This year is our second highest year for contacting young people on record. Our continued high numbers of young people supported is largely down to grant funded projects like One Youth CLS and APT Youth increasing the number of sessions the youth project can deliver, and in more communities across the Chester-Le-Street area.

Funded Project Attendance

It is also interesting to see young people's attendance of our four main projects delivered throughout 2022-2023. These are One Youth CLS, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. APT Youth, funded by BBC Children in Need Main Grants. Junior Youth Clubs, funded by BBC Children in Need Small Grants and finally our school holiday programmes. You will see from the chart that One Youth CLS has the highest attendance at 610, which is expected, as this is the largest project. However, it is fantastic to see over two hundred young people benefitting from the other three main funded projects in 2022-2023.



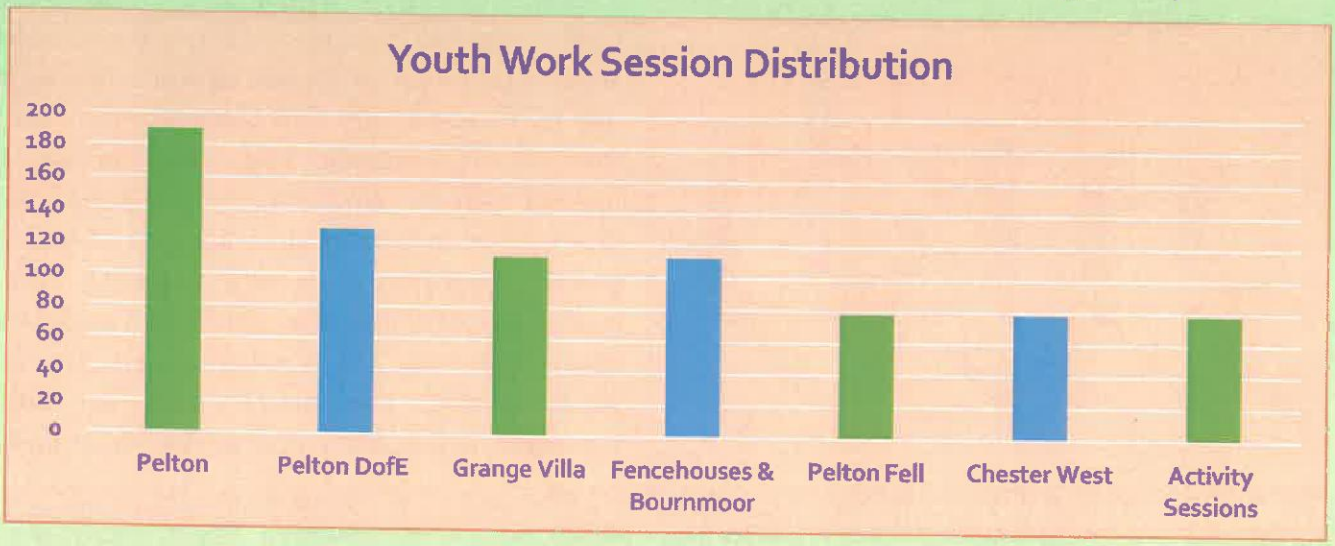
Gender Divide



It has always been important to the team that we work to support both male and female young people, often in open access settings available for all to access. It gives me pleasure to report that across all provision, we are well attended by both male and female young people. The chart shows the gender divide for 2022-2023 across all services. It indicates that we are working with slightly more females at 50% than males at 49%. Traditionally youth work activities are dominated by young men, so it continues to be uplifting to see that young women are prevalent in our sessions.

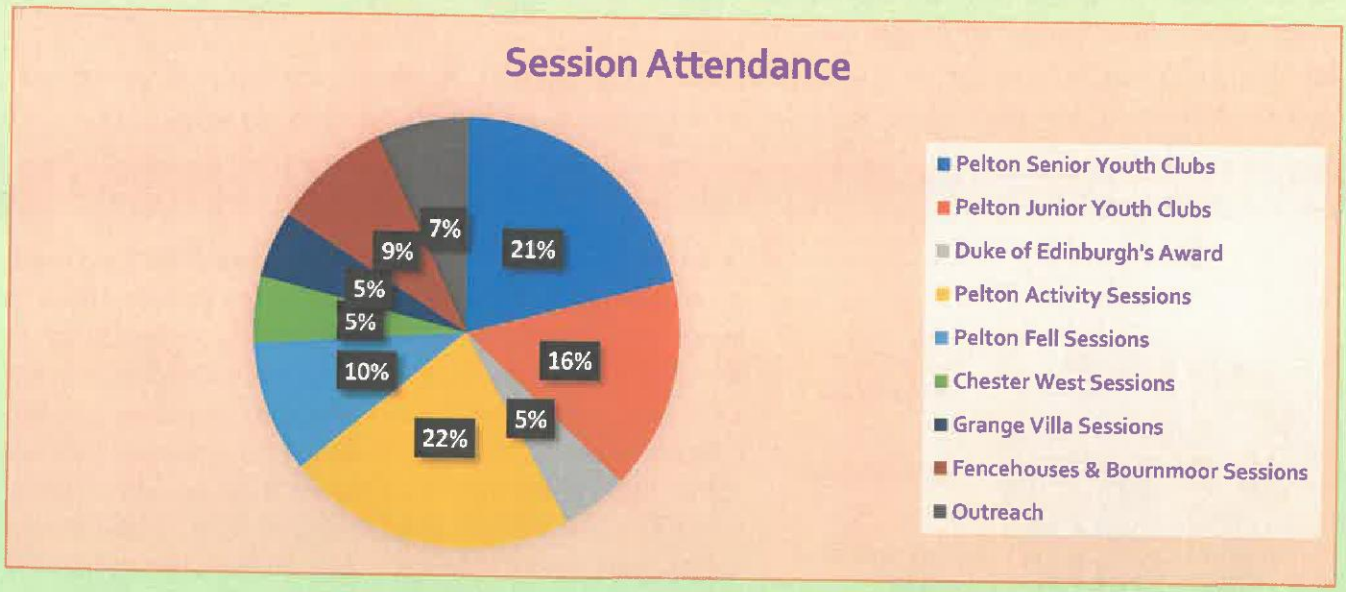
Session Distribution

During the 2022-2023 financial year, Pelton Youth Project has managed to again deliver 663 youth work sessions across Chester-Le-Street in term time. In addition, we have delivered thirty-four-day trips, two residentials and nine DofE expeditions in the school holiday periods. The chart shows the number of sessions delivered in each location in Chester-Le-Street. You will see from the data, that while our services cover many villages across the Chester-Le-Street area, young people in Pelton, across SYC, JYC, and DofE sessions, continue to have access to most sessions at 318 this year.



Session Attendance

The chart below indicates the percentage of young people accessing sessions in each community for example, Grange Villa, or by theme, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group for example. This is the percentage of young people per session or theme of our total 964 contacts this year. You will see from the chart that our activity sessions have the highest percentage of young people attending at 22%, followed in a close second by our senior youth clubs contacts at 21% of our total 964 young people.



...Young People's Consultation



Pelton Youth Project consults with young people consistently throughout every year, as an essential component of quality youth work. This consultation often relates to the impact of sessions, projects, and programmes on young people. We use this to inform monitoring requirements from funders, and to influence future services. We also endeavour to gain feedback from young people on an annual basis, usually through a questionnaire, to inform this section of our annual report. This year, we completed our consultation with young people in groups, which was a little different to the normal individual feedback but valuable all the same. The exercise managed to capture young people's views of youth work over the past twelve months and provided the opportunity to influence future services. This year, approximately fifty young people across senior and DofE provision in Pelton, Grange Villa and Fencehouses participated.

Q1) Why do you attend sessions with Pelton Youth Project?

The first question we asked young people was simple, we wanted to know why they chose to attend. Afterall, youth work is based entirely on a voluntary relationship between youth workers and groups of young people, so we were interested to hear why young people chose to access. You will see from the responses that young people attend to spend time with their peers and socialise. Young people also responded that they like to participate in the activities on offer, and many come specifically to complete their DofE awards, as a nationally recognised qualification. It was also pleasing to read young people learn things during sessions and develop their confidence.

Responses:

- To see friends.
- To have fun.
- To see youth workers.
- To take part in activities.
- Socialise.
- In our routine.
- For the craic.
- To get out of the house.
- See my mates/friends.
- To improve social skills.
- To do my DofE award.
- To enhance skills.
- I'm more confident.
- To gain national award.
- Get qualifications.
- We learn new things.
- Keeps me entertained.
- We feel supported.

Q2) How has Pelton Youth Project supported you in 2022-2023?

Responses:

- Provided a safe place.
- Gave us advice.
- Free food.
- Free activities.
- Made memories for life.
- We feel listened to.
- Physical activities.
- Lifts our spirits.
- Improved my knowledge.
- Improved cookery skills.
- Helped me make friends.
- A point of contact.
- Helped with homework.
- Learnt survival skills.
- Taught me how to camp.
- Learnt how to map read.
- Helped me in the gym.
- Drugs service info visits.

It is vitally important that young people have responsible adults to confide in and a place to turn when they are experiencing challenges and difficulties associated with adolescence. Often young people find it difficult to speak to parents and other adults about certain issues. We wanted to know how young people felt they'd been supported this year by our team and youth services. You can see that young people responded by telling us that having youth workers advise them, when they are having any difficulties is important. Young people also referred to the fact that activities and opportunities were offered to them free of charge, which is something young people have clearly noted and appreciate.

Q3) What has been the best project or activity provided in 2022-2023?

Young people are offered consistent and reliable youth services in term time, and a varied and attractive programme in the school holidays. The youth work team were interested to hear from young people what their favourite activity, project or event was in 2022-2023, this is useful, as if a particular element of our services has an impact on young people, it is likely worth providing similar activities and opportunities to future groups of young people. You will see that young people highlighted residentials and expeditions as their favourite projects in 2022-2023, which is often the case with these visits. Young people really do develop skills, lasting friendships, and make memories they can treasure into their adult lives.

Responses:

- City breaks residential.
- Outdoor residential.
- Theme Park visits.
- Sponsored activity nights.
- Summer programme.
- Activity sessions.
- Edinburgh residential.
- Blackpool pleasure beach
- Flamingo land.
- DofE Carlton Lodge.
- The all nighter.
- Silver canoe expedition.
- Rock climbing.
- Paddle boarding.
- Loch ness wild camp.
- Blackpool.
- Bronze expeditions.
- Gold expedition Scotland.

Q4) How could we make Pelton Youth Project better?

Responses:

- More trips.
- Raves and music events.
- More sponsored events.
- More charity activities.
- Cars & mechanics.
- Rewards for DofE awards
- More outdoors activities
- Youth centre garden.
- BBQ area.
- Canoeing expeditions.
- Go abroad.
- More information visits.
- Guest speakers.

Pelton Youth Project enjoys hearing all the wonderful feedback from young people, about what they have enjoyed, how we have helped them and their highlights. However, the consultation process is always more valuable when constructive, and the team has direction from young people in how we could further improve what we offer. You will see from the young people's comments that participants would like to see opportunities to participate in residentials and expeditions as they did this year. Young people have also asked for more opportunities to take part in sponsored events to raise funds for Pelton Youth Project and to raise money for charity, which I found particularly thoughtful of our young people.

Conclusion



It has been a real pleasure this year to continue our tradition of delivering consultation sessions with young people to inform the annual report. Young people have given the team clear indication as to why they choose to access sessions, and spending time with peers is clearly important to teenagers. The team have learned that young people value the opportunity to raise funds for their youth project, and for other charities, which is something we will certainly build into our future programmes. Our residential and expedition events are undoubtedly popular among our participants, for the skills they develop, and the memories young people make taking part in those. Finally, the youth work team has gained some valuable ideas for 2023-2024 and will ensure those suggestions are respected and become a reality in the coming months and throughout the next year.

...Funders

In 2022-2023, the charitable trusts, foundations, and organisations below have financially assisted Pelton Youth Project to continue our services for young people. You will see in the financial section following this, that our youth project is almost entirely reliant on charitable grants, while the income we generate through subs and sales is often less than 10% of our total income. Therefore, on behalf of everyone at Pelton Community Association, thank you for your contributions, we are enormously thankful.

Large Grants of £10,000.00 and above

Pelton Parish Council	Pelton Community Association - General
The National Lottery Community Fund	One Youth Chester-Le-Street Year Two
BBC Children in Need Main Grants	APT Youth Project Year Three
BBC Children in Need Small Grants	Junior Youth Clubs
The Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust	DofE & Pelton Youth Project General

Medium Grants of £5,000.00 to £10,000.00

The John Horseman Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
County Durham Community Foundation	Youth Centre Equipment
County Durham Community Foundation	Youth Social Action 'Box Buddies Are Back'
The Ballinger Trust	Senior Youth Club Sessions 2023

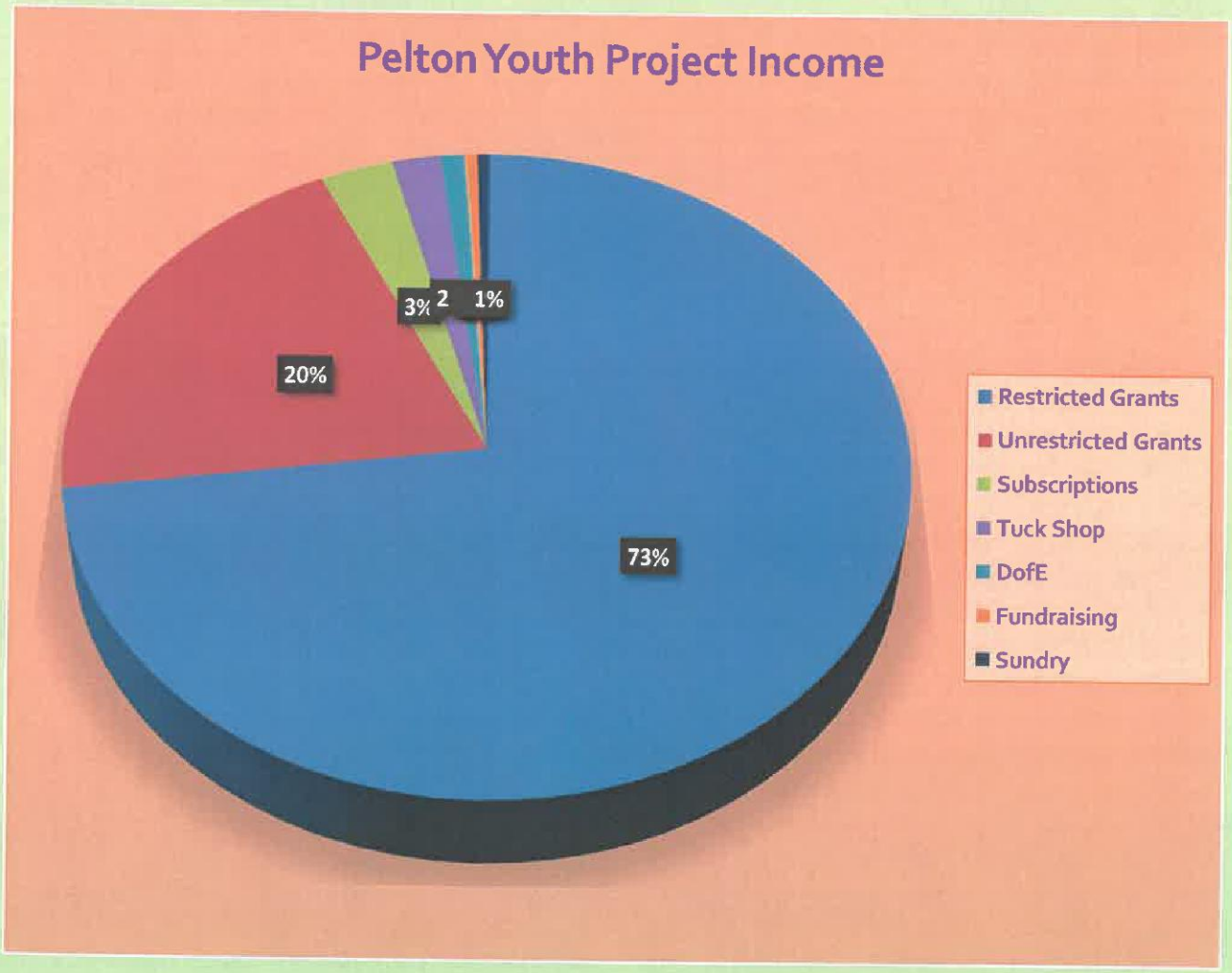
Small Grants of Below £5,000.00

The Fitton Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Michael & Anna Wix Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Zobel Charitable Trust	Youth Club Equipment
The William Leech Charity	Pelton Youth Project General
The Three Monkies, Nigel Higgins & Barclays	Pelton Youth Project General
The Car Ellison Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Hadrian Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Arnold Clark Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Coop Local Community Fund	Pelton Youth Project – Covid Recovery
The Hospital of God at Greatham	Pelton Youth Project General
The Barbour Foundation	Summer Programme 2022
The JH Burn Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The P & FW Family Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Rothley Trust	Room 14 DofE Group
The Benevolence Committee of Durham	Room 14 DofE Group
The William Webster Charitable Trust	Room 14 IT Equipment
County Durham Fun & Food (HAWHF)	Easter Programme 2023
DofE Access Without Limits	DofE Equipment

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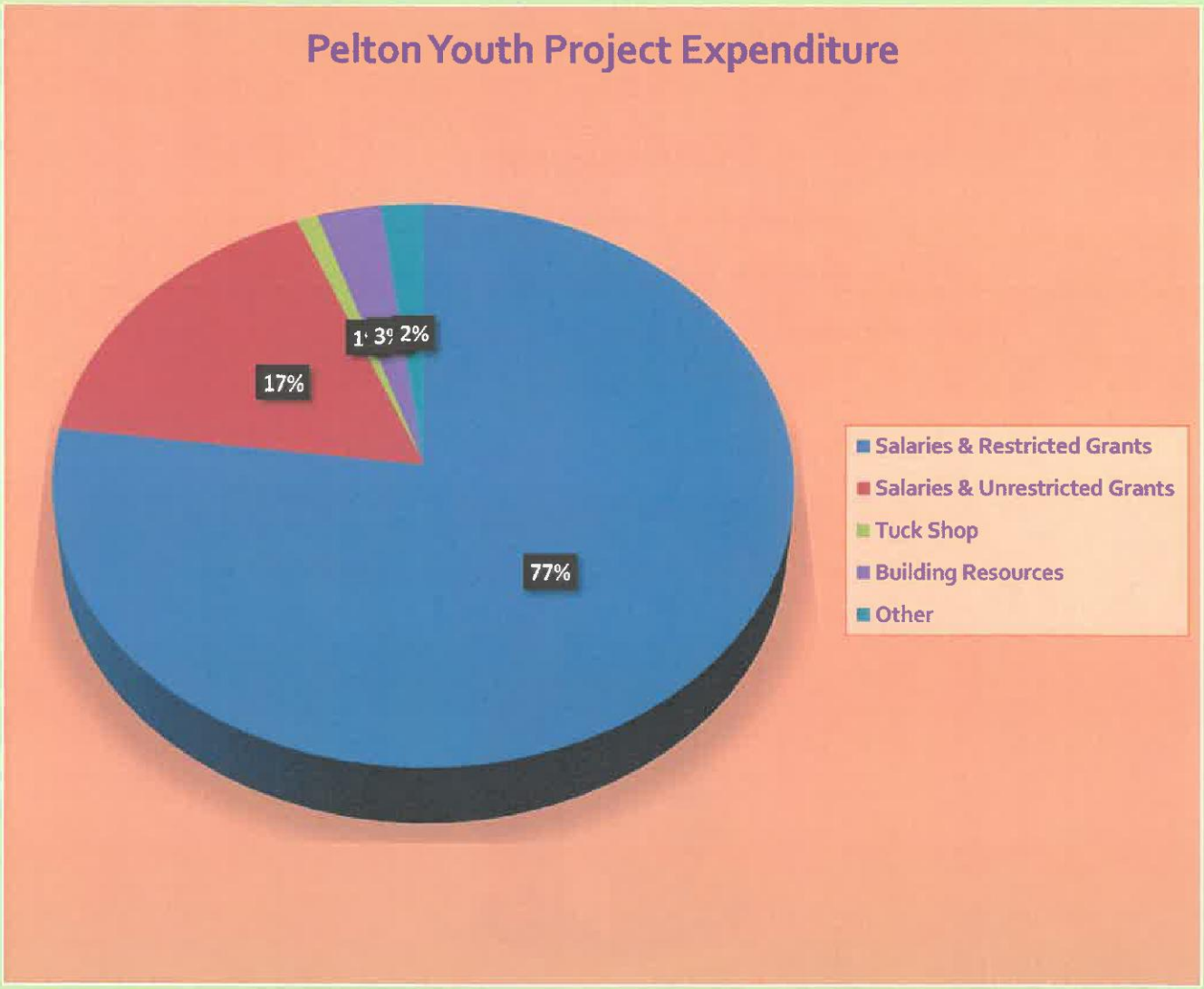
Income

This year, 2022-2023, Pelton Youth Project has a total income of £252,761.90. This income represents a 2% increase on the total income from 2021-2022. The youth project continued to benefit from partnerships with the National Lottery and BBC Children in Need during 2022-2023, which contributed substantially to grant income. The chart below provides an indication of our incoming resources broken down into percentages. It is clear from the chart that our restricted charitable grants for projects and services, accounts for 73% of our total income, which is the same as the previous year. Our unrestricted grants, which contributed towards our youth work salaries and projects, usually in the following financial year, makes up 20% of income Finally, subscriptions, tuck shop, DofE, fundraising activities and sundry combined account for 8% of the project's income. This information clearly illustrates that our youth services continue to be almost entirely reliant upon charitable grants, without which, we simply would not be here. Note this information does not represent the total income for Pelton Community Association, this is detailed within the audited accounts 2022-2023.



Expenditure

This financial year, Pelton Youth Project had a total expenditure of £249,820.83, and the pie chart below gives an indication as to how our funds were allocated in 2022-2023. You will see that our largest item of expenditure is our youth work salaries and restricted grants expenditure at 77%, which are combined as the two interlink. Our unrestricted grant expenditure, which also supports youth work salaries was 17% of total expenditure. Youth centre building resources and improvements represents 3% of expenditure this year. Other items of expenditure, which includes youth club resources, administration, stationery, and sundry items combined account for 2% of total expenditure. It is important to highlight, that these figures relate to the youth project's own funds and does not reflect all expenditure for items such as utilities, building services, HR, DCC Service Level Agreement and various others. This is because Pelton Community Association supports and subsidises the youth project with these items. This chart is designed to illustrate how the youth project spends its own funds, ring-fenced within the audited accounts under 'Room 14' for youth work.



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Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2023

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Pelton Community Association

Charity Name:	**Pelton Community Association**
Registered Office:	**Front Street** **Pelton** **Chester - le - Street** **County Durham** **DH2 1DE**
Charity Registration No:	**1155121**
Trustees:	**Mick Rodgers** **Penny Marie McClean** **ClareTodd** **Rt Honourable David Jones MP** **Joy Allen**
Accountants:	**Community Accounting North East CIC** **Pinetree Centre** **Durham Road** **Birtley** **DH3 2TD**
Bankers:	**TSB PLC**

Pelton Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Incoming Resources					
Grants	2	222,298	131,873	354,171	546,793
Income generated from Activities	2	110,743		110,743	76,190
Fund Raising and Donations	2	6,743		6,743	3,575
Investment Income		1,542		1,542	94
Other Income		0	0	0	
Total Incoming Resources		341,326	131,873	473,199	626,652
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities		421,817	97,232	519,049	584,944
Total Resources Expended		421,817	97,232	519,049	584,944
Net Incoming (outgoing) Resources		(80,491)	34,641	(45,850)	41,708
Fund Balances 1st April 2022		457,436	13,388	470,823	429,115
Transfer between Funds		(8,304)	8304		
Fund Balances 31st March 2023		368,640	56,333	424,973	470,823

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets		16,966	7,058	24,024	31,674
Current Assets					
Stock		3,932		3,932	1,270
Debtors		2,700		2,700	1,344
Cash at Bank and in Hand		350,986	49,275	400,261	438,460
		353,686	49,275	402,961	441,074
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2,012		2,012	1,925
Net Current Assets		351,674	49,275	400,949	439,149
Total Assets less Liabilities		368,640	56,333	424,973	470,823
Funded By:					
Unrestricted Funds		368,640		368,640	457,435
Restricted Funds			56,333	56,333	13,388
Total Funds		368,640	56,333	424,973	470,823

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20.9.23 and were signed by:

..... Trustee

Mr Mick Rodgers.

Pelton Community Association

Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2023

1) **Accounting Policies**

a) **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

b) **Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

Restricted Funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

c) **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

i) Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised where the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

ii) The value of the services provided by the volunteers are accounted for when earned.

iii) Incoming resources from activities are accounted for when earned.

d) **Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

e) **Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed Assets are depreciated as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	15% Straight Line
Building Improvements	15% Straight Line
Room 14 Equipment	15% Straight Line

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2023

2) Income Resources

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
a	**Grants**				
	Salaries	85,013	60,000	145,013	193,327
	Unrestricted	200		200	40,371
	Restricted		38,288	38,288	9,494
	Room 14	137,085	33,585	170,670	303,601
		222,298	131,873	354,171	546,793
b	**Income generated from Activities**				
	Bingo, Raffle and Domino Cards	3,384		3,384	1,932
	Kitchen and Bar	11,809		11,809	6,873
	Room Hire	84,065		84,065	55,734
	Gym	11,485		11,485	9,643
	Other			0	2,008
		110,743	0	110,743	76,190
c	**Fund Raising and Donations**	6,743		6,743	3,575
d	**Investment Income**	1,542		1,542	94
	Total	341,326	131,873	473,199	626,652

3) Resources Expended

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Grant Expenditure	11,401	35,986	47,387	24,574
Salaries	154,513	60,000	214,513	199,177
Professional Services	11,518		11,518	3,595
Accounts	1,930		1,930	4,100
Room 14	152,943		152,943	268,263
Training	67		67	579
Insurance	4,116		4,116	3,601
Marketing			0	6,527
Utilities and Telephone	32,914		32,914	19,331
Service and Contracts	14,174		14,174	9,761
Maintenance, Security and Repair	5,259		5,259	20,886
Cleaning Contractor	3,223		3,223	1,192
Cleaning Consumables	1,231		1,231	202
Licences	1,812		1,812	2,187
Bingo	69		69	70
Kitchen and Bar	6,918		6,918	2,949
Events and Activities	2,735		2,735	913
Sundry Expenses	1,895		1,895	1,922
Donations	391		391	407
Depreciation	14,708	1,246	15,954	14,708
	421,817	97,232	519,049	584,944

4) Trustee Expenses

Mick Rodgers Expenses paid during year £NIL (2022 £164)

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2023

5) Fixed Assets

Restricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2022	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Additions	190	1,726	6,388	8,304
As at 31st March 2023	63,849	103,174	12,391	179,414
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2022	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Charge for Period	29	259	958	1,246
As at 31st March 2023	63,688	101,707	6,961	172,356
NBV 31st March 2023	161	1,467	5,430	7,058
NBV 31st March 2022	0	0	0	0

Unrestricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2022	71,340	26,712	6,568	104,620
Additions				0
As at 31st March 2023	71,340	26,712	6,568	104,620
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2022	44,842	21,536	6,568	72,946
Charge for Period	10,701	4,007		14,708
As at 31st March 2023	55,543	25,543	6,568	87,654
NBV 31st March 2023	15,797	1,169	0	16,966
NBV 31st March 2022	26,498	5,176	0	31,674
Total				
NBV 31st March 2023	15,958	2,636	5,430	24,024
NBV 31st March 2022	26,498	5,176	0	31,674

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2023

6) Debtors and Prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors	1,048	1,344

7) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade Creditors		
Accruals	2,012	1,925
	2,012	1,925

8) Movement in Funds

Restricted	Balance 1st April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer	Balance 31st March 2023 £
Sport England	2,107		(1,703)		404
CDCF - Active Pelton	602		(51)		551
Community Safety Lin	2,782		(1,875)		907
ESH Group	22		(22)		0
Salaries		60,000	(60,000)		0
Sensory	618		(188)		430
Kajima	3,498	80	(1,026)		2,552
Cllr DW	2,582	2,511	(4,641)		452
AAP	750		(750)		0
DCC Winter Health	400		(400)		0
DCC Community Actic	27		(27)		0
NHS CDFC		7,975	(4,542)		3,433
DCC Fun		2,560	(2,560)		0
Jubilee		4,424	(4,424)		0
Hearing Dogs		150	(150)		0
DCA BF		455	(437)		18
Tesco		1,000	(1,000)		0
DCC Summer		6,284	(6,284)		0
DCC Culture		2,500	(2,500)		0
Craft Together		200	(200)		0
Warm Space		1,500	(816)		684
50th		798	(177)		621
Opsif 23		5,638			5,638
Covid Grants		1,110	(1,110)		0
General		1,103	(1,103)		0
Room !4		33,585			33,585
Fixed Assets			(1,246)	8,304	7,058
	13,388	131,873	(97,232)	8,304	56,333
Unrestricted	457,435	341,326	(421,817)	(8,304)	368,640
Total Funds	470,823	473,199	(519,049)	0	424,973

Pelton Community Association

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9) Room14 Grants

	Restricted DOE		Unrestricted	Total
The National Lottery Community Fund One Youth	107			107
The National Lottery Community Fund One Youth	1,129			1,129
CDFC Positive Creativity Grant	25			25
BBC CIN Small Grant Y1	536			536
BBC CIN Small Grant Y2	2,114			2,114
The Ballinger Charitable Trust	1,000			1,000
BBC CIN - APT Youth Y2	575			575
BBC CIN - APT Youth Y3	12,127			12,127
CDCF Wellbeing Box Buddies	5			5
Grange Villa CDFC Grant	120			120
The Zobel Charitable Trust Grant	36			36
The William Leech Charity	25			25
Groundworks Tesco Bags Help	290			290
The William Webster Charitable Trust	2,000			2,000
The Barbour Foundation Grant	150			150
The William Leech Charity Grant	307			307
CDFC YSA Box Buddies are Back Grant	8,335			8,335
DCC HAWHF Fun and Food Easter Grant	1,704			1,704
William Webster Charitable Trust Grant 2023	3,000			3,000
Annette Duvollet Charitable Trsut (DofE)		3,062		3,062
DCC CLS APP DofE Going for Gold		61		61
Durham Area DofE Committee Grant		24		24
The Rothley Trust Grant		419		419
The Benevolence Committee of Durham Grant		1,000		1,000
COOP Community Fund Grant			2,239	2,239
The John Horseman Charitable Trust Grant			5,000	5,000
The Hospital of God at Greatham Grant			3,000	3,000
JH Burn Charity Trust Grant			200	200
The Carr- Ellison Family Charitable Trust Grant			100	100
Arnold Clark Community Fund Grant			1,000	1,000
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust Grant			2,000	2,000
The Hadrian Trust Grant			1,000	1,000
The P&FW Charitable Trust Grant			1,000	1,000
The Fitton Trust Grant			300	300
The Three Monkies Trust Grant			2,500	2,500
BBC CIN Cost of Living Grant			500	500
Michael and Anna Wix Charitable Trust			100	100
	33,585	4,566	18,939	57,090

PELTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1155121

Accounts

Pelton Community Centre

Annual Report

2021/2022



Pelton Community Centre

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Who We Are

Pelton Community Centre is a vibrant, modernised and well utilised community hub of groups and activities for people of all ages, ideally situated in the centre of Pelton. Any local people seeking an opportunity to attend a group, event, or class, be that leisure, a social event, or an educational opportunity, they would be very likely to find something appropriate for them within our busy weekly timetable. Our helpful staff team would be very happy to point them in the right direction.



The community organisation, along with our youth project, is managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation. Our board of trustees, over-seeing the management of the charity consists of seven people. The trustees are currently led by chairman Mick Rodgers, who has been at the helm since 2007. The charity currently leases the community centre building from Durham County Council, on a thirty-year lease, which we have held since March 2015.

Our original community building was officially opened on 23rd May 1973 by Councillor W. Graham MBE, who was then chairman of Durham County Council. However, since then, we have undergone multiple building developments, improving our facilities for customers. These advancements include Room 14 youth centre, our community gym, and our reception transformation. We have also refurbished room 3 and the stage area of the main hall over recent years. The trustees and management are very keen to ensure that our community facility is in the best physical condition that it can be, to provide an enjoyable space to all members of the public who use the building.

In short and put simply, according to our constitution, the organisation exists to "promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Pelton and the neighbourhood".

2021/2022 was still a tricky time, with things starting to go back to normal, however we still had some setbacks. Restrictions were still a big part of our community building, and part way through the year we asked our community to return to wearing masks again to help protect our community further, this was done by most of our users and rightly so. We were very grateful for everyone doing their part in helping protect us all from Covid 19.

Groups returned slowly, needing to build up again and under different circumstances. We still needed to remain apart as much as possible, cleaning stations were situated in all rooms, and vigorous cleaning was taking place between different groups etc. We felt our community were returning slowly to our building, but slowly and with nerves around busier places after isolation for so long. In this report you will see the many ways in which we still needed to help and support our community after a terrible couple of years. We foresee this to be a big part of our programme for the foreseeable future.

Chairman's Message

Message from Pelton Community Association Chairman Mick Rodgers

"I am pleased to be commenting again this year on the performance and progress of our charity, and its services, on what is my fifteenth year at the helm of the organisation. During 2021-2022, the focus and emphasis has been placed upon our recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, following an exceptionally challenging year in 2020-2021.

The beginning of 2021-2022, still very much involved the close monitoring of Covid-19 and associated restrictions. During this time, we also began to carefully transfer many of our services back to their more conventional means of delivery, across the community and youth centre. Thankfully, September 21 to March 22 has been an extremely positive period, which has involved our services ultimately becoming restriction free, while we have maintained essential Covid safety measures across the charity, including thorough cleaning and sanitising. I remain incredibly proud of our charity's performance throughout an often turbulent and uncertain two years, we have continued to keep the community at the heart of everything we provide.

I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank my colleagues on the board of trustees, who continue to assist me in governing the organisation. On behalf of the board of trustees, I would like to thank our management staff Clare Robinson and Tom Jones for their leadership throughout 2021-2022. Additionally, our community and youth work teams deserve our praise, for the quality services they have provided our community, benefitting participants of all ages. I look for with optimism to 2022-2023 and working in partnership with Connected Voice in the development of our business plan and governance review.

Finally, on behalf of trustees, managers, and staff, I would like to express our appreciation to all those who have provided financial support to our organisation in 2021-2022. I would like to specifically thank Pelton Parish Council, the National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, and the Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust. These organisations have provided substantial financial assistance and have allowed us to make significant impact on our community this year. Pelton Community Association would not be able to provide the services we deliver and have the same impact our community without your backing, we are extremely grateful".



Charity Details

Name of Charity	Pelton Community Association
Charity Type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number	1155121
Constitution	Revised 2013
Registered Address	Pelton Community Centre Front Street, Pelton Chester-le-Street County Durham DH2 1DE
Trustee Meetings	The 03rd Wednesday Monthly at 6.45pm

Pelton Community Association – Board of Trustees

Chairman	Mick Rodgers
Treasurer	Lesley Herring
Secretary	Penny McLean
Trustee	Gerry Walker (Part Year)
Trustee	Donna Mitchenson (Part Year)
Trustee	Moira Baggott (Part Year)

Pelton Community Association – Paid Community Centre Employees

Centre Manager	Clare Robinson
Office Assistant	Hyleen Wood
Community Centre Activity Assistant	Charlotte Lowes (Part Year – joined Jan 22)
Development Worker	Ellen Bell (Part Year – joined Feb 22)
Leisure Coordinator	Gemma Gibson (Part Year – Left Nov 21)
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Tracy Neasham (Part Year – left Nov 21)
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Paul Neasham
Cleaner	Phillip Martin
Cleaner	Lorraine Turnbull
Cover Cleaner	Lynn Barrass

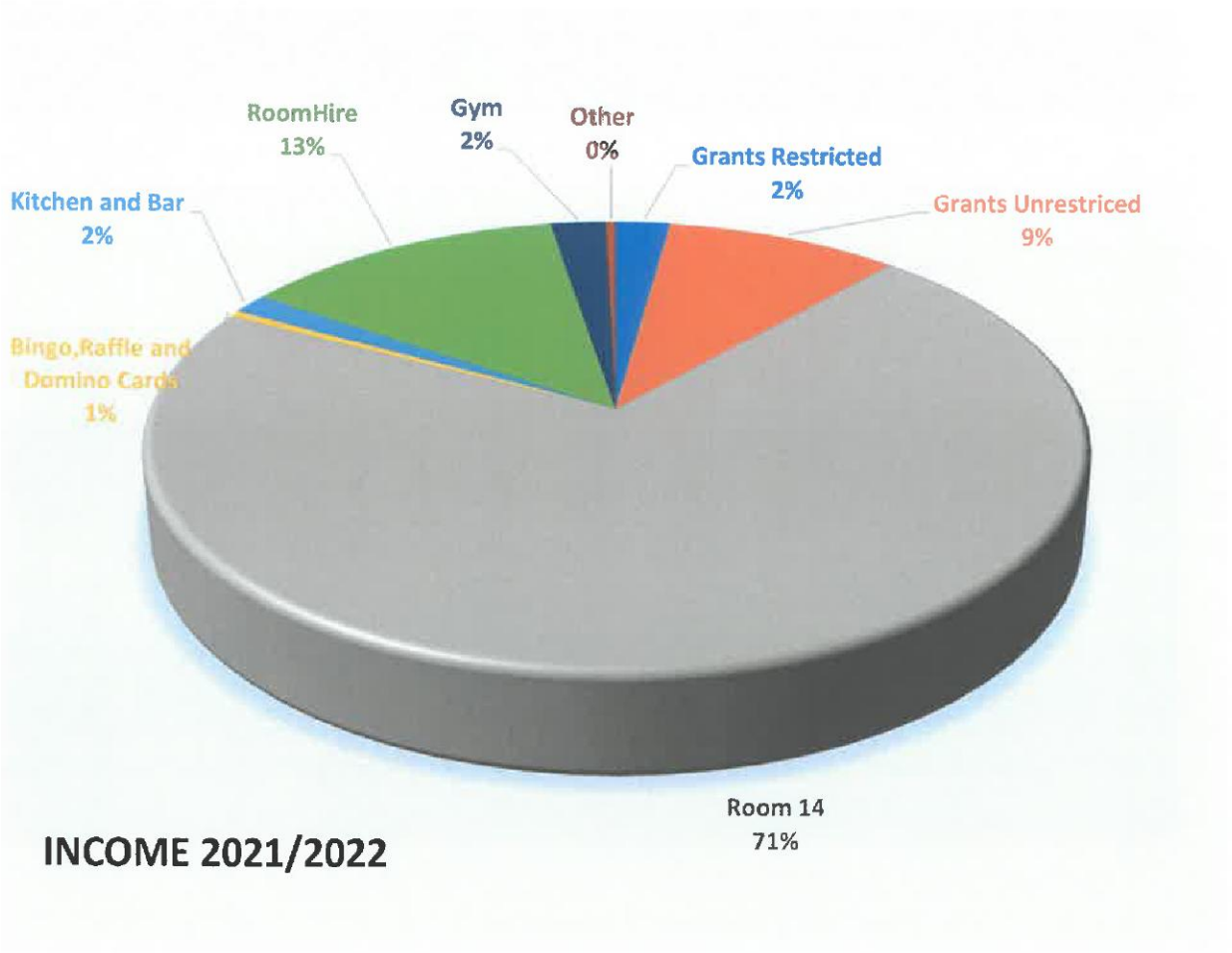
*Note – This table excludes our seven paid youth centre employees, as they produce a separate annual report containing staff information.

Financial Information

Income

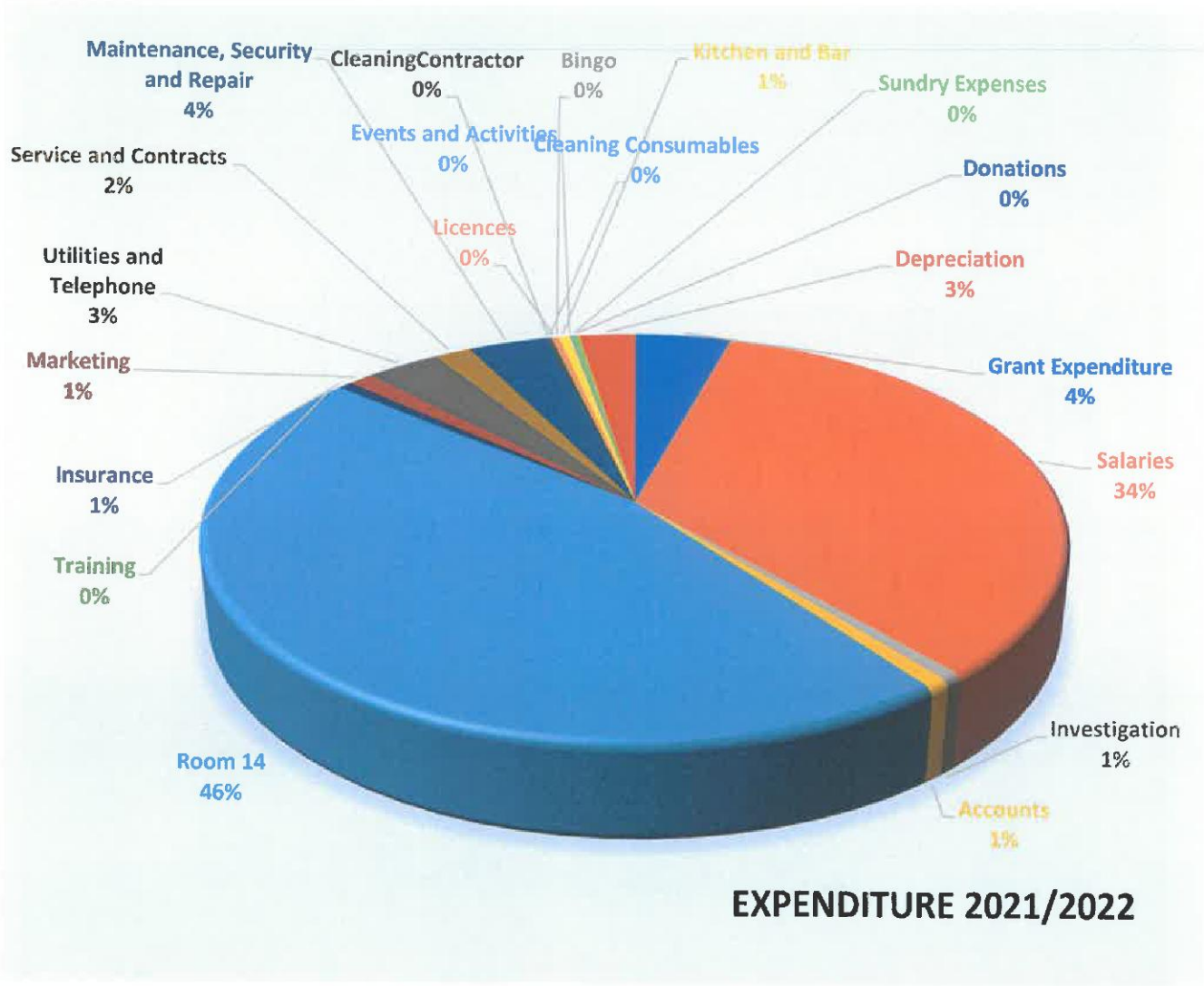
This year Pelton Community Association has a total income of £626,652, and the chart below indicates our income broken down into percentages.
In previous years Room hire has exceeded expectations and made up quite a large chunk of our income. Due to Covid19 we have seen a big fall, however you can now see it building back up, and with 13% of our income coming from Room hire, £55,734 to be exact, we are starting to see an increase. We were also lucky enough to gain funding to help our groups with their income, offering a 50% discount on room hire for around 6 months. We were offered £11,000 to help with these costs, this will be within the Grants, which totalled £49,865.
Our Community Gym Income and participation is also increasing again. Due to the fact we were closed for so long, we extended our memberships to ensure they were able to return and get their monies worth, and then since then we have seen many returning once again, feeling comfortable to do so.

Please note Parish Council Funding for salaries is not included below.



Expenditure

This financial year, Pelton Community Association has a total expenditure of £584,944 and the pie chart below gives an indication as to how our funds were allocated. You will see that our largest item of expenditure is our salaries expenditure combined at 34%. Our team of fifteen paid employees ensures that we deliver a quality and efficient service to the community and is therefore vital. Part of this year again looked slightly different due to the pandemic, and we were fortunate enough to receive help with salaries through the Furlough scheme whilst the Pandemic was unfolding. Grant expenditure is another high category, and this was vital for us to enable our community could recover from the pandemic. You will see throughout this report, that grants enabled us to host safe and welcoming groups and events to help those within our community. All other items of expenditure are displayed in the chart below.



Funding Information

Pelton Community Centre, along with our youth project are heavily supported and subsidised by financial assistance from external agencies, charitable trusts and foundations. You will find information below on the organisations who have supported Pelton Community Centre throughout 2020-2021, and to whom we are extremely grateful. Remember, our youth project has a separate annual report, so if you have provided financial support to Pelton Youth Project, you will be contained within their annual report as opposed to this report.

Our Funders 2021-2022

County Durham Community Foundation
Community Safety Fund
Carbon Trust
Older Peoples Social Isolation Fund - AAPs
Cllr Danny Wood Neighbourhood Budget
Kajima
Chester–le-Street and District Area Action Partnerships
CDCF Back in Action
Fareshare
Karbon-Community Fund
Sport England
Groundwork/Tesco
Durham County Council – Covid Recovery
Durham Community Action

Project Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre is a busy centre, providing a variety of activities, groups and events for all to enjoy and benefit in one way or another. We have several weekly groups that we deliver and are responsible for as a charity. These opportunities are often delivered utilising external grants that we have been able to secure, to support our work on behalf of the community. This delivery combined with our external agency groups has led to a packed weekly timetable of activities, however because of the pandemic we closed our doors on March 23rd 2020 and remained closed for nearly 5 months. We then reopened for limited groups and things looked a lot different. We then had further closures, part openings and so on. However, throughout this year, 2021/2022 we have seen a big increase in what we could host and have gradually built our provision back up. Our weekly footfall is increasing, and we look forward to it returning to the high figures we once hit.

Community Gym

Our community centre gym is a massive part of our aim to provide our community with opportunities to keep active. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 9.00pm, and 9.00am to 5.00pm on a Saturday, members of the community can often fit in a workout around in their free time. We believe that our prices are affordable with £2.00 for pay as you go members, £15.00 for a monthly membership and £100.00 for an annual. The gym is very well utilised, with an average of forty people using the facilities every single day it is available.

However along with the Community Centre, our Community Gym also took a knock with the COVID 19 Pandemic, we had closures for long periods of time, then once we were able to re-open things looked very different. For a long while our members had to book into the gym in advance, into a zone with limited equipment and strict cleaning. Things looked different, no new members were allowed to join, however our existing members, if they felt comfortable enough, could return daily. Cleaning was done before and after every session by the gym user, as well as by staff at regular intervals throughout the day. Room 2 remained a temporary extension to the gym to allow us to have space between pieces of equipment and allow for clear walkways.

Members have returned, and now we are able to allow new members to join, doing inductions as we once did. Room 2 returned to a usable room for the centre, and equipment slotted back into the gym. Booking is no longer required, zones don't exist anymore, however we do still continue to clean down before and after the use of each piece of equipment. Our members remain good at doing so, and we are pleased to say our numbers are growing, with around 25-30 members in a day.

Groups for the Community

Once restrictions allowed, support groups and some exercise groups were allowed to return so we saw a slow increase in provision. Our centre began to feel alive again, with regular groups and classes meeting once again. We had to change bookings, move

rooms around to accommodate, increase the turnaround time to accommodate more cleaning in between classes etc. but we welcomed regulars again, we saw the impact we were making by opening our doors once again and this pushed us more. Yogapupz with Jill, continued to provide parent and child yoga classes that offer fantastic health, fitness and development benefits. Hartbeeps also continued providing a social class for adults and children providing messy play, songs, dance and stories to young children. Activate Theatre returned to their usual Tuesday evening slot, providing a space for young people to dance, act sing and like most other groups, socialise, meet others and feel included and welcomed into a great session.

Mini science continued to provide sessions for early years children and their parents/guardians. The sessions include mini experiments and science-based activities within our large Room 3. Adult participation is required, and we love to see everyone get involved.

Adult social groups were able to return, with masks and social distancing still essential for a lot of this year. Bingo Sessions returned, looking a little different with government guidelines, but still enjoyed by many. Carpet Bowls continued to meet on a weekly basis providing a place for friends to meet and catch up, while remaining safe.

Pelton Fell Surgery asked to use some much-needed space. Drop-in clinics, sessions and nurse advice sessions were held here on a weekly basis, giving our local doctors some much needed help to reduce the demand at their surgery. As you are aware, the NHS saw a high increase, and most doctors were not able to accommodate, we hope we helped lessen the strain on our local doctors by providing a clinic within our building.

Food parcels still remained a big art of our provision, and still do to this day. Funding from Pelton Parish Council and Groundworks/Tesco allowed us to run our Community



Cupboard project throughout this year also. Community members were able to book a slot the following week to come and collect a food hamper and towards the end of 2021 and into the start of 2022 we were able to just allow people to call and collect when required. We added sanitary products to this provision, as well as using money from Karbon Homes to purchase more sanitary products, toiletries, and family essentials such as nappies, wipes, toothpaste, toilet roll etc. These were well received and hopefully helped families when needed. This project continues to be greatly appreciated and benefits around 10 people directly a week, however many were part of a

family, were supporting others and all were very grateful. We want to again thank Pelton Parish Council, Groundworks and Karbon tremendously for this opportunity.

Development Work.

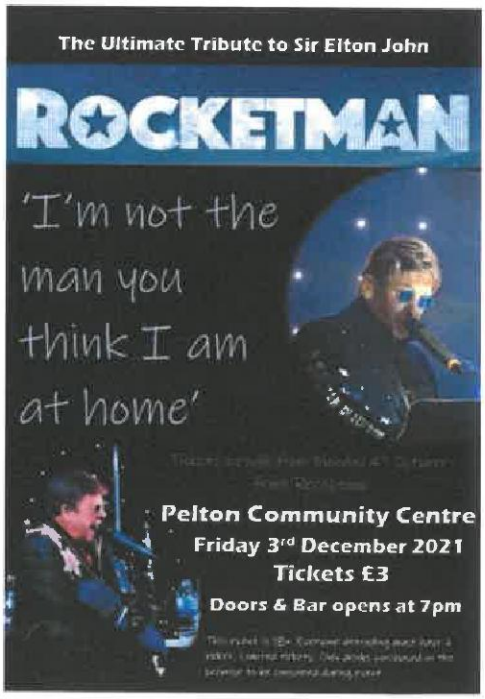
This year we gained our new Development Worker Ellen who joined our team and hit the ground running. Ellen, among other things, was tasked with getting our toddler group back up and running and straight away popped a date in the diary. Friday 18th March was our first group in a couple of years, and we couldn't wait. We had a volunteer signed up and ready to go which meant we were able to have a full room of activities. Owl and Owlets has its own Facebook page, so please check that out for week-to-week updates.

Community Events

Why We Hold Events

Here at Pelton Community Centre, we take every opportunity that we can to bring the community together. There are many benefits associated with hosting events throughout the year. Members of our community can socialise with one another, children are able to play together, and our weekly programmes are enhanced by offering something a little different.

During 2021-2022, Pelton Community Centre were able to reintroduce social events on a larger scale to our timetable, ensuring those who attend remained safe, but just as importantly, they had a great time.



Elton John Tribute Night on 3rd Decemeber 2021 was a great night, those who came thought it was fantastic,with around 80 people attending. The bar was one of the best we have had in a while and it was great to see some new faces joining our events, who then became regulars within the building.



We also welcomed Chester Brass Band up onto our stage and provided 80 Afternoon Teas as a finish to our OPSIF Funding from the AAP's to help those older people who feel a little isolated within our community. With the current situation we had to do things a little differently, our food was pre-packaged for individuals, tables were spaced out accordingly and staff wore masks at

all times. The afternoon was lovely, DACC came to join and so did many of our regulars. We sang along, put in requests for christmas carols and held a raffle.

Family nights are always a great way to get our community together, enjoying an afordable activity whilst having so much fun. We were able to host a Christmas Family Night with Candy Kids for our families to kick off the festive season and they also had a great night, Candy Kids always entertain everyone for the full night, and left everyone full of christmas spirit.
New Years Eve Dance 2021 with M&K Dance was also a well received event, after having to miss NYE 2020 which was such a shame, they went all out and had a great night.It was lovely to see the Hall Floor used for the first time for such a special dance, as further in our report you will read we werelucky enough to give thefloor some much needed TLC.



External Agency Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre acts as a reliable venue for approximately forty weekly groups and classes, that are delivered by external agencies who hire our facilities. The organisation has established strong working relationships with these partners, and many of them hire space on multiple occasions every week.
Along with our sessions, majority of these sessions were also affected during the pandemic.

We really appreciate all who hire our facilities, we acknowledge the difference these sessions have made to our community, the impact they can have of the lives of our community and how much they are well received. We work well with our providers and as part of this help, we were able to gain funding through Chester-le-street AAPs to help with room hire costs, offering 50% off for around 6 months. This ensured around 200f our regular groups could return, with smaller numbers, different rooms, different times etc. whilst not running at a loss.

Facilities

Pelton Community Centre has a range of high-quality facilities that are available to groups and organisation to hire. Our range of facilities supports the organisation to offer a diverse weekly programme to the community.







A Christmas Treat to us. Just before Christmas 2021 we asked AKL Floor Sanding to come and give our Main Hall floor some much needed TLC. They stripped it back, sanded it 4 times, then treated the floor 4 times over and look at the finished floor. We have had nothing but great comments from all our groups and hirers.

We also purchased a new Scrubber/Dryer to help maintain this new floor and the cleaners can now carry out daily floor washes if required, without having to think about additional manpower, or long drying times etc. This floor scrubber will also be used in many of our other rooms and allow us to do deep cleans more often with less effort.



A New Room - We completed our Meeting Room Revamp project this year and now have a new space for people to hire. The space was orginally our charity shop, however this space was needed for office space during the pandemic to ensure our staff could remain at a safe distance. This room can now be hired at just £10 an hour for 1-1 meetings, or a zoom meeting you want to join, maybe you just need to get your head down and work on a project or have you a small business to run?

Community Centre Facilities

Reception	Welcoming Reception Area on Entrance
Parish Council Office	Parish Council Clerk's Office
Meeting Room	Small office style room, with desk, computer and two lounge chairs
IT Suite	IT Suite with Laptops, Interactive White Board, Tables & Chairs
Room 3	Medium Sized Open Room, Multi-Function Capacity
Main Hall	Large Main Area, Multi-Function Capacity, Table, Chairs or Open
Stage	Large Stage Area, Performance Capable, Sound & Lighting
Lounge	Medium Sized Room, Multi-Function, Table & Chairs
Kitchen	Fully Equipped Kitchen Facilities, Cooking, Serving, Washing
Community Gym	Modern Community Gym, Cardio & Weight Training Capacity
Room 2	Meeting & Day Care Room, Comfortable Seating, Multi-Function
Male & Female Toilets	Male and Female Toilet Facilities
Accessible Toilet	Accessible Toilet Facilities Including Shower
External Parks	Two External Children's Play Parks

Contact Details

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Pelton Youth Project Annual Report 2021-2022



"My daughter has been involved in many different activities, but she has never enjoyed anything more than the time she spends doing her DofE award". DofE Parent.

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Who We Are...



In 2022, we entered our fourteenth year of existance, and Pelton Youth Project continues to be a determined & ambitious youth work organisation, based in the heart of Pelton, Chester-Le-Street. Alongside Pelton Community Centre, we are managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation that exists to support the residents of Pelton and the surrounding communities. Our dedicated board of trustees, led by our chairman Mick Rodgers have prioritised services supporting local young people since the youth project was created in 2008. The development of young people continues to be a significant objective of the organisation, and delivery will continue to thrive throughout 2022-2023.



In 2008, Pelton experienced some of the highest and most reported rates of youth crime and anti-social behaviour in County Durham. This was the original reason that youth workers were deployed in the area, to support young people and direct them to more positive pastimes. It was also the motivation behind the community being awarded a substantial grant from the Department of Children, Schools, and Families, to build a youth centre as an annex to the existing community centre building. Room 14 was officially opened in 2010 and has been the home of Pelton Youth Project for twelve years. It provides a dedicated space for young people to spend their free time, allowing them to participate in a variety of structured youth work sessions, projects, and activities year-round.



Nowadays, community cohesion is still significantly important to our youth work team. However, Pelton Youth Project works with young people simply because they are young people, who deserve access to services in their community. We do not work with young people because they are considered deviants or problematic. Our work often starts where young people are, and with their views of the world. It is very much based on a voluntary relationship between groups of young people and our team of youth workers. The team values the traditional open access model of youth work engagement, with additional services such as the Duke of Edinburgh's award and sports sessions adding further value to our youth work offer.

During 2021-2022, we have been able to make huge progress in re-establishing our youth services using our preferred delivery models. The team has navigated the final Covid-19 restrictions (as things stand presently) and are looking forward to more positive times in the future. We now aim to put the pandemic behind us and support young people through any challenges they are facing. We have the backing of our board of trustees, and financial support from the National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, and Pelton Parish Council, among others, so we have everything to be optimistic about going forward.



...Youth Work Team



My name is Tom, and I am the Youth Project Manager here at Pelton Youth Project. My work with the organisation began in 2008, when Pelton Community Association's youth project was founded. Back then, our youth work involved a close partnership with Durham County Council, who employed the sessional youth work team. In 2009 I was appointed as the project manager and have been challenged and rewarded through my work with young people in Pelton ever since. I have been with the charity now for almost fourteen years, and my role is to guide the youth work team, ensuring we are financially secure, practicing youth work safely and provide the link between our youth work team and the board of trustees.



George is one of our Senior Youth Workers and deputises for the Youth Project Manager, ensuring the smooth running of the youth project. Our youth work sessions in Grange Villa and Fencehouses are led by George, leading the development of youth services across the Chester-Le-Street area on behalf of the organisation. George also takes the lead on all things digital and media for the youth project, which includes our website, social media, film, music, design, and editing. George joined the team in 2013 as an auxiliary youth worker supporting sessions. Since then, George has progressed from auxiliary to media youth worker, to finally his current position as a senior youth worker. This progression has included starting out working five hours per week, to now being employed full time.



Tracy has worked for Pelton Community Association since 2007 and is the charities longest serving employee, spending fifteen years with the organisation. Tracy has worked most of those years with the community centre team, until November 2021, when the opportunity came up to be transferred to the youth work team, to the Senior Youth Worker (in training) position. Since then, Tracy has taken the lead on several youth work sessions, including our junior youth clubs. In addition, Tracy supports our Duke of Edinburgh's award & Senior Youth Club sessions. In 2022-2023, the organisation will provide Tracy with the opportunity to complete Level Three Youth Work training and become a qualified youth worker.



Davey has been with Pelton Youth Project since 2009 and has worked as a youth worker in Chester-Le-Street since 1982. As a Senior Youth Worker, Davey leads on the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the organisation. This is an aspect of our work with young people that Davey is particularly passionate about, seeing young people progress, and achieve their full awards. Since we became a directly licenced DofE centre in 2017, our DofE provision has thrived thanks to Davey, who also supports our senior youth club sessions.



Michael is employed with Pelton Youth Project as an auxiliary youth worker and has been since 2017. Michael supports the senior youth workers in the delivery of seniors, juniors, and sports sessions, in addition to youth provision in Grange Villa and Fencehouses. In September 2021, Michael became a substantive member of staff, and is now working thirty hours per week. Michael has a background in sports and personal training, and ensures young people are given the opportunity to keep physically active.



Lynn is employed as an Auxiliary Youth Worker with Pelton Youth Project. Lynn works five hours per week and provides support for lead worker Davey in the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday evening. Lynn also supports the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions in the school holidays. Like Davey, Lynn has worked as a youth worker in Chester-Le-Street for many years.

In addition to our six paid youth work employees, Pelton Youth Project also has a team of seven youth work volunteers assisting the team during various sessions. In Grange Villa we have Michelle, Gary, and Adam volunteering on a Wednesday and Friday evening when they are available. In our DofE sessions, we have Jake and Paul volunteering to support Davey with various aspects of the awards delivery, including the expeditions. In our junior and senior youth clubs in Pelton, we have Ryan and Chloe, who work voluntarily, supporting the delivery of those sessions. A huge thanks to all those people, who give their time voluntarily to support Pelton Youth Project.

Youth Workers Moving On...



In 2021-2022, we said farewell to two of our longest serving youth work employees, Amber Gowland, and Jake Rollings. These two employees have made such a wonderful contribution to our work with young people over the years. Senior Youth Worker Amber Gowland started her journey with Pelton Youth Project as a young person in 2008, when she was eleven years old. In 2014, Amber was appointed as an auxiliary youth worker with Pelton Youth Project and went on to study her Level Three and BA in youth work while with the organisation.



Amber has grown and developed immensely over the years and has supported countless young people in Pelton through various challenges. We wish Amber all the very best in all her future endeavours. Senior Youth Worker Jake Rollings began his involvement with Pelton Youth Project in 2008 also, as a student on university placement with Chester-Le-Street Youth Centre. One of Jake's key roles for the organisation was in leading the junior youth work provision, in partnership with BBC Children in Need. This is something that Jake has done wonderfully well over the years and did particularly well during the Covid-19 pandemic. Jake has moved on to work for Humankind, and we wish him all the best in his new role.

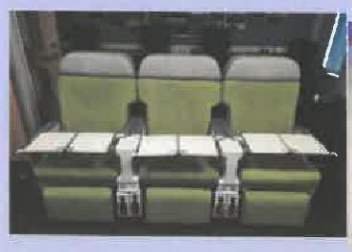
...Our Facilities



Room 14 was built in 2010 as an extension to the existing community centre building in Pelton, which opened in May 1973. The development cost over half a million pounds to complete and was funded using a grant from the Department of Children, Schools and Families Youth Capital Fund Plus. The youth centre is a purpose-built youth facility, and young people were involved in the design of facilities with architects back in 2009. Room 14 has changed and adapted over the years to suit different groups of young people and their interests and our current youth centre facilities include:

Room	Facilities
Computer Room	Four PCs with internet access and associated seating
Chill Out Room	Aeroplane seating, 65" TV, games console, interactive white board & laptop
Hair & Beauty Salon	Hair wash basin, hair dressing, sink & hair & beauty equipment
Kitchen & Chill Out	Working kitchen, comfortable corner seating, 65" TV & games console
Main Activity Area	Music & DJ facilities, pool, darts, table tennis, table football, art tables, air hockey, video arcades, comfortable seating, 50" TV & games console
Music Room	Drum kit, PA system, amplifiers, keyboards, acoustic, electric & bass guitars
Tuck Shop	Small tuck shop
Toilets	Male, female & accessible toilet facilities
Reception	Reception desk and separate youth centre main entrance

Throughout 2021-2022, we have invested in Room 14 youth centre, to ensure the facilities remain quality and attractive to young people. We have replaced seating in our chillout area with aeroplane seating, including integrated tables. The two flat screen TVs in the chillout rooms have been replaced with 65" flat screen TV's, to give the best movie, TV, and gaming experience. We have purchased a top-quality pool table for the main activity area, and plan to update the remaining games tables. We have re-introduced a music room facility using a small space adjoining the main activity area. Finally, we repainted the external render of the youth centre, to keep the building looking tidy from the outside. In 2022-2023, we will be replacing our youth centre boiler, and hope to make several developments happen, including an outside space for young people.







Our Timetable...

Day	Session	Location	Time	Age	Price
Monday	Fencehouses Activity Session	Various	4pm – 6pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Fencehouses Outreach Session	Fencehouses Community	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Tuesday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Senior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	£1.00
Wednesday	Grange Villa Youth Club	Grange Villa Community Enterprise	4.30pm – 6pm	8 – 14	£0.50
	Box Clever Activity Session	Birtley Boxing Club	6.45pm – 8.15pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Thursday	Junior Youth Club	Room 14 Youth Centre	4pm – 5.30pm	7 – 12	£1.00
	Kick On Football Session	Powerleague Gateshead	6pm – 8pm	12 – 19	FREE
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Activity Session	Room 14 Youth Centre	7pm – 9pm	13 – 19 (Year 9+)	£1.00
Friday	Grange Villa Youth Club	Grange Villa Community Enterprise	4.30pm – 6pm	8 – 14	£0.50

...Youth Work Sessions

Pelton Youth Project directly delivers thirteen term time youth work sessions for young people across Chester-Le-Street, with a further four sessions delivered by Pelton Fell Community Partnership as part of the One Youth CLS project. Below, you will find some information regarding the sessions we deliver, how many young people attend them, and the kinds of projects and activities young people have been participating in throughout 2021-2022.

Fencehouses & Bournmoor Sessions



Our work with young people in Fencehouses and Bournmoor consists of two youth work sessions, as part of the One Youth CLS project, which is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. On a Monday evening, from 4pm to 6pm, youth workers George and Michael deliver the offsite activity session for young people of secondary school age. The offsite activity and venue changes on a half-termly basis, and youngsters get to choose their destination. This session has involved participants experiencing trampolining at Jump Giants, go karting at Top Gear Karting in Durham, bowling at Hollywood Bowl Washington and football at Park View School. Over the past twelve months, over thirty young people have participated, with ten to fourteen young people being taken offsite weekly. Young people have challenged themselves physically, developed positive working relationships with the youth workers and gained new experiences. In addition to the offsite activity session, also on a Monday evening, George and Michael deliver an outreach session across the two communities, contacting local young people and aiming to include them in local opportunities. The session, which is delivered from 6pm to 8pm, can see thirty to forty young people contacted every week, many of whom routinely communicate with the youth work team about various issues.

Senior Youth Club Sessions



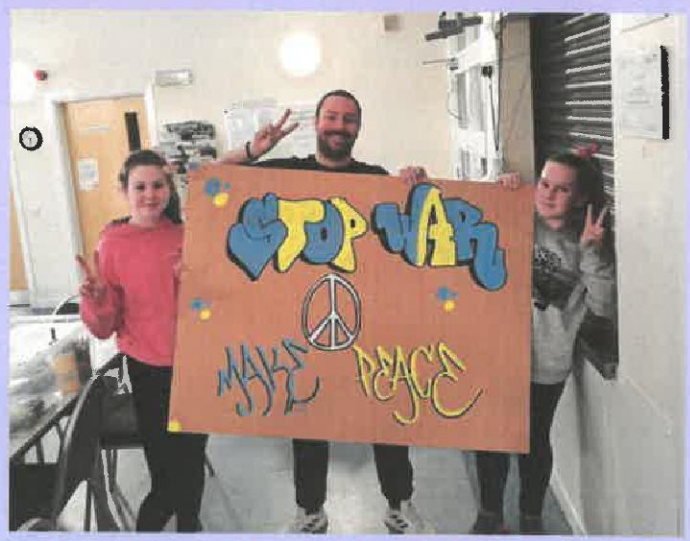
Our senior youth clubs in Pelton, currently held in Room 14 youth centre have been a fixture in our local community since the project was founded in 2008. On a Monday and Tuesday evening, from 6pm to 8pm, young people aged twelve to nineteen are welcomed to participate in a range of ongoing and structured activities. Presently, these sessions are funded by BBC Children in Needs Main Grant, under the APT Youth scheme. During the earlier months of the year April 21 to August 21, the sessions were street based due to restrictions. However, from September 21, onsite open access delivery models returned, and hopefully for good. Normally, twenty to forty young people access the sessions, and consistently engage in informal education activities based around current affairs, diversity, local issues, and creativity. The popularity of our senior youth clubs soared in the latter months of the year, with young people attending from Pelton, Ouston, Perkinsville and Grange Villa.

Junior Youth Club Sessions



On a Tuesday and a Thursday, from 4pm to 5.30pm, young people aged seven to twelve access our junior youth club sessions based in Room 14 youth centre. These sessions first began back in 2009 and have been supporting junior age young people for thirteen years. Presently funded by BBC Children in Need Small Grants, the JYC aims to encourage young people to grow in confidence, build positive relationships and develop their creativity skills. Our junior aged young people endured the longest break from onsite sessions, which lasted eighteen months from March 20 to September 21. During that break, due to the pandemic and restrictions, young people were supported through the delivery of sessions using Zoom, enhanced by activity packs delivered to children at home. From September 21, the sessions returned to the youth centre, and their popularity has surged to unprecedented levels of access and participation. One session in March 22, saw seventy-five young people joining us, while attendance of sixty young people per session is the average. Our young people can participate in an arts and crafts session every Tuesday led by Culture for Kids cic, while multi sports, music, and more recently drama is also delivered. This year, utilising funding from County Durham Community Foundation, our youth social action project Wellbeing Box Buddies has provided up to seventy snack and activity packs per week, for over two hundred young people in total.

Grange Villa Sessions



Our youth work team first began delivering youth work from Grange Villa Community Centre back in 2018, when the session was funded by CLS Area Action Partnership for twelve months. Now funded by the National Lottery for three years, we have two youth work sessions in the Grange Villa community, on a Wednesday and Friday 4.30pm to 6pm, for young people aged eight to fourteen. During these sessions, young people have been able to participate in music and street art sessions with Heart Remind cic, developing creativity skills. Sports has also been used to engage local young people, utilising the community centres outdoor space, the team have delivered a range of physical activities. The sessions regularly welcome ten to fifteen young people, who are often from Grange Villa and West Pelton. This year, young people from Grange Villa have also benefitted from the delivery of Positivity Packs. This project, funded by County Durham Community Foundation, provided snacks, toys, and crafts packs on a weekly basis.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Sessions

Pelton Youth Project manages Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's award group, who meet on a Wednesday and a Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. An entire section on our abundant DofE provision can be found later in the annual report and provides finer detail of the fantastic achievements of over sixty young people who are participating in the DofE awards.

Activity Sessions



Onsite youth work sessions delivered using our traditional open access model, are our most common method of providing services to young people. However, taking young people offsite, to gain new experiences and opportunities, enhances our offer, and attracts a wider audience. This year, thanks to our BBC Children in Need funding and APT project, we have been able to deliver two offsite activity sessions on a weekly basis. On a Wednesday evening, from 6.45pm to 8.15pm, a group of young people participate in our Box Clever session, in partnership with Birtley Boxing Club. Young people can develop their physical fitness through the boxing training, which is delivered in a state-of-the-art gym, by a qualified boxing coach. In addition to Box Clever, we also provide a weekly football session named Kick On. On a Thursday evening, from 6pm to 7.30pm, the youth work team takes a group to Powerleague in Gateshead, to enjoy a relaxed football session, using one of the seven-a-side pitches. Again, the young people can develop their physical fitness and work on their football skills, which supports young people to maintain positive mental health and wellbeing.



Youth Work Flyer

PELTON YOUTH PROJECT

Our Sessions

Monday:
Fencehouses Activity Session | 4pm - 5:30pm (13 - 19)
Fencehouses Outreach Session | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)

Tuesday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (8 - 12)
Room 14 Senior Youth Club | 6pm - 8pm (13 - 19)

Wednesday:
Room 14 Offsite Activity Session | 6:30pm - 8pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+)
Grange Villa Junior Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (8 - 14)

Thursday:
Room 14 Junior Youth Club | 4pm - 5:30pm (8 - 12)
Room 14 Offsite Activity Session | 6:00pm - 7:30pm (13 - 19)
Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award | 7pm - 9pm (14+)

Friday:
Grange Villa Junior Youth Club | 4:30pm - 6pm (8 - 14)







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Youth Work Projects...

In this section, you will find information relating to the youth work projects that have been completed over the last financial year. These projects range from our larger externally funded initiatives such as One Youth CLS, but also include smaller pieces of work with young people throughout the year.

One Youth CLS



In the financial year April 2021 – March 2022, Pelton Youth Project delivered the first year of our National Lottery Funded project 'One Youth Chester-Le-Street'. The funding totalling £309,780.00 for three years, was originally awarded in December 2019. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, One Youth CLS was delayed by twelve months. One Youth involves five charities across Chester-Le-Street working in partnership to provide youth services to young people in our communities. Pelton Youth Project takes the lead, while Pelton Fell Community Partnership, Bullion Hall Community Resource Centre, Grange Villa Community Enterprise, and Fencehouses Community Association are also involved. One Youth's two main delivery agencies, Pelton Youth Project, and Pelton Fell Community Partnership have established ten term time sessions this year and have also delivered school holiday programmes. In total for year one, the One Youth CLS project has reached almost seven hundred young people across the five communities. We have been able to keep young people physically active, support them with their mental health and help them to develop their social and emotional capabilities. Our year one monitoring is available for anyone who would like to read more in-depth information on our National Lottery funded project.

One Youth CLS Area Residential



In February half term, from Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th February, young people from across Chester-Le-Street were brought together to participate in One Youth CLS area residential to Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre in North Yorkshire. A group of thirty-three young people and youth workers from Pelton, Pelton Fell, Chester West, Grange Villa, Fencehouses and Bournmoor were involved. A busy programme of outdoor activities was delivered by Carlton Lodge instructors for young people, which included canoeing, raft building, high ropes, zip wire, axe throwing and archery. Our National Lottery Community Fund Grant is all about bringing people together, and this event really allowed youth workers to do that, and friendships blossomed among young people because of this collective project. Our young people also evaluated their experience, which will inform future events and activities the One Youth CLS team will organise for the benefit of young people.

APT Youth



In July 2021, Pelton Youth Project began the delivery of year two of our APT Youth Agenda, which stands for active, positive, together. This project is funded by BBC Children in Need Main Grants and covers the costs of our two senior youth clubs, our kick on and box clever activity sessions, and one of our three Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions. The project really sets out to achieve what it says in the title, and this is something that has worked very well in the second year, particularly once the Covid-19 restrictions were removed. Our young people have been keeping active through the weekly sessions to Powerleague in Gateshead and Birtley Boxing Club, to participate in football and boxing respectively. Young people in our two senior youth clubs have been given a quality space to spend their free time. The more specific aims of these sessions are to help young people to stay positive and develop more optimistic views of those who may be different from themselves. Lastly, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions helps young people to complete their awards, covering all four sections, at all three levels. You will find more in-depth information on our DofE provision in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award section. This year, the APT project has supported almost four hundred young people through the five youth work sessions, which is fantastic.

The Little Snack & Activity Pack



In July 2020, youth workers completed the delivery of The Little Snack and Activity Pack project that was funded by Chester-Le-Street Area Action partnership. In total, from January 2021 to July 2021, we managed to provide 1120 packs to young people across the Pelton division, which was an average of forty-five packs per week. The project was delivered alongside our Zoom Junior Youth Clubs and meant that young people could complete the same craft and games activities, as well as enjoy the same refreshments. The project really helped to get resources to young people during the pandemic and kept the team in touch with our groups while we couldn't welcome them into the youth centre.

Wellbeing Box Buddies Project



Since April 2021, young people and youth workers have been delivering Wellbeing Box Buddies, our Youth Social Action project, which is funded by County Durham Community Foundation. The project involved young people being provided with a 'Wellbeing Box,' containing snacks, toys, and craft resources to enjoy at home. The project was designed during the Covid-19 pandemic, and initially saw the youth work team delivering these packs to young people's homes, before ultimately being delivered from September 21 during the Junior Youth Club sessions. March 22 was the final month that the project was delivered, and we managed to provide a phenomenal 1644 wellbeing boxes to just over two hundred young people aged seven to twelve. We are extremely proud to have been able to provide this support, and grateful to CDCF for providing financial support. The response and feedback from parents and families has been extremely positive, and it is likely a similar project will replace this one.

Grange Villa Positivity Packs



In a similar spirit to the two projects above, youth workers in Grange Villa provided local young people with 'Positivity Packs,' also funded by County Durham Community Foundation. These positivity packs contained snacks, drinks, toys, and crafts for young people to take home and help them to stay positive. The project began in April 21, when the packs were distributed while on outreach in the Grange Villa community. Then from June 2021, the youth work team continued to provide the packs during onsite youth club sessions in Grange Villa Community Centre on a Wednesday and Friday evening. In total, an average of thirty packs were distributed each week for a total of thirty-three weeks, meaning that approximately 960 packs in total were given to young people in Grange Villa, at such a crucial time.

Beamish Family Day Trip



On Saturday 19th June 2021, youth workers invited members of the junior youth club and their families to Beamish Museum for a day out. The young people and their families were able to enjoy the Beamish attractions, transport and lunch provided by the youth project. We wanted to thank the young people and their families for working with us through the Covid-19 pandemic and making a fantastic contribution to the weekly online youth clubs delivered over Zoom. This opportunity was funded by BBC Children in Need and was free of charge to all those who participated. Normally, we would provide transport and care for young people during offsite activities. However, under the restrictions, we felt the most efficient way to deliver this opportunity was to invite parents and siblings along. The feedback from families was very positive and all who participated enjoyed a wonderful day with great weather.

Summer Programme 2021



During July & August 2021, the youth work team were able to provide young people in Pelton and the surrounding communities with a busy summer programme of activities. Involving both junior and senior age young people, the programme consisted of nine day trips. These included go karting at Karting North East, theme park visits to Ocean Beach in South Shields and Flamingo Land, trampolining at Infinite Air, and laser tag and War Room Laser. A programme of summer activities, offered free to our youth project members, has always been a priority. This year the programme was funded predominantly using our National Lottery grant, as well as other external grant funding. An additional programme was also delivered by Pelton Fell Community Partnership, benefitting young people in Chester West and Pelton Fell. The two programmes combined managed to support one hundred and thirteen young people.



Edinburgh Residential 2021



In August 2021, also during the summer programme, a group of young people from Pelton Youth Project visited Edinburgh City Centre, utilising funding from the Johnnie Johnson Trust. The group were able to enjoy various attractions in Edinburgh including the dungeons, castle, Mary King's Close, and the cinema. Young people were also able to take in the sights and experience Edinburgh through an open top bus tour of the city, and visits to Walter Scott Monument and Holyrood Palace. The youngsters were extremely grateful for the opportunity to visit Scotland with their peers, particularly having had the residential cancelled in 2020, due to the pandemic. Edinburgh is such a fabulous city, and the youth work team really enjoy taking local young people to the Scottish capital.

Parish Council Community Event



The youth work team at Pelton Youth Project supported Pelton Parish Council's Community event on 30.10.2021. The event was organised to bring the community together, and to raise funding for three NHS charities. The youth work team organised Wellbeing Boxes containing Halloween themed toys and snacks for children and young people and distributed the packs from a stall. Our partners Heart Remind cic & their graffiti artist Chris Clark also supported the event, signing the young people's names on their packs as they collected them. In total, the team distributed one hundred and sixty Wellbeing Boxes to young people aged from one to eighteen, with most young people being aged between four and eight. It was a fantastic and well organised event, and we're pleased to have been involved. Well done to Joanne and the Parish Council team who organised this wonderful occasion.

BBC Radio 1 Life Hacks – BBC Children in Need Episode



On Sunday 14th November 2021, I was invited to support BBC Radio One Life Hack's special BBC Children in Need episode. I was speaking live to Vick & Katie in the afternoon and spoke about the importance of the services we deliver here in Pelton for young people, and how vital the financial support we receive from BBC Children in Need is. Presently, BBC CIN supports seven of our seventeen youth work sessions, so they really do make an enormous difference in Pelton. This radio interview was a really great experience, and one we are grateful for.

Room 14 Graffiti Art Mural



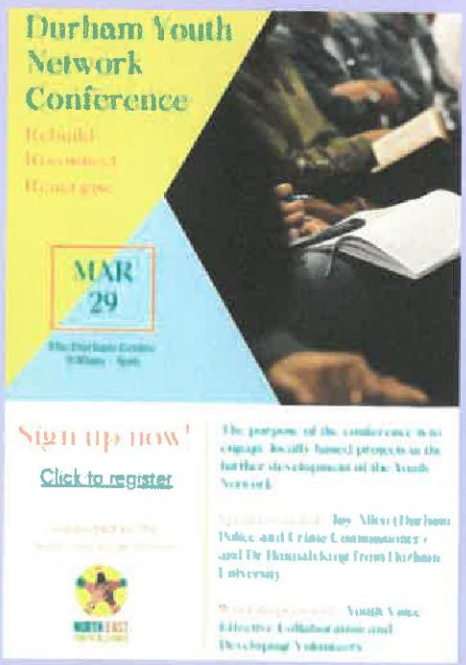
On Saturday 29th January 2022, a group of young people, backed by their youth workers, contributed to a magnificent street art project with Chris Clark from Heart Remind cic. Young people devoted the day to creating a positivity themed graffiti art mural, to decorate the music room in Room 14 youth centre. The young people planned and designed the mural with artist Chris, learnt about the protective equipment required, were taught how to spray paint, and ultimately produced wonderful artwork, which incorporated a Covid-19 dedication to the NHS. The young people worked tirelessly throughout the day and behaved perfectly, which really made their youth workers proud. Their artwork will be displayed in the youth centre for many years to come, reminding everyone of the pandemic, and the heroic work of our NHS. Well done to all those young people who took part, and a massive thank you to Chris who was patient and encouraging throughout the project, ensuring young people gained a valuable experience. Thanks also to County Durham Community Foundation, who paid for the project, through their #iwill programme.

Humankind Partnership - Substance Misuse Sessions

Pelton Youth Project have begun an exciting partnership with Humankind's drug and alcohol service. Beginning on Monday 14th March 2022, and continuing monthly, staff from the health team are delivering a drop-in session in the youth centre. Young people in our Senior Youth Clubs can chat to the Humankind team, take-away information, and learn about the risks associated with substances. We look forward to the partnership developing and providing young people with another valuable service.

Durham Area Youth Work Conference

On Tuesday 29th March 2022, the youth work team at Pelton Youth Project attended the Durham Area Youth Work Conference. This event was held at the Durham Centre in Belmont Industrial Estate, and was themed around re-building, re-connecting, and re-energising youth work in County Durham. The event involved guest speakers including Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen, in addition to multiple workshops throughout the day. Our team attended workshops around participation and youth voice, with the session on participation with lecturer Graeme Tiffany being particularly thought provoking and inspiring. The conference also explored the continuity of the Durham Area Youth Network, which is concerned with communication and collaboration of youth work professionals across County Durham, something Pelton Youth Project is keen to be a part of. Thanks to NE Youth, funders, and partners for organising and leading the event.



...Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Pelton Youth Project has enjoyed another fantastic twelve months in terms of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The organisation has been supporting young people to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards since we became a directly licenced centre in November 2017. Our DofE group continues to be led by senior youth worker Davey Hardy, an extremely experienced youth worker, who has worked with young people in Chester-Le-Street since 1982. Davey is supported during sessions by youth workers Lynn Barrass, Tracy Neasham, and Michael Gibson.



In the current financial year, our group has been supported financially through charitable grants from The National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, The Sir James Knott Charitable Trust, The Hedley Foundation, The Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust, Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership, and Durham Area DofE Committee. This is in addition to financial contributions from parents and the young people's fundraising efforts, which you can read about later in this section. It is extremely motivating managing and delivering these services, when assistance from other charities, foundations, groups, and parents is in abundance.



This year, our DofE provision has grown from one to three sessions per week, thanks to the financial injection from the One Youth CLS project, funded by the National Lottery. We are now hosting Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 7pm and 9pm, with the addition of an activity session on a Thursday evening, inviting young people to use the community gym here at Pelton Community Centre.



During this financial year, while we continued to have Covid-19 restrictions to navigate, particularly in the earlier months of the year. We really wanted to get young people back out on their expeditions and reduce the backlog of understanding and patient young people who only required their expedition section to complete their full awards. We also wanted to get young people back into their DofE sessions without restricting group sizes and having to wear face coverings. The information below gives you an idea of what we have been working on this year with young people, across all levels of the DofE awards and collectively. We hope you enjoy reading about everything young people have achieved, we are extremely proud of them.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



To begin the DofE journey, young people first enrol onto the bronze level of the award, which is standard across all DofE groups. Young people can work flexibly towards three of the four sections of the bronze award, which are the practical, skill and volunteering sections. The young people then come together to train and complete the expedition element of the award, which involves young people getting outdoors to complete a challenge of their choice. This year, under more manageable Covid-19 restrictions, I am pleased to report that we have managed to work with thirty-eight young people at bronze level. In 2021-2022, ten young people have managed to complete their bronze awards, while twenty-eight young people continue to work towards their awards or have enrolled with us more recently. This is the highest number of bronze participants we have had enrolled at any one time, which is fabulous for the project and for the DofE group's continuity. Our ten young people completed their bronze expeditions in the Durham area, navigating a route from Great Lumley to Durham City Centre. We would like to offer our congratulations to Lucy, Freya, Mia L, Mia U, Erika, Emma, Lola, Dominic, Sophie, and Sonny who all completed their bronze awards this year.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



Once young people progress to the silver level of the DofE awards, things are a little more demanding, and all sections take longer to complete than at bronze level, including the expedition section. This year we had a high number of young people working at silver level of the award, and a backlog of young people to complete their silver expeditions, due to the pandemic delaying young people expeditions from 2020. We delivered two silver expeditions in 2021-2022, with our first group of twelve young people completing their canoeing expeditions on the River Ure, making their way from Ripon to York during their qualifying expedition. Our second expedition at silver level involved a group of eight young people completing walking expeditions in the Durham area for their practice, and then navigating a route along Hadrian's Wall for their qualifying expedition. This year we have managed to support an amazing nineteen young people to complete their silver awards, while another ten young people continue to work towards their full awards. Congratulations to Molly, Airlia, India, Hana, Joshua, Chloe, Holly, Anna, Annabel, Jack, Marnie, Finlay, Victoria, Lucy, Hannah, Megan, Kayley, Isaac, and Eli. These young people have all completed their silver DofE awards this year.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



The final stage of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is Gold and represents the ultimate challenge for young people. This year was special, as our first group of young people to start bronze awards under Pelton Community Association's DofE licence completed their gold expeditions and ended their time with us. This journey, which lasted from 2017 to 2021 and overcome the Covid-19 pandemic, has involved Poppy, Grace, Freya, Lara, Ella D, Ella B, and Madeline. This wonderful group of young women have set Room 14 DofE Groups standards over the last four years and will be a huge miss to the weekly sessions, as they progress to the next stage of their lives. The girls completed canoeing expeditions in 2021, and tackled a route along Scotland's Caledonian Canal, from Fort William to Inverness. This was after their gold expeditions in 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic, and therefore delayed by twelve months. In addition to this group of seven, we also have fifteen young people currently working towards their gold awards, with a further four young people waiting to begin once they turn sixteen. Congratulations to Poppy who has completed her gold award entirely, and best of luck to those six young women who only have their residential section to complete.



Parent Feedback



It is extremely important to Pelton Youth Project, that we hear from our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group parents. Young people's parents are best placed to see the differences in their children, because of their participation in the DofE. This year, feedback has been extremely positive, with one parent saying *"The DofE is a fantastic provision for an often-neglected age group. The leaders are brilliant at engaging the teenagers and getting the most out of them. Great facilities too. We feel extremely lucky to have this in our local area".* Another parent said *"My eldest daughter raved about DofE so much that my youngest daughter joined as soon as she turned fourteen. They both love it, and my youngest daughter has gone on to recommend it to her friends. As teenagers they talk with their feet and both of my girls never want to miss a week. They've made new friends, had new experiences, and been given a sense of responsibility and pride through the programme. Thank you to all the wonderful staff for making DofE possible".* This kind of feedback really does make the work we do with young people worthwhile, to know that the opportunities we provide for young people are appreciated not only by our young people, but by their families too.

Other DofE Activities

In recognition of the hard work and effort that our young people put into their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, the youth work team tries where possible, to involve young people in additional activities. Below are some of the opportunities young people have had in 2021-2022.

DofE Carlton Lodge Residential



In August 21, eighteen young people from our DofE group were lucky enough to visit Carlton Lodge Outdoor Activity Centre for three days and two evenings. This group were given the opportunity to participate in an outdoor activity packed residential. it was fantastic bringing these young people together given the challenges of the pandemic and time spent in isolation. Young people enjoyed kayaking and raft building, archery, team building, high ropes and climbing. The feedback from our youth work team, young people and parents has been very positive. We would like to thank Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership for their financial support, and for their flexibility in the delayed spend on the grant. We would also like to express our gratitude to Carlton Lodge, who were also flexible with our delayed booking due to Covid-19. What a brilliant event!

DofE Blackpool Day Trip



On Friday 29th October 2021, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group visited Blackpool Pleasure Beach for the day. Blackpool Pleasure Beach is a popular theme park for young people to visit, with attractions such as the Big One, Revolution and Ice Blast a favourite among our young people. In total, thirty-one young people and three youth workers attended the visit, all those who participated had a fantastic time despite the rain in the morning. It is always a pleasure to reward our DofE members with trips like this, as they put so much hard work and energy into their DofE journeys. Young people are always happy to support sponsored events and activities, so they really do deserve opportunities and experiences such as this Blackpool visit.

DofE Sponsored Activity Night

Youth workers were extremely proud of our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group members in November 2021. Thirty-one young people came together to raise funds for BBC Children in Need & for their DofE group, through a sponsored activity night in Room 14. Throughout the evening, young people participated in karaoke, singing, board games, arcades, table games, films, cooking, salon, and other activities. Collectively, young people managed to raise a staggering £1130.00 through the sponsored event, which is a fantastic achievement.



DofE Race Night Fundraiser



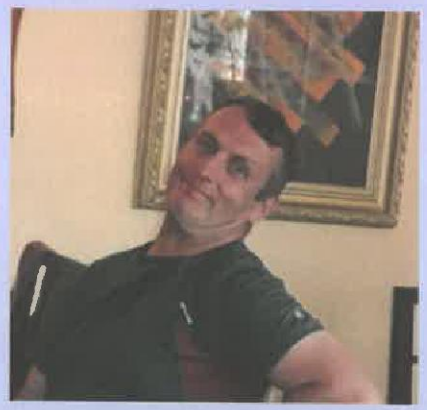
It seems like such a long time ago since we were able to bring families and friends together and celebrate the achievements of our DofE members. This is because our last fundraising event, involving families and friends, was back in 2019, before the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic caused our March 2020 event to be cancelled. I am pleased to report that Davey Hardy, our dedicated DofE leader, in his own time, organised a magnificent race night fundraiser on Saturday 05th February 2022. The event welcomed over one hundred guests, including colleagues, young people, families, and friends. It gives me pleasure to announce that the evening raised an impressive £914.00, which will be used to subsidise expedition costs for young people in 2022-2023. During the evening, the team were able to celebrate the achievements and participation of over thirty young people, who have completed and worked towards their DofE awards at all levels. A huge thanks to Davey for organising the event, and to Craig, Rocky and Jake who assisted, making sure the event was a success.

Buckingham Palace Invitations



We received great news in early 2022, that our young people who have previously completed their gold awards, but who were not able to attend Buckingham Palace due to the pandemic, have now been invited down to London. In May 2022, Allanah Carlyle, Jessica Nordenfeldt, Abigail Charles, Rebecca, and Olivia Duffy will all attend an awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace, where they will receive their awards. Well done to you all and thank you for your patience. Our DofE leader Davey Hardy has also been invited to Buckingham Palace, to see members of the group receive their awards.

Thank You



Room 14 Duke of Edinburgh's Award group would not be able to support young people the way we do, without the assistance of many individuals and organisations. I would like to thank all those charities and organisations who provided financial support in 2021-2022, and particularly the Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust and Durham Area DofE Committee, who both made their final donations to our organisation this year. It is important to recognise all those who help the DofE group on a voluntary basis, so a massive thanks to Paul, Jake, Craig, Rocky, and Dave who have all given their time in 2021-2022, to see our young people progress and achieve. Thanks to all the young people's families who get behind our young people and support them through the awards. Finally, thanks to all Pelton Youth Project staff running the group, particularly Davey Hardy, who goes above and beyond to ensure young people's DofE journeys are exciting and memorable.

Awards Summary

Level	Completed Awards	Working Towards
	10	28
	19	10
	1	20

Poppy's Journey...

Poppy Stewart-Piercy joined Room 14 DofE Group in 2017 and was a member of the first bronze group to join our DofE group under Pelton Community Association's licence. Five years later, and Poppy is the first young person from her group to complete her gold award, and the first young person under PCA's DofE licence to complete bronze, silver, and gold awards. What an achievement, well done Poppy!

In Poppy's Own Words



"I started DofE what feels like a lifetime ago, and I really didn't want to go. A friend from school was going and my mum arranged for me to go with her. I really didn't like joining groups of people I didn't know, and I did not enjoy the outdoors, so the thought of going to DofE sounded awful. I was nervous, but Davey was friendly and made me feel welcome. After a couple of weeks there were more people from school, and I enjoyed the sessions in Room 14. We did all sorts of things while we were there, there was a salon and a gym which was great. There were lots of times when we would have pizza nights and sponsored events. One of my favourite nights was the race night fundraiser where we all got trophies too.

To support my awards, I did some volunteering with a new group of people and started rowing too so I could have a sport to help me getting fit. To prepare for our expeditions, we learnt new skills like map reading and how to set up camp. We also had to go on our day-walks supported by Davey. We had so much support from Davey and Lynn, and they made it so much fun, Davey even managed to keep all of us happy and getting on every single week.



The silver expedition was tough, we did the expedition by canoe in Shrewsbury. The weather was amazing, and we had a great time. There were quite a lot of times that I wanted to quit, but Davey kept me going and was always supportive. Davey and Lynn took us on trips to reward us for our hard work too, we always had great food and the drives to the different locations were always fun. (We would always stop for treats).







I was nervous about signing up for the Gold Award, but there was no way I was going to let Davey down and the rest of the team as we had gone through the bronze and silver together. I had no idea just how hard gold would be, not helped by the pandemic, as we just got started and then couldn't meet in person. Even though we couldn't meet in person, Davey used to zoom call the group every week and check on progress with our volunteering and schoolwork, and generally make sure we were all ok and coping with the lockdown. I continued with my sections and as soon as we could, we started to meet up again, following covid rules. We had to start again with our practice for the canoeing as it had been so long, but we all managed to do a fab week canoeing from Ripon to York so that they knew we would be safe for the qualifying expedition on our own.

On the qualifier, I don't know if it was the best or the worst week ever canoeing right up loch ness, but I know that I was relieved it was done. At one point the weather and the wind were so crazy, that we had to get out and set up camp, waiting for the weather to improve. I then finally finished my gold with my residential, again really pushing me out of my comfort zone with new people.

I am so happy to have had the chance to do the DofE, and will never ever forget all the support, encouragement, and care that Davey showed me over the last five years, I couldn't have done it without him. Thanks for all the fun times, and thanks for pushing me though the really difficult times and showing me what is possible if I push myself. Over the years we've had some great times. The fundraiser nights, trips away, and expeditions. They have been excellent experiences. I have learnt amazing skills and created memories for life".



Parents Perspective – Margie Stewart-Piercy

"Poppy was the least likely candidate to even begin, never mind complete bronze, silver, and gold Duke of Edinburgh's awards. Poppy was a very shy girl, made more difficult by several medical conditions, that excluded Poppy from physical activities during her early teens.

The DofE sessions were run by Davey, supported by Lynn and what a dream team this is. Poppy could not have felt more welcomed into the sessions, and everything was explained about how the DofE would work and would be expected from both sides which was great. The skills learned from bronze, silver and gold are only one aspect. It is amazing that she can now read a map (well), set up camp, cook food outdoors, take charge of equipment, and canoe in sometimes challenging conditions. The skills and achievements that are perhaps more nebulous are the raising of confidence, the ability to learn to work together as a team, despite differences within the group, and the tenacity to finish all three levels. The DofE has really given Poppy the confidence to walk into a room and meet with people, join activities, and feel that she is part of a group.

Well, that's all about Poppy, but Pelton DofE would not be the same, nor would Poppy have completed all three levels if it were not for Davey. He is an incredible force, always positive and with the ability to gel the young people. The level of respect that not just Poppy has, but the entire group has for Dave is incredible. I know that Poppy would not have got to this point without his support, and I am super grateful for that. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dave, Lynn, Room 14 and to DofE for all the support. We are looking forward to going to collect her award in London and will send pictures when we go".

...Demographics

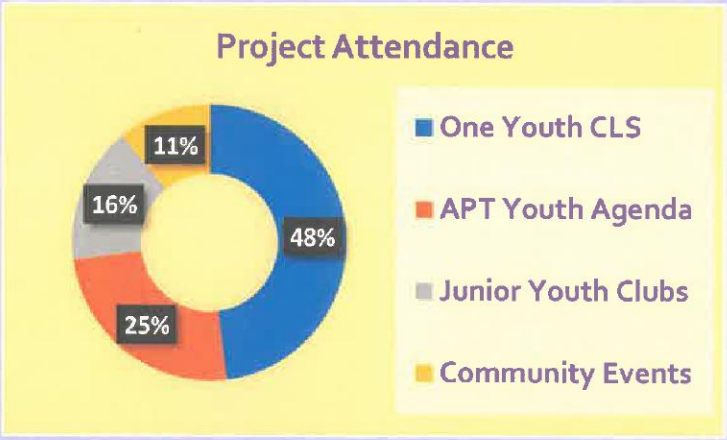
Reach



In this financial year 2021-2022, we have reached more young people than ever before in our fourteen-year history. The youth work team has supported an incredible 1330 young people across Chester-Le-Street. This represents a 256% increase on 2020-2021 contacts of 374 young people (a reduced number due to Covid-19) and a 62% increase on 2019-2020 reach of 820 young people. This is largely down to the financial support of the National Lottery, which was introduced in this financial year.

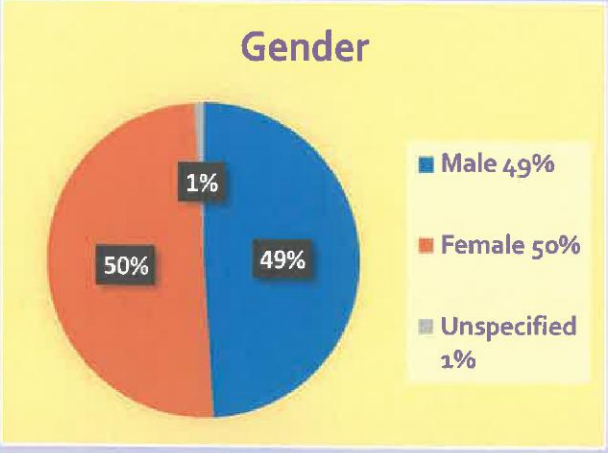
Project Attendance

The 1330 contacts can be broken down into three main funded projects that young people have been accessing this year. These are One Youth Chester-Le-Street, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. APT Youth, financially supported by BBC Children in Need Main Grant. Our Junior Youth Clubs, financed by BBC Children in Need Small Grant. Young people have also been contacted through community events and represent 11% of young people contacted.



You will see from the chart that 48% of young people have been contacted through One Youth CLS, hence the incredible increase in young people we are contacting from previous years.

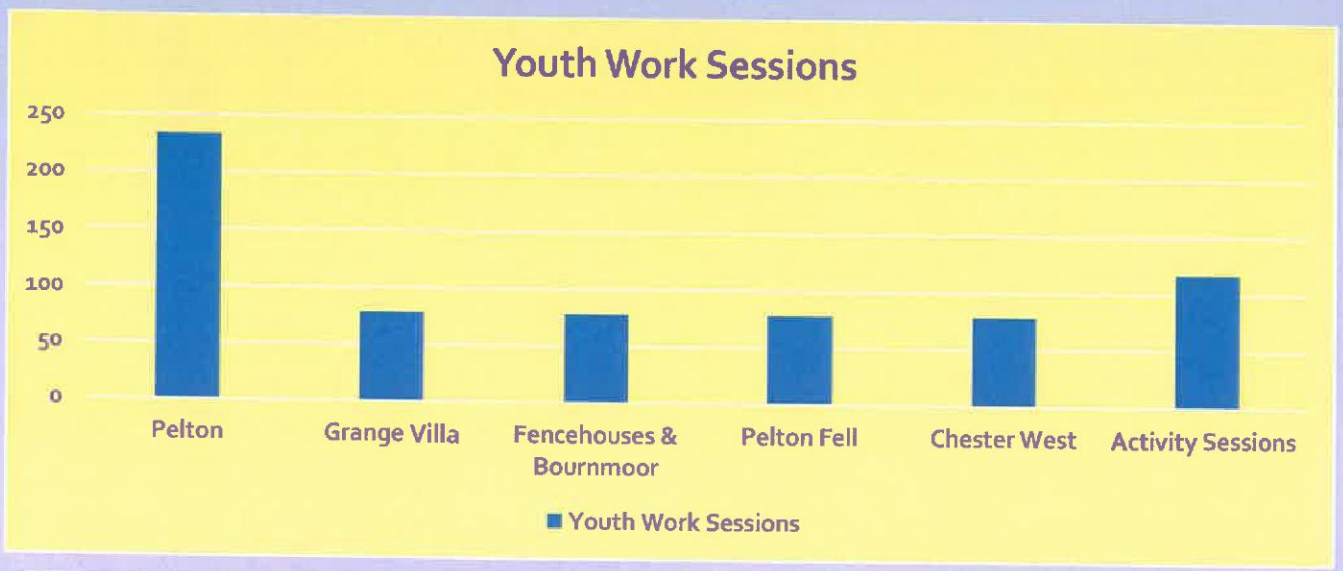
Gender Divide



It has always been important to the team that we work to support both male and female young people, often in open access settings available for all to access. It gives me pleasure to report that across all provision, we are well attended by both male and female young people. The chart shows the gender divide for 2021-2022 across all services. It indicates that we are working with slightly more females at 50% than males at 49%. Traditionally youth work activities are dominated by young men, so it is refreshing to see that young women are prevalent again this year.

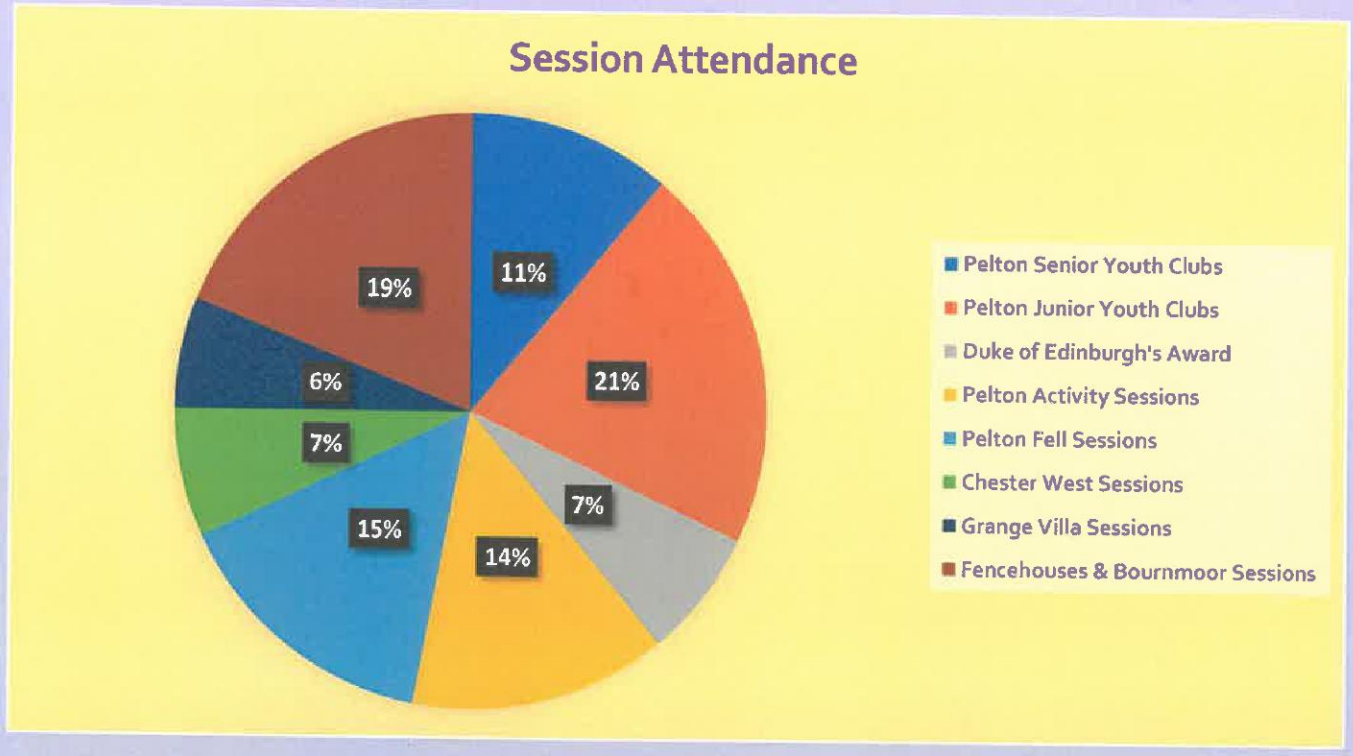
Session Location

During the 2021-2022 financial year, Pelton Youth Project has managed to deliver 663 youth work sessions across Chester-Le-Street in term time. In addition, we have delivered well over thirty day trips, residentials and expeditions in the school holidays. The chart shows the number of sessions delivered in each location in Chester-Le-Street. You will see from the data, that while our services cover many villages across the Chester-Le-Street area, young people in Pelton continue to have access to most sessions at 234 this year.



Session Attendance

The chart below indicates the percentage of young people accessing sessions in each community for example, Grange Villa, or by theme, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group for example. This is the percentage of young people per session or theme of our total 1330 contacts this year. You will see from the chart that our Junior Youth Club sessions have the highest percentage of young people at 21%, followed in a close second by our Fencehouses and Bournmoor contacts at 19% of our total 1330 young people.

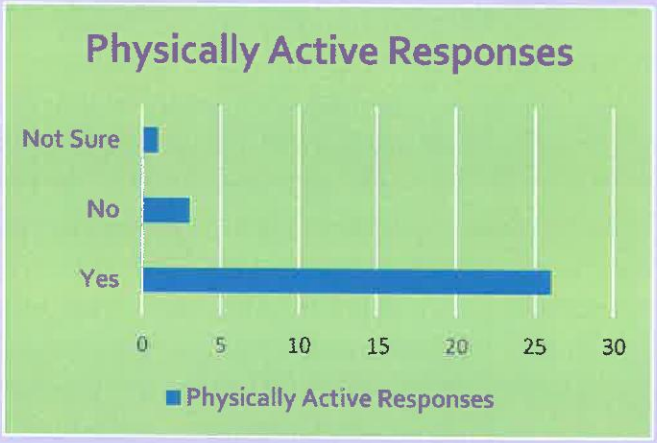


Young People's Consultation...



Youth workers consult with young people consistently throughout the year, as an essential component of quality youth work. This consultation often relates to the impact of sessions, projects, and programmes on young people. We use this to inform monitoring requirements from funders, and to influence future services. We also like to gain feedback from young people on an annual basis, through a questionnaire, to inform our annual report. This aims to capture the impact of our services on young people over a twelve-month period and gives them the opportunity to influence the services that are designed to support them. This year, thirty young people across senior age and DofE provision in Pelton, Grange Villa and Fencehouses have taken part.

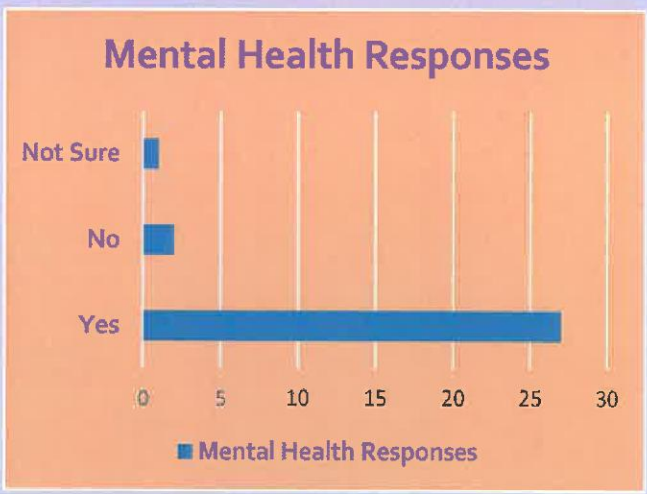
Q1) Has Pelton Youth Project supported you to be more physically active, improving your fitness and physical health?



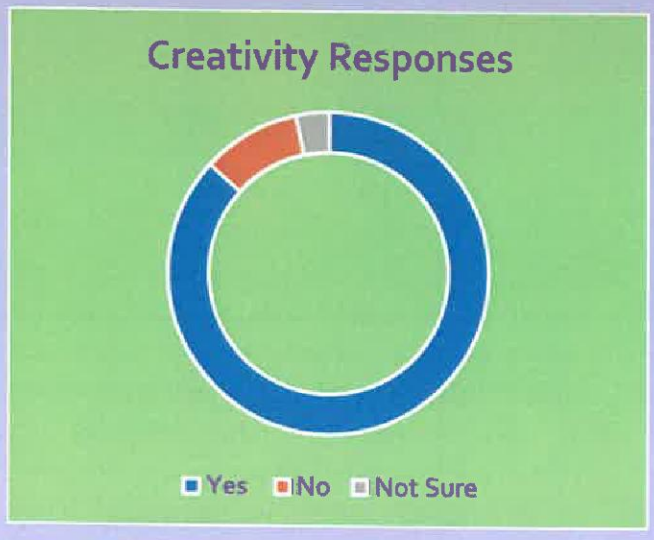
The feedback from young people was extremely positive relating to physical activity, with 87% of young people saying they had been supported to be more physically active, while 13% said they hadn't or were unsure. Young people also gave some examples of the physical activities they had been involved in. These responses included access to the gym for DofE members, expeditions, residentials. The feedback also included references to activity sessions, which included football, boxing, trampolining, and multi-sports.

Q2) Has Pelton Youth Project supported you with your mental health or helped you to maintain positive mental health?

Again, this sample of young people have fed back that they feel our services supports them with their mental health, 90% gave a positive indication. Many of the responses from young people refer to the social aspect of our youth work sessions. Young people being able to meet with friends, have space to socialise, and establish new friendships has a significant impact on their wellbeing. One young person said, *"seeing my friends and socialising regularly makes me happy,"* while another young person said, *"the sessions definitely help, but I already had pretty good mental health".*



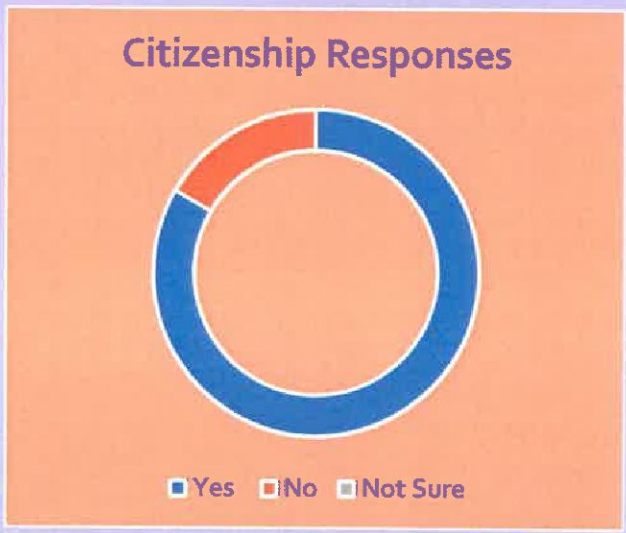
Q3) Has Pelton Youth Project given you the space and resources to be creative, and develop your creativity skills?



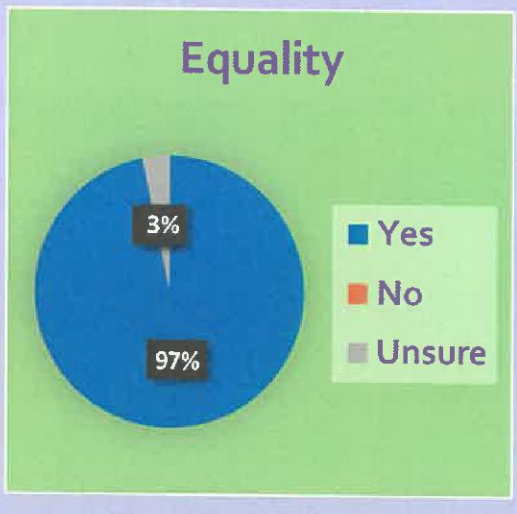
There was another great response from participants in terms of creativity, with 87% of young people consulted answering yes. A lesser number 13% of young people answered no to the question or were unsure. The young people referred to a number creativity projects that have taken place throughout the year including graffiti art, DJing, music, photography, DofE skills section, and poster making. Jessica aged eleven said, *"we can be creative because you give us freedom and listen to our ideas"*. Another young person Brianna aged fourteen said *"the project helped me to develop new skills, and then get better at those skills"*.

Q4) Thinking about citizenship, has Pelton Youth Project helped you to feel included and valued as part of the community?

It is enormously important to the youth work team, that our young people feel like they belong and are included, valued, and respected in their communities. A high number of young people at 83% said they did feel valued as part of their community while 17% said they didn't. To quote Ella aged twelve, she said that *"including people in sessions and offering everyone the chance to take part in activities and events helps people to feel involved"*. Another response read *"by giving us t shirts and giving us lots of things to do we feel included"*. Finally, one of our more recent members said, *"I have been welcomed by my new friends and the staff are really nice"*.



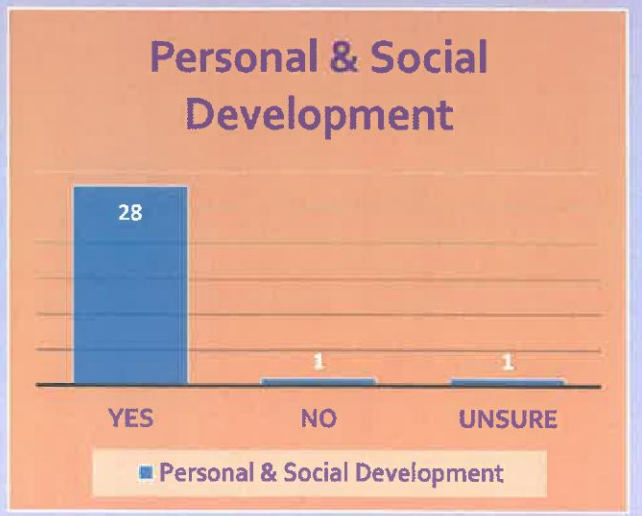
Q5) We are committed to equality. Do you find that Pelton Youth Project's sessions are open and inclusive?



Equality is extremely important to Pelton Youth Project, firstly as a fundamental principle of quality youth work, but also as our charity is committed to equality and diversity. We therefore include all young people where possible, particularly young people who may have protected characteristics according to the Equalities Act 2010. I am exceptionally proud to report that 97% of young people felt that our project was open and inclusive, while 3% were unsure. One young person said, *"the youth project lets anyone join us,"* and another said, *"everyone gets the same treatment"*. I was especially pleased to read that one response said, *"I'm mixed race, people of all backgrounds are welcome here"*.

Q6) Do you feel like you have developed personally and socially over the last twelve months with the project?

The response from young people regarding their personal and social development has been one of the brightest and most positive. Youth workers found that 93% of young people felt that they had developed personally and socially, while a 7% said they hadn't or were unsure. Young people were also forthcoming in providing quotes and examples on this question. Many responses referred to the development of confidence with one young person saying, *"my confidence has grown from gaining so many new experiences,"* while another young person simply wrote *"I feel more confident and outgoing now".* Young people mentioned friendship and socialising a lot too, with one response saying, *"I don't feel like I am as awkward now socially,"* and another saying, *"I feel braver the more I communicate with staff and friends".* It was really inspiring to read all those positive responses from our young people, which indicate the project are getting things right, particularly with young people's social interactions and developments.



Q7) What would you say has been highlight of the year with Pelton Youth Project, this could be a session, project, or offsite visit for example?

"Graffiti Art Project"

"Boxing Sessions"

"Edinburgh Residential"

"Blackpool Pleasure Beach"

"Carlton Lodge"

"DofE Expeditions"

"Flamingo Land"

"Sponsored Activity Night"

"The Racenight Fundraiser"

...Partners

In 2021-2022 Pelton Youth Project has established and maintained a large network of partners. Youth workers and young people would like to say thank you to all the organisations below. Pelton Youth Project could not offer the same quality services to young people without your support and commitment. We look forward to continuing our partnership working throughout 2022-2023.

Onsite Activities

Culture for Kids CIC
Heart Remind CIC
Humankind D&AS
The National Lottery
BBC Children in Need
Northumbria University
Pelton CC Team

Offsite Activities

North Yorkshire Youth
GEM Travel
Tees Outdoors
The DofE Awards Scheme
Jump Giants
Powerleague Gateshead
Birtley Boxing Club
Top Gear Karting
War Room Laser
CLS Masonic Hall
Paul Kendall Assessor
Beamish Museum
Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel

Admin and Training

Accounts to Order
Connected Voice
McDougall Consultancy
PACT Print Limited
ITree IT Support
FANE Training
Durham Safeguarding CP
Substance Views
Facebook
Workwear Express
East Durham Trust
Durham Community Action
NE Youth
UK Youth

Partnership Working

Pelton Parish Council
Durham County Council
Fencehouses CC
Bullion Hall CRC
Grange Villa CE
Pelton Fell CP
Investing in Children
Chester-Le-Street AAP
Durham Constabulary
McCarrick's Construction
Durham Youth Council
BBC Radio One
The Coop Pelton

Funders...

In 2021-2022, the charitable trusts, foundations and organisations below have financially supported Pelton Youth Project bouncing back from the Covid-19 pandemic. The charity simply could not maintain its services without your help. So, on behalf of everyone at Pelton Community Association, thank you for your contributions, we are hugely appreciative.

Large Grants of £10,000.00 and above

Pelton Parish Council	Pelton Community Association - General
The National Lottery Community Fund	One Youth Chester-Le-Street
BBC Children in Need Main Grants	APT Youth Project
BBC Children in Need Small Grants	Junior Youth Clubs
Chester-Le-Street & District AAP	TLSAP Project and DofE Going for Gold
The Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust	DofE & Pelton Youth Project General
EC Graham Belford Charitable Settlement	Pelton Youth Project General

Medium Grants of £5,000.00 to £10,000.00

The John Horseman Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
County Durham Community Foundation	Youth Social Action 'Wellbeing Box Buddies'

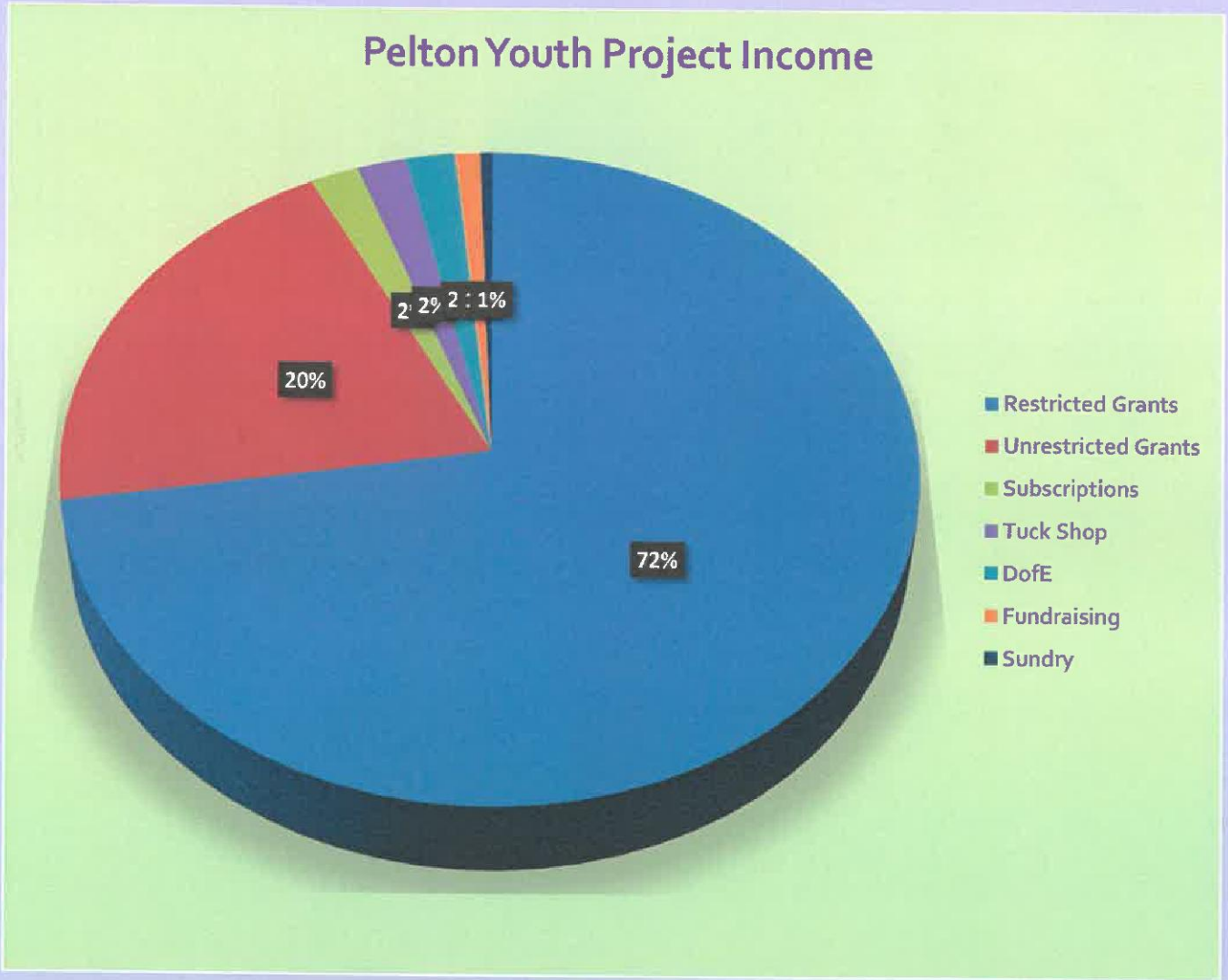
Small Grants of Below £5,000.00

The Fitton Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Michael & Anna Wix Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
County Durham Community Foundation	The High Sheriff's Award
The Johnnie Johnson Trust	Edinburgh Residential
The Zobel Charitable Trust	Youth Club Equipment
The William Leech Charity	Youth Club Equipment
The Park Family Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
Charities Trusts – Nigel Higgins & Barclays	Pelton Youth Project General
Karbon Homes	Hygiene Pack Project
Durham Area DofE Committee	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
The Car Ellison Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Hadrian Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Hedley Foundation	DofE Expeditions
The Sir James Knott Charitable Trust	DofE Expeditions
The Arnold Clark Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
Groundworks Tesco Community Grant	Youth Club Equipment
The William Webster Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Coop Local Community Fund	Pelton Youth Project General
The Hospital of God at Greatham	Pelton Youth Project General

...Financial Information

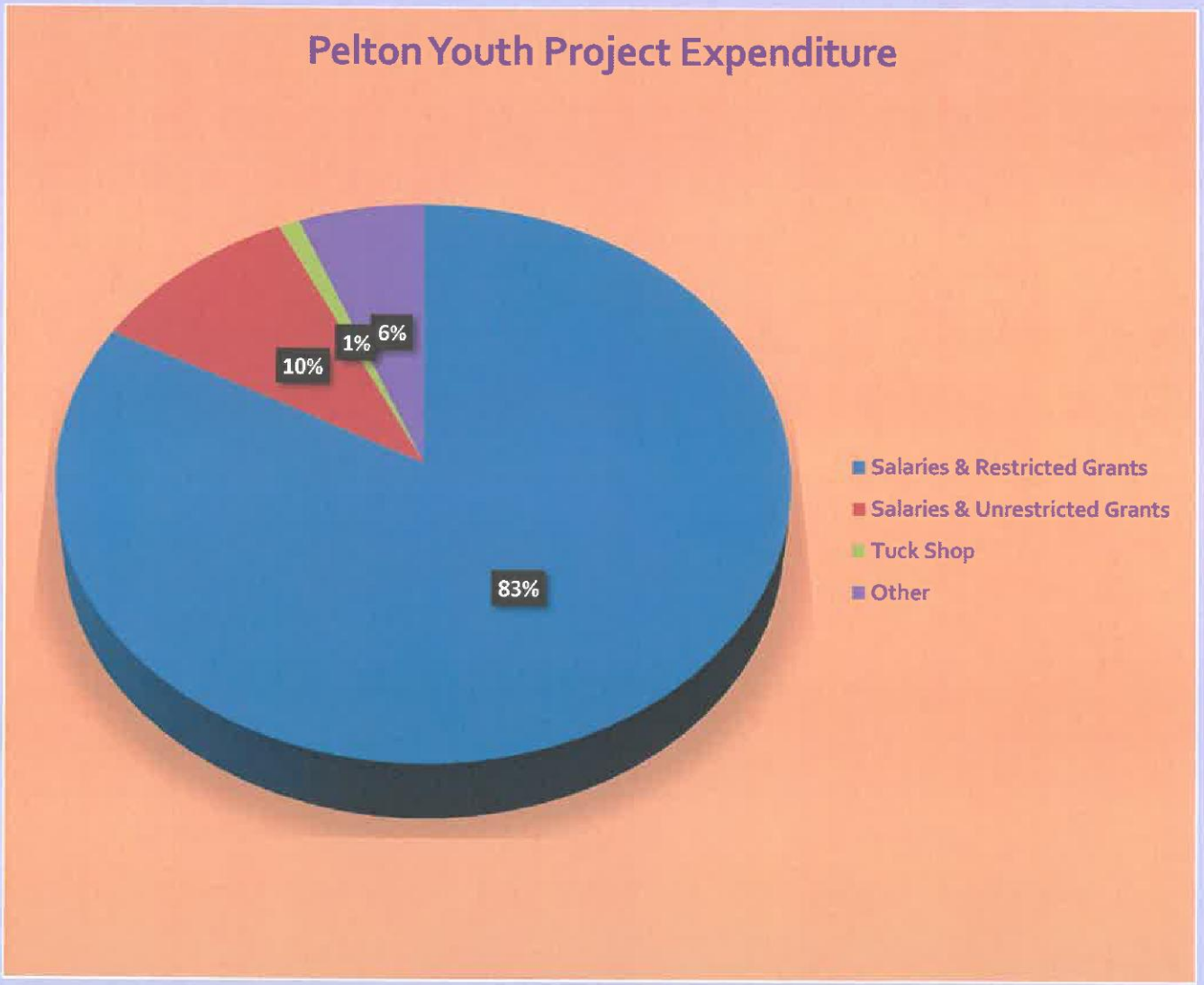
Income

This year, 2021-2022, Pelton Youth Project has a total income of £248,451.16. This income represents a 285% increase on the total income from 2020-2021 (which was low due to the pandemic), and a 102% increase on 2019-2020. This significant increase is largely down to the financial assistance of the National Lottery Community Fund, supporting the One Youth CLS project. The chart below provides an indication of our incoming resources broken down into percentages. It is clear from the chart that our restricted charitable grants for projects and services, accounts for 72% of our total income. Our unrestricted grants, which normally supports our youth work salaries and projects, usually in the following financial year, makes up 20% of income. Finally, subscriptions, tuck shop, DofE, fundraising activities and sundry combined account for 8% of the project's income. This information clearly illustrates that our youth services are almost entirely reliant upon charitable grants, without which, we simply would not be here. Note this information does not represent the total income for Pelton Community Association, this is detailed within the audited accounts 2021-2022.



Expenditure

This financial year, Pelton Youth Project has a total expenditure of £211,916.91, and the pie chart below gives an indication as to how our funds were allocated in 2021-2022. You will see that our largest item of expenditure is our youth work salaries and restricted grants expenditure at 83%, which are combined as the two interlink. Our unrestricted grant expenditure, which also supports youth work salaries was 10% of total expenditure. Other items of expenditure, which includes cookery resources, building resources, administration and stationery, and sundry items combined account for 6% of total expenditure. It is important to highlight, that these figures relate to the youth project's own funds and does not reflect all expenditure for items such as utilities, building services, HR, DCC Service Level Agreement and various others. This is because Pelton Community Association supports and subsidises the youth project with these items. This chart is designed to illustrate how the youth project spends its own funds, ring-fenced within the audited accounts under 'Room 14' for youth work.



Chairman's Message...

Message from Pelton Community Association Chairman Mick Rodgers

I am pleased to be commenting again this year on the performance and progress of our charity, and its services, on what is my fifteenth year working with the organisation. During 2021-2022, the focus and emphasis has been placed upon our recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, following an exceptionally challenging year in 2020-2021.



The beginning of 2021-2022, still very much involved the close monitoring of Covid-19 and associated restrictions. During this time, we also began to carefully transfer many of our services back to their more conventional means of delivery, across the community and youth centre. Thankfully, September 21 to March 22 has been an extremely positive period, which has involved our services ultimately becoming restriction free, while we have maintained essential Covid safety measures across the charity, including thorough cleaning and sanitising. I remain incredibly proud of our charity's performance throughout an often turbulent and uncertain two years, we have continued to keep the community at the heart of everything we provide.

I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank my colleagues on the board of trustees, who I continue to work alongside in governing the organisation. On behalf of the board of trustees, I would like to thank our management staff Clare Robinson and Tom Jones for their leadership throughout 2021-2022. Additionally, our community and youth work teams deserve our praise, for the quality services they have provided our community, benefitting participants of all ages. I look forward with optimism to 2022-2023 and working in partnership with Connected Voice in the development of our business plan and governance review.

Finally, on behalf of trustees, managers, and staff, I would like to express our appreciation to all those who have provided financial support to our organisation in 2021-2022. I would like to specifically thank Pelton Parish Council, the National Lottery, BBC Children in Need, and the Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust. These organisations have provided substantial financial assistance and have allowed us to make a significant impact on our community this year. Pelton Community Association would not be able to provide the services we deliver and have the same impact our community without your backing, we are extremely grateful.

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Pelton Community Association for the period ended 31st March 2022

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.
No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Terry Atkinson
Independent Examiner
26th May 2022

Pelton Community Association

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Charity Name:	**Pelton Community Association**
Registered Office:	**Front Street** **Pelton** **Chester - le - Street** **County Durham** **DH2 1DE**
Charity Registration No:	**1155121**
Trustees:	**Mick Rodgers** **Penny Marie McClean** **Donna Mitchenson**
Accountants:	**Community Accounting North East CIC** **Pinetree Centre** **Durham Road** **Birtley** **DH3 2TD**
Bankers:	**TSB PLC**

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources					
Grants	2	447,299	99,494	546,793	317,075
Income generated from Activities	2	76,190		76,190	27,037
Fund Raising and Donations	2	3,575		3,575	169
Investment Income	2	94		94	323
Other Income		0	0	0	
Total Incoming Resources		527,158	99,494	626,652	344,604
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	3	479,709	105,235	584,944	295,364
Total Resources Expended		479,709	105,235	584,944	295,364
Net Incoming (outgoing) Resources		47,449	(5,741)	41,708	49,240
Fund Balances 1st April 2020		409,986	19,129	429,115	379,874
Transfer between Funds					
Fund Balances 31st March 2021		457,435	13,388	470,823	429,114

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets	5	31,674	0	31,674	22,773
Current Assets					
Stock		1,270		1,270	400
Debtors	6	1,344		1,344	3,764
Cash at Bank and in Hand		425,072	13,388	438,460	404,053
		427,686	13,388	441,074	408,217
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,925		1,925	1,875
Net Current Assets		425,761	13,388	439,149	406,342
Total Assets less Liabilities		457,435	13,388	470,823	429,115
Funded By:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	457,435		457,435	409,986
Restricted Funds	8		13,388	13,388	19,129
Total Funds		457,435	13,388	470,823	429,115

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20.7.2022 and were signed by:

..... Trustee (Chairman)

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2022

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

Restricted Funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

i) Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised where the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

ii) The value of the services provided by the volunteers are accounted for when earned.

iii) Incoming resources from activities are accounted for when earned.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

e) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed Assets are depreciated as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	15% Straight Line
Building Improvements	15% Straight Line
Room 14 Equipment	15% Straight Line

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2) Income Resources

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
a	**Grants**				
	Salaries	103,327	90,000	193,327	131,358
	Unrestricted	40,371		40,371	79,552
	Restricted		9,494	9,494	24,964
	Room 14	303,601		303,601	81,201
		447,299	99,494	546,793	317,075
b	**Income generated from Activities**				
	Bingo, Raffle and Domino Cards	1,932		1,932	410
	Kitchen and Bar	6,873		6,873	0
	Room Hire	55,734		55,734	24,565
	Gym	9,643		9,643	507
	Other	2,008		2,008	1,555
		76,190	0	76,190	27,037
c	**Fund Raising and Donations**	3,575		3,575	169
d	**Investment Income**	94		94	323
	Total	527,158	99,494	626,652	344,604

3) Resources Expended

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Grant Expenditure	9,339	15,235	24,574	33,509
Salaries	109,177	90,000	199,177	174,059
Investigation	3,595		3,595	
Accounts	4,100		4,100	2,280
Room 14	268,263		268,263	33,426
Training	579		579	748
Insurance	3,601		3,601	3,267
Marketing	6,527		6,527	3,426
Utilities and Telephone	19,331		19,331	11,031
Service and Contracts	9,761		9,761	9,319
Maintenance, Security and Repair	20,886		20,886	3,579
Cleaning Contractor	1,192		1,192	0
Cleaning Consumables	202		202	305
Licences	2,187		2,187	654
Bingo	70		70	50
Kitchen and Bar	2,949		2,949	15
Events and Activities	913		913	20
Sundry Expenses	1,922		1,922	1,187
Donations	407		407	91
Depreciation	14,708	0	14,708	18,398
	479,709	105,235	584,944	295,364

4) Trustee Expenses

Mick Rodgers received mileage expenses during the year - £164 (2021 - £101)

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5) Fixed Assets

Restricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2021	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Additions				0
As at 31st March 2022	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2021	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Charge for Period				0
As at 31st March 2022	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
NBV 31st March 2022	0	0	0	0
NBV 31st March 2021	0	0	0	0

Unrestricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2021	47,730	26,712	6,568	81,010
Additions	23,610			23,610
As at 31st March 2022	71,340	26,712	6,568	104,620
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2021	34,141	17,529	6,568	58,238
Charge for Period	10,701	4,007		14,708
As at 31st March 2022	44,842	21,536	6,568	72,946
NBV 31st March 2022	26,498	5,176	0	31,674
NBV 31st March 2021	13,589	9,183	0	22,772
Total				
NBV 31st March 2022	26,498	5,176	0	31,674
NBV 31st March 2021	13,589	9,183	0	22,772

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6) Debtors and Prepayments

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors	1,344	3,764

7) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Creditors		
Accruals	1,925	1,875
	1,925	1,875

8) Movement in Funds

Restricted	Balance 1st April 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance 31st March 2022 £
Sport England		8,730	(6,623)	2,107
CDCF - Active Pelton	1,416		(814)	602
Community Safety Lin	2,782			2,782
ESH Group	22			22
OPSIF	1,736		(1,736)	0
Sensory	618			618
Kajima	6,544		(3,046)	3,498
CLLR DW	2,582			2,582
AAP	750			750
DCC Winter Health		400		400
DCC Community Action		364	(337)	27
CDCF - Back in Actior	843		(843)	0
Community Food Proj	1,836		(1,836)	0
Salaries		90,000	(90,000)	0
	19,129	99,494	(105,235)	13,388
Unrestricted	409,986	527,158	(479,709)	457,435
Total Funds	429,115	626,652	(584,944)	470,823

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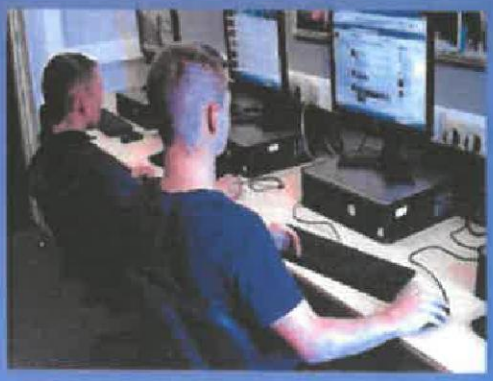
"Political affiliations aside, can we not all agree that no child should be going hungry?"

Marcus Rashford

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Who We Are



Pelton Youth Project is a motivated & ambitious youth work organisation, based in the heart of Pelton, Chester-Le-Street. Alongside Pelton Community Centre, we are managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation that exists to support the residents of Pelton and the surrounding communities. Our dedicated board of trustees led by our chairman Mick Rodgers have prioritised work in support of local young people since the youth project was created in 2008. Supporting the development of young people continues to be a significant objective of the organisation, and delivery will continue throughout 2021-2022.



In 2008, Pelton experienced some of the highest and most reported rates of youth crime and anti-social behaviour in County Durham. This was the original reason that youth workers were deployed in the area, to support young people and direct them to more positive pastimes. It was also the motivation behind the community being awarded a substantial grant from the Department of Children, Schools and Families, to build a youth centre as an annex to the existing community centre building. Room 14 was officially opened in 2010 and has been the home of Pelton Youth Project ever since. It provides a dedicated space for young people to spend their free time, allowing them to participate in a variety of structured youth work sessions and opportunities year-round.



Nowadays, community cohesion is still significantly important to our youth work team. However, Pelton Youth Project works with young people simply because they are young people, who deserve services in their community. We do not work with young people simply because they are labelled as deviant or a problem. Our work often starts where young people are, and with their views of the world. It is very much based on a voluntary relationship between groups of young people and our team of youth workers.



In March 2020, Covid-19 presented the organisation and the youth work team with the greatest challenge of the youth project's existence. Youth work, the process of engaging young people in informal education activities, is always most effective when delivered to young people in groups. Most often, everything we develop as youth work professionals aims to bring people together. So, to be required by law to keep young people apart, social distance and be restricted in term of attendance has been devastating.



While the pandemic has and continues to be tough on youth work as a profession, as it forced us all to re-think our delivery and how we operate. We are proud of how Pelton Youth Project has adapted and developed over the last twelve months. Young people have continued to have access to support and have responded resiliently to the transition to outreach and digital methods of engagement. It is likely that 2021-2022 will see a combination of new and previous methods of working with young people, until the pandemic is under control.

Trustees

Mick Rodgers	Chairman
Lesley Herring	Treasurer
Penny McLean	Secretary
Gerry Walker	Trustee
Moira Baggott	Trustee
Donna Mitchenson	Trustee

Youth Work Team



My name is Tom, and I am the Youth Project Manager here at Pelton Youth Project. This is a position that I have held for almost thirteen years, leading the direction of the organisations work with young people. An important element of my role is finance and fundraising to support our work.



Jake is our Assistant Youth Project Manager here at Pelton Youth Project and has also been with us for well over a decade. Jake is actively involved in many of the youth work sessions and leads the Junior Youth Work provision for the organisation. Responsibilities also include administration, data monitoring, and targets management.



George is our Media Youth Worker, taking the lead on all digital and media-based projects with young people. These ventures have included film making, design, editing, music production and stop-motion. George joined the team as an Auxiliary Youth Worker in 2013 and has progressed during those eight years.



Our Youth Centre Assistant Amber joined our team as an Auxiliary Youth Worker and completed a traineeship with the organisation. Amber studied for her Level Three via distance learning through YMCA George Williams College, before later progressing to study a BA at the University of Sunderland like many of her colleagues.



Davey has been with Pelton Youth Project since 2009 and has worked as a youth worker in Chester-Le-Street since 1982. Davey leads on the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for the organisation. This is an aspect of our work with young people that Davey is particularly passionate about, seeing young people achieve their full awards.



Lynn is employed as an Auxiliary Youth Worker with Pelton Youth Project. This is a vital role, as Lynn provides support for lead worker Davey in the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award sessions. Lynn has also worked as a Youth Worker in Chester-Le-Street for many years.



Michael is the newest member of the team and has progressed from a participant to volunteer, and now Auxiliary Youth Worker. This year, Michael has supported the delivery of sports and keeping active sessions as part of our BBC Children in Need APT Youth Project.

Covid-19 Response



Throughout this most challenging year, it has been vital that the youth work team reacted to the situation that our community was experiencing. Collectively, we needed to explore ways that we were able to support young people and their families through the pandemic. It was also crucial that these support projects remained Covid secure and permitted during times of lockdown and restriction. The projects that we were able to deliver this year are detailed below, many of them centred around food and adapting our youth work delivery.

The Initial Lockdown



In March 2020, it became clear that the UK was amid a global pandemic. Unfortunately, the situation was not going away, and it became apparent that our organisation was very much going to be affected by Covid-19. Initially, the community and youth centre closed its doors to support the national effort in the fight against the pandemic, and to ensure the NHS did not become over-whelmed. The priority of the trustees was to safeguard the community, our employees, and the vulnerable people who were welcomed every day into the venue. The centre remained closed until July 2020, when some staff returned to begin the transformation of the venue.

Covid Secure Venue



When returning to work in July 2020, it was clear to managers and trustees that we were going to need to make some changes to the venue. This would be the only way the organisation could welcome the public back into the building safely. This process began with a comprehensive risk assessment on all facilities, and their capacity to become Covid safe. These risk assessments then informed several adaptions throughout the building which included one-way systems, barriers, and room layouts. We also introduced numerous safety measures which involved new signage, sanitising stations, and temperature checks for visitors. These changes and new measures in place gave the trustees the confidence that our venue could welcome the public once again, in safe and controlled manner.

Food Support



During the pandemic, it became clear that children and families were struggling to eat. This was an issue that was highlighted by premier league footballer Marcus Rashford, and his work with the food charity Fareshare. Marcus Rashford's drive on this issue really inspired our team to address the problem in our local community. This led to our 'Picnics to Go' project in partnership with our local County Councillor Danny Wood and a team of volunteer drivers. The organisation received a fantastic grant of over fifteen thousand pounds from Chester-Le-Street & District Area Action Partnership to address the issue.



Throughout the school summer holidays in July & August 2020, we provided packed lunches every weekday to those families with children, who were not entitled to free school meals. We recognised that while some families were not entitled to the free school meal support, many had been financially affected by the pandemic through furlough, redundancy, and reduction in business. In total, throughout the six weeks we provided packed lunches to sixty families each week supporting one hundred and two young people. As an organisation, we were delighted to be able to offer this kind of support to our community, and it was the first of several projects of this nature.

Outreach Youth Work Support

Unfortunately, due to the constraints of social distancing on our youth centre space, our traditional method of open access style youth work was not appropriate last year, due to constraints on attendance. Therefore, from September 2020 onwards, our youth work team supported young people using outreach youth work, a method the team were very familiar with. Street based methods of youth work such as outreach & detached can be extremely valuable, as it allows youth workers to reach young people they may otherwise not encounter and support them in any way that may be necessary. This approach has allowed us to continue the delivery of our APT Youth Project, our main grant project supported by BBC Children in Need.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bubbles

Since September 2020, during periods the country was not in national lockdown, and under reduced restrictions. The organisation found that our centre-based youth work sessions were permitted in bubbles of up to fifteen young people. This was a method that was trialled by our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group and complimented online sessions as restrictions changed to ultimately maintain contact with our DofE young people on a consistent basis.



The thirty-three registered DofE members were separated into their award level groups of bronze, silver, and gold. Each award group then took it in turn to attend the youth centre on a Thursday evening, to meet their youth workers and continue work on their awards in a manner they were used to. This not only allowed the young people to continue their work and meet their peers. It also allowed the youth workers to put their Covid-19 safety measures into practice with young people. This ensured our risk assessments and procedures worked and alleviated risks of Covid transmission.

Christmas Hampers



Much like the 'Picnics to Go' project over the summer school holidays, the organisation believed it was appropriate to extend food support to the community over the Christmas Holidays. Thankfully, Chester-Le-Street Area Action Partnership allowed the organisation to utilise under-spend from the initial Picnics to Go funding. Again, the project aimed to support those families who were not entitled to free school meal, but who had been financially affected by the pandemic. The issues affecting families ranged from furlough reducing their incomes to redundancies.



Over the two-week school break, the youth work team worked in partnership with the community centre team, councillor Danny Wood and a team of volunteer drivers. Together, we delivered the hampers across the Pelton Division, providing food support to families at a particularly challenging time financially, even in normal circumstances. The team felt the initiative was a success, as we provided fifty-eight hampers each week and a further twenty-five hampers in the first week in January 21. In total, this was one hundred and thirty-seven hampers shipped out to local families with children.

The Little Snack & Activity Pack



The final project that utilised the Picnics to Go funding from the AAP was another food support project. The Little Snack & Activity Pack continues (January 21 to June 21) to provide weekly snacks, activities, and information for young people aged seven to twelve across the Pelton Division. The team has the capacity to provide up to seventy-five packs each week and delivers them directly to the families who sign up to the project. The packs are also distributed in partnership with the community centre team, alongside their weekly food parcels.



The response from young people and families has been extremely positive, with parents reporting that their children are excited every week to receive their packs. Young people have also offered positive feedback to their youth workers, with one young girl aged nine saying "It's something to look forward to, you can't go anywhere because of Covid so it cheers up your week". This kind of response from parents and children creates the drive to continue working hard to support our community despite the pandemic.

Digital Youth Work Developments

Youth workers across the country have needed to find methods to adapt and modify services to fit the current situation, and our project is no different. It gives me great pleasure to report that our youth work team has managed to establish a strong digital presence in our community. Particularly in the final quarter of the year, from January 21 onwards.

Firstly, our Junior Youth Clubs have been re-developed as online sessions using the Zoom platform. This has combined the Little Snack & Activity Pack with our BBC Children in Need funded Junior work. The response has been great, with the junior zoom sessions welcoming between ten and twenty young people on a consistent basis and the quality of those sessions being high. Young people are isolated, and these sessions have given them contact with children outside of their bubbles, interaction that for many of them has been essential.

The development with junior age youngsters has not been the only digital session that we have provided. Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award groups have used the Zoom platform successfully to maintain contact with their youth workers, continue working on their awards, and interact with one another while their venue is closed. These developments will be a method that we will value moving forward, even once the pandemic is under control and restrictions lifted.

Looking to the Future

The pandemic has been trying and frustrating at times, with many projects not being able to operate to their full potential. This was often due to the restrictions placed on our work, with social distancing being particularly counterproductive to youth work and our ambitions here at Pelton Youth Project. As we look forward to 2021-2022, we do so with positivity and optimism. Our larger projects APT Youth and One Youth CLS are exciting prospects, which will benefit young people and support their progress.

BBC Children in Need Main Grant – Active, Positive, Together



In September 2019, we began year one of our Active Positive Together Project, which is funded through BBC Children in Needs Main Grants Programme. The first six months of the project were fantastic and young people were able to attend the five youth work sessions. During these, they could develop their fitness and keep active as well as learn about others who may be different from themselves. In July 2021, the second year of this grant will begin, and we hope by this time we will be able to deliver the five sessions once again as originally intended. This will give young people the best experience and achieve the outcomes that we set out to accomplish.

One Youth Chester-Le-Street

Pelton Youth Project were awarded £309,780.00 in December 2019 to deliver the One Youth Chester-Le-Street project. This youth work opportunity aims to support young people across five Chester-Le-Street communities, bringing five local charities closer together. Young people will be able to enjoy a minimum of two youth work sessions each week during term time. They will also be able to get involved in a district wide summer programme, that aims to give them positive experiences. The benefits to young people will include positive impacts on their physical and mental health. The youth work team cannot wait to begin the delivery of this project in April 2021.

Wellbeing Box Buddies

In addition to the two substantial projects above, we will also be delivering our 'Wellbeing Box Buddies' project in 2021-2022. This will allow young people to design and create positive wellbeing-based packs of art, games, snacks, and information for themselves and for their friends. This project has been funded through County Durham Community Foundation's #iwill Youth Social Action funding.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Pelton Youth Project has been supporting young people to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards since becoming a directly licenced centre in November 2017. Our DofE group is led by Davey Hardy, a dedicated youth worker who has worked with young people in Chester-Le-Street since 1982. The group is supported by auxiliary youth worker Lynn Barrass, who herself has over fifteen years' experience. Our group is subsidised financially by charitable grants and donations, with organisations such as BBC Children in Need, The Coop Community Fund and County Durham DofE Committee being our main supporters in 2020-2021 among others. Note, most of the photographs are pre-pandemic.

In typical circumstances, the group meets on a Thursday evening in Room 14, between 7pm and 9pm. This year, due to Covid-19 and the challenges of the pandemic, the young people have needed to adapt. During the initial lockdown in March 2020, the session was closed, and our young people worked on their awards independently. However, once we returned in September 2020, the session was delivered in award group bubbles of no more than fifteen and was even maintained online during the third national lockdown from January 2021 onward.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



The bronze award represents the initial level of the DofE awards and is the first step for young people to begin their DofE journey. Young people can work flexibly towards four elements which are the practical, skill, volunteering, and expedition sections. While this year has been more difficult than before in terms of DofE delivery, it gives me great pleasure to report that all twelve young people working at bronze level managed to complete their full awards. We credit young people for this achievement, in working independently during national lockdowns and recording their work. Completion was also down to our Bronze Qualifying Expedition being adapted and delivered in the Autumn of 2020, when Covid-19 restrictions allowed. The young people unfortunately could not camp as they would ordinarily. However, they did manage to experience all other aspects of expedition including planning, map reading, navigation, cookery, and teamwork. This will ensure these young people are well equipped when it comes to completing their silver expeditions. We would like to offer our congratulations to all our young people who completed their bronze awards this year.



On a slightly downbeat note, Covid-19 restrictions have meant that our team have not been able to promote and recruit new DofE members as they would do each year. This is due to various factors including schools being closed, our venue being closed, and the organisation concentrating on those young people currently enrolled. However, looking forward with positivity. The team aims to invite new participants during 2021-2022, and these new members will form our next bronze group. The DofE is an aspect of our youth work curriculum that is so valuable to young people, and a fantastic way for them to evidence work and positive contributions. Therefore, the project will be expanding this work, opening an additional DofE session on a Wednesday evening for young people to work on their Awards. This will create opportunity for more young people to join the project and allow a greater degree of flexibility in terms of access and attendance.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



The silver award is the second stage of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and is a little more demanding. It requires young people to spend a little longer on each of the sections, including the expedition. This year, we have supported twelve young people to complete all sections of the award except for the expedition, which young people were unable to complete last summer due to the pandemic. This has meant that the young people have been recognised with a Certificate of Achievement from the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards until they are able to complete the full award. These silver DofE expeditions have been re-arranged for the summer of 2021, and depending on restrictions, should allow the group to complete their full awards and move onto Gold. Congratulations to all young people who have worked on their silver awards this year, and we look forward to supporting you through your expedition this summer.



When asking young people for feedback on their experience this year, Jack said "During DofE over the past year I have made new friends, learned how to read a map and a route plan, enjoyed expeditions and have enjoyed free experiences such as Alton Towers and Flamingo Land". It is when we hear responses like this from young people, we know that providing young people with the opportunity to complete their awards is worthwhile.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Level



The final stage of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is Gold and represents the final challenge to young people. This year has been fantastic, we have had five young people complete their gold awards entirely. These five had luckily already completed their expedition section prior to the pandemic. Hopefully, Covid-19 depending, these young people will be able to visit London to collect their awards from HRH Prince Edward at Buckingham Palace.



In addition to the young people who have completed their gold awards, we have a further seven young people who are working towards their gold. Similar to the situation with the silver group, gold expeditions were cancelled in the summer of 2020, meaning these young women have had to wait until the summer of 2021 to complete this section. I have every confidence that our project, working in partnership with Tees Outdoors will make this happen.



When our DofE leader asked young people for feedback, one of our gold members Holly responded, and said "Over the course of 2020 DofE has helped me to stay sane. It gave me structure beyond the tasks that were set during the first lockdown (we didn't have live lessons then) and something to focus on so I didn't go stir crazy". We are so proud to have given young people something to focus on during what has been a very isolating time for them. Hopefully though, we will be back together as a group soon, working as a team to complete DofE awards.

Parent Feedback

Our DofE leader Davey is often in contact with parents regarding young people, expeditions, and award evidence. When asked about their experience of DofE over the past twelve months, one parent Melissa said "My son has really enjoyed the times he has been able to go to the sessions at the Pelton Community Centre. He was reluctant about doing DofE but he always comes out with a smile after he's been. Covid has been a problem, but you have managed the transition to a virtual session well, and it has been a lovely way for them to keep in touch and stay active. My son was delighted to have done his practice and real bronze expeditions while the restrictions were reduced in the Autumn too". We felt this response was valuable, it is great that parents value this experience.

Airlia



Davey, Lynn, and the team wanted to take this opportunity to recognise the effort and commitment of Airlia during 2020-2021. Airlia is a dedicated member of the silver group, who has worked on all required sections during the pandemic. This is something that has been accomplished while battling a very significant health condition. On behalf of everyone associated with the DofE group and our organisation, we wanted you to know that your dedication has been inspiring, and we are very proud of what you have managed to achieve despite the challenges you have faced.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the young people who have worked with Pelton Youth Project this year. Working towards and completing your awards has been difficult, and a little different. However, you made the transition from session closure to award bubbles, and from those smaller groups to online sessions seamlessly. This goes to show how resilient and determined you all are. We hope next year everything will go according to plan, and we can enjoy fantastic expeditions together, completing your awards as they should be, giving you those amazing experiences.

I feel is also important to recognise the support that we have received from Pam Higgins our DofE Operations Officer for the North East. Pam has kept us in the loop on all DofE information and changes, as well as funding opportunities to support our work here in Pelton.

Finally, I would like to thank Davey and Lynn who make the Duke of Edinburgh's Award happen for our organisation, going above and beyond every time to support young people to achieve their awards, and provide an incredible experience.

Awards Summary

Bronze Full Awards 12
Bronze Certificates of Achievement 12
Bronze Working Towards 0

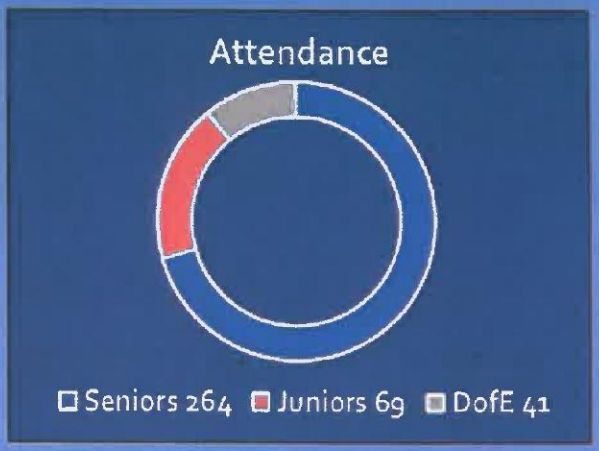
Silver Full Awards 0
Silver Certificates of Achievement 12
Silver Working Towards 25

Gold Full Awards 5
Gold Certificates of Achievement 4
Gold Working Toward 9

Demographics

In recent years, our youth work teams have supported over four hundred young people per year through our sessions, activities, and events. Due to the pandemic however, these numbers are decreased somewhat. This was a very much anticipated reduction considering the closures, restrictions and interruptions caused by the pandemic. It must be stated however, that we are delighted to have assisted 374 young people in 2020-2021 with all the challenges they have encountered.

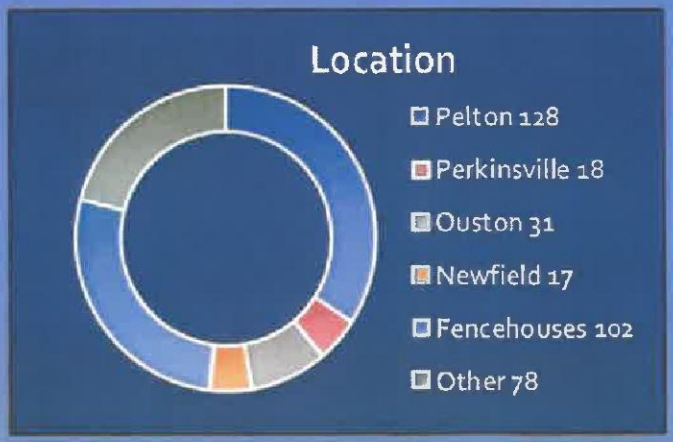
Session Attendance



You will see from the chart that we have welcomed 264 young people into our senior groups this year. These have mainly been delivered as outreach sessions due to the pandemic and restrictions. Surprisingly, we have managed to involve 69 junior age young people in our youth work sessions in 2020-2021, which we put down to our Little Snack & Activity Packs as well as our Zoom Junior's sessions funded by BBC Children in Need. Finally, we have 41 young people signed up to the project to complete their DofE Awards. These young people have engaged during DofE session bubbles, Zoom DofE sessions and have worked on their awards during their own time, which is fantastic. Youth Workers believe that 240 is a terrific number of young people to have reached given the challenges of the pandemic and the need to adapt the way we work with young people.

Location

Young people often attend our youth provision from across the Chester-Le-Street district and beyond. However, it is important that Pelton remains our priority and you can see from the chart that 128 young people have attended from Pelton. It is also clear that we support a good number of young people from Perkinsville and Ouston at 49 young people combined. The project supports young people from a total of fifteen different villages and locations, with some young people travelling from as far as Lanchester and Bishop Auckland to complete their DofE Awards.



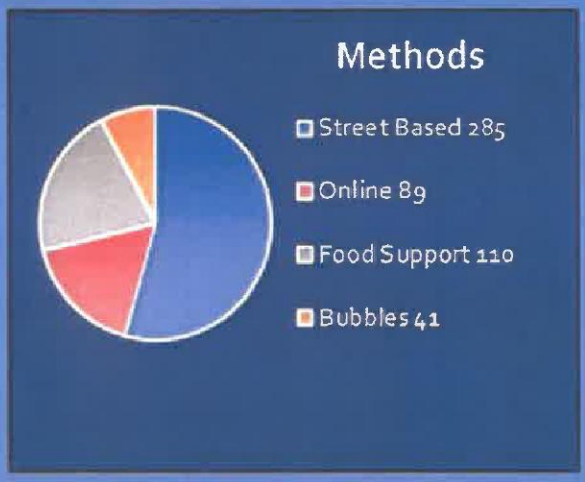
Gender



Here at Pelton Youth Project, it has always been important to the team that we work to support both male and female young people, often in a mixed setting available for both to access. It gives me pleasure to report that across our Junior and Senior age provision, we are well attended by both male and female young people. The chart shows the gender divide for 2020-2021 across our provision. It indicates that we are working with more females at 55% than males at 42%. Traditionally youth work activities are dominated by young men, so it is refreshing to see that young woman are prevalent this year. This is particularly evident in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award where young women outnumber young men by some 60%.

Methods

In 2020-2021, youth workers have needed to find alternative ways to support young people. This is because our open access and centre based opportunities for the most part were prohibited under Covid-19 restrictions. It has been satisfying to see youth workers manage to create and design these adjustments, and young people respond to these sessions so well. The chart shows that 285 young people were contacted and engaged in conversation and activities out in the community. You can see that between our Junior's and Duke of Edinburgh's Award Zoom sessions 89 young people participated, an entirely new way of connecting with young people for our team. Food support endeavours assisted approximately 110 young people, and this does not include those adults and younger children who benefitted from hampers and parcels that were provided. Our DofE members also trialled returning to the youth centre in bubbles while restrictions would allow.



2021-2022

This year, our reduced reach target is very much because of the pandemic, and while we are pleased to have supported 374 young people, next year will be different. In 2021-2022, and with the introduction of the One Youth CLS project, we plan to work with a minimum of five hundred young people across more than fifteen youth work sessions.

Funders

In 2020-2021, the charitable trusts, foundations and organisations below have financially supported Pelton Youth Project despite the pandemic. While our youth work grant income reduced this year by some 44%, our external funding remains crucial to delivering the services. The charity simply could not maintain its services without your help. So, on behalf of everyone at Pelton Community Association, thank you for your contributions, we are hugely appreciative.

Large Grants of £10,000.00 and above

Pelton Parish Council	Pelton Community Association - General
The National Lottery Community Fund	One Youth Chester-Le-Street
BBC Children in Need Main Grants	APT Youth Project
BBC Children in Need Small Grants	Junior Youth Clubs
Chester-Le-Street & District AAP	Picnics to Go & Food Support Projects

Medium Grants of £5,000.00 to £10,000.00

The John Horseman Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
County Durham Community Foundation	Youth Social Action 'Wellbeing Box Buddies'

Small Grants of Below £5,000.00

The Cohen Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Fitton Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Rothley Trust	Youth Club Equipment
Annette Duvollet Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
The Barbour Foundation	Pelton Youth Project General
The Truemark Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
Pelton & Fellrose Medical Group	Food Parcel Support (Christmas)
The Park Family Charitable Trust	Pelton Youth Project General
Charities Trusts – Nigel Higgins & Barclays	Pelton Youth Project General
Karbon Homes	Hygiene Pack Project
County Durham DofE Committee	Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Chairman's Messages

Message from Pelton Community Association Chairman Mick Rodgers

I take great pride each year in reporting on the success of our charity and the progress that we have made in supporting our community. This year, however, has without doubt been the most demanding twelve months to overcome of my fourteen-year tenure as Chair at Pelton Community Association.



Covid-19 and the Coronavirus Pandemic has presented the organisation with restrictions, constraints, and predicaments that have changed frequently throughout the year. This has required our board of trustees, managers, and teams to adapt and change how we operate to survive. The number one priority of myself and everyone involved with our charity has been the safety of the public, our employees, and volunteers.

Since March 2020, myself and the board of trustees have needed to make difficult decisions on more than one occasion. This has included closing our premises from March 2020 to July 2020, and then again in January 2021. It has also involved being cautious when authorising activities that were under restrictions.

On a more optimistic note, I feel there are several positives to take from such an onerous period. I am proud of our ability to make tough decisions in the interest of public safety. I feel delighted that we were able to transform our substantial venue into a Covid-19 secure premises for activities to continue to operate under restriction. Finally, it is testament of our resilience that our community and youth workers have adapted to the pandemic. They have managed to develop innovative ways of assisting our residents of all ages through projects such as Picnics to Go, Food Parcels, The Little Snack & Activity Pack, Outreach and Zoom Youth Work Sessions.

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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It has "been the most demanding twelve months to overcome"
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Pelton Community Centre

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Who We Are

Pelton Community Centre is a vibrant, modernised and well utilised community hub of groups and activities for people of all ages, ideally situated in the centre of Pelton. Any local people seeking an opportunity to attend a group, event, or class, be that leisure, a social event, or an educational opportunity, they would be very likely to find something appropriate for them within our busy weekly timetable. Our helpful staff team would be very happy to point them in the right direction.

The community organisation, along with our youth project, is managed by Pelton Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation. Our board of trustees, over-seeing the management of the charity consists of seven people. The trustees are currently led by chairman Mick Rodgers, who has been at the helm since 2007. The charity currently leases the community centre building from Durham County Council, on a thirty-year lease, which we have held since March 2015.



Our original community building was officially opened on 23rd May 1973 by Councillor W. Graham MBE, who was then chairman of Durham County Council. However, since then, we have undergone multiple building developments, improving our facilities for customers. These advancements include Room 14 youth centre, our community gym, and our reception transformation. We have also refurbished room 3 and the stage area of the main hall over recent years. The trustees and management are very keen to ensure that our community facility is in the best physical condition that it can be, to provide an enjoyable space to all members of the public who use the building.

In short and put simply, according to our constitution, the organisation exists to "promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Pelton and the neighbourhood".

The financial year 2020-2021 was a challenging year for many given the Pandemic and the lasting effect it has left on everything and everyone. Pelton Community Centre closed for a part of this year, closing March 23rd and not re-opening until August. When the centre opened in August 2020 and still to this day, we were unable to deliver a full timetable, a full events calendar or provide a full service as we used to. However, we maintained a supportive facility for some to use, opening for our day-care service provided by Durham Alliance for Community Care three days a week, allowing Pelton Fell Surgery to hold clinics here and NHS Speech and Language to hold meetings with families. Restrictions were put in place, funding allowed us to adapt as a building. Temporary corridors were built to allow for a one-way system. Training was given to all

staff with regards to cleaning and maintain a safe environment and we were a different service to what we were a year ago.
Food parcels were required in our community, many families and individuals were hit hard, due to loss of earnings, loss of jobs, children being home and not at school, additional childcare, furlough schemes and many other reasons. We knew we needed to act, which is when our Food Parcel project – Community Cupboard really took off. This annual report looks different to previous years, however as a charity we continue to provide a service and help to improve to lives of our community.

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Name of Charity	Pelton Community Association
Charity Type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number	1155121
Constitution	Revised 2013
Registered Address	Pelton Community Centre Front Street, Pelton Chester-le-Street County Durham DH2 1DE
Trustee Meetings	The 03rd Wednesday Monthly at 6.45pm

Pelton Community Association – Board of Trustees	
Chairman	Mick Rodgers
Treasurer	Lesley Herring
Secretary	Penny McLean
Trustee	Gerry Walker
Trustee	John Byrne
Trustee	Donna Mitchenson
Trustee	Moira Baggott

Pelton Community Association – Paid Community Centre Employees	
Centre Manager	Clare Robinson
Acting Centre Manager	Thomas Jones
Office Assistant	Hyleen Wood
Office Assistant	Catherine Nichol
Leisure Coordinator	Gemma Gibson
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Tracy Neasham
Caretaker & Bar Worker	Paul Neasham
Cleaner	Phillip Martin
Cleaner	Lorraine Turnbull
Cover Cleaner	Lynn Barrass

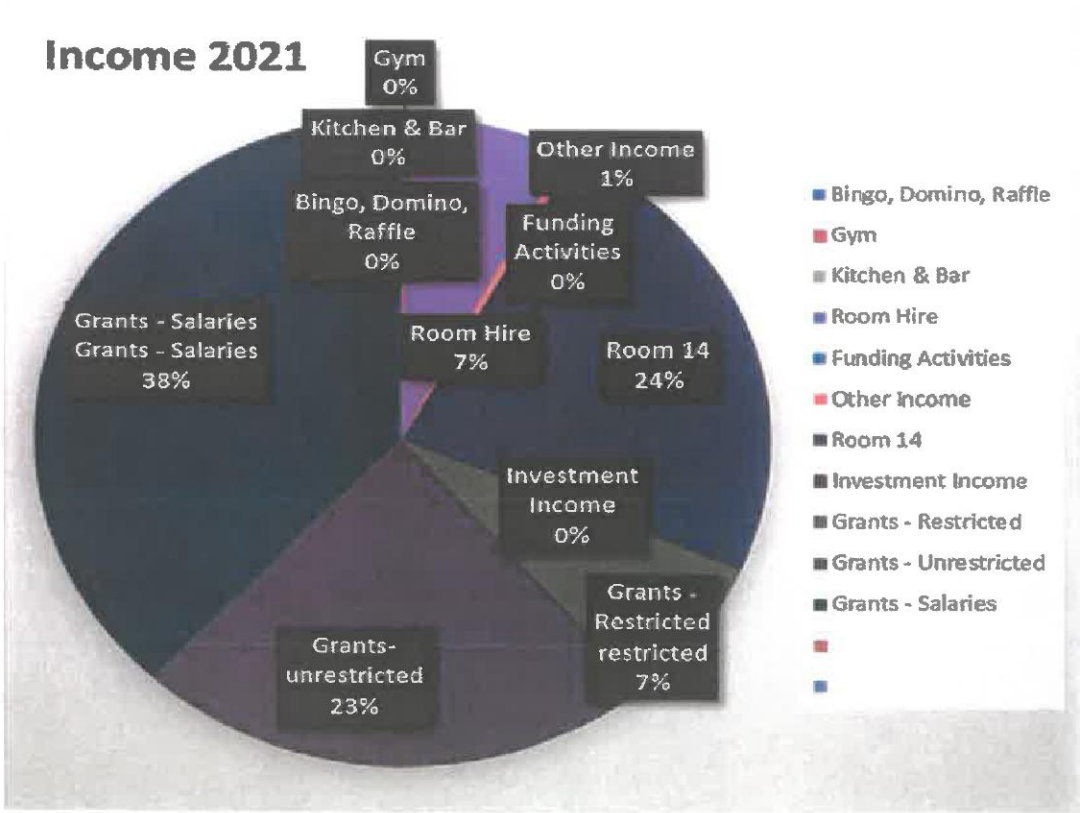
*Note – This table excludes our seven paid youth centre employees, as they produce a separate annual report containing staff information.

Financial Information

Income

This year Pelton Community Association has a total income of £344,604, and the chart below indicates our income broken down into percentages. In previous years it was clear at this stage that Room Hire made up a large percentage of our income, however due to centre closures, restrictions, limitations throughout the year it is very low. Only making up 7% of our income. You will see from the information that our grant income, both restricted and unrestricted represents a combined 30% of our total income, which is substantial in subsidising the projects and work we deliver to our community. You will notice that our community gym, which is usually vital in terms of income came in at 0.15% of our income. Again, this is due to the gym being closed for part of the year, then limited opening and use for the remainder. Due to funding the centre remains in a good financial position given the year we have had. The organisation plans to continue to operate as strongly as we can in terms of finance in 2021-2022, allowing us to continue our services to the community.

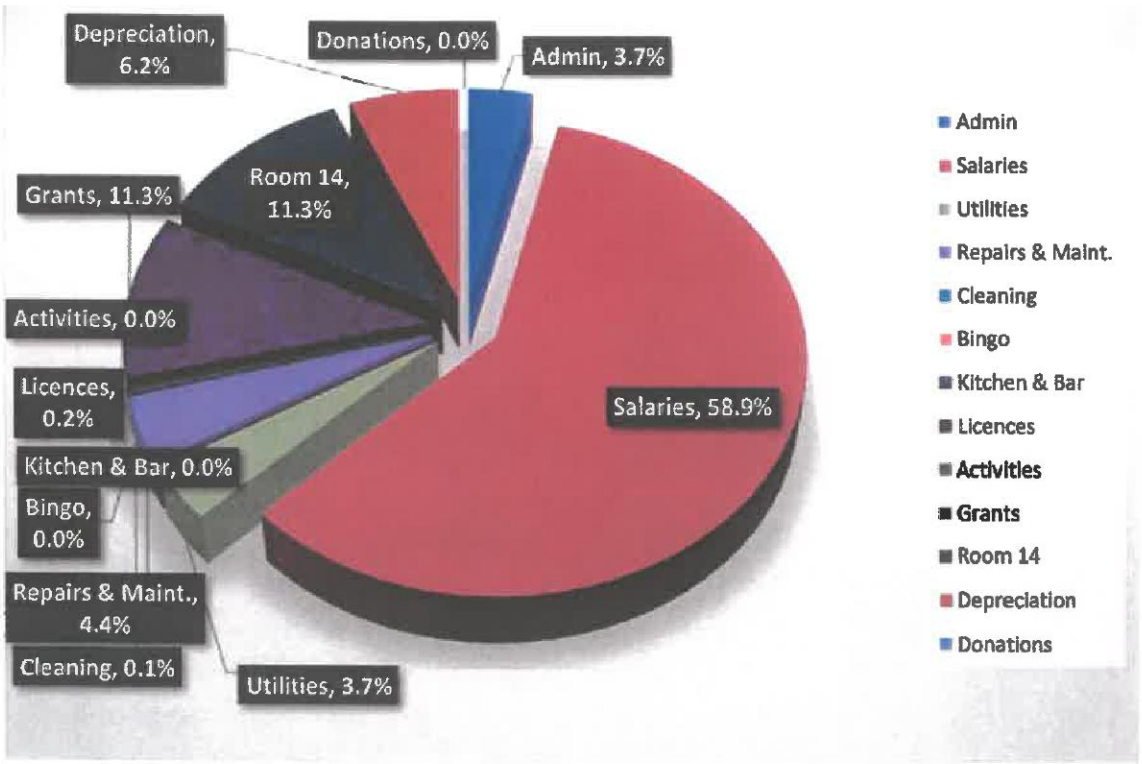
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Expenditure

This financial year, Pelton Community Association has a total expenditure of £295,364, and the pie chart below gives an indication as to how our funds were allocated. You will see that our largest item of expenditure is our salaries expenditure combined at 59%. Our team of fifteen paid employees ensures that we deliver a quality and efficient service to the community and is therefore vital. This year looked slightly different due to the pandemic, and we were fortunate enough to receive help with salaries through the Furlough scheme whilst the Pandemic was unfolding. Our second largest items of expenditure would be our grants, both restricted and unrestricted at 11% of overall expenditure. These grants represent mostly the project delivery and capital improvements that we have undertaken in 2020-2021 and includes large grants to help keep our community safe whilst using this building. Funding was obtained to ensure the building was a safe environment for all to be in, the funding allowed us to build a temporary walkway for a one-way system. We also obtained funding to help purchase PPE, Sanitising stations to be held throughout the building, additional cleaning wages and cleaning supplies and more. Our utility costs represent 3.7%, which are obviously vital to the running of the centre. All other items of expenditure are displayed in the chart below.

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Funding Information

Pelton Community Centre, along with our youth project are heavily supported and subsidised by financial assistance from external agencies, charitable trusts and foundations. You will find information below on the organisations who have supported Pelton Community Centre throughout 2020-2021, and to whom we are extremely grateful. Remember, our youth project has a separate annual report, so if you have provided financial support to Pelton Youth Project, you will be contained within their annual report as opposed to this report.

Our Funders 2020-2021

Pelton Parish Council
Durham County Council
Chester-le-Street Area Action Partnership
Councillor Danny Wood
Councillor Alison Batey
Karbon Homes
KAJIMA
County Durham Community Foundation
Esh Group
Bikers Against Bullies
The Coop Pelton
The Barbour Foundation
The Sir James Knott Trust
Garfield Weston Foundation
Durham Constabulary
The Catherine Cookson Trust
The Alchemy Foundation
The Sir John Priestman Charity Trust
Banks Community Fund

Project Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre has several weekly groups that we deliver and are responsible for as a charity. These opportunities are often delivered utilising external grants that we have been able to secure, to support our work on behalf of the community. This delivery combined with our external agency groups has led to a packed weekly timetable of activities, however because of the pandemic we closed our doors on March 23rd 2020 and remained closed for nearly 5 months. We then reopened for limited groups and things looked a lot different.

Community Gym







Our community centre gym is a massive part of our aim to provide our community with opportunities to keep active. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 9.00pm, and 9.00am to 5.00pm on a Saturday, members of the community can often fit in a workout around in their free time. We believe that our prices are affordable with £2.00 for pay as you go members, £15.00 for a monthly membership and £100.00 for an annual. The gym is very well utilised, with an average of forty people using the facilities every single day it is available.









However along with the Community Centre, our Community Gym closed its doors on March 23rd due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. A short while after the centre opened we were able to open our Community Gym once more. Things looked different, no new members were allowed to join, however our existing members, if they felt comfortable enough, could book in at a time that suited and use a zoned area for a limited time. Cleaning was done before and after every session by the gym user, as well as by staff at regular intervals throughout the day. You can see in these photos we zoned areas off, using screens and another room within our building. Room 2 became a temporary extension to the gym to allow us to have space between pieces of equipment and allow for clear walkways.

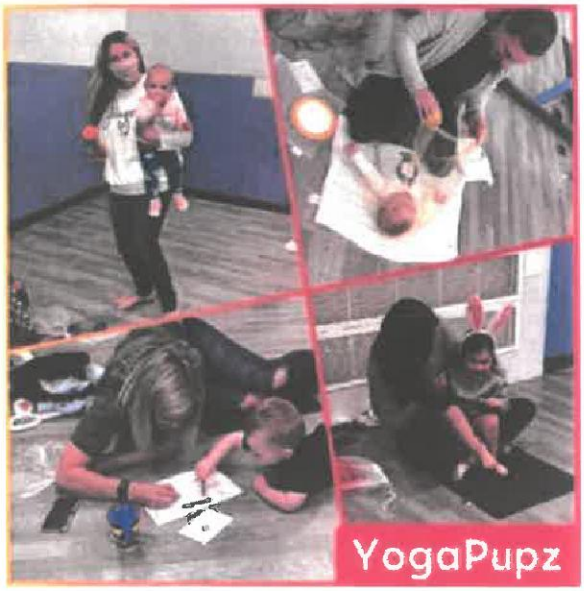
Members did return, but not all, and we would say not all have returned within the year. What a pleasure it is to provide such a facility to those that do come, and something we look to maintain as a priority in 2021-2022.

Personal Training Sessions

Gemma, our leisure co-ordinator can provide our community members with personal training sessions as part of her role at the centre. This is something that could not take place during the pandemic and is yet to return. However, we are now in the planning stages to bring this service back for the community to help improve the health and fitness as best we can.

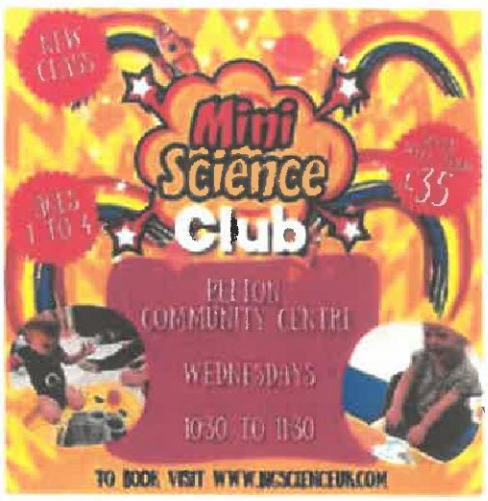
Groups for the Community

Pelton Piglets, Owl & Owlets Toddlers and holiday provision for young people were all stopped. These did not return for the whole year and have been a big miss to our community. Along with sessions provided by external service providers and organisations such as Baby Yoga, Multi Sports and more, which were all stopped.



However once restrictions allowed, support groups and some exercise groups were allowed to return so we saw a slow increase in provision.
Yogapupz with Jill, provided parent and child yoga classes that offer fantastic health, fitness and development benefits. As well as introducing a social opportunity for those attending. Hartbeeps also returned providing a social class for adults and children providing messy play, songs, dance and stories to young children.

Mini science joined us once groups could return and started a weekly session for young children to enjoy with their parents/carers. The sessions include mini experiments and science-based activities within our large Room 3. Adult participation is required and we love to see everyone get involved.





Bingo Sessions returned, looking a little different with government guidelines, but still enjoyed by many. Social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing and track and trace were all introduced.

These sessions ensured weekly interaction with friends and others, they continued to give enjoyment and provided a safe and welcoming environment outside of their four walls.



The Hawthorne Project, which was kindly funded by Chester-le-street and district AAPs as part of the Older peoples Social Isolation Fund changed a little during this pandemic. Face to face social groups could not take part in our building, but we were able to adapt and continue to use the funding to benefit those who were attending. We did doorstep visits, phone calls and we even dropped off weekly craft packs for those who wanted to keep busy at home, all while social distancing and strict cleaning regimes were followed.

We funded, planned and advertised a full Easter programme for our young people and families to enjoy, however due to the lockdown this provision did not go ahead. However, we were given the permission to transfer these funds to another project which will be delivered later.



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Halloween was a little different this year, nothing could take place in the building, but we asked our community to enter our Virtual Fancy Dress Competition.
We also joined forces with Culture for Kids and Pelton Parish Council to allow our community to take part in a Halloween Trail around our community which many enjoyed. This got families out into the fresh air and into enjoying Halloween whilst remaining safe and following guidelines. They safely collected goodies on completion from our front door.



Funding from Pelton Parish Council allowed us to run our Community Cupboard project throughout part of the pandemic. Community members were able to book a slot the following week to come and collect a food hamper. The food was purchased through Fareshare which is a charity we have used for many years, who find a home for surplus food. The food would normally be sent to landfill due to the close best before date, due to incorrect ordering, incorrect packaging, damaged packing etc. We then used this food to create hampers to help our community through tough times. This project was greatly appreciated and benefitted around 30-40 people directly a week, however many were part of a family, were supporting others and all were very grateful. We used the collection slots to catch up with our community, offering a small chat at a time where many were not leaving the house otherwise. We want to Thank Pelton Parish Council tremendously for this opportunity.





Existing funding we had through County Durham Community foundation allowed us to ensure our families remained active during this pandemic even though we weren't open for sessions and groups. We used some of our funding to create some family distraction packs to give to our families. These packs included healthy eating snack and recipe ideas, fitness challenges to do as a family, craft activities for all to enjoy, sports equipment, integration board games, suggestions on how to improve mental wellbeing and more. Families just needed to come and collect, and we encouraged families to get competitive within the community and post progress and photos. It was a great way to interact with our community after not being able to for so long.



Community Events

Why We Hold Events

Here at Pelton Community Centre we take every opportunity that we can to bring the community together. There are many benefits associated with hosting events throughout the year. Members of our community can socialise with one another, children are able to play together, and our weekly programmes are enhanced by offering something a little different.

During 2020-21, Pelton Community Centre were unable to host any events, and kept large groups to a minimum due to the fact we were unable to socially distance people within our rooms. We are looking forward to re-introducing these to our community and were fortunate enough to still have funding available from kajima to do this. Ensuring our events are free to those attending or run at a very low affordable cost.

External Agency Delivery

Introduction

Pelton Community Centre acts as a reliable venue for approximately forty weekly groups and classes, that are delivered by external agencies who hire our facilities. The organisation has established strong working relationships with these partners, and many of them hire space on multiple occasions every week.
Along with our sessions, majority of these sessions were also affected during the pandemic. We have sadly lost some sessions for good due to loss of funding, the closure of some projects all together and/or change of circumstances. This was a real shame, and many will be sadly missed within our community. We have gained a few new groups as previously mentioned and we have welcomed these with open arms. We hope our timetable continues to thrive as we are now. We really do appreciate all those who hire our facilities.

Facilities

Pelton Community Centre has a range of high-quality facilities that are available to groups and organisation to hire. Our range of facilities supports the organisation to offer a diverse weekly programme to the community. Below, you will find a list of our rooms available to hire, as well as photographs.

	Community Centre Facilities
Reception	Welcoming Reception Area on Entrance
Parish Council Office	Parish Council Clerk's Office
Charity Shop	Charity Shop Facility for Community Donations & Purchases
IT Suite	IT Suite with Laptops, Interactive White Board, Tables & Chairs
Room 3	Medium Sized Open Room, Multi-Function Capacity
Main Hall	Large Main Area, Multi-Function Capacity, Table, Chairs or Open
Stage	Large Stage Area, Performance Capable, Sound & Lighting
Lounge	Medium Sized Room, Multi-Function, Table & Chairs
Kitchen	Fully Equipped Kitchen Facilities, Cooking, Serving, Washing
Community Gym	Modern Community Gym, Cardio & Weight Training Capacity
Room 2	Meeting & Day Care Room, Comfortable Seating, Multi-Function
Male & Female Toilets	Male and Female Toilet Facilities
Accessible Toilet	Accessible Toilet Facilities including Shower
External Parks	Two External Children's Play Parks



Business Plan

Pelton Community Centre has a three-year business plan currently in operation, providing strategic direction to our organisation from 2018 to 2021. The business plan sets out clear aims and objectives for the organisation, which I have summarised and reported against below, however given the year we have had we will be looking at revising our business plan later this year I would imagine.

Business Plan Aims

Pelton Community Association's overall aim is to improve the quality of lives of the people of Pelton and surrounding areas by providing a community centre which offers community members a range of activities and services which meets their needs.

The specific aims of the association over the next 5 years are to:

- Improve health and well-being of community members of all ages
- Reduce social isolation and combat loneliness, particularly, but not exclusively, amongst older people
- Improve skills and knowledge of young people and adults
- Increase employability of young people and adults
- Increase financial capability of adults of all ages
- Improve the local environment
- Reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly amongst young people

Business Plan Objective One

To ensure current levels of usage are maintained and protected.

During the pandemic we were unable to reach this objective and service our community how we always have. However, within the sessions we could host when restrictions lifted and with our outreach projects such as The Hawthorne project, we were able to continue to provide some support, some social interaction and keep connected with our community. The pandemic has affected people in many ways and we now feel it's our job to help our community recover in whatever way we can. We continue to work closely with our partners and service providers and will be concentrating on support, advice, mental and physical wellbeing and financial support over the next months.

Business Plan Objective Two

To increase centre use, generating 10% additional income over the three-year period.

We were expecting to see this increase unfold over the year however this did not happen and we have seen a big drop in Room Hire.
The trustees will review the additional income at the end of the three-year period, to assess the additional income percentage over the three years.

Business Plan Objective Three

To improve the lives of people in Pelton and the surrounding areas.

This was not possible for the majority of the year and will have an affect on if we reach our aims and objectives within this business plan. We did our best, working with everyone we could and trying to reach out to as many as we could. We were unable to run our social media throughout the pandemic as for the majority of the time staff were unable to work, which resulted in a loss of communication with our community. This will have a devastating effect on when we need to reach out to our community again and we have already witnessed this. We are connecting with less people and need to work harder than ever to get those back. Once we get all our followers on social media back, and hopefully attract more, we can then ensure we are able to, if they wish, help everyone.

Business Plan Objective Four

To increase the carbon footprint of the community centre and reduce energy costs.

No improvements were made during this financial year, however plans are in place to carry out some much needed changes within the building. The biggest project, which is in the planning stages, is our Main Entrance Lobby. At present one automatic door is in place with an overhead blow heater. We hope to introduce another door and create a lobby area. Trapping heat and creating a warm welcoming lobby which prevents warm air escaping. This will hopefully look aesthetically pleasing, but more importantly we should see a drop in our energy bills and a warmer building for all to enjoy.

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Pelton Community Association for the period ended 31st March 2021

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.
No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Terry Atkinson
Independent Examiner
11th May 2021

Pelton Community Association

Charity Registration No: 1155121

Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st March 2021

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Pelton Community Association

Charity Name:	**Pelton Community Association**
Registered Office:	**Front Street** **Pelton** **Chester - le - Street** **County Durham** **DH2 1DE**
Charity Registration No:	**1155121**
Trustees:	**Mick Rodgers** **Penny Marie McClean** **Gerry Walker** **Donna Mitchenson** **Moira Baggott**
Accountants:	**Community Accounting North East CIC** **Pinetree Centre** **Durham Road** **Birtley** **DH3 2TD**
Bankers:	**TSB PLC**

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Grants	2	200,911	116,164	317,075	275,030
Income generated from Activities	2	27,037		27,037	143,516
Fund Raising and Donations	2	169		169	10,549
Investment Income	2	323		323	242
Other Income		0	0	0	
Total Incoming Resources		228,440	116,164	344,604	429,337
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	3	163,454	131,910	295,364	386,588
Total Resources Expended		163,454	131,910	295,364	386,588
Net Incoming (outgoing) Resources		64,987	(15,746)	49,241	42,749
Fund Balances 1st April 2020		344,999	34,875	379,874	337,125
Transfer between Funds					
Fund Balances 31st March 2021		409,986	19,129	429,115	379,874

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets	5	22,773	0	22,773	30,366
Current Assets					
Stock		400		400	400
Debtors	6	3,764		3,764	6,244
Cash at Bank and in Hand		384,924	19,129	404,053	344,739
		389,088	19,129	408,217	351,383
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,875		1,875	1,875
Net Current Assets		387,213	19,129	406,342	349,508
Total Assets less Liabilities		409,986	19,129	429,115	379,874
Funded By:					
Unrestricted Funds	8	409,986		409,986	344,999
Restricted Funds	8		19,129	19,129	34,875
Total Funds		409,986	19,129	429,115	379,874

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 30/10/21 Virtually. and were signed by:

..... Trustee

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2021

1) Accounting Policies

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity

Restricted Funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

i) Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity are recognised where the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

ii) The value of the services provided by the volunteers are accounted for when earned.

iii) Incoming resources from activities are accounted for when earned.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure comprises of those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

e) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed Assets are depreciated as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings	15% Straight Line
Building Improvements	15% Straight Line
Room 14 Equipment	15% Straight Line

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2021

2) Income Resources

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
a	**Grants**				
	Salaries	41,358	90,000	131,358	96,388
	Unrestricted	79,552		79,552	2,017
	Restricted		24,964	24,964	69,164
	Room 14	80,001	1,200	81,201	106,461
		200,911	116,184	317,075	274,030
b	**Income generated from Activities**				
	Bingo, Raffle and Domino Cards	410		410	9,055
	Kitchen and Bar			0	18,791
	Room Hire	24,565		24,565	96,282
	Gym	507		507	15,239
	Other	1,555		1,555	4,149
		27,037	0	27,037	143,516
c	**Fund Raising and Donations**	169		169	10,549
d	**Investment Income**	323		323	242
	Total	228,440	116,164	344,604	428,337

3)	**Resources Expended**	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
	Grant Expenditure		33,509	33,509	27,498
	Salaries	84,059	90,000	174,059	184,662
	Accounts	2,280		2,280	5,235
	Room 14	33,426		33,426	82,899
	Training	748		748	198
	Insurance	3,267		3,267	4,979
	Marketing	3,426		3,426	2,652
	Utilities and Telephone	11,031		11,031	20,639
	Service and Contracts	9,319		9,319	11,552
	Maintenance, Security and Repair	3,579		3,579	4,514
	Cleaning Contractor			0	3,074
	Cleaning Consumables	305		305	655
	Licences	654		654	2,748
	Bingo	50		50	281
	Kitchen and Bar	15		15	9,211
	Events and Activities	20		20	3,075
	Sundry Expenses	1,187		1,187	2,053
	Donations	91		91	911
	Depreciation	9,997	8,401	18,398	19,753
		163,454	131,910	295,364	386,589

4) Trustee Expenses

Mick Rodgers received mileage expenses during the year - £101 (2020 - £629)

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Notes to the Accounts for the Period to 31st March 2021

5) Fixed Assets

Restricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2020	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Additions				0
As at 31st March 2021	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2020	55,258	101,448	6,003	162,709
Charge for Period	8,401			8,401
As at 31st March 2021	63,659	101,448	6,003	171,110
NBV 31st March 2021	0	0	0	0
NBV 31st March 2020	8,401	0	0	8,401

Unrestricted	Fixtures & Fittings £	Building Improvements £	Room 14 Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1st April 2020	47,730	15,908	6,568	70,206
Additions		10,804		10,804
As at 31st March 2021	47,730	26,712	6,568	81,010
Depreciation				
As at 1st April 2020	26,981	14,692	6,568	48,241
Charge for Period	7,160	2,837		9,997
As at 30th November 2020	34,141	17,529	6,568	58,238
NBV 31st March 2021	13,590	9,183	0	22,773
NBV 31st March 2020	20,749	1,216	0	21,965
Total				
NBV 31st March 2021	13,590	9,183	0	22,773
NBV 31st March 2020	29,150	1,216	0	30,366

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6) Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	3,764	6,244

7) Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade Creditors		
Accruals	1,875	1,875
	1,875	1,875

8) Movement in Funds

Restricted	Balance 1st April 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance 31st March 2021 £
Fixed Assets	8,401		(8,401)	0
CDCF - Active Pelton	11,320		(9,904)	1,416
Community Safety Lin	2,782			2,782
ESH Group	22			22
OPSIF	1,797	812	(873)	1,736
Sensory	618			618
Kajima	6,603		(59)	6,544
CLLR DW	2,582			2,582
AAP	750			750
Picnics to Go		15,625	(15,625)	0
CDCF - Back in Action		4,977	(4,134)	843
Community Food Project		4,750	(2,914)	1,836
Parish Council		90,000	(90,000)	0
	34,875	116,164	(131,910)	19,129
Unrestricted	344,999	228,440	(163,454)	409,986
Total Funds	379,874	344,604	(295,364)	429,115