

## **Edenhill People Centre Trustees Report**

Well to say the least its been a very busy 12 months with lots of new developments taking place by using the consultation process

From the Community consultation Eden Hill People Centre complete in February of 2024 there was some important feedback that we as a group took on board. One important question was 'What other services would you like to see to make your community better?'. The top answer was more policing, Eden Hill have conquered that by having 'Cuppa with a Copper' minimum once a month. We have this on a Tuesday where we have around 100 community members in the building. This provides a safe place for the families to speak with the police and voice their issues regarding their local community. The second highest answer was more youth provision, we now have; 1 youth session a week in Peterlee Leisure centre every Thursday as well as 1 every Tuesday at Eden Hill Muga.

We also have more youth sessions available in the surrounding areas of Peterlee which the young people can also attend. The 3rd highest response was having more community events. We have put this into place by adding smaller group sessions throughout the week and we plan on adding to these activities continually.

Since this we have started hosting a chair exercise group for the community to attend as well as the wellbeing walks that take place every Wednesday. We are starting to implement a new group which will be based around crafting activities. This includes; card locally like to help increase your physically activity levels?

As we are based in Peterlee and Horden Rugby Club a lot of our families become involved with the rugby side. There are around 10 youth age categories in the Rugby club, this tallies up to around 90 young people training 2 times a week as well as having occasional games on a Sunday. 55 Ladies have been down to train this year alone with again training 2 times a week with occasional games. We have also increased physical activity through the week at Eden hill people centre. Chair exercises has been an amazing investment of our time as we are welcoming up to 20 people per week into our doors because they want to increase their level of physical activity and we have had some amazing responses from this. The wellbeing walk is also another thing people of the community have loved having in place. With this, up to 15 people participate in this and again we have not received any negative feedback.

### **New Age Kurling**

New Age Kurling is another of our new developments that came about due to our great partnership with Durham County Council. New Age Kurling is a brand-new sport that allows individuals of all ages to be able to take part in a new interactive health and wellbeing sport, which came of age due to the success of the Winter Olympic Games. We initiated a few taster sessions post health and wellbeing walks as a way of bringing the community members into the rugby club. The taster sessions were very successful and we are going to implement this session on a weekly basis week beginning 2nd September on a Thursday at 11:30am.



### **Dene academy**

**27/06/24**

In June 4 members of staff went into a local school in Peterlee (Dene Academy). We had numerous meetings with the school to see what they would like us to cover whilst we were there. We came up with 4 categories that each staff member was going to deliver to a class which had maximum of 35 children in. They were; presentation and speaking about yourself, C-Card and healthy relationships, Self Confidence and how to present yourself. We

had some amazing feedback from both students and teachers and we are looking forward to returning in the future and are looking to make this a yearly occurrence  
Eden Hill People Centre

### **Walking Group**

The walking group was set up by DCC Thrive, this was aimed at local people to get out and about, to socialise with other people, to help with any mental health issues.

3 Paid workers from Groundwork, and 4 Volunteers from the Eden Hill centre went through a 3-week process of training to complete the Walking leader's qualification, this enable them to support local groups who like to go on organised walks.

As of to date we have over 25 people attended the planned walks, which take place every Wednesday, the makeup of people are mothers and babies, people with disability, vulnerable groups and children.





## Summer Report Eden Hill

### Water play day,

**10:00-2:00**

Over 120 children were involved in this day, children were paddle

Ling, splashing, squirting, sliding and having fun getting wet, the fire fighters were there to support the day by filling up the pools and making sure that the children were wet.

Josh from the DCC showed young people new skills in archery and football this was a popular activity.

We also had a special guest from Beauty and the beast, where the younger children loved getting their picture taking.

**Quote from parent**” Brilliant day my kids had the best day ever”

“The sun was out all day which made the day great”

**Quote from children** “we had lots of fun” the food was good I ate all my dinner”



### Beamish Trip

**8.30 to 5.00**

220 people attended this activity, this was a very educational trip for local people and children, the day starting of with wake and shake where all children received breakfast and some excise to motivate them, the families visited the pit villages and the mines which a lot could reminisced of their childhood.

All the children received a pack lunch

**Quotes**, child really enjoyed the air raid shelter, lots to do here

Parents" giving the whole trip was free and I have a family of 5 I cant thank you enough as it would cost me a fortune"



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tracie Raw Sports Day**

10.00 to 2.00

150 people took part in this activity, another successful turn out lots of different activities took place for all ages

Chris and the under 15s support young people and families with new skills around rugby Katie also from the Rugby club entertained all ages with Frisbee this was very well organised and well attended.

Lots of team games such as skipping, races, obstacle course, target shooting and many more, all children received a medal for participation.

As always, the food went down really well and healthy snack were provided all day

**Parents quote:**, my children had a really good day and used up lots of energy.

**Childs Quote:** I like the rugby best of all.



## Science Day

**10 till 2.00**

125 young people took part in experimenting today, foam sand, cloud dough, lava bottles and making erupting volcanoes, we also experimented with colours and how they can change, there was lots of fun and mess by all, but every one had a great day, lots of food and health snacks were provided

**Quotes loved the mess and trying new ideas we had such fun (child)**



## Bugs Day

**10 till 2.00**

**120 participated we had a special visit from the 'bugs and stuff'**

- Sports activities such as archery football and tennis. Big thankyou to Josh from DCC for joining us in helping to keep everyone active and motivated.
- Lots of creativity and imagination used in making our own minibeasts from playdough and various materials – printing with leaves, flowers and twigs.
- We experimented with ice and how to free the insects out of the ice activity.
- We made our own bumblebee wristbands and frog puppets at the crafting table
- Lots of letter and word recognition used with word search and crossword challenges.

**Quotes:** 'the best. So much fun and the children engaged in everything they never normally do. Well done for creative, different, inclusive, friendly, helpful, etc etc.'





## Northumberland Zoo

9 – 4

208 participants attended the visit to the zoo. Even though it was raining there was still a lot of happy smiles on the children and it did not stop their fun.

**Quote:** 'beautiful day, we all enjoyed it'

**Quote:** 'another fabulous day, thankyou all so much'

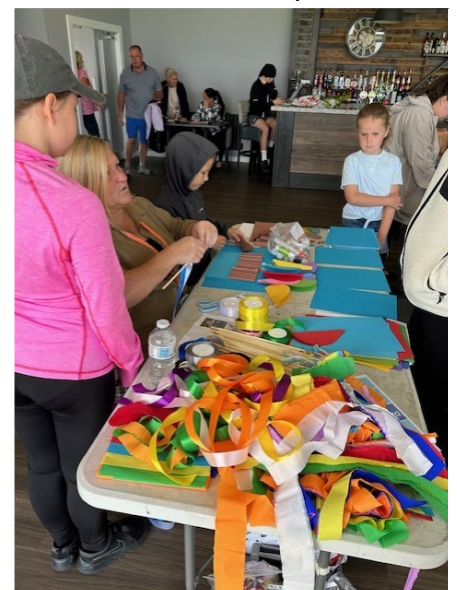


## Environmental day

10-2

100 children attended

The children had a lot of fun making windmills, kites, bird houses and drawings. We had sporting activities on with josh outside who set up courts for; football, tennis and archery



## Community Fun Day

Over 200 people attended this day we had lots of different service such as the police, fire station a large dance group called Dance it, which some of our children were members and showed of their skills to many people, we had inflatables, disco, balloon making, popcorn and Candie floss, sports, selfie pod.





## Supporting community members (Referrals and support)

Since April, we have been carrying out a wide range of support and guidance for the local community in the form of referrals in partnership with East Durham Trust and Groundwork NE and Cumbria. Due to the economic decline and the financial crisis, we have seen an increase of more individuals coming into the rugby club seeking information, advice and guidance. We operate a 10 referral per staff member per working day, due to the high demand of community members that were coming into the rugby club. We have done an estimated 130 school uniform referrals, 150 household support, food and fuel poverty referrals in partnership with EDT and we have carried out 110 household and winter fuel support for Groundwork NE and Cumbria, which were carried out all over East Durham.

### September

New developments took place, which brought in new faces into the centre,

Craft session for the women this is where the women are making Christmas, birthday, wedding, cards and to sell them at a very low cost this has brought in very vulnerable people in who in turn, have received support from the house hold support fund this has help them with fuel and food parcel, this has been very productive especially the support they got from the household fund.



we continue to provide more youth provision in the Eden Hill area and the 2 working in partnerships with schools, DCC Health and people at the local sports centre this has shown to be one of the biggest in East Durham where 60 to 70 young people attend on a Tuesday and Thursday

During October we supported 60 families with winter fuel support, food parcels and white goods. Alongside planning for the coming months we also continue to offer community walks and card making on a Wednesday and Chair exercises on a Thursday

### October:

During the month of October, we engaged with 2 new agencies whom supported the community with job search and mental health awareness (Reed, Martin EDT)

The Bread and Butter scheme continues to be a big success supporting 80 families each week. This also led to recruiting 2 new volunteers to the centre, offering support with packing and distributing

Training – During the month of October 3 volunteers attended introduction to benefit training. This training included universal credit awareness which has proven beneficial when supporting the wider community.

We held two activity days for the community during October half term which again proved very popular with families, with 150 people attending on both days

30<sup>th</sup> October:

A 'Spooky' arts and crafts session, alongside biscuit making was held in the centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October which was enjoyed by all. This brought 150 people into the centre, which included children enjoying participating, with some quoting

*"We love it here, thank you" and "Can't wait for the next one"*



**Quotes:** “Thank you for a great Halloween Party, my daughter enjoyed it”.

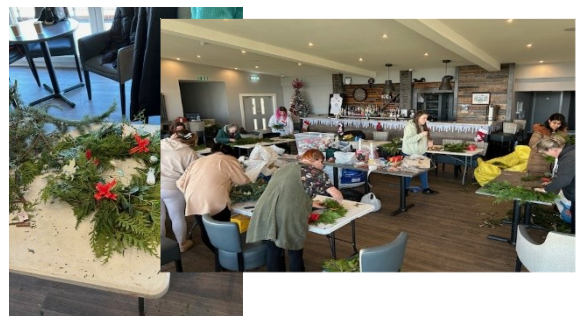
“We had a lovely time as always thank you”.

“We had a great time and thank you to all the staff, you do an amazing job”.

### **November:**

November seen 1 new member of the community engage in Chair exercises which (in the words of the community member) has seen an improvement in their mental health. This brings to date a total of 8 community members taking part

4 Wreath Making sessions where held during the month of November on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> all of which were fully subscribed. 20 participants attended each day totalling 80 people being involved. Out of these 80 community members, 36 where new users to the centre.



### **December:**

December saw another very busy month supporting families.



## Christmas wreath making

This is a popular activity, we started this programme 3 year ago and we started with 15 people making a wreath at a very low cost, this is a opportunity for local residents to social integrate with other residents, to date we have 80 people attended the session over a 4 day period



amazing as always  
to my next one  
thank you".



yet again, another great day at the wreath making at Eden Hill People Centre  
can't wait until next year. The staff are fabulous".

## Pension Christmas parcel,

This is a project that developed after the pandemic, to support local pensions, this is funded by local DCC councillors, and the lee Black Foundation, this is run by the volunteers who do the shopping packing and deliver of the parcel we delivered 90 parcels this year so yet again the numbers have gone up again, we received lots of positive feedback,



**Quotes:** "As always outstanding contribution from you all to our community".

"Amazing work from all the team thank you".

### Christmas Party

150 children who participated in the Christmas Fun day this was a fun pack day with lots of activity, such as face painting, balloon modelling, disco with games, and a special visit from Santa and the Elves where every child received a little gift







**Quotes:** “It was... just fabulous. We all had a ball and the children were just so into it all. Entrained from stepping in the door. The time just flew. Big big shout out again to the fabulous team that just make it happen. The entertainment was superb and a lovely start to our Christmas celebrations. How you provide everything you do and to the finest detail is beyond me. Huge numbers but you pull it off. Thank you once again for all you do to provide all of this for the community. Happy Christmas to everyone and good health and happiness for 2025”.

## **January 2025**

January started with a bang as the Household support fund has seen over 300 local people receive support with food parcel, fuel vouchers, white goods, winter goods such as shoes and coats for children this was and is vital to the community.

## **February Half term**

Numbers were low for this programme with only 38 young people attended each day, this may be due to bad weather, however the children who did participate got involved with the Biscuit decorating, making dream catchers, card making, and many more activities, DCC also provided a worker to develop sport with the children, but due to bad weather the sports were indoor.

Again, hot meals and health snacks were provided





## March 2025

This has been a very busy year; the project has gone from strength to strength Eden Hill people centre has been funded from DCC to become a Digital Hub for East Durham this will be an asset for the community who have not got email address or equipment to enhance their learning

Training is an ongoing process where people have opportunities to participate – Examples include:

1. IT Skills / Training
2. Food Hygiene
3. Safeguarding
4. CSCS Card
5. GDPR
6. H&S

This month alone (March) we have had 4 new volunteers complete their food Hygiene Training which also includes 2 of the new volunteers – this is a massive achievement for them as, until volunteering at Eden Hill they would not have had the confidence or social skills to participate.

## Funding 2024

Funding that has come in to the project, that we have gained due to match funding with the lottery.

Welcome space £3000	Apr-24	successful
EDT 6 months £1000	Jan-24	successful
Dcc local council £1200	Apr-24	successful
P/lee mayor fund £1800	May-24	successful
Greg's fund	May-24	awaiting outcome
Believe housing	Feb-24	Awaiting outcome
Fun and Food 1200	May-24	Successful
Summer fun and fun 16000	Jul-24	Successful
Dcc Local Councillor fund £3000.00	Nov 24	Successful
Digital hub £14,821.52	February 25	Successful

#### **Developments for the next year:**

With the digital Hub being only days away from going live, one of the main focus will be to engage the community with I T skills, Job Search, application forms etc, giving participants an opportunity to, not only learn new skills but also increase their confidence and social skills.

Another development moving forward is to invite guest speakers into the centre, this again will give community members an understanding of what resources are available and a wider knowledge of what's happening in their area



**Eden Hill People Centre  
Horden & Peterlee RFC  
Eden Park, Eden Lane  
Peterlee  
SR8 5DJ**

**Registered Charity Number 1207052**

**Financial Report for the year ended  
Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**



**Group**  
**Financial statements**  
**for the year ended *Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025***

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**Group**  
**Trustee members' annual report**  
**for the year ended *Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025***

**Main address**  
Eden Hill people centre  
Horden and Peterlee Rugby Club  
Eden Lane Peterlee SR8 5DJ

**Trustees**

Rosalind Parkin (chair) Lynzie Robinson (Treasurer) Kylie Raw (secretary)  
Board of Trustees: Rosalind Parkin, Lynzie Robinson, Kylie Raw, Janina Wright, Amy Ellwood, Katie Wales, Paula Dodd, Patricia Wild, Sonya Golightly.

Reps/Advisories Groundwork NE & Cumbria, local police, AAP, local council, East Durham Trust, ASDA, Rugby club, Citizens Advice, Believe Housing

**Bankers**

**Lloyds Bank**

**Account name** – Eden Hill People Centre  
Sort code – 30.91.91  
Account Number - 34352068

### **Governance and management**

The group meet by monthly, where they discuss community issues or activities for school holidays the group have a constitution.

### **Aims and objectives**


- (a) To provide services and activities for the people of the Eden Hill area of Peterlee
- (b) To improve and develop the individual and personal skills
- (c) To promote health and well-being and to help build confidence and social skills
- (d) To encourage participation in a wide range of activities
- (e) To promote welfare and safety at all times

### **Summary of the main achievements during the period**

The drop in has now been established for 8 years , and in that time have been actively involved with the planning and preparation of all community events, doing local fund raising, leaflets drops, recruitment of volunteers, The drop in Centre has by far been the main conduit for local residents to raise their concerns and issues, some of the issues I deal with on a regular basis are as follow; **SOCIAL EXCLUSION** is the fundamental base for the community, the issues have been varied, financial difficult, health issues, Drugs & alcohol, unemployment, housing, low self-esteem, this is where the multi agencies work as come to the for front of our project, the agencies involved are CAB, POLICE, AAP, PTC, DCC, Durham Works, youth strategy group, NEFIRST, East Durham trust all of which have contributed to the reduction of social deprivation within the community. The programme is aimed at educating local people in Healthy eating, debt management, anti-social behaviour, mental health issues, and many more that affects the day to day lives of local people.

- Weekly evening youth sessions targeting 8-11yr olds and 12-19yr olds; this has already seen the attendance of over 50 per week, young people from the community.
- Delivery of a Holiday Hunger Pilot seeing 2500 families engaging over all the school holidays Sessional events including Halloween party, Christmas festivities and Summer activity days all seeing high levels of turnout (100+)

Signed on behalf of the committee:

	Signed
Rosalind Parkin	Date <u>06/04/2025</u>





**Group**  
**Receipts & payments account**  
**for the year ended Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

£

**Receipts**

Groundwork/ Lottery	£7839.61
Durham County Council	£39,168.44
Fundraising	£1034.16
Peterlee Town Council Mayors fund	£1800.00
East Durham Trust	£3080.00
Lee Black Foundation	£600.00
Refund	£176.96
Banking	£210.00
Angus CIC	£100.00
Community Foundation	£3000.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£57,009.17</b>

**Payments**

<i>Food</i>	£10,952.39
<i>Resources</i>	£742.65
<i>Volunteer expenses</i>	£429.09
Rent	0
<i>Utilities</i>	£1962.95
Bread and Butter	£475.00
<i>Training</i>	£383.40
<i>Activities</i>	£17,472.74
<i>Insurance</i>	£148.84
<i>Equipment</i>	£18,900.58
Donations to Charities	£ 235.00
Bonus Ball/Raffle payments	£50.00

**Total Payments**

**£51,752.64**

Net receipts/(payments) £51,752.64

Bank and cash at the start of the period £2151.03

Bank and cash at the end of the period **£7407.56**

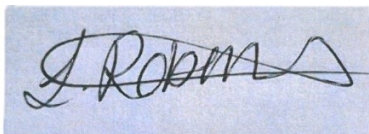
**Group**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**at Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

	£
<b>Cash assets</b>	
<i>Current account</i>	£7407.56
<i>Deposit account</i>	0
<i>Petty cash</i>	<u>£102.00</u>
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<u><b>£7509.56</b></u>
<b>Other assets</b>	
<b>Digital Hub (10x Lenovo Laptops 2x Lenovo Tablets, 12x headsets 12 Mice, 1x charging docking station for 12 devices.</b>	
<b>3x Hp printers</b>	
<b>1x Samsung Tablet</b>	
<b>3x Samsung Mobile Phones</b>	
<b>2x Chromebooks</b>	

**Liabilities**

*None*

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the organisation by:



Signed  
*Lynzie Robinson*, Treasurer

Dated 06/04/2025

**Group**  
**Notes to the accounts**  
**for the year ended Date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**1. Receipts & payments accounts**

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

**2. Grants & Donations**

	£
<b>Grants and donations</b>	
<i>Durham County Council</i>	39,168.44
Community Foundation	3000.00
Angus CIC	100.00
<i>Peterlee Town Council Mayors Fund</i>	1800.00
Fundraising	1034.16
<i>Lottery fund/Groundwork</i>	7839.61
Lee Black Foundation	600.00
East Durham Trust	3080.00
Banking	210.00
Refunds	176.96
<b>Total grants and donations</b>	<b>57,009.17</b>

**3. Committee members’ remuneration**

*None*



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Eden Hill People Centre

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 5-6

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

I have examined the accounts... in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

Independent examiner's statement

[Select the appropriate statement]

\* No matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect: accounting records were not kept; or the accounts do not accord with those records; or the accounts do not comply with the Regulations.

Signed: Brenda Russell

Date: 31st January 2026

Relevant professional qualification AATQB

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