



East Durham Area Action Partnership

Annual Report



Introduction

Councillor Elizabeth Scott

Portfolio Holder Statement

As the Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships I am happy to say that the overview of the Area Action Partnerships falls under my remit.

Over the last 13 years AAPs have helped local community organisations to thrive through practical support and funding. 2022/23 has been no different. The 14 AAPs across County Durham have helped to fund over 230 projects through their Area Budgets allocating £2.6m to these good causes. This is making a massive difference when like the rest of us, local organisations are being adversely impacted by the continued long term impacts of the Covid pandemic and the cost of living crisis.

County Durham is a diverse place, and each AAP is led and directed by local people, councillors, and partners. This means they can adapt to local circumstances whether they be in Wingate or Westgate, Castleside or Coxhoe. This local engagement means AAPs are firmly rooted in, and valued by their communities.

Throughout County Durham AAP funding has supported a wide variety of projects including, youth work, mental health support, environmental projects, activities for older people, sports clubs, children's play, village halls and community centres, parish councils, community safety initiatives and employment schemes, just to name a few.

The AAPs also support myself and my fellow councillors in allocating our annual Neighbourhood Budget. The 126 County Councillors have allocated over £2.2m to over 820 local projects in County Durham over the past year, again supporting a wide range of local schemes.

As with any service, it is always good practice to consider if any improvements can be made. Having remained largely unchanged for the last 14 years, the need for an independent view as to how the service might be enhanced led to the recently completed community engagement review. While consultation is still ongoing on the proposals contained in the review, it comes as no surprise that the consultants found many strengths of the AAPs that we could build upon in the future.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of AAP Boards, fellow councillors, partner organisations, members of the public and the AAP staff. So, thank you one and all. The AAPs would not be the success they have been without your continued support.

Councillor Elizabeth Scott,

Cabinet portfolio holder for Economy and Partnerships.

East Durham Area Action Partnership

Established in 2009 East Durham AAP (EDAAP) brings together local people and partners to take action on local issues. Areas covered within the AAP boundary include the towns of Peterlee & Seaham and the outlying villages.

The AAP serves a population of over 90,000 people and is the only AAP that has the whole coastline of County Durham from Crimdon to Seaham.

The area's once proud mining heritage is remembered in many memorials and pieces of art in every community and that mining heritage is demonstrated in the strong community spirit especially in the pit villages.



Shotton - Holiday Activities with Healthy Food

East Durham Area Action Partnership 2022/23 Key Information



FUNDING

£135,386

of AAP funding allocated to 22 projects

£72,055.68

amount of match/external funding generated

Potentially

4,654

beneficiaries supported through the main AAP funding



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

272

community projects supported through AAP, Fun and Food, and councillor funding

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

£210,641.15

allocated from Fun and Food supporting 111 community projects and generating

£25,336.48 of match funding



COUNCILLOR FUNDING

Processed

£276.529.03

of councillor Neighbourhood Budget allocated to 56 projects and amount of external match generated

£182.577.98



Welcome from the Chair Graham Easterlow

It is my absolute pleasure to have served as the Chair of the EDAAP for the first year without Covid restrictions. I have welcomed being able to meet up in person with colleagues and communities, sometimes for the first time. In the Chair, my intention has been to reconnect us as a team of dedicated and diverse people, hold

collaborative space so we can work together in addressing the needs of our communities today while also looking forward to what opportunities there are to address the challenges of tomorrow.

Together our AAP has made grants of £784,231.55.

These grants have funded vital projects and activities including the school holiday 'Fun and Food' activities, activities to support Healthy Relationships for young people, activities to help keep vulnerable households safe through our Safer Homes scheme and innovative projects to address ASB through the delivery of mechanics activities for targeted young people.

We have also looked ahead in trying to address future challenges such as the climate crisis.

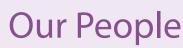
This included Green Grant support for our community buildings in making much-needed adaptions to help them with energy efficiency instigated by the Maintaining Social Fabric of our Community group alongside direct support for our vital community buildings with their ever-increasing energy bills.

The newly formed Towns and Villages group assisted the AAP Board to distribute £210,000 of placebased regeneration money. This helped to support four under resourced villages with £80,000 for truly place based regeneration schemes, providing £26,000 of additional capital for the Green Grants Scheme and investing over £60k into activities to reconnect the wonderful East Durham Coast with our local towns and villages with new walking and cycling routes.

This year also saw Durham County Council undertake a review of the AAP's across the county. This is the first time in 14 years that a review has taken place and it is pleasing to note that the independent consultant highlighted many strengths within the AAP's. It is also clear that there has been a strong response to many of the recommendations proposed in this report. I hope that these strengths form the foundation on which genuine evolution of the AAP's takes place, rather than the deconstruction of well-established and effective community engagement and action oriented development undertaken over the last decade.

I would like to thank the AAP team for all their continued hard work throughout the last year, their dedication and hard work on behalf of our communities make a real difference in ensuring our community can meet, discuss and take action on a range of issues that matter to them.

I would also like to thank every member of the AAP Board and its thematic groups. Each person who has attended and offered up their time has helped to ensure the AAP has fulfilled its aims and upheld the support and development of the communities of East Durham.



Anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the area can get involved with the Area Action Partnership. We currently have 900 people who are part of our wider Forum who receive regular updates and who are invited to get involved in the work of the AAP.

Our Board is the decision-making body of the AAP. It is made up of local people, elected councillors and representatives from partner organisations. Our board members were:

Cllr Angela Surtees Cllr Leanne Kennedv Cllr Julie Griffiths Cllr Terry Duffy Cllr Ivan Cochrane Cllr Jake Miller **Cllr Stacey Deinali Cllr Isabella Roberts** Rona Hardy (public representative) Andrew Cammiss (public representative) David Blackwell (public representative) Jim Shand (public representative) Alison Paterson (public representative) Danny Dickinson (public representative) Gill Rodgers (public representative) Annabelle Lumsden (public representative) Ian Porter Graham Easterlow Chris Williams Daniel Blagdon Insp. Gary Smith/ Insp. Phil Carter Insp. Joanne Eales Joanne Angus Susan Robinson/Jim Murray Edna Connor (Co-optee) Amanda Moon (Co-optee) The following County Councillors are attached to the East Durham AAP; Angela Surtees, Leanne Kennedy, Julie Griffiths, Jake Miller, Stacey Deinali, Terry Duffy, Chris Hood, Rob Crute, Kevin Shaw,

Rochelle Charlton-Lainé, John Purvis, David Boyes, Ian McLean, Robert Adcock-Forster, Karen Hawley, Diane Howarth, Louise Fenwick, Sue McDonnell, David McKenna, Karan Batey, Ivan Cochrane, Lucy Hovvels, Chris Varty, John Higgins, Isabella Roberts.



2022/23 Funding Allocation

Area Budget	£2,450, Seaham Eastlea and District Community Association, Construction Shed
£48,000, East Durham AAP, Green Grants Community Buildings Grant	£5,674, Dawdon Welfare Cricket Club, Dawdon Welfare Cricket Club Covers & CCTV
£11,000, DDC Neighbourhoods, Artful Age	£1,500, Adventure Access, Intro to Open Water Swimming
£8,830, NE Youth, East Durham Youth Strategy	£1,135, DDC Neighbourhoods, Kemp Road ASB Fencing
£750, Wingate Community Association, Utility Bills Support	£4,940, Wingate Community Association, Wingate Community
£750, Blackhall Community Association, Utility Bills Support	Centre Covid Recovery
£500, Easington Colliery Methodist Church, Utility Bills Support	£600, Durham Miners' Association Brass Band, Notting Hill
£750, Seaham and Eastlea Community Association, Utility Bills Support	Gala Cultural Exchange £500, Peterlee Town Council, Over 60's Summer Events
£750, Haswell Mencap, Utility Bills Support	£1,434, Seaham Rugby Club, Site Storage
£750, Horden Youth & Community Centre, Utility Bills	£2,640, CALM in East Durham CIC, CALM Kids
Support	£2,841, St. Pauls Methodist church, Electrical Remedial Works
£500, Hutton Henry Community Association, Utility Bills Support	£9,920, Horden Parish Council, Park House Refurbishment for Youth Provision
£750, South Hetton & District Community Association, Utility Bills Support	£7,000, Groundwork NE & Cumbria, Seaham Youth Session
£350, Haswell Mencap, Utility Bills Support	£2,142, South Hetton Parish Council, South Hetton Welfare CCTV
£500, Easington Social Welfare Centre, Utility Bills Support	
£350, Seaham Eastlea Community Association, Utility Bills Support	£1,980, CreativePop CIC, Shoreside Arts Trail£1,000, Dawdon Youth and Community Centre, Mates n Baits
£500, Hawthorn Community Centre, Utility Bills Support	£20,000, Hutton Henry Parish Council, Station Town Pump
£300, Horden Youth & Community Centre, Utility Bills Support	Track
£10,000, Durham Constabulary, Safer Homes	£6,213, South Hetton & District CA, Carpet/Flooring Refurb
£17,600, CALM in East Durham CIC, PATHH - Positive Attitude	£13,700, Shotton Partnership 2000 ltd, In and Out £3,000, Seaham Town Council, Lodge Garage Benches
To Holistic Health	£4,500, DDC RED, Remember the Heroes Information Boards
£14,000, East Durham College, ED Project 50	
£8,500, Durham Constabulary, Mechanics Project	£4,000, Creative Youth Opportunities CIC, Fire Starters
£9,956.00, Groundwork NE & Cumbria, Healthy Relationships	£1,680, DDC Neighbourhoods, Burt Close Anti Bike Works
Neighbourhood Budget	£4,500, DDC Neighbourhoods, Peterlee: Then/Now and the Future
£3,000, Peterlee Amateur Swimming Club, Peterlee ASC Recruitment & Equipment Project	£13,084, DDC RED, Landscaping for Artillery Heritage and Visitor Attraction
£8,000, DDC Neighbourhoods, South Hetton Target Hardening	£5,000, Seaham Harbour Cricket Club, New Cricket Nets
Project	£7,600, Seaton with Slingley Parish Council, Road Surfacing
£3,202, Believe Housing, Fencing	Hillrise Crescent
£1,529, DDC Neighbourhoods, Murton Community Defibrillator	£2,950, St Johns Church PCC, Kitchen Refurbishment
£9,000, Advance Learning Partnership - Dene Academy, Dene Academy DofE and Mayor's Award	£1,500, Roseberry Park Seaham - U13, Roseberry Park U13s - Coats

Community Association,	£1,939, DDC Neighbourhoods, Haswell Parish Salt Bins
ub, Dawdon Welfare Cricket	£10,000, Shotton Parish Council, Shotton Welfare Park Play Equipment Uplift
	£1,740, Dawdon Youth and Community Centre, Community
Open Water Swimming	Food Bank
p Road ASB Fencing	£8,040, Groundwork North East, Peterlee Youth Project
ation, Wingate Community	£10,000, Hawthorn Parish Council, Replacing Security Fence
rass Band, Notting Hill	£4,000, Easington Colliery Brass Band, to assist the damp egress of the Paynote Cafe in Easington
0's Summer Events	£1,700, St Pauls Methodist Church Murton, Replacement Water Products
orage	£2,000, Seaton Community Association, Seaton Community
CALM Kids	Centre – Internal Paining
Electrical Remedial Works	£2,500, DDC Neighbourhoods, Haswell Plough to Shotton Rural Link Footway
House Refurbishment for	£8,650, DDC Neighbourhoods, Watling Avenue, Seaham - Parking provision
Seaham Youth Session	£4,500, First Murton Scouts, First Murton Scouts
, South Hetton Welfare	£2,000, Seaham Town Council, Armed Forces Day and Youth
Arts Trail	Event
nity Centre, Mates n Baits	£1,500, DDC CYPS Seaview Primary School, Book Vending Machine
il, Station Town Pump	£1,500, Seaham Music Academy, Seaham Music Academy Kindermusik
Carpet/Flooring Refurb	£10,092, Parkside and District Community Association, Boiler
td, In and Out	Replacement
ge Garage Benches	£1,638, Adventure Access CIC, Paddle Sports
eroes Information Boards	£3,332, DDC Neighbourhoods, Peterlee Christmas Tree 2022
s CIC, Fire Starters	(retrospective)
Close Anti Bike Works	£7,200, Murton Welfare association, Cricket Club Seating
rlee: Then/Now and the	£2,868, Murton Cricket Club, Murton Cricket Club Sight Screen Replacement
r Artillery Heritage and	£10,442, DDC Neighbourhoods, Brendan Place, Peterlee - Parking Provision
ıb, New Cricket Nets	£11,780, Seaham Town Council, Youth Shelter Seaham Town
Council, Road Surfacing	Park £8,893, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership, Easington
en Refurbishment	Youth Project
13, Roseberry Park U13s	£2,000, Peterlee Memorial Methodist Church, Peterlee Safe Place and Food
	£950.00, Apollo Pavilion Projects CIC, New Website

2022/23 Funding Allocation

Neighbourhood Budget Small Grant Fund	£800.00, H
£490.00, Blackhall Men's Bowls Club, Equipment & Bowls Club	Heater £400.00, D
Shirts	£650, Eder
£750.00, DDC - Clean & Green, Horden Visual Improvements	£999.00. E
£850.00, Peterlee Cricket Club, Event equipment	2022 activ
£600.00, NE German Shepherd Dog Club, NEGSD KC Championships Show	£500.00, ⊢
£399.00, Horden Parish Council, Jubilee Celebrations	£500.00, H
£380.00, East Durham Veterans Trust, Burnhope Way - Spare	£950.00, T
10 for Ben Bench	£989.00, S
£999.00, Easington Cricket Club Juniors, Coloured Clothing	Back to Sc
£900.00, Murton Colliery Banner Group, Sale Band Hire	£200.00, V
£700.00, The Clarke Lister Feel Good Centre, Grass Cutting Service	£100.00, V Party
£120.00, East Durham Veterans Trust, Falklands Remembrance	£250.00, V
£399.00, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership, Jubilee Celebrations	Christmas £500.00, ⊢
£380.00, East Durham Veterans Trust, Burnhope Way - Spare 10 for Ben Bench	Packs £950.00, D
£999.00, Easington Cricket Club, Juniors, Coloured Clothing	£720.00, B
£900.00, Murton Colliery Banner Group, Sale Band Hire	Replaceme
£700.00, The Clarke Lister Feel Good Centre, Grass Cutting Service	£560.00, N Sunday
£120.00, East Durham Veterans Trust, Falklands Remembrance	£750.00, P
£399.00, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership, Jubilee Celebrations	£960.00, V £900.00, N
£500.00, Dynamique Arts CIC Microphones and Lighting	£999.00, T
£999, Shotton Primary School, Mental Health & Wellbeing Ambassadors	£799.00, S Mower
£999.00, Blackhall Banner Group, Band for Miners' Gala	£999.00, S
£600.00, Deaf Hill Miners Banner Group, Durham Miners Gala	at the Mov
£859.00, Wheatley Hill Parish Council, Wheatley Hill Defibrillator	£300.00, P
£999.00, The Café Together Project, Cooking with Power	£990.00, S
£999.00, Roseberry Park FC U12s, Roseberry Park U12's	Window Re
£800.00, Shotton Colliery FC, New Kit	£990.00, A £998.00, D
£300.00, DDC - Wingate Library, Wingate Fact & Fun	£998.00, L
£600.00, Dawdon Youth and Community Centre, Tippytoes	£950.00, E
Toddlers	Roker Ligh
£960.00, Durham Police Community, Sport & Fun Day	£991.00, F

800.00, Hutton Henry & District Community Association, Water leater
400.00, Durham Police, Seaham Police Community Golf Day
650, Eden Hill People Centre, Summer Activities
2999.00, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership, Summer 2022 activities
500.00, Hutton Henry Parish Council, Back to School Packs
500.00, Hutton Henry Parish Council, Grit Bins
950.00, The Community Club, Holiday Activities
2989.00, Seaham Eastlea & District Community Association, Back to School Packs
200.00, Wingate Constitutional Club, Pantomime
2100.00, Wingate Constitutional Club, Children's Christmas Party
250.00, Wingate Constitutional Club, Aged Members Christmas Party
500.00, Hesleden Residents Association, Back to School Packs
950.00, DDC - Clean & Green, Ryton/Malvern Clean Up
720.00, Blackhall with Hesleden, Castle Eden PCC, Boiler Replacement
560.00, Monk Hesleden Parish Council, Remembrance Sunday
750.00, Police, Self Defence Classes
960.00, Wingate Community Association, Multi Sports
2900.00, Murton Colliery Banner Group, Commemorative Event
999.00, Thornley FC Juniors, Winter Training
799.00, South Hetton & District Community Association, Lawn /lower
2999.00, St Mary's Church Easington Village, Friday Afternoon at the Movies
300.00, Peterlee Town Council, Re-loved Community Event
2990.00, St Hild & St Helen Christian Fellowship, Church Vindow Repair & Reglazing
2990.00, Active Inclusive Motivational Steps, My Time
998.00, DDC - Clean & Green, Community Garden Pathway
950.00, Eden Hill People Centre, Christmas Food Parcels
180.00, Horden Residents Association, Horden Residents Roker Lights Experience
991.00, Friends of Blackhall Library, Community Cohesion

£300.00, Monk Hesleden Parish Council, Hesleden Dog Bin
£672.00, Seaham Utd FC, Seaham Utd Reds U16's Kits
£500.00, Friends of Deaf Hill Primary School, Random Acts of Kindness Supporting Food Poverty
£600.00, Hesleden Residents Association, Together at Christmas
£999.00, Peterlee Town Council, Santa's Wish
£999.00, Learniacs CIC, Parent Groups Learniacs
£500.00, Ark Therapies CIC, Ark Therapies
£999.00, Peterlee Memorial Methodist Church, A Warm Place
£300.00, CAFÉ Together, Jingling our Way to Warm Hearts
£990.00, Eden Hill People Centre, Eden Hill Community Christmas Celebration
£500.00, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership, Keep Easington Warm
£392.00, Wheatley Hill Parish Council, Local Emergency Plan
£200.00, Age Concern Easington, Christmas Lunch
£350.00, DDC - Clean and Green, Winslow Crescent - Litter Bin
£200.00, Easington Colliery Community Friendship & Tea Dance Group, Helping to alleviate loneliness and isolation within the community
£300.00, Blackhall Navy Club, Get Carter Fishing Competition
£431.00, STARS Community Learning CIC, Wheatley Hill Warriors
£493.00, Creative Youth Opportunities CIC, Horden Young Volunteers Panto Trip
£200.00, Easington Parochial Church Council, Community Meal
£999.00, East Durham Running Club, LIRF Training Package
£990.00, Eden Hill People Centre, Horden Pensions Christmas Food Package
£200.00, Rosemary Lane Nursery School, Christmas Community Fayre
£500.00, South Hetton & District Community Association, Lunch Club Christmas Dinner
£438.00, Wheatley Hill Community Association, Greenhills Girls visit to Beamish Museum
£500.00, Shotton Residents Association, Shotton Christmas 2022
£700.00, Wingate Banner Society, Wingate & Station Town Banner Group

2022/23 Funding Allocation

£400.00, Groundwork North East, Seaham Youth Sessions
£999.00, Seaham Youth and Community Centre, Christmas Essentials Pack
£760.00, Seaham Coast Youth, New Kits and Level 1 FA Training
£500.00, Dawdon Youth and Community Centre Toy Appeal
\pounds 300.00, Heart on the Terrace, Heart on the Terrace Youth Work
£500.00, Murton Cricket Club TV Project
£280.00, Wheatley Hill Mothers Club, Wheatley Hill Summer Brass Band Concert
£290.00, Wheatley Hill Mothers Club, Wheatley Hill Village Concert of Remembrance
£999.00, DDC - Clean & Green, Fencing Christchurch Place
£600.00, East Durham Veterans Trust, Veterans Garden Project
£330, Thornley Primary School, Year 6 Mentors
£900.00, Horden Centennial Centre, Stay, Play, Warm and Toastie
£816.86, Oakerside Park Community Association, Soup and a Roll Warm Hub Drop In
£800.00, In Your Face Theatre Seaham, Shrek Jr Musical
£371.00, Seaham Town Council, Stockton Lodge new bin
£583.00, The Community Club, Village Clean up
£720.00, Durham Deafened Support, BSL courses
£900.00, Thornley Primary School, EY Parent Liaison
£200.00, 1st Horden Brownies, 1st Horden Guides
Platinum Jubilee Events
£200.00, Wingate Community Association
£600.00, Horden Parish Council
£100.00, Wingate Community Nursery School
£100.00, Trimdon Station Residents Association
£600.00, Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership
£100.00, Rose Cottage Community Hub CIC
£200.00, Shadforth Women's Institute
£300.00, Blackhall Community Association
£300.00, Seaham Eastlea & District Community Association
£200.00, Wheatley Hill Parish Council
£600.00, Murton PC
£1,500.00, Peterlee Town Council
£600.00, Seaham Unit Sea Cadets Corps 299

£600.00, Dawdon Youth & Community Centre
£300.00, Hesleden Girl Guiding
AAP Towns and Villages
£26,000, East Durham AAP, Green Grants Community Buildings
£60,600, Seascapes, DDC, Connecting the Coast
£20,000, Hutton Henry Parish Council, Station Town Pump Track
£19,849, South Hetton Parish Council, Welfare Park improvements
£20,000, Shotton Partnership 2000 Ltd, Shotton Youth Facility
£20,000, Neighbourhood Services DDC, Haswell Plough to Shotton Rural Link Footway
Members Towns and Villages
£10,000, Wheatley Hill Community Centre, WHCA Greenhills Centre Playpark Regeneration
£13,432, DDC Neighbourhoods, Seascape Primary School 20mph Zone
$\pm 10,000,$ DDC Neighbourhoods, South Hetton Target Hardening Project
£5,733, DDC Neighbourhoods, Cleveland Place, Peterlee Phase 2 - Verge Hardening
£20,000, Monk Hesleden Parish Council, Hesleden Play Area
$\pounds 19,172, \text{DDC}$ Regeneration, Landscaping for Artillery Heritage and Visitor Attraction
£16,956, Dawdon Youth and community Centre, Community Food Bank
£10,068, Seaham Eastlea and District Community Association, Improving the Resilience of the Centre
£3,284, Peterlee Town Council, Eden Lane Carpark
£10,000, Peterlee Town Council, Peterlee Community Car Parks
£10,000, DDC Neighbourhoods, Haswell Plough to Shotton Rural Link Footway
£9,345.00 Peterlee Town Council, Woodhouse Park Community Facilities Condition and Feasibility Survey
$\pounds 10,000,$ Wheatley Hill Community Association, Community Play area

Information on what projects individual Councillors have supported can be found on the Durham County Council website on the relevant councillor's page via the link below. For further information or if you are interested in applying for about a County Councillor's Neighbourhood Budget please contact the AAP office whose details are on the last page.

www.durham.gov.uk/councillors



Shotton - Holiday Activities with Healthy Food



Dawdon - Holiday Activities with Healthy Food

The Difference We Have Made



The Warm Welcome Café

Funded by Neighbourhood Budget, Peterlee Town Council launched The Warm Welcome Café in March 2023 at Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites, Peterlee offering low-cost meals to all members of the community. People can sit in the venue or take meals home all for a very reasonable price. The Neighbourhood Budget funded new kitchen equipment and food costs to support the start-up of the project and help people afford home cooked meals during the country's cost of living crisis.

The group have been exceeding targets and have on average 50 people buying from there each week. The Warm Welcome Café also offers a warm place to be and socialise and help reduce the impact of social isolation.

The project is run by volunteers from the community who prepare and cook the food and then wait on and serve the customers every Tuesday 9-2pm.



Landscaping for Artillery Heritage and Visitor Attraction

Using funding from the Members' Towns and Villages fund the Community Economic Development Team at Durham County Council have installed a 5.5 inch medium gun onto the seafront in Seaham.

Seaham has a long history of association with the Royal Artillery dating from 1859 with the formation of a unit of Seaham artillery volunteers. Gun batteries have existed on the sea front in Seaham to defend the coast from invasion since the 1860s.

The gun was purchased and restored using Members Towns and Villages Fund and is similar to the guns stationed at Seaham during the Second World War that were subsequently used on active service in the Burma campaign.



Open Water Swimming

Adventure Access CiC, based at the Marina in Seaham, received Neighbourhood Budget funding for an introductory course for residents of Deneside.

There is a growing interest in open water swimming in Seaham and the wider area and the course was designed for complete beginners who may be interested in open water swimming but who lack the confidence and knowledge to carry out the activity safely. In total 30 people took part in the course.

The Difference We Have Made



Peterlee Youth Club - Groundwork

Groundwork have launched a new Youth Group held in Peterlee at Oakerside Community Centre every Tuesday evening 6pm - 8pm funded by the Neighbourhood Budget to deliver youth work sessions in the area. They have 12 young people already registered but are hoping to increase these numbers as the weeks go by.

Over the weeks they have been planning future youth sessions around the needs of the young people and Groundwork have made two referrals to the thrive gym sessions offered by Durham County Council for 11–15-year-olds.

Other sessions offer sexual health advice and cover C-Card delivery and an 8–10-week sexual health workshop called 'out the box' has begun, covering all things health and well-being and their sexual health needs. Groundwork link in with other youth providers such as Durham City Youth Project who are also delivering a detached session in Peterlee and have been signposting young people to the community centre.

Within the Youth Project, the group have been playing sports and general games within the centre and placed a large screen TV on the wall for the young people to access. The young people have also participated in multiple cooking sessions where they have used the kitchen facilities in the centre to bake cakes and make other sweets treats.

The group have started a key fund project with the regular attendees where they have chosen to go karting, which is a new experience for them. A panel was held with the help of Durham City Youth Project and alongside them, Groundwork are creating links with local secondary schools to help increase numbers.



Holiday Activities with Healthy Food

Over the course of the 2022/2023 school year the East Durham AAP administered £210,614.15 of Holiday Activities with Healthy Food funding through the Children and Young People Priority Group.

Over the school holiday periods 111 projects were delivered across the AAP area. In total 6,814 children attended across the year

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