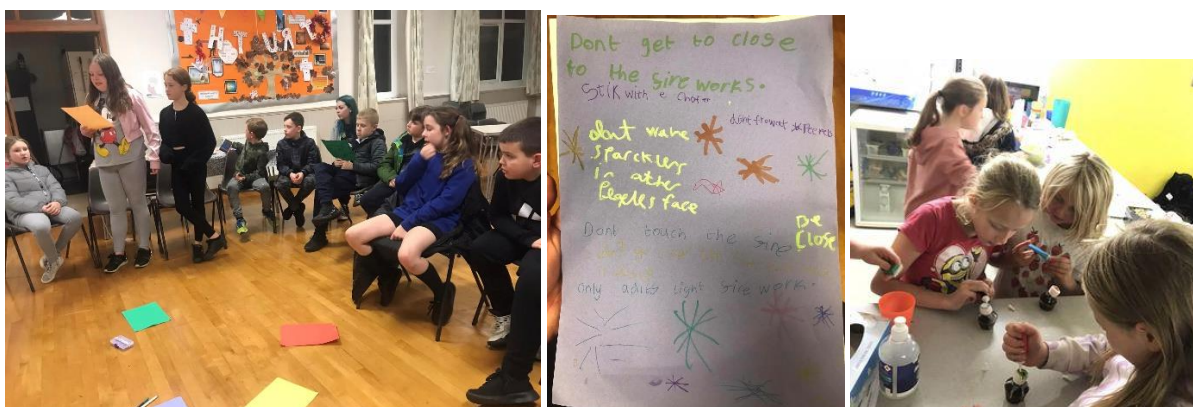




## Prudhoe Town Council Progress Report

**Junior Youth Club:** Junior youth club continues to be based at the Parish Hall and once a month in the Methodist Church. We continue to see good numbers for this session with our first session being the busiest but our second session growing as the weeks go by. We have welcomed a new member of staff to this session, Terri is our new sessional youth worker replacing Hollie. The young people have enjoyed group games, crafts, cooking and issue-based work around e-safety, road safety, firework safety and supporting each other. Our total attendances since September have been 264 with an average of 35 each night.



**Senior Youth Club:** These sessions continue to run at the Methodist Church on a Tuesday night. In September we had an open night encouraging young people in school year eight and above to join senior youth club, this was very successful, and we saw an increase in our weekly attendances. The young people in these sessions have really enjoyed being creative through arts and crafts, trying new things like tarot cards and they have made progress as a group and now come together to do an activity more often. Our weekly attendance is in the high teens, and we have seen 35 young people since September.

**Girls Group:** Girls Group continues to be extremely popular attendances in the around the high 20s each week at the Parish Hall and once a month at the Methodist Church. The young people have enjoyed mindfulness activities including calming jars and positive thought jars which allow them to explore their own feelings and support each other to have good mental health. Many young people coming to this session do not have a close friendship group in attendance which allows them to make new friends, which supports them to socialise and gain confidence. We have had 144 attendances since September.





**Lego Club:** We have now received funding from the Co-op for our Lego club which started on the 31st of October. These sessions are for young people who require additional support as they may be dealing with issues such as additional needs, social isolation, challenging behaviour, anxiety or lack of communication skills. We have selected a small group of young people from our current members who we know will benefit from these activities. The first group attending these sessions worked on the Christmas tree for PCP's Christmas tree festival. They did a great job and is available for you all to see in the community hub. Our next cohort starts on the 16th of January and these sessions are an invite only session so if you know a young person that would benefit from small group support sessions through our Lego club please get in touch.

**Tynedale Youth Forum:** We are an active member of the Tynedale Youth Forum (TYF) a group that has been running for decades aimed to support, work together, share resources, and take part in joint projects with other youth services in Tynedale. In October half term we attended a residential where 5 youth clubs and 40 young people came together to take part in adventurous activities at Whithaugh Park. We took 4 young people and they all really enjoyed meeting other peers from different areas. A wonderful project which we fully believe it opens doors and opportunities for young people.

**Christmas Activities:** These next two weeks we are busy delivering Christmas trips for each group. These include ice skating, clip and climb, inflataspace, bowling, as well as a joint group trip to the cinema and a canoeing session at Water world. We have had a huge uptake from young people currently attending our sessions. We will be holding a New Year's Party on the 3rd of January in the Parish Hall, there will be games party food and most importantly a safe space to come during the Christmas holidays.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Prudhoe Town Council for your ongoing support.

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