

Quarterly Report to Members

The highlight of the last three months has been the astonishing success of Purple Tuesday in Prudhoe, which was organised by PCP Access group as part of its ongoing work to make Front Street more user friendly for people in wheelchairs and pushing buggies.

Purple Tuesday was a national initiative on Tuesday 13th November when we persuaded 23 shop keepers to decorate their shops with Purple Tuesday regalia. 'Just to Say' won the prize for the best display. And more important we had some constructive conversations with the traders about being more welcoming to people with disabilities.



PCP trustee Kate Stanforth filming with Tyne Tees crew on Front St.

Purple Tuesday in Prudhoe was well covered in Hexham Courant and, to our delight, picked up by Tyne Tees and featured on the early evening news.

The Access group is now planning, along with other partners, to make Prudhoe 'Dementia Friendly' in the New Year. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

Actions from the Town Survey



Town survey stall in the Coop during May

Trustees reviewed the findings of our town survey which was analysed by Community Action Northumberland at their November meeting and have agreed actions for the next two years. They include helping setting up a new youth project, organising cultural events and working with the Town Council to improve the town centre. The actions are summarised in the supplement to this report and the full report and recommendations is available at www.prudhoe.org



Welcome to Jude Deeks

The Partnership is delighted to host Jude Deeks, newly appointed locality co ordinator in Tynedale and based at Spetchells Centre when she is working in Prudhoe. Over the next six months, Jude is 'mapping' community groups and facilities all over Tynedale as part of the Empowering People and Communities Project which is a partnership between Northumberland county council and Northumbria Healthcare foundation trust .

You can contact Jude on 07966490396 and she is keen to hear about groups in and around Prudhoe.

Prudhoe Youth Initiative

Trustees are supporting a new initiative to increase the range of activities for young people in the town which will supplement existing work at East Centre. The work starts work in earnest in the New Year and hopes to be providing some detached youth work in the town by Easter.

Spetchells Centre news

A new tenant arrives in January: Karen Saddington who runs a book keeping service will move into an office on the second floor.

And the Police celebrate one year in residence at Spetchells Centre this month. They report increased contact with the public at their desk by the front door.

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success with the building teeming with visitors in the run up to the lights being switched on at The Glade. And here is Father Christmas himself delivering presents at Spetchells Centre.



Our colleagues at WN Foodbank, who distribute parcels from Spetchells Centre, have had a great response in donations this month but they worry about supplies running out when they are really needed in January so do support them however you can.

Thanking you for your support, wishing you a happy Christmas and sending best wishes for the year ahead.

George Hepburn, Chair of trustees

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