

May Half-Term Provision Report to Prudhoe Town Council

Attendance/Referrals May Half Term 2021

18 children and young people signed up Mon - Fri May 31st - June 4th

14 were referrals from local primary middle and high schools.

4 were referrals from Stomping Grounds, for local children we had already been working with.

11 were not known to our organisation - this was their first time accessing our provision

5 identified as having a disability

10 were male, 8 were female

We supported 4 children with taxi transport to and from the site

1 referral did not attend for the week. She arrived at the carpark with a sibling but could not get out of the car due to crippling anxiety. Our practitioner was on hand to support this transition, but it was decided that this was not the right opportunity for her at this time. This was fed back to the school.

1 referral only attended 1 day. This was due to age differences within the group and behavioural challenges due to unmet needs (a need for peers of a similar age).

Feedback from parents and carers

All my children were able to socialise with other children and made new friends.

My children made new friends and learnt some pretty good forest skills. They enjoyed all the fresh air.

He loved the whole experience, and he was so happy going and he was still smiling when I collected him. He seemed a lot more confident mixing with other children and being outside.

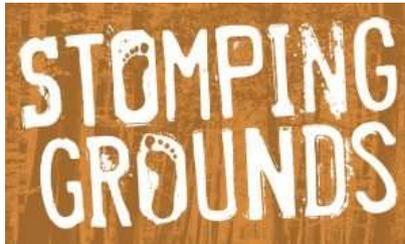
Great for mental well-being and socialising

My children always have a fantastic time.

They're engaged, shown new skills, meeting new people. It's had a huge impact on both of their personalities, coming out of their shell. They're always excited to tell me what activities they've done and what food they've cooked on the campfire when I pick them up. It gets them trying different foods too which is always a plus with children.

Additional comments:

Maybe you could give out or send out certificates to the children who attend. I think the children would like that; I know my children would as me have a certificate wall.



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Stomping grounds is so well organised and it's brought a lot of joy and has helped my boys to be more confident and it's definitely helped with their mental health.

Sessions are fantastic. My child really benefited from it and wouldn't be something we could normally afford to send him to.

What were the benefits

My children had an amazing time and enjoyed themselves.

My children got to meet new friends and have lots of fun outdoors.

He enjoyed being with other children, being outside and taking part in all the activities.

My child being in a routine and having outdoor space.

What could we improve?

Nothing.

He struggled a bit but managed with no toilet facilities but always had a change of clothes.

Clashing with other children who have similar problems.

How this informs our future planning

We have 5 full weeks of activity planned for the summer holidays. We have split the weeks by age range. We hope this will provide appropriate activity for some of the older young people who can spend time with their peers. Activities can be planned in a more age-appropriate way.

We have also planned a girls only week to encourage more girls to take part.

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