



Prudhoe Youth Project Q1 Update

Community Events and Weekend Work

We have been to a few events already this summer including your very successful Highfield Fest and Ovingham Goose Fair. We have a few more to follow including Water Safety Day, Music by the Riverside, Armed Forces Day.

We worked every Saturday morning through the winter months on the new Playzone at Eastwoods Park. We only contract staff to term time to ensure we don't overspend but this means it can be difficult to request staff to work weekends but not impossible.

I have 2 staff allocated for the student exchange on the 10th July, it would be great to have a letter to send to young people inviting them to come along, including the date, time and what to expect would be great, thank you.

Staffing

We have now completed the application with Madeliene to join the team as our 2nd apprentice youth worker in September. We have visited the university together, and Maddie was very excited and pleased to be joining us.

We have successfully recruited 2 new trustees, and they should join us at the next meeting.

The East / Borderland Update

3 main risks to the project moving forward:

- Funding – Not being able to fund the match funding required, around £500,000 for the east.
- Inflation – The risk is that inflation leaves a gap in funding, especially considering the rise in fuel costs, which will have a knock-on effect soon.
- Subsidy Control – A new term that basically means 100% of funds cannot be matched by public money, and legal advice must be sought to see how much of the project costs need to come from non-public money (grants, sponsorship, loans, etc).

We are working hard to complete the tasks required of us by the business New Skills who have been instructed by NCC to write the funding application. We hope that funding can be sourced from an external foundation or from NCC.

Crime Commissioner Funding

We have been successful and received money from the Crime Commissioner to work with young people who have recently been involved in ASB. Fifteen young people were recently suspended from school due to ASB issues, so I feel this piece of work has come at the right time.

It will include drop-in sessions/centre-based sessions, gym/swim sessions, professional coaching sessions, and trips. The aim is to build positive relationships with these young



people and encourage them to consider how their behaviour impacts others and the community.

Ovingham Middle School Drop In

We have had a lovely reception from Ovingham Middle School. The staff and pupils have been welcoming, and we have supported more than 20 young people in 3 sessions. We are starting a new one-to-one this week with someone from that school, and the Head of Year 8 is keen to see the transition work happen. Overall, a very good start!

One-to-One Support

One-to-one support has increased significantly this term, with eight young people currently receiving weekly support sessions. Referrals have come from schools, early help workers, and young people themselves. This targeted work is allowing us to provide more meaningful support for those with additional needs.

Mickley Youth Club

Mickley Youth Club held its first monthly session last week, with 4 people attending. The second one takes place this week. The question is: do we continue after the summer holidays if the numbers remain this low?

Water Safety Day

We have had a 2nd planning meeting for Water Safety Day. The event is confirmed for Saturday 4th July, 11:00–2:00pm. We have done a photo for the press, which Joe Morris attended. We hope this will help with publicity. A draft press release has been sent to Tony Bradley, Essity's PR representative.

Prudhoe Youth Project presents.....

Water Safety Day at Prudhoe Riverside

Postcode NE42 6NP
Saturday 4th July 2026
11:00am - 2:00pm

FREE EVENT!
Free Greggs for children 17 and under.

- Tyne Valley Canoe Club Free Taster Day! Get out on the water with instructors in a kayak, canoe or on a SUP board.
- Demonstrations and a chance to test safety equipment thanks to... Northumberland Fire and Rescue, Mountain Rescue and the Police Marine Unit.
- Take part in activities provided by PYP and don't forget about the free Greggs!

Let's keep everyone safe around water!!

Also attending.... Prudhoe Water World, Prudhoe Community Partnership and more to be confirmed

Event funded by... **essity**

Please note: This is a family event and Prudhoe Youth Project is not responsible for children and young people. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Supported by....

PRUDHOE YOUTH PROJECT

FREE SWIMMING SESSIONS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THIS SUMMER!

AVAILABLE EVERY SATURDAY FROM AND INCLUSIVE OF 11TH JULY TO 12TH SEPTEMBER

2:40-3:40
AT PRUDHOE WATER WORLD

PLEASE ARRIVE FROM 2:30

AVAILABLE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 8-18 AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES LIVING IN AN NE42 POSTCODE.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED JUST TURN UP!

PLEASE NOTE: FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

Children's Alliance
Better starts, brighter futures

WITH THANKS TO THE CHILDREN ALLIANCE



This year, the focus will be on engaging teenagers and reinforcing key water safety messages, particularly the importance of avoiding entering the water and ensuring adult supervision and buoyancy aids where necessary.

We have received extra funding this year from the Children's Alliance to offer 20 children free swimming lessons for 16 weeks, a free-swimming session every week for 10 weeks as well as funding towards the staffing costs for water safety day.

Summer Holiday Programme

Our summer holiday programme has just gone live. Delivering 4 days a week for the first 4 weeks, with a mixture of trips and centre-based activities.

All activities will include a meal for young people, and we are hoping to offer free packed lunches for the whole 6 weeks.

We believe we will provide over 250 meals to children this summer, we will keep a running total today and update you in September.

WHAT'S ON

We are excited to announce that we will be running a 4 week summer holiday programme for young people age 8-18

We are running trips and centre based sessions over the holidays and everyone is welcome! To access one of our trips please complete a full trip consent form. You can receive this via email or they can be posted. Please contact Gemma Nixon on 07502 851847 / gemma@prudhoeyouthproject.org

Other Centre based sessions £2.00
Trips £5

WK	DATE & TIME	ACTIVITY	£
20th July	MON 9:45 am-2:00pm	Bowling and lunch at Westworth, Hexham.	5.00
	TUES 10:00am-2:00pm	Fun and Games at Eastwoods Park, meet us at the Pavilion, packed lunch provided, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.	2.00
	WED 10:00am-2:00pm	Youth Club at Methodist Church Basement Room, *pack lunch provided, JUST TURN UP!	2.00
	THURS 7:15 am-7:30pm	Flamingo Land Trip, please bring water and a packed lunch and snacks.	5.00
27th July	MON 9:45 am-2:00pm	Forum Cinema Hexham, film tbc, water bottle required.	5.00
	TUES 10:00am-2:00pm	Fun and Games at Eastwoods Park, meet us at the Pavilion, packed lunch provided, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.	2.00
	WED 10:00am-2:00pm	Youth Club at the Parish Hall, *pack lunch provided, JUST TURN UP!	2.00
	THURS 9:45 am-2:45 pm	Surfing at South Shields, towel, swimming costume, water bottle and snacks required.	5.00
3rd August	MON 9:30am-2:00pm	Swimming and food at Westworth, Hexham, water bottle required.	5.00
	TUES 10:00am-2:00pm	Fun and Games at Eastwoods Park, meet us at the Pavilion, packed lunch provided, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.	2.00
	WED 10:00am-2:00pm	Youth Club at Prudhoe Castle, *pack lunch provided, JUST TURN UP!	2.00
	THURS 9:30am-4:15 pm	Adventure Valley, water bottle and snacks required.	5.00
10th August	MON 9:45 am-2:30pm	Metro Centre, Clip and Climb, McDonalds, please bring a water bottle, no hoodies.	5.00
	TUES 10:00am-2:00pm	Fun and Games at Eastwoods Park, meet us at the Pavilion, packed lunch provided, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.	2.00
	WED 10:00am-2:00pm	Youth Club at Methodist Church Basement Room, *pack lunch provided, JUST TURN UP!	2.00
	THURS 9:45 am-2:15 pm	Infatesspace and food, wear long sleeves/trousers, water bottle required.	5.00

*Free packed lunch from the Library every Wednesday on weeks 1-6

CONSENT FORM

We require a consent form for young people to drop into our Summer Sessions. You can find this on the back of this leaflet. Please complete the form and return it to us. You can also bring it on the first session you attend. **PLEASE NOTE** that if you are already a current member we still need this form completed as this is for our drop in summer camp.

WANT TO COME ON A TRIP?

Our trips are open to everyone. A consent form is required, please scan the QR code to complete the form or email gemma@prudhoeyouthproject and she will send you the link. The deadline to receive our trip consent forms is 10th July and we will confirm places by Friday 17th July.

SCAN THE QR CODE

I want to thank you again for your continued support, we couldn't do this without you!