



Prudhoe Town NEWS

LOCAL NEWS FOR PRUDHOE AND MICKLEY

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Prudhoe community groups benefit from town grants

Thirty five community groups and charities in and around Prudhoe, providing valuable services to residents of Prudhoe and Mickley, were awarded over £30,000 in grant funding by Prudhoe Town Council at its January meeting.

Grants awarded ranged from £50 to £6000, providing a valuable boost to local community groups and charities.

In addition to grant funding, a further £25,000 was set aside by Prudhoe Town Council for organisations providing youth work in the town. This follows the Council's decision at an Extraordinary Meeting in January to seek an asset transfer of the East Centre in Prudhoe. Further information on grants awarded can be found at Prudhoe Town Council's website:

www.parish-council.com/prudhoe/index.asp?pageid=678119

Community groups and charities who are benefiting from grant funding are;

1st Prudhoe Guides
1st Prudhoe Scouts
Children North East
Community Action Northumberland
Dragon Tale Theatre Group
Fuse Community Cinema
Happy Faces – Prudhoe (Pictured)
Northumberland Credit Union
Northumberland CAB
Prudhoe Aged Peoples Treat
Prudhoe Air Training Corps
Prudhoe & Dist Local History Society
Prudhoe & Dist U3A
Prudhoe Army Cadet Force
Prudhoe Castle Bowling Club
Prudhoe Community Allotment
Prudhoe Community Band
Prudhoe Community Choir

Prudhoe Community Events Group
Prudhoe Community Partnership
Prudhoe East Centre Motor Project
Prudhoe Gleemen
Prudhoe Leisure Group
Prudhoe Over 50's
Prudhoe Pathforce
Prudhoe Town Football Club
Prudhoe Town Twinning Association
Prudhoe Town Women Football Club
Prudhoe Youth Football Club
Radio Prudhoe
Spetchells Conservation Group
Sport Tynedale
Tyne Valley Canoe Club
Tynedale Hospice At Home
Prudhoe Really Youthfull Theatre
West Wylam Litter Busters

For more information on these groups and contact details visit:

www.visitprudhoe.uk

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We'd like to hear from you

Prudhoe Town News will be a quarterly update on news from Prudhoe Town Council. We'd love to hear from people who would like to share great news stories with their community. Simply drop us an email and a brief description of your news story and we'll try to feature it in future issues.

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Prudhoe Town Council push ahead with East Centre transfer

Prudhoe East Centre which has been on a rocky road over recent years looks set to have a secure future. Initially being put up for sale by Northumberland County Council local people including Prudhoe Town Council campaigned to have the for sale signs taken down.

Its future uncertain, and a review by Northumberland County Council about youth service provision underway, Prudhoe Town Council decided at an extraordinary meeting in mid-January to seek an asset transfer of the East Centre to the Town Council. The decision followed the completion of a feasibility study carried out between Prudhoe Town Council and Prudhoe Community Partnership.

Speaking about the decision to seek an asset transfer Mayor of Prudhoe, Cllr Gerry Price said *"The town council were concerned over the youth service at the East Centre and took the decision to secure its future."*

"The Town Council unanimously decided to seek an asset transfer following support for the youth service expressed by our young people, community groups and residents of Prudhoe."

"This is a brave decision by the Town Council and as we work through this process, which we hope is with the support of the people of Prudhoe, to ensure the East Centre can be an asset for all of our community to use and becomes an important part of the future of our town."

Dog fouling on the increase

Following an increase in dog fouling, dog walkers are being urged to be more responsible whilst walking their dogs. Extra patrols are planned by Northumberland County Council Dog Wardens to catch and fine those responsible.

Complaints from parents have sparked health worries about their children playing in Eastwoods Park. One resident living near Eastwoods Park was recently fined for not cleaning up after their dog. Teachers at Adderlane Academy have also expressed concerns about dog fouling around the entrance to the school.

Town Councillor Angie Scott has recently started a Facebook campaign called **'PiCK IT uP'** to encourage responsible dog ownership and make people aware of the issue. Cllr Angie Scott said *"Dog fouling is a problem across the whole of our town, and we need to raise awareness of it to encourage more responsible dog ownership"*.

Dog walkers are encouraged to join Northumberland County Council's Green Dog Walkers campaign. By signing the Green Dog Walker pledge owners agree to always clean up after their dog and put the bag in a bin and to use a friendly approach to encourage other dog walkers to do the same. Northumberland County Council



"The transfer will take some time to go through with Northumberland County Council and we will work with both the County Council, community groups and the wider community to ensure this is a success".

A feasibility study which was commissioned jointly between Prudhoe Town Council and Prudhoe Community Partnership has recently been published on Prudhoe Town Council's website, and a working group of Town Councillors have been tasked with preparing for the asset transfer.

As part of the asset transfer, Prudhoe Town Council are committed to ensuring our wider community have a say in the future of the building and we have an online survey available for anyone to provide their views, available here:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EastCentre



provide a Green Dog Walkers support kit to local community groups and individuals who wish to get involved.

Those signing up will be sent a green dog walkers armband to wear when walking their dog, to help draw attention to the scheme. They will also be sent green doggy bags and pledge leaflets.

Green Dog Walking is intended to be a friendly and

non-confrontational approach to changing attitudes to the problem of dog fouling.

It will complement other approaches being delivered across the County including issuing fines when irresponsible dog owners are caught allowing their dogs to foul without picking up after them, and also through educational initiatives promoting responsible dog ownership.

If you are interested in becoming a Green Dog Walker, please email: greenogwalkers@northumberland.gov.uk or for further information about the scheme you can visit the council's website



www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers

leave only pawprints...

Northumberland County Councillor, Glen Sanderson, cabinet member for the environment and local services said:

"Failing to clean up after your dog is unacceptable. Dog fouling is one of our top environmental priorities and one of the issues most commonly raised with us by residents. Not only is it unpleasant but dog dirt can carry serious diseases which can cause blindness and liver disorders, and children are the most susceptible."

"The council's dog wardens work hard to educate the public on responsible dog ownership and our commitment to effective enforcement will continue as before with patrols in problem areas across Northumberland"

"Green Dog Walkers will have the power to add to their efforts and change attitudes about dog fouling in Northumberland in a positive and friendly way."

Residents are also encouraged to report dog fouling on pavements to Northumberland County Council who will then send a cleaning crew to clean the pavement. The more reports that are made the more prominent this issue will become and more likely NCC's Dog Wardens will patrol our area.

Reporting dog fouling is simple and takes under a minute online, or via the MyStreet App, which also allows you to report issues of litter, rubbish, nuisance behaviour and more.



Dogs in Cemeteries, Yes or No?

We all know that dogs are considered part of the family, and for many, visiting a loved ones grave with your family pet is an important part of life. Some time ago Prudhoe Town Council took the decision to ban dogs from its cemeteries. This was due to some dog owners allowing their dogs to foul the cemetery, with individuals visiting their lost loved ones to find that graves had been fouled on.

Following a change in legislation, dog bans can now only be imposed by the local authority under a Public Space Protection Order. As a result Prudhoe Town Council are having to review its ban of dogs in cemeteries.

With calls from some dog owners requesting the Town Council change their signs to allow dogs on leads, the Town Council are worried this will mean the return of dog fouling in the cemetery. At a recent meeting where this issue was discussed, many Councillors raised concerns over the lack of respect and irresponsible behaviour of some members of the public who allow their dogs to foul in the cemetery and do not clean it up. Councillors agreed that the signs banning dogs would remain, until a review has been undertaken and discussions with Northumberland County Council have been carried out.

Your Community

In this issue we'll be introducing 'Happy Faces' a relatively new community group to Prudhoe. Happy Faces the brainchild of Cllr Angie Scott and her friend Amanda Carr (pictured). Both women, who met each other through supporting their children with additional needs, saw a lack of youth services and support in the Prudhoe area. Amanda said *"Because our own children struggled with out of school activities and we just wanted somewhere for them to go and have some fun. Other areas have similar offerings but Prudhoe didn't"*.

The idea began in May last year and by September the group was up and running. Starting with around 18 children attending the twice weekly sessions.



Amanda says *"the kids get to be kids, have some fun and get to mix with other children. Personally my daughter is making friends which is something she struggles with"*.

Sessions include a youth club on a Monday evening offering games, craft sessions and even cookery. The group also have the support of Ferndene, Prudhoe Youth Football Club and Newcastle United Foundation offering football training at Ferndene on Tuesday evenings. Children have also taken part in other activities including trips to Beamish and Whitehouse Farm.

The group especially for children with additional needs has the support of a specialist youth worker which is paid for by the group. Funding for the group comes from parents, fundraising activities and grants. Happy Faces recently received £2,500 from Prudhoe Town Council and £250 from Northumberland County Councils Community Chest. Speaking about the group Happy Faces co-founder and Town Councillor Angie Scott says *"the support of Prudhoe Town Council has been invaluable, especially when other youth services don't cater for children with special or additional needs"*. For more information about Happy Faces, why not visit their website www.happyfaces-prudhoe.co.uk or email them on info@happyfaces-prudhoe.co.uk or visit their facebook page.



Great Pilgrimage 90

A decade after the end of WW1, veterans and war widows visited the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres before marching to the Menin Gate in Ypres on 8 August 1928.

Exactly 90 years later, thousands of British Legion members will recreate The 1928 Great Pilgrimage to visit the same battlefields and then, on 8 August 2018, carry their standards along the same route to the Menin Gate, to commemorate the last 100 days of WW1 and represent an entire generation that served while defending their country.

Prudhoe will be represented by the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion's Prudhoe Branch. Fundraising efforts have been underway to send representatives on the Great Pilgrimage along with their Standard and wreath to lay at the Menin Gate. For more information or to make a donation, please contact MRS IRENE DAVIS TEL: 01661 832740



A SOLDIER'S POEM.

Composed at the Front by Pte. A. Gibbons, No. 2050, "D" Coy., 4th Northd. Fusiliers.

<p>Dear Tommy, just a line or two, To let you know that we've pulled through, And to our country we'll be true, The canny lads from Prudhoe.</p> <p>To Blyth we came as strangers, but friends we parted, And every lad was broken-hearted, When on the boat for France we started, The canny lads from Prudhoe.</p> <p>We soon got face to face with Huns, And their big Jack Johnson guns, And they tomed the shrapnel in by tons, On the canny lads from Prudhoe.</p> <p>It just seemed to be our luck, On we went with British pluck, Till a piece of shrapnel came and struck A canny lad from Prudhoe.</p> <p>He faltered, then on his face he fell, Beside him I knelt down as well, And how he died just I can tell, That canny lad from Prudhoe.</p>	<p>Rather than being a German slave, He lies on the field among the brave, And I wrote on wood across his grave— A canny lad from Prudhoe.</p> <p>He volunteered to cross the sea, To fight for his King and country, And fell for England's liberty— That canny lad from Prudhoe.</p> <p>Tell Thomas Davison, of Cowpen Quay, And also Robert Caisley, That you have had a line from me, One of the lads from Prudhoe.</p> <p>And tell them we are keeping fit, As in our dug-outs here we sit, Ready again to do our bit— The canny lads from Prudhoe.</p> <p>All the boys join in and send Their best respects to all their friends, And on Providence it all depends— For the canny lads from Prudhoe.</p>
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CARDS - ONE PENNY EACH.

Proceeds to get Cigarettes, Etc., for Local Soldiers at the Front.

Top right, Menin Gate Pilgrimage above, A Soldier's Poem written by Private A Gibbons of Prudhoe to raise funds to purchase cigarettes and other essentials for local soldiers at the front www.prudhoelocalhistory.com/in-memory-of-those-who-fell

Bob Stokoe Shield Charity Football Match

This annual football match in support of Ferndene Hospital in Prudhoe will be held on Friday 4th May. The match, played between Prudhoe United and Sunderland AFC under 23's will kick off at 6:30pm with doors opening at 5:30pm at Prudhoe Town FC's ground Kimberly Park on Broomhouse Road, Prudhoe. This year sees Prudhoe Town FC and Prudhoe Youth Football Club join forces.

Mickley-born Bob Stokoe was the Sunderland manager who led his team to the club's only post-war major trophy, the FA Cup in 1973, and he became such a hero that a statue of him, complete with his famous trilby hat and Mackintosh jacket, takes pride of place outside Sunderland's Stadium of Light. Stokoe also won the FA Cup as a player with Newcastle United.

Tickets for the match are priced at £4.00 for adults, £1.00 for children, and are available from;

Ferndene Hospital between 9am and 8pm, telephone 01661 828400, Prudhoe Town Community Centre by calling Brian on 07855771335 or by calling Prudhoe Town Council on 01661 835487.



WHAT'S ON

Fuse Community Cinema

Plenty to watch for all ages in April at the Fuse Community Cinema;

Saturday 14th April – Peter Rabbit and I, Tonya

Saturday 28th April – Duck Duck Goose and Darkest Hour

To check listings and book tickets, visit www.fusecinema.co.uk

Fuse Community Cinema is run and managed by volunteers for the benefit of the people of Prudhoe and Tynedale.

Adult Learning at the Fuse

MS Office Skills starting **18th April**

Social Media Marketing starting **17th April**

Web Design for Beginners starting **19th April**

Step into Science starting **26th July**

For more information on these courses and to download a prospectus visit

www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Learning.aspx

Anti-Social Behaviour

Over recent months Prudhoe has experienced a spate of anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder. Whilst the number of reported crimes has not risen significantly, 191 crimes (111 in the Prudhoe area) were reported in East Tynedale in January 2018 compared to 206 for the same month last year (118 in the Prudhoe area), anti-social behaviour has a greater public profile.

Whilst all crime has a cost, the level of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage caused has a cost to our town and residents as taxpayers. Prudhoe Town Council will be meeting with police representatives to discuss ways of reducing anti-social behaviour in our town which recently appears to be alcohol fuelled. **Please think twice before buying alcohol for anyone underage.**

It is also important that any criminal or disruptive behaviour is reported to the police by calling 999 or 101 for non-emergencies.