



HARTLEPOOL SPECIAL NEEDS
support group

NEWSLETTER

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Please contact the office to book your places now as show tickets are limited. Sessions are open to all ages and held at Resource Centre unless specified.



Important:- The group try to heavily subsidise activities for families depending on funding, please give us a call for details on any costs. When you have added names to any Activities-Trips-Theatre & live shows costs will be required asap, this is to guarantee your place. We book and pay in advance for tickets/entrance costs. Any cancellations—full costs will be due i.e. No group subsidy

Oct

12th Mums/carers coffee-morning, come along for a cuppa and catch-up 10.30 am

20th Film Night 6.00pm to 9.00pm over 13's

30th Jump 360 "Trampoline Park" - 10.30am to 1.30pm

31st Halloween Fun Session, with lunch and treats (fancy dress optional)
11.00 am to 1.30 pm under 13's

31st Pub Lunch with Bingo 3.00pm to 6.00 pm over 13's

Nov

1st Golden Pearl Pirates and the curse of School Island, Billingham Forum 12.30pm

2nd Larry's Lanes, Seaton Carew 11.30am to 2.30pm.

3th Pizza Hut/Cinema—Meet 12 noon

25th **Please note:** Shopping Extravaganza:- Unfortunately due unforeseen circumstances this event has been cancelled.

25th Stockeld Park, Wetherby Enchanted Forest & Maze, Ice-skating and visit Santa.

Dec

6th Christmas Fayre 1.00pm— wanted: items for sale, prizes for raffle/tombolo stall, goodies for hamper

13th Parents. carers and friends come along to our Mince Pie Afternoon served by our Get-together Club 1.00pm

17th Peter Pan, Hartlepool Town Hall—Matinee

29th Christmas Panto "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", Darlington Hippodrome—Matinee

March

9th Aladdin, Sunderland Empire Matinee Performance, —experience the magic of Agrabah come to life! **Aladdin** the Musical offers dazzling performances, breathtaking sets, and timeless songs.

Core Fundraising Group

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A BIG “THANK YOU” TO ALL OUR RUNNERS, IT WAS A HARD YEAR STARTING WITH A HEATWAVE AND ENDING WITH A DOWNPOUR!

ANDREW AND JAMIE ALLISON,
CHRIS CONROY, DONNA FENWICK, ADAM GROVES, MIKEY GATENBY, JOHN HARRIS, MARK HARRISON, ARAN HETHERINGTON, LU LIU, ADAM PASCOE, CRAIG SEDGEWICK, HELEN THRELFALL & PIRAN WATSON

FANTASTIC EFFORT FROM ALL INVOLVED “WELL DONE”



MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS EVENTS, DONATIONS ETC

£67.00 Spring Fayre and Raffle	£203.50 Tuck Shops
£80.00 Afternoon Tea	£20.00 Via Taylor Family
£20.00 Via Alfie Smailes' Family	£14.00 Via Luke and Cameron
£20.00 Barbara Dunn Via Armstrong Family	£56.00 Sale of donated items
£50.00 Use of centre via Rosanne Waites	£50.00 Via Adam Burgons' Family 5p's
£1,125.00 Tesco Community Grant	
£398.00 Constellation/Friends Show - Raffle, DVD	
£1110.00 Ryan Gretton—In Lieu of Flowers, includes £300.00—Darchem Engineering	
£110.00 Bev—Abigail's grandma in lieu of flowers	

We would like to give a huge “Thank You” to all who have continued to support us and everyone who took the time who vote for us through the blue token appeal in Tesco

Christmas Cakes

Our supporter Pauline, will again this year be baking, decorating and donating beautifully wrapped Christmas Cakes. We are again nice and early to get your orders in — cakes will be made to order.

Summer Scheme 2023

Due to our normal venue undergoing alterations we looked into alternative suitable locations. After a number of enquiries and visits to various venues, Stranton Primary School were very helpful and suited our requirements. It was another great success enabling all children and young adults to participate and enjoy the full programme of activities on offer. Including in-house and external entertainers, i.e. Bubbleman, Circurama, Fae Parties, Farm Bus, Hartlepotz, Pets4People, Sparkling Treasures and Steve's Animal Ark. The added bonus of an on-site soft play area and bouncy castle was one of the highlights of the day for many. The specialized bikes hired were well used and popular, as were the visits from the fire engine and ice-cream van. All trips to the off-site hydro-therapy pool were enjoyed by all who attended. It was a lovely to see so many members who have attended previous summer schemes and a delight to welcome a number of new families to our services.

Quotes from parents/carers:

This is **Theo's** first year at Summer Scheme and he will definitely be returning. He has enjoyed every minute and we feel he as been supported really well, can't fault any of the staff and I have felt at ease leaving him.

I am so pleased to have found this Group, **Guy** would love to attend next year and even some clubs as he gets older. Staff could not be better, everyone is so friendly and understanding. I felt my child was in safe hands and well cared for.

Evan and Leo enjoyed the Summer Scheme and will definitely be back next year. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

All the staff have done an amazing job as always, **Jessica** enjoyed the different activities and fun things on offer. We can't thank all staff enough for their support this summer.

Children and young adults:

Using our widget symbol individuals completed forms. All identified "happy faces" and the variety of activities on offer were thoroughly enjoyed.

Quotes from Staff and Volunteers:

I have really enjoyed my time working during the summer scheme, I felt the activities were tailored to each individual ensuring everyone could be involved. I would love the opportunity to continue working with the children and young adults.

I have enjoyed my time working at the summer scheme, it has helped me to develop new skills and appreciate others.

I have enjoyed working again during this years summer scheme, and activities were really good and engaging for all. All members of staff were helpful and easy to talk to for advice, I hope to continue working with Hartlepool Special needs Support Group.

