



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.**



## OCTOBER

- Saturday 4th Meet and Mingle 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
- Thursday 9th Parent/carers coffee-morning, come along for a cuppa and catch-up 10.30 am
- Tuesday 14th Members Meeting 6.00 pm - see overleaf
- Friday 17th Film Night with hotdogs and treats 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm (over 13's)
- Saturday 18th Mary Poppins, Sunderland Empire (matinee performance) - limited seats!
- Monday 27th Halloween Fun Session @ 11.00 am to 1.30 pm (under 13's)  
*Fancy dress optional*
- Tuesday 28th Pizza Hut/Cinema @ TBC
- Wednesday 29th Larry's Lanes, Seaton Carew 11.45 am to 2.15 pm
- Thursday 30th Halloween Fun Session 12 noon to 2.30 pm (over 13's)  
*Fancy dress optional*

## NOVEMBER

- SATURDAY 22nd Constellation and Friends Show— see overleaf, book tickets now!

## DECEMBER

- Sunday 14th Panto "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" @ Hartlepool Town Hall
- Sunday 28th Panto "Goldilocks and the three bears", Darlington Hippodrome (matinee performance)

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

**MEMBERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CORE FUNDRAISING GROUP  
EVENTS, DONATIONS ETC**

We would like to take this opportunity to give a huge "Thank You" to everyone who continues to support us.

£45.00 Parent/Carers Afternoon Tea      £213.50 Tuck Shops

**A BIG "THANK YOU" TO ALL OUR GREAT NORTH RUNNERS**

BEN ALDERSON, ELLEN MCDONOUGH, MICHELLE ODGERS AND SARA TAYLOR

**FANTASTIC EFFORT FROM ALL INVOLVED "WELL DONE"**

Do you have ideas for future fundraising events or would you like to plan your own event?  
Please contact the office, all suggestions welcome.

**MEMBERS MEETING:- TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 6.00 PM**

It was lovely to see those who attended at our last meeting, it would be good to increase attendees, we have a large number of families who access our many services and you would always be warmly welcomed.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:- TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026 6.00 PM**

We would welcome your support, it would be lovely to see you.

**\*Refreshments provided and support for children/young adults can be available if booked\***

**Constellation & Friends**

**Proudly Presents**

**REFLECT 20**

**20 Years of Theatre Performance**

held at

Centre of Excellence in Creative Arts, King Oswy Drive on

Saturday 22nd November 2025

**Ticket £10.00**

**IMPORTANT:-** Over 18 – Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group is a provider and must be incorporated within individuals personalised budget. 18 years+ documentation must be completed to agree support costs etc. to continue accessing our services. Please make an appointment at least 3 months prior to member turning 18.

# Summer Scheme 2025

Our yearly summer scheme was held again at Stranton Primary School this year, it was an extremely busy 3 weeks with over 60 families accessing the service. All children and young adults enjoyed a jam packed programme of activities and entertainment including:- Bubbleman, Circurama, Hartlepotz, Animals About Town, Sparkling Treasures and Steve's Animal Ark. The on-site soft play area with bouncy castle was a popular activity with everyone. The specialized bikes and go-karts were great hit, the lovely weather made all outdoor activities especially enjoyable topped off with the visit from the ice-cream van. The off-site hydro-therapy pool sessions were enjoyed by all who attended. It was lovely to see so many members who have previously attended and a pleasure to welcome new families to our services.

## Quotes from parents/carers:

**Rayah** really enjoyed the summer scheme, she practically runs to get in at drop off. Staff have been kind, patient, encouraging and helpful. She really enjoyed swimming and is more engaging and talkative at home.

**Adam** always looks forward to summer scheme, he enjoys socializing with his friends, riding the bikes, craft activities and entertainers. I feel confident that he is well supported and receives medication as needed. This allows us a break to recharge batteries, knowing Adam is having fun.

This was **Noah's** first time at Summer Scheme, after his first day he was asking to go back. Knowing Noah is happy and enjoyed his time has given us reassurance and less anxious in allowing him join activities independently.

Summer Scheme is brilliant, everyone is busy with all the activities on offer, the summer holidays wouldn't be the same without it. It caters for all ages and abilities, we hope it continues for years to come.

## 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 including bikes, bubbleman, animals, swimming etc.

## Quotes from Staff and Volunteers:

The children enjoyed all the activities, which were appropriate for the scheme. I have really enjoyed my time working here and made some good friends and memories.

All staff were super friendly and helpful, I really enjoyed working here over the summer.

Amazing atmosphere for all children and a great place to work.

So much to do for everyone the children were always busy—overall a lovely place to attend.

