

Pelton Fell People

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PELTON FELL COMMUNITY

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Safe Durham Partnership

The Safe Durham Partnership is a multi-agency body sharing information and working together to reduce crime, fear of crime and tackle anti-social behaviour. The Partnership has been working closely with Cestria, NomadE5, your local Councillors and Pelton Fell Community Partnership to improve the quality of life in Pelton Fell.

In response to reports of anti-social behaviour, extra patrols have been and will continue to be conducted by your Neighbourhood Police Team and Council Enforcement Officers in marked and unmarked vehicles and on foot. Cestria, NomadE5, the Council and the Police have sent 28 warning letters and carried out 13 home visits to individuals who have been named as being involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour in Pelton Fell; where the behaviour continues, further action will be taken.

The Council's Civic Pride team are working with the Police to deliver educational sessions in local Primary Schools around enviro-crime (including littering, vandalism and dog fouling) and anti-social behaviour. The DERIC youth bus project has been at the Brockwell Centre on Friday evenings. Youth nuisance has slightly decreased

but the efforts of partner agencies will continue.

In response to reports of speeding and anti-social use of vehicles, the Police Off-Road Bike and Traffic teams have been patrolling the area regularly. In recent weeks six Traffic 183s (warning notices) have been issued and three bikes which were being driven anti-socially have been seized. The Police will also be looking to carry out a Community Speedwatch event.

The Partnership wishes to work together with the Community to continue to address these issues. In order for resources and actions to be effective we need to know where and when incidents are occurring and we ask that residents continue to report all incidents. Any information provided is in confidence and reports can also be made anonymously. We would also strongly encourage residents to attend Police and Community together (PACT) meetings in order to hear about the work which is ongoing, to talk to the agencies involved, and to contribute towards improving the quality of life in Pelton Fell.

PACT Meetings: Last Wed of every month at 6pm in the Brockwell Centre.

Useful Contacts

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ASB Officer - Cestria Housing
Ann Hall
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ASB Officer - Nomad E5 Housing
Lesley Duffy
0191 292 2650

Highways Action Line
Repairs to street lighting and roads
0191 370 6000

Direct Services
Report littering and graffiti
0191 371 1040

Consultation Results and Future Priorities

Pelton Fell Community Partnership has carried out consultations through questionnaires to establish how the community feels in regards to support for the Brockwell Centre and to determine future projects.

The questionnaires were handed out in February and produced a positive response. Young people were consulted separately through their youth groups at the centre.

The majority of respondents thought that the Brockwell Centre was either excellent or very good. There were many suggestions for the other activities people would like to see in the centre; with more activities for children/teenagers; keep fit/exercise classes being the most popular suggestions.

We asked respondents how much need they think there was to re-develop the Battery Path, 51% strongly agreed that there was a need for this, nobody disagreed.

Respondents felt that the biggest issues were that: the area around the shop needed improving; that Crime and anti-social behavior needed tackling; and litter needed picking up.

The majority of respondents thought that there is a fear of crime in Pelton Fell. A number of the people asked thought this existed in the whole village, with other people feeling the main areas were the middle of the new housing estate, the Community Centre in the

evenings and around the building sites in the village.

Most of the people asked, strongly agreed that CCTV would help combat crime. Respondents thought the greatest needs were in the areas of Children & Young People, the Elderly, The Environment, Crime and Employment.

Overall, the majority of people felt that the community's needs were well addressed. However, with help from the council and the police, things could be improved further.

The Partnership is currently finalising its budget for 10/11 and will be developing the Brockwell Centre programme to meet the needs highlighted. Details of new projects will be published in the next newsletter.

Creative Writing

What is creative writing? Well, it can be almost anything you want it to be; from a shopping list to your autobiography. It is all about you and what you want to say and how you want to say it.

The Pelton Fell Writers Group takes on different exercises that are designed to liberate the imagination. They can be blasting off into outer space or fishing a supermarket trolley out of a canal.

The course is designed to take us on a voyage of personal discovery and prove that we all can be writers. Imagination can take us anywhere and everywhere and part of the fun of being in the group is sharing experiences.

For more information on the course, please contact the Brockwell Centre on 0191 389 3399 or email centre@peltonfell.org.uk

New Community Website

Pelton Fell Community Partnership (PFCP) have developed and launched a new community website for Pelton Fell in early March 2010. You can visit the website at: www.peltonfell.org.uk.

The new website provides the community with details of activities for all ages and community groups along with local news and events in Pelton Fell. It also gives details of a database of local businesses, visitor information for those who want to visit Pelton Fell and an online message forum for the community to discuss its history, current issues and make suggestions.

Simeon Ripley, Community Partnership Manager for PFCP, said 'This new online resource will provide a wealth of information to the community and visitors of Pelton Fell, helping improve engagement and communication within the village. The Partnership hopes this will attract new members to take part in community activities at The Brockwell Centre and work together to help improve Pelton Fell'.

Simeon has also asked for all community groups, clubs, businesses and societies in Pelton Fell to contact him if they wish to appear on the website. Simeon can be contacted by email at simeon@peltonfell.org.uk or on 0191 389 3399.

PFCP would like to thank Cestria Housing Association and ISOS Housing for their grants to develop the new website.

Young People learning Music Technology at the Brockwell Centre



The Brockwell Centre Programme

Here is the Centre Programme for the next few months at The Brockwell Centre. More details on the activities are available in the centre or by ringing Hayley Gunton on 0191 389 3399. Updated versions will be in the centre's foyer.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Credit Union: 10am - 11.00am	Young Men's Interest Group: 1 - 3pm	aMazing Mondays: 4 - 6pm Girls Group: 6 - 8pm Football: 5-7pm
Tuesday	Older Persons Forum: 10am - 12pm	History Group: 1 - 3pm	Children's Art Group: 6 - 7.30pm
Wednesday	Under 5's Story Books: 9.30am - 11am Prayer Group: 10-11am	Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm	Football: 5-7pm
Thursday			Senior Youth Group: 6 - 8pm
Friday	Church Group: 10 - 11.30am	Art Class: 1 - 3pm	
Saturday	Football: 10am - 12pm	Hall available for Party Bookings	
Sunday		Hall available for Party Bookings	Karate Classes: 4 - 6pm

Expert Patients Programme



My name is Alison Boyd and I work as a Support Worker for the NHS, promoting and delivering a programme in self management for people living with long term health conditions, called the Expert Patients Programme.

The programme is free and offers tips and techniques to help you improve your day to day living, we do not offer medical advice, we offer you practical advice to help you self manage your life and some of the problems you may encounter when living with a long term conditions. The programme is for anyone with a long term condition over the age of 18.

The programme is two and a half hours per week and lasts for 7 weeks, it is delivered by volunteers who themselves are living with long term conditions. It's friendly and fun and there are free refreshments available.

We can also offer free transport to anyone who would like to attend the course but might find it difficult to get to the Brockwell Centre in Pelton Fell. The next course available at the Brockwell Centre starts on Thursday 20th May at 1.30 and continues on a Thursday afternoon for 7 weeks.

To enrol on the course or for more information please contact Alison on 01207 523648 or call in and get a registration form from Simeon Ripley at the Brockwell Centre.

Neighbourhood Watch



Why not join Neighbourhood Watch and become part of a community?

Our aim is to work as a team in the community to reduce crime.

- That's what Neighbourhood Watch is all about – looking out for each other
- It means that dozens of eyes and ears are ready to pick up on anything happening in your neighbourhood that could cause worry or concern
- Many people ask "Is it being nosy?" It's not about being nosy or interfering, it's about being a good neighbour and caring about your community

For further information contact Linda McAloon on 0191 3752354 or linda.mcaloon@durham.pnn.police.uk.

Thank You Eileen!

On 25th February this year, a large group of people gathered in the Brockwell centre to give Eileen Hayes a rousing farewell as she left to take up a new post in Middlesbrough.

Along with the many tributes and expressions of appreciation paid to her for her work, she was presented with gifts and flowers by Steve Barr, chair of PFCP and Irene Grey, community volunteer.

Eileen joined Pelton Fell Community Group in July 2005 in her role as Community Coordinator. During her time with us she worked with many residents and with various organisations to support and encourage the ongoing regeneration in the village.

We give you huge thank you, Eileen and wish you well in your new role.



Extended Café Opening Hours

Café Bleu in The Brockwell Centre is now open four days a week from Tuesday to Friday (9am to 2pm). Visit the café for tea, coffee, toasties, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, bacon sandwiches and more!