

September 2022

# Victoria Ward Notes



Notes of VWP meeting  
@ Salaam Centre,  
Murray Street – 27th  
September 2022

Next Victoria Ward  
Partnership meeting –  
9.30 (-11, latest)  
Thursday 2nd  
November @ Salaam  
Centre



Notes of discussions that emerged from the spring 2022 community consultation – these consisted of 50 interviews with residents through door knocking & street contacts. Additionally, circa 450 adults & children attended community events over the preceding 12 months.

Attendees: Juli Simons (Facilitator), Sarah McCluskey (HBC Youth Service), Maxine Grayson (HBC Community Support Team), Laura Blackett (HBC Community Support Team Manager), Sue Sharpe (Executive Headteacher for Golden Flats and Lynnfield Primary Schools), Rachael Wanley (Changing Futures), Stephanie Bailey-Minton (Changing Futures), Tracey Jukes (The Big league CIC), Fiona Cook (The Big League CIC), Graeme Handley (Cleveland Police), Calvin George (Changing Futures/Hartlepool Huskies), Ian Cawley (The Big League CIC), Andy Pike (Tryin' to Ride a Skateboard)

Apologies: Penny, Graham, Lou, Paula, Scott Campbell, Julian Penton



## Resident-led WhatsApp group

Resident-led WhatsApp group established to help to share information and build community currently sitting around 70 people, the group has been growing steadily and this is seen as a fantastic first step in the community coming together.

## Playmarket

Setup in Thornton Street, the team and Gareth Hammond from Kinohart engaged and recorded conversations with families about what they thought about the Ward, this was a brilliant opportunity to connect and find out the thoughts of the local community. Special praise given to the involvement of Gary Allen who residents engaged with.

## Activities in the ward

- Family Time: Working around Middleton Grange and organising fossil hunts around the town for children
- Kids Cabin: Previously done good work in Rossmere Park and around the North East. Use Lou as an introduction to get them in to do activities in the Victoria Ward.

## Resident activities

Families were invited to a session alongside Play Out Hartlepool ran by the Vic Ward Partnership. Families found it to be a good experience and warmed to the idea of coming together in a walking bus style to get from points A to B. Allowed new families to mingle with existing families from the ward.



## Playstreets

Held with Play Out Hartlepool Sarah Parker, the Vic Ward is being used as part of the pilot scheme to trial shutting down streets for an hour on a night with the help of volunteers from that street to make the road a safe place for kids to play and socialize, residents were happy to see the space being used, good for children with disabilities to have a space to make friends. Some sticker or sign was suggested as a way of marking the street. To find out how to set one up, contact Sarah Parker or Rachael/Stephanie to be sent a flyer.

## Engage Britain

Engage Britain's funding has enabled several community events around the ward, ran by the partnership. All with the condition of having the central theme of disconnection. This complimented many of the themes that residents were giving feedback on, with lots of people new to the area struggling to connect, children lacking confidence, having trouble going to places or wanting to remain indoors.

The Engage Britain summit between 10th-12th October is being attended by Juli Simons and Tracey Herrington around the theme of cost of living.



# Salaam Centre Updates

Gil Parker: Like a Dad Golden Flats 10th October, West View Primary week of the 4th October Karen Liddle Dance School – Street dance sessions, looking to set up community events, fundraising and activities in the Vic Ward from January.

Cheap shop at the former Corals aiming to be set up. Plan to sell food 50% cheaper than high street and all be in-date.



Burbank is already used as a Warm Hub on Friday afternoons through the Bread and Butter Thing and is available for anyone to use.

Warm Hubs – Looking to set up Burbank and/or Salaam Centre from the back end of October to be Warm Hubs, this will be chosen based on need if both are to be opened.

Monday	Ukrainian Support group ran as and when, due to it's success in bringing families together.
Tuesday	Group for young women to reduce social isolation, and find activities. All women welcome 11+, from 6-8pm.
Wednesday	Red Cross women's refugee group 10am-1pm, children welcome.
Thursday	English for everyday life, currently 22 people, newcomers every session, men less receptive than women.
Friday	From October 14th, Centre to be used as an outreach in response to towns suicides, 6-9pm all welcome, to be confirmed.
Saturday	Arabic Classes
Sunday	Church Group/ Makaton lessons/ Jazz Band (welcoming of individuals with disabilities)

The centre is also exploring the possibility of starting a women's-only swimming group who have been advised to seek funding with Zeba Alaam.

Salaam Centre is being used as a food collection point on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

## Youth Work Sarah

Linear Park, Thornton Street, survey for 12-19 year old's. Out of the 15 interviewed, 14 said they wanted to be involved in youth club type activities, however we would like this to be a bigger sample size. They would like to hold another consultation event in Linfield school on the 11th between 5pm-7pm, with sports, arts and intervention activities. They would love for this to be promoted to find the wants and needs of young people within the ward.

## Conversations

### Autumn engagement & soup nights

Want to use assets in the ward to attract people to come and use them. These being Linfield school, Salaam Centre, Supporters club and Thornton street. It would be preferred if ongoing events could be taking place here to give people options most days of the week. In half term, Playstreets will be around the Supporters Club. Also hoping to start more community-led groups for all ages, but not residents groups.

Ongoing November gatherings. Hoping to make each service compliment one another, with soup/meal and a chat at the Supporters Club a likely candidate. Hartlepool Huskies are looking to run 3 free days from 9-3 during the half term week to give warm space for children, they are looking to provide hot meals and are in contact with PCC funding. Millhouse and Middleton grange, touted as locations. Hartlepool United may be able to provide warm space, so need to be contacted as does the Central Hub to see what their Half-term activities plans are.

Plan Community Activities 2023 – meeting on the 20th at the Salaam Centre 9-11am





## New local social enterprises.

Tryin' HQ setup in the skatepark, a redevelopment of the old park, Andy Pike work with all ages and abilities from 11am-9pm. They offer separate activities to skating on evenings, girls only groups on Thursday 6-9pm and an LGBTQ+ only session. Also a 'chill zone' for parties, groups or events. Saturday mornings have parent, kids sessions.

Calvin would also like to point out Changing Futures employment scheme (meant for those who are perceived as less employable whether due to mental health constraints or other factors can receive up to 42 hours of 1-1 or groups of 3 work to help them find lasting employment.



## Police update

There has been a large difference between crime rates in September from the previous month with them falling to 24 from 34. This is in addition to the new online crime reporting form available

[www.cleveland.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/a/f/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.cleveland.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/a/f/how-to-report-a-crime/). Callout to remind everyone to ensure that their properties and cars are secure. Graham has also offered to go around schools to be a uniformed presence while teaching about crime, having been to Golden Flats and Linfield primary schools. Would like to raise awareness to parents about how social media works and it's dangers. Vaping has also been considered as a hot issue.

## Other topics

Suggestion about getting a prohibition order about the dog fouling on Linear Park.

Carl Jorgeson from the PFC and Hartlepool Sport are promoting the High Tunstall Mechanics course, this is for 15-29 year olds who may be interested in learning mechanics and finding a sense of purpose in a warm safe space.

Sumerhill also have a boxing/martial arts course on Tuesday evenings , with the aim of finding youths in the park and helping to offer support to those who may feel suicidal. This is open to all ages. (add socialmedia)

High Tunstall School in Partnership with: The PFC Trust, Starfish Health & Wellbeing and Let's Connect:

### INTRODUCTION TO MECHANICS

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Currently on: Sundays 11am - 1:30pm

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\*must be aged 15-29.








# FREE BOXING & MARTIAL ARTS TASTER

## 11-18 YRS

TUESDAYS 7- 8PM AT SUMMERHILL VISITORS CENTRE

2ND TO 30TH OF AUGUST

Just turn up



Potential Invitees to the next meeting: Rebecca TEWV Hub based, Jess Jones – Thirteen, Karen Little – Dance School.