

SEPTEMBER 13TH 2023

# Victoria Ward

Newsletter



Notes of VWP meeting at The Salaam Centre, Murray Street – 13th September 2023  
 Next Victoria Ward Partnership meeting – 9.30am (-11am, latest) Tuesday 13th June  
 at The Salaam Centre, Murray Street

## WHAT IS THE VICTORIA WARD PARTNERSHIP?

The Victoria Ward partnership is a collective effort to try and bring residents and organisations together to create a community within the Victoria Ward. This is seen through collaborative work to create community events and address issues that local people have.

## ATTENDEES

**Juli Simons** - Facilitator Hartlepower  
**James Irvin** - Hartlepower  
**Fay Campbell** - Poolie Time at The Salaam Centre  
**Kate Dobson** - LilyAnnes Wellbeing  
**Leigh Karakosta** - Thirteen Group  
**James Stubbs** - Sustrans  
**Rachael Garlick** - Youth Service  
**Hoda Bennett** - Halo Project  
**Mark Sanders** - She Knits, He Sews  
**PC Geoff Cobbin** - Hartlepool Police  
**Paula Carroll** - Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)  
**Anna Gutridge** - Hartlepool Carers/Family Hubs  
**Caroline Callaghan** - HBC Support Hubs  
**Dawn Robinson** - Hartlepower  
**Rachel Wanley** - Hartlepower



## Newsletter Highlights

Community work in the Victoria Ward

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What's on

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New knitting and sewing shop

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Police update

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Discover the Halo Project

## Apologies

**Sarah Parker** - Play Out Hartlepool  
**Graeme Handley** - Police  
**Leigh Keeble** - HBC  
**Scott Campbell** - HBC  
**Karen Oliver** - Councillor  
**Sarah McCluskey** - HBC  
**Penny Thompson** - HBC  
**Carolyn Lakin** - Head of Lynnfield Primary School  
**Mairi & Graeme McBain** - Community Pastors  
**Jan Hollis** - Hartlepool Carers



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Jurassic Park event held at Thorpe Street Linear Park was a huge success with over 100 attendees taking part in dino themed activities.

School coffee mornings have been introduced in Jesmond, Lyynfield and Stranton Primary Schools, to showcase what services are available in their local areas.

Dawn from the team is setting up 8 Pottery classes in the Salaam Centre, get in touch to find out more.

There is a public consultation session surrounding community transport at the Civic Centre. This is an open invitation to come along and get your voice heard! held at the Civic Centre, October 4th 5:30pm-7pm.

The team is seeking speakers and activities for several of the local groups, if you could help, please let them know.

Get in touch:

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## PLAY OUT HARTLEPOOL

Recently, Play Out have done a Teddy Bears Picnic with the residents of St Josephs Court and local children, a community day out with over 25 local residents and children to the Headland with local artist Emily Carter. There will be a future trip to the Headland in October for free. As part of Multiply, the team held a Hunt for the Numbersaurus event, mixing dinosaurs, play and learning math skills. Every month the group host 2 playstreets sessions, but are looking for local residents to take the lead, please get in touch if you are interested.

Finally, the group host weekly play sessions on Wednesdays from 9:30am-10:45am for £2.50

If you are interested please get in touch with Sarah at [playouthartlepool@hotmail.com](mailto:playouthartlepool@hotmail.com)



## Salaam Centre updates

The Salaam Centre has a wide range of groups on:

**IT Classes** - last Thursday of every month

**Mother & Baby Classes** -

**Sensory Spot** - 9:45-11:45am Tuesdays

**Ukraine Support Group** - Mondays

**Conversational English classes** - Wednesday Evenings

**Food Shop** - Thursdays 10-2pm

**Jazz Band** - Sundays 4:30-6:30pm

**Community Links addiction support group** - 4pm-8pm

alternative Thursdays and Fridays

**Family Time** - Tuesdays 2pm-6pm

**Community Shop** - Thursdays

The group is also opening a Community Fridge with the help of Wen Cai, this will stock food for anyone to use.

The Centre is also hoping to hold multicultural food nights and are hoping to get local residents to demonstrate the foods of the diverse cultures of the Ward.

Burbank Street Community Café has reopened which offers cheap breakfasts Monday-Friday.

To find out more about any of the groups, please contact:

[reception.salaamcentre@gmail.com](mailto:reception.salaamcentre@gmail.com)

## SHE KNITS, HE SEWS

She Knits, He Sews is a living room-inspired shop is a haven for Knitters, Seamsters and Seamstresses offering a unique blend of knitting and sewing delights. Bring your own gear down and have a go!

The group also offer the use of a sewing machine for £3 an hour as well as teaching how to knit and hand sew for free, simply book into one of their sessions.

The team is passionate about sustainable, ethical fabric crafts.



## FAMILY HUBS

The Family Hubs are working alongside Hartlepool Carers to find out what people in the area want to see in their local community hubs.

This can be what is currently on offer, what could be improved, changed or added to the service to make the hubs a more welcoming space for people to use.

The group are seeking opinions from mams, dads, grandparents and parental figures generally who have children with or without additional needs.

To help out, why not join the panel! Go to: <https://www.hartlepoolcarers.org.uk/family-hub-panel/> to find out more information about how you can get involved in improving our community hubs.

## Support Hubs

The Support Hubs have been seeing great results with new people finding advice and support in one of the many locations.

In the coming weeks the Hubs are going on tour to many shops and organisations around Hartlepool to better showcase what they offer to residents

To find out more about the hubs, go to: <https://www.hartlepoolnow.co.uk/pages/home/information-&-advice/you-and-your-community/community-hubs>

The Support Hubs offer:

- Conversation
- Signposting
- Advice over long-term health conditions
- Stop Smoking guidance and support
- Warm handovers
- Handyman Service
- Probation therapy
- Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS support
- Hartlepool Carers





## POLICE UPDATES

With the success of their Cuppa with a Coppa in LillyAnnes Cafe, the police are reaching out to local organisations to show they are a safe place for reporting crime and breaking down barriers in trusting the Police service.

The new role of local officer PC Geoff Cobbin is to continue this work further afield. He is hoping to be able to go into schools to give educational presentations to students as well as getting out into the community and engaging with people of all ages and backgrounds.

## HALO PROJECT

The Halo Project supports victims of sexual abuse in diverse communities across Tees Valley, Durham and Northern Yorkshire. The group offers a wrap-around support service, linking into the police and helps enable independent living. As well as being a 3rd party hate crime reporting centre.

The group are offering 45 minute sessions with organisations to spot the signs of abuse and how to discreetly enable individuals to report incidents. There are more detailed sessions also on offer to organisations to help show what services are good to signpost people who are experiencing this to. As well as being able to call HALO to ask for advice on procedures in the event of incidents.

The group has sporadic funding available for organisations to enable groups to do new activities in safe environments such as the new skateboarding sessions at Tryin' HQ.

To find out more, go to: [www.haloproject.org.uk](http://www.haloproject.org.uk)



## Sustrans

Sustrans now have a walking/cycling hub, the premier place to learn safe cycling and walking routes around the town, located at 15 Church Street TS24 7DJ

The group can go out to community events to offer this advice as well as the rest of their sessions, while being able to answer questions on all things cycling.

Sustrans sessions include:

- Dr Bike maintenance lessons
- Cycling confidence sessions
- Guided rides
- Guided walks
- Bike recycling

They also accept bike donations, find out more about Sustrans at: [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

## ACTIVE HARTLEPOOL

Active Hartlepool aim to reduce health inequality within the town through helping get people active.

Their most recent work has seen them work on the Burn Valley Park, helping by introducing two free trails including braille carvings and rubbings in strategic locations to help people discover more around nature within the park. The group has also helped work with Summerhill Country Park by making a more accessible booklet featuring walks around the area.

Find out more at: [www.activehartlepool.co.uk](http://www.activehartlepool.co.uk)



## YOUTH SERVICE

Following consultation with young people in Hartlepool, the Youth Service are aiming to find ways of better promoting what's on in Hartlepool to young people.

To this end, they are working alongside the NHS and Hartlepool Now to develop a website called I Thrive which will bring together all activities which are available to young people in one place, sorted into easy to use categories.

The group are working alongside local artist Amanda White to create a QR code art piece in the Young Persons Hub.

The team would love to get local schools and community groups to contribute to and share the website when it is completed.

## Thirteen Group

Helping to establish sustainable community resources, Thirteen Group have a pot of funding to help establish and maintain community assets around the town.

With a focus on building things for the community, they are seeking people from local communities to chip in with their ideas for projects.

The team at Thirteen come out to many of the local community projects as part of their ethos to support local communities.

## LILYANNES WELLBEING



At lillyAnnes there's always a lot of good going on! The Mental Health support café has been hard at work supporting people going through isolation, loneliness, addiction and so much more. The work they have done has not gone unnoticed with awards and even a guest spot at the Open Jar Festival!

The group has recently rebranded to LilyAnnes Wellbeing to demonstrate the unique focus on the support side of their organisation.

With people from all walks of life turning up at the cafe, the group get presented with a variety of support cases every week.

Rehousing work is currently taking place to support homeless individuals, with support from Cornerstone, Hartlepool Borough Council, Red Balloons, PDF and the Police, to help find people accommodation both short and long term.

The group also offer help with domestic violence, having links with Harbour to help get people the support they need.

The Cafe is starting arts and craft groups most days to help alleviate isolation, get people talking and supporting their local community. This goes hand in hand with the Walking to Wellness groups that start some walks at the cafe to get people fit, socialising and help to offer whole system support.

On Saturdays from 4-9pm, the group are running bingo sessions, tickets are £5 with half going to the Cafe and the other half being used by the PFC Trust to go towards other good community projects around the town.

## Next Victoria Ward Partnership Meeting

Do you want to showcase your work in the Victoria Ward?

Have an opinion on what could be done differently?

Come down to the next Victoria Ward Partnership Meeting!

9.30am (-11am, latest) Tuesday 13th June at The Salaam Centre, Murray Street

If you would like to come along, please send an email to: [JuliSimons@hartlepower.co.uk](mailto:JuliSimons@hartlepower.co.uk)