

Victoria Ward Notes



Notes of VWP meeting @ Salaam Centre, Murray Street – 13th June 2023

Next Victoria Ward Partnership meeting – 9.30am September 13th (Due to holidays and Food and Fuel Fair



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.

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Attendees: Juli Simons (Facilitator/Hartlepower), Rachael Wanley (Hartlepower), Dawn Robinson (Hartlepower), Ben Parker (Grace Church) Jan Hollis (Hartlepool Carers), Rachel Garlick (HBC Youth Service), James Stubbs (Sustrans), Faye Campbell (Salaam Centre), Karen Oliver (Councilor for Victoria Ward), Gary Allen (Councilor for Victoria Ward), Rebecca Ferguson (West View Project), Anna Guttridge (Hartlepool Carers), James Irvin (Hartlepower).

Grace Church Hartlepool

Launched in 2015, Grace Church has two main aims; to deliver Bible teachings relevant to peoples modern lives and help build meaningful relationships for communities. This is built through having 4 separate 'life' groups which meet, eat and pray together to help build relationships which can last outside the groups. The group has also recently purchased Grange Road Methodist Church (where they have met for some years) and is interested in talking to community groups who might want to use the space. Conversations are ongoing with current users of the space with people like the CAP debt advice centre. If you are interested, please get in touch: benjparker@hotmail.com



Victoria Ward Councilors

Karen is the newest Victoria Ward Councilor. Local to the ward, she has been looking into ways that local residents want to see their area improved. Having already tidied several locations in the ward where dumping has been prevalent and installing more bins, the councilors are hoping to talk to residents and ask what their aspirations are for local regeneration, rather than new developments. This is going to include setting up forums, going to local events, and taking everyone's ideas onboard.

The talks to rename the Linear Park have been inconclusive, as the team would like to get a full consensus from a majority of residents. Discussions to begin around putting playground markings around the park too.





Dawn Robinson is the latest member of the Victoria Ward Engagement team. Working alongside Rachael Wanley, her role is focused more on intergenerational connectiveness. So far this has resulted in going to areas where the older generation gather to find out what they are wanting from the town, so far the main issue identified has been transport or access to public spaces for support groups and social groups. There are several young people who are also keen to work alongside the older generation and build connections.

The team are continuing with the Play Streets scheme, which allows residents to close off their road for a few hours to allow children to play safely. With the previous success of the scheme (3 in the last month with over 20 children out each time), residents on the previous streets have taken to continuing to open them up every month. This has meant the scheme is being extended to other streets in the ward.

Hartlepool Youth Services

The team are preparing for their weekly HAF sessions over the summer holidays for 13-19 year olds. This will involve craft activities, physical activities, ways to learn about healthy lifestyles. Currently the team expect this to take place at the war memorial however are looking at other locations around the ward to incorporate the most children.

HALO Project

HALO is a project in the North East which works to support women who have been involved in domestic abuse. The group is based in Middlesbrough, however has a Hartlepool branch which are interested in making connections with local organisations to better offer help. To get in touch, contact: hb@haloproject.org.uk.

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Salaam Centre



Faye is the new manager of the Salaam Centre, having moved over from Poolie Time Exchange's Community Food Shop.

Recently they have started a new playgroup, as well as participating in the HAF alongside Bonnie. The team are hopeful that they can launch a Youth group in the Centre.

The Centre is looking at it's name with the possibility to change it to something which may encourage more people to come along.

The Centre is open over the Summer holidays for groups with new health and wellbeing sessions starting up.

Hartlepool Carers

Carers Week went really well with the team located at North Tees and Hartlepool hospitals, with around 12 new carers signing up every day! Staff and patients alike signed up with information packs being handed to all staff to help both identify and support carers who may come to the hospitals.

The team have welcomed 2 new members, the first of which supports carers in the handover process and aftermath of their cared for going into care homes.

Anna is the new Family Hub Coordinator who works with CLIP. They are creating a panel of parents with children up to age 2 or are expecting, to collect views on what services are available and what services they would like to see. The first of these will be on the 3rd July at Rossmere Youth Centre.

Active Hartlepool

The Big Lime weekend is taking place on the 20th August 2023 from 8am at the Hartlepool Marina. The event sees competitors compete in a friendly triathlon 750m open water swim, 20km closed road cycle and a 5km run. for more info, contact 01429 284050 or email: participation@hartlepool.gov.uk.

A friendly Ward based activity session is coming to Hartlepool, more details to come.

Food and Fuel Fairs

A one stop shop for anyone who would like to speak to experts in our town about all things food, fuel or lifestyle (plus anything else)

Come along and speak to a local expert, save yourself time and energy.

There is also the chance to win a free slow cooker and a recipe showcase / sample from Hartlepool Food Network with free recipe kits to take away and try yourself at home.

The next one is at the **Salaam Centre July 18th, 10am -1pm and**



The poster features a red and white striped awning at the top. Below it, the text 'FOOD AND FUEL FAIR' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters against an orange background. Underneath, a table titled '2023 EVENT DATES' lists the dates, locations, and times for the fairs across the year.

2023 EVENT DATES			
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
TUES 16TH COMMUNITY HUB CENTRAL 13:00 – 16:00	TUES 13TH WHARTON TRUST, THE ANNEXE 10:00 – 13:00	TUES 18TH SALAAM CENTRE 10:00 – 13:00	TUES 8TH KILMARNOCK RD COMMUNITY CENTRE 10:00 – 14:00
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
TUES 12TH WEST VIEW ADVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE 13:00 – 16:00	TUES 10TH COMMUNITY HUB CENTRAL 13:00 – 16:00	TUES 14TH WHARTON TRUST, THE ANNEXE 10:00 – 13:00	WED 13TH SALAAM CENTRE 10:00 – 13:00

contact 07989 207804 for more information

Sustrans



Discover Hartlepool's best walking and cycling paths! Hartlepool's new Walking and Cycling Hub is opening soon, to help more local people get active on their everyday journeys

The Hub, which is going to be based on Church Street, is part of a network of five Walking and Cycling hubs run by Sustrans and funded by the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

Sustrans officers hold led rides and walks for all abilities to help people discover local traffic-free paths and quieter routes for walking, cycling or using a mobility aid (wheel). There's friendly support to help you learn to ride a bike or build your confidence to get back in the saddle. They'll also help you fettle up your old bike, and provide information about the best routes to school, work, or for shopping and leisure.

Sustrans is the national charity making it easier for more people to walk, wheel and cycle. Hartlepool has several popular traffic free walking and cycling routes, including Route 14 from Darlington to South Shields, which is part of Sustrans National Cycle Network.

Tees Valley Combined Authority is investing £150 million in walking and cycling networks around the region.

The Tees Valley Walking and Cycling Hubs are close to new and existing routes.