

Prudhoe Community Partnership AGM

Welcome to our AGM 2021. Last year's event was held on zoom because of the pandemic restrictions. It is lovely to be back together again. Thank you

Arts Festival 2021 and Radio Prudhoe

The Arts Festival and Trail ran from 10 – 24 July with both a virtual trail and a foot trail. Pandemic restrictions did reduce what could be achieved but 27 artists displayed their work in 17 venues. No61 Front Street provided a base for the Festival as well as a home for Radio Prudhoe, with a three-week broadcasting run over the Internet – www.radioprudhoe.org.uk

The Grove – Pocket Park



The Grove was opened in May by Paul Mooney (BBC Weatherman) and provides a lovely place to sit and chat amongst the shrubs and trees. Huge thank you to the funders and volunteers for their hard work.



Welcome to our new Community Hub – a base for PCP projects and also for community use. For more information please email: spetchells@prudhoe.org

The East Working Party



The new working party is progressing well with its plans. Alan Geroni has joined us for a day per week to help us to develop our plans.

We hope to be ready to hold a public consultation early in 2022

Spetchells Welcome desk Following the consultation by Northumbria Police, it is now highly likely that they will not be continuing with their Front Desk for public help. This gives PCP the opportunity to review the layout of the front entrance to the Spetchells and to set up a Welcome Desk, acting as a gateway for visitors and information for the general public. It is not a replacement for the Police Desk but will have information about how help can be accessed. The Desk will be staffed through the Kickstart scheme and volunteers. Starting Nov/Dec 2021.

Kickstart Scheme posts - The Partnership has been approved as a provider for two Government funded Kickstart posts. These provide work placements for people aged 16yrs – 24yrs, who are unemployed, on 6mth placements. Our two posts will be to work on the Volunteering project and the Welcome Desk project. We thank Peter Surridge from Ridgetek for his support. Advertising for the posts will go live shortly but, if anyone is interested in finding out more, please do email – spetchells@prudhoe.org For more details of the programme: www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme

Volunteering in Prudhoe



The ViP project will have a new home in the Community Hub with a part-time administrator. We are working with both Hexham and Haltwhistle Partnerships to develop a local volunteer database which will go live early next year. The project works with organisations who need volunteers and also with individuals wanting to volunteer. For further information please email: spetchells@prudhoe.org

'Let's Get Digital' Project

Two grants from Northumberland CVA via NCC and North of Tyne are providing digital awareness funding. Working with Karbon Homes three laptops are now at The Manors for the next 6mths and are being used by staff and residents to keep in touch with family and friends. The 4th laptop is being used for the Volunteering



Partnership Trustees – 2021/22

Caroline Warburton (Chair); Paul Murray (Deputy Chair); Iain Watt (Treasurer); Margaret Boonstra; Vesta Moore; Richard Shrimpton; Dr Steve Quilliam; Elizabeth Evans; Angie Scott (NCC Cllr); Town Council representative (tbc).
Trustees Emeritus - Doreen Elwell; Maggie Phillips

We currently have **2 vacancies** and are looking for people who want to use their skills to support the community of Prudhoe. Please email: spetchells@prudhoe.org for more information

George Hepburn – retiring Chair of PCP Trustees

For the past 5yrs and more, George has worked tirelessly for the community of Prudhoe, securing the financial stability of the Spetchells, developing a wide range of community projects and supporting local businesses. Trustees would like to pass on their thanks for all his hard work in setting the foundations for further development work. ***Enjoy your well-earned rest!***



AGM Guest Speaker

Debbie Lamb – Development Manager from Locality UK.

'Covid the ongoing change'

The last 2yrs have provided challenges for us all in ways we could never have envisaged. How we respond to these longer-term implications presents significant issues for local communities. What might this mean for community groups in Prudhoe and the surrounding area?

www.locality.co.uk



Caroline Warburton – Chair of PCP

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