Noteworthy events for 2018

- We have the PINS AGM scheduled for 27th February 2018
- The Community Family Picnic is in planning for 2018 and is going to be bigger and better; keep a look out on our Social Media for updates.

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2017

What a busy year it’s been, one of the highlights of the last few months has been the proud announcement that local MP Mike Hill has become patron of Parents In Need of Support.

After learning of the great work carried out at PINS Mike was keen to add his support. Mike thought the charity was a fantastic cause and was delighted to become patron.

Mike came to help at our Great Get Together celebration which was a fantastic success and a great community day, we were graced with great weather and the day went from strength to strength.

Mike and PINS manager Kay greeted event goers and handed out picnic bags; the contents of which were donated by organisations and local companies and helped make the event a great triumph.

We had great music from Hartlepool Ukulele Group, the cake and refreshment stall was a great hit with children and adults. The children had fun at the Teddy Bears picnic and at the craft tents and enjoyed the face painting. To all parents, children, families and organisations/companies who supported this fantastic event Thank You.

Watch for our summer event in 2018.
2017 News Round Up

We started 2017 by presenting a cheque for £262.00 to the Air Ambulance with the money raised from the previous Christmas raffle.

This year we will be raising money for Marie Curie.

All proceeds from our Christmas raffle will be going to help support the great work they do; caring and supporting people through terminal illness.

Adfam North East Regional Carers Forum

On Tuesday 5th December 2017 Parents In Need Of Support hosted the North East Regional Carers Forum led by Adfam.

The forum is for carers from all over the North East to share their experiences of a family members struggle with substance misuse; this insight is used by Adfam to help drive policy decisions that are taken at a nationally level.

Please keep supporting PINS via https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/hartlepoolpins

Its free to join and it All donations helps us to continue to develop our services, maintain high standards and invest in people, families and the local community.

Greenbank Gardens

We have had some fabulous support from the local community with donations of rose bushes and bulbs, Greenbank grounds looked great this summer and volunteers are still working hard to keep the grounds clean and tidy and well maintained as we head into winter.

Many thanks to Bernie, Del and Steve and all who gave their time and support. The grounds are becoming a real community garden; where people can sit and enjoy the peace and quiet.

Room Hire

We have a range of meeting, training and conference rooms available for hire. The meeting/training rooms are situated on the lower floor are accessible to people in wheelchairs, there is also disabled access toilets.

Greenbank is located on Stranton with onsite parking available, we are also within easy reach of local pay & display car parks, bus routes and the train station.

We can also supply refreshments and cater for your lunch requirements for full details and room hire rates please contact Parents In Need of Support.

Tel: 01429 260110 or Email: admin@parentsinneedofsupport.co.uk
Craft and Art Group Update Continued...

Halloween

The art room this Halloween was decorated top to toe with spooky décor from pumpkin banners and skeletal lanterns to more natural seasonal bits like leaves, cones, squashes and pumpkins. For the actual day of Halloween the art group had a go at pumpkin carving, for some clients it was their first time carving a pumpkin. We had a variety of different designs from traditional scary faces to carved and engraved pumpkins like our “totoro” pumpkin, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and not only that but no part of these pumpkins went to waste the innards were made into pumpkin soup and spiced pumpkin cake and the pumpkin husk went to feed chickens at a volunteer’s allotment.

British Red Cross First Aid Training

The British Red Cross held a first aid workshop at PINS for staff and volunteers. The session was very informative and all those who attended came away with invaluable first aid understanding.

PINS Attended Hartlepool Borough Council Events

We’ve been invited to lots of great events this year. On the 2nd September we attended Hartlepool Waterfront Festival.

It was great to see all the happy event goers and get the word out on the services, courses, art’s and crafts we offer here at PINS.

We took along a small selection of crafts and knitting created by clients to help raise funds for the PINS art group; these sold very well and raised £60 which will go back into the art group’s funds to help provide additional materials.

Man on the Bench

The man on the bench or Oliver as he has come to be known around PINS has been constructed by our art technician for Halloween to add some spooky ambiance to the grounds at Greenbank. People have reacted in different ways to Oliver, some find him spooky and scary, others find him quite spiritual sat there reading, but no matter what people always want a photo with him. He is made from chicken wire moulded round a mannequin’s head and torso, the face is made from a mix of tinfoil and papier mache.

Saturday 2nd November PINS attended the Careers Fair at Middleton Grange shopping centre, the day was an great opportunity to advertise the many courses which include, Life skills Training, Drugs Awareness Training and Drugs in the workplace Training to mention but a few.

We also showcased work created by the Arts and Crafts group and spoke to event goers about the services offered through the Art and crafts group.
Craft and Art Group Update

The PINS Art and Craft group has been busy over the last few months working on both group and personal projects. As part of the group projects the clients have been working with polymer clays, experimenting with creating head sculptures from their imagination.

Here are three examples of clients work produced over the last couple of months.

Once the clients were happy with their head sculptures they moved on from the faces and heads and built their own wire armatures, then used the sculpting skills they learnt from our art technician to create body’s for their characters.

In September the group had a day out to Wynyard Rose garden for tea and cake and to collect leaves cones and “autumny” bits to craft with in the art room. The group are hoping to return this winter to attend the Wynyard Christmas shopping fayre to get in the festive spirit and get some inspiration from other crafters.

On the 15th of December the PINS Art group will be attending Springwell Christmas Fayre where they will be selling festive items all hand made by the clients. The fayre runs from 9:30am-2:30pm.

Why not get in the Christmas spirit and pop along and support us.

Young Carers Information Day

On 8th November PINS attended the Young Carers Information Day for Parents and Carers. The event was held at the new Centre for Independent Living.

We handed out lots of information on the services and the wide range of activities that benefit clients and the local community.

PI N S One Stop Shop

We are continuing to build on the range of vital community focused services that operate from under one roof at PINS, Greenbank.

If you live in Hartlepool and are experiencing a barrier to finding work or training please get in touch.
Drop in sessions will be available at PINS, Greenbank every Tuesday from 10:00 am.

Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

The Tees Valley Pathways Programme is part of the YEI and will support you to develop the skills and knowledge to progress you into employment or training?

Free Private Security & Door Supervision Courses

- Are you aged 18 to 29
- NOT in employment, training or education
- Full support offered after the course to progress into employment
- Courses are fully funded and include your SIA license

Courses are starting 4th December 2017 at the PINS Family Centre in Greenbank.

Kick start your career today, by contacting Dorothy Chandler via:
dorothy.chandler@parentsinneedofsupport.co.uk
Telephone: 01429 260110 or Mobile: 07871 573928

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