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Noteworthy Events For Winter 2018

- An update on our “One Stop Shop” - services under one roof
- The Community Family Picnic will be back in 2019, ideas for another themed event are already circulating; keep a look out on our Social Media for updates.

PINS Mission Statement

"To relieve, for the benefit of the public, parents & carers in Hartlepool, whose family members are involved with, or at risk of, drug/alcohol misuse through the provision of support, advice and information"

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Welcome to our summer news letter 2018

The highlight of this summer was the Parents In Need of Support Magical Potter Themed Summer Fete

Held in the grounds at Greenbank Saturday 25th August 2018 the day was a fantastic community event and a great success. We had lots of happy families eager to join in the magical experience.

Children and adults collected their free picnic bags; bulging with goodies thanks to the generosity of local companies.

We had lots of activities, there was the Tombola stall with lots of fantastic prizes, there were arts and craft stalls for the children, we had a visit from Hartlepool Fire Brigade who brought a Fire engine along. Hartlepool’s very own Bubble man was with us all day entertaining the children with his “bubbleology”.

Children enjoyed the marauding muggles treasure trail, and Potter themed Piñata and our very own Dobby and Wand Stall. We had refreshment stalls providing themed treats as well as burgers, hotdogs, cakes and drinks.

Keep up to date with news and events by following and liking us on Facebook & Twitter.
Magical Themed Summer Fete Continued

Our Patron Mike Hill MP and Councillor Dave Hunter proved great sports and volunteered to have wet sponges thrown at them while in our stocks, all to help raise funds for Parents In Need of Support.

We had live music thanks to Kath & Dave of the Tapestry music group and Alicia Hutchinson & Sophie Stokle from Creative Minds.

Thanks to everyone who came along and joined in the spirit of the day we raised in excess of £500 for Parents In Need of Support which will be reinvested in the services we provide to the community.

Parents In Need of Support would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations who help fund and support the charity, all our fantastic volunteers for their hard work and all companies who donated products and/or services to make this event a great success:

- ASDA Hartlepool
- Camerons Brewery
- CSS-HSE Constructive Safety Solutions
- Hartlepool Fire Brigade
- Hartlepool Police
- Mike Hill MP
- QRS Precision Engineering Ltd
- Tapestry
- Truly Scrumptious Cakes Hartlepool
- Big Lottery
- Councillor Dave Hunter
- Creative Minds
- Hartlepool Fruit Warehouse
- Martin W. Nowell Ltd Family Butcher
- Phoenix Steel Ltd
- Ringtons Tea
- Telley Tea
- Warburtons Family Bakers

PINS Workshop

With the help of Bernie Tiffney, Steve Darcy and a number of our dedicated volunteers we are developing a PINS Workshop. This new initiative is currently in its infancy but we hope it will give us an area with tools where clients can under expert guidance develop their own wood/metal work projects or upscale items.

Clients will be able to engage in the workshop through an interest wood/metal work or...

- as therapy to help reconcile emotional conflicts,
- foster self-awareness and personal growth,
- to offer the opportunity for expression.

It’s anticipated the Workshop will be a great addition to our growing catalogue of therapeutic and self-awareness projects which include Arts & Crafts and Garden initiatives.

Though it’s in it’s infancy the Workshop has already started producing Bernie & Steve built our very own stocks and Barbecue stand, both of which played key roles in our recent Magical Potter Themed Summer Fete.

We are in the process of sourcing wood and tools which will help clients to realise their project ideas. Wood is being reused and recycled to create much need work benches.
Craft and Art Group Update Continued..

**Summer Fete**

This Year's summer fete was themed around Harry Potter which provided the art group with a lot of areas to explore, we made a variety of Harry Potter themed scarfs which are also available on our Etsy shop @PinsArt, we also began work on themed fairy doors, book folding, wand making, ceramic drawing, sculpts and many more curiosities which can be seen in the images on this and the previous page. Fete day was a very fun and successful day for the art group allowing us to sell our handmade goods with proceeds going back into the group to fund more artsy supplies. As part of the summer fete we also made a life-sized dobby in a pile of socks along with bunting and brooms made using pampas grass from the grounds at Greenbank.

If Your interested in what the art group gets up to please check out our Instagram page where we post images of clients work.

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**2018 Summer News Round Up**

A the beginning of 2018 we handed over a cheque for **£104.00** to the Hartlepool Marie curie cancer support service, this money was raised from the raffle during the Christmas Mulled wine event.

In February PINS attended the Volunteering Fair held at the Dolphin Centre, Darlington. We established some great links with liked minded people & organisations who like ourselves are passionate about the care & support offered to families and individuals.

We’ve noticed an increase in numbers of people wishing to access PINS services from outside the Hartlepool area, we’re examining the feasibility of having PINS satellite offices in areas such to Darlington.

**Patron Mike Hill MP and Jude Kirton-Darling MEP Visit**

Mike and Jude found time in their busy schedule to meet with Manager Kay Barron and Project Co-ordinator Steve Mudd to catch up on the latest events, projects and work being carried out at PINS.

**Safe Places Scheme**

We are delighted to announce that PINS has joined the Teeswide Safe Places Scheme.

Safe Place Schemes consists of locations in the community where people who need extra support can go if they need some help. This 'help' can range from a phone call to home to ask a relative to pick them up or help with directions.

Here at PINS you’ll find friendly helpful staff who will provide the support you require.
**PINS Win ASDA Hartlepool’s Green Token Giving Scheme**

PINS were announced winners of ASDA Hartlepool’s Green Token Giving Scheme. We’d like to give a big thank you to all the local people who collected the tokens and voted for PINS and of course ASDA and Jackie who presented the Cheque for £500. It’s great to know local people value the services provided here at PINS.

**Recognition and Support from local businesses**

We would like to thank QRS Precision Engineering Ltd and the those working off shore for TAQA for their support and kind donations. These will go towards helping support the client facing programmes we deliver here at PINS.

**PINS attend NHS Local Services Marketplace**

In May PINS attended NHS Local Services Marketplace this formed part of a series of events in which vital support organisations took the time to provide information on the services, initiatives that are available and highlight access/referral routes to NHS Staff of Tees Crisis Service.

**PINS Attended Hartlepool Borough Council Events**

We’ve attended lots great events this summer. On the 21st August we attended Hartlepool Waterfront Festival. It was great to see everyone and get the word out on the services we offer.

We also took a selection of Arts, Crafts & Knitting created by clients to help raise funds for the PINS Art group; these sold very well and all money raised will go back into the art groups funds to help provide additional materials.

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**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 sculpts, character sculpts and saleable items. Below are some of the pieces we've been creating:

1. Mare person from Harry Potter
2. Dobby, Harry Potter, Made from Sculpy
3. Ravenclaw door, Harry Potter
4. Groot, Guardians of the galaxy,
5. Stranton Church, This model was gifted to Stanton church where it is on display.
6. Voldermort Papier Mache Piñata for the summer fete
7. Harry Potter, hand made from Fimo