

Easington Youth Club

Beck Lane Easington HU12 0TX



ANNUAL PARISH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO 2019

Easington Youth Club is a registered Charity No: 523232.

The Club consists of the Building, including Fixtures & Fittings, Contents therein, a large field and a Toddler and Junior Play Park these facilities being for the use of the Residents of Easington, Spurn, Kilnsea, Out Newton and any Visitors to the area.

The Club has been established since 1962 and exists to provide a safe environment for children and young people in Easington and the surrounding areas to meet and have social contact outside of the school environment. The Youth Club has a Junior and Senior Club and caters for ages ranging from 8 to 2, under the age of 8 children can attend if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Youth Club provides various activities including, Baking, Arts and Crafts, Days out, Treasure Hunts, Disco, Trampolining, Swimming and other activities many of which are suggested by the members themselves and supported wherever possible.

In addition to the Youth Club we also operate as a Duke of Edinburgh Centre

The Duke of Edinburgh Centre meets on a Monday Evening from 06:00 to 08:30, for young people between the ages of 14/24, we are also a Directly Licensed Centre to Run the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. We are extremely proud of our young people, many of whom have achieved their Gold Awards. We are the only Youth Club in the area who are a Directly Licensed Centre. Other centres operating run within a school environment. The local Withernsea High School Duke of Edinburgh participants are under our Umbrella for the scheme. It cannot be stressed strongly enough how much this scheme benefits those who undertake the challenges and achieve their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, not only in the skills and learning they gain and the satisfaction from their volunteer work but also in the long term they become more employable, in fact many of the young people who complete the awards are employed precisely because employers recognise their achievements.

The Play Park

The Park consists of a Junior and Toddler Play Park Area, this facility is open 24/7 and everyone is welcome to use the facilities.

ensuring the club and play park continue to be a facility for use by all concerned is the responsibility of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee

The Management Committee operates with Chair, Malcom Douglas, Vice-Chair, Janet Hollingworth, Secretary, Kim Dalton and Treasurer, Tracy Douglas plus the support of a further 4 Committee Members. The Management Committee is made up of a wide range of people from the local area including 3 Youth Workers who have a day to day involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh and Youth Club Operation, Parents and people with fund raising abilities and business knowledge, for any future recruitment to the committee we would try to keep a balance of knowledge and parental involvement as this is important for the fund-raising required to ensure the club can operate.

Activities and Objectives

We want the Club to continue to be a safe environment for the young people of the area to use, at the beginning of 2018 the Management Committee had successfully arranged the completion of the Toddler Play Park with the help of a grant from the Big Lottery Fund, however the Junior Park still needed replacing and in addition it was identified that internally the Club could do with some refurbishment, specifically the Kitchen could do to be replaced and also the Club needed redecoration.

With this in mind the committee set its main objective for the following 3 years to obtain grants or donations and to fundraise to replace the Junior Park. In addition, the short terms objective was to replace the Kitchen and redecorate the Youth Club.

Further the Management Committee undertake weekly/monthly inspections of the building/contents/park ensuring any repairs needed were undertaken and to continue to ensure funds were available to meet the running costs of the facility.

Achievements and Performance

Play Park

The Management Committee obtained a grant from the East Coast Communities Fund of £25,000 which together with a Grant of £13,000 received from the Enhancement Fund/BP Legacy Fund, £1,000 Donated by Perenco and money raised from other donations, voluntary work and Fund Raising by the Youth Club from various events enabled the Junior Play Park to be replaced in November 2018 with the Official Opening being in February 2019.

Replacement of Kitchen Equipment

Whilst undertaking the above our Grants Officer, Janet Hollingworth applied to various companies for funds to replace the Kitchen. As a result, we received a very kind offer from Jewson's who provided a whole new Kitchen including the Sink and Paint to complete. Volunteers from the village installed the Kitchen during the Summer of 2018, the area is now an up to date and hygienic area for use by both the Club and anyone who may wish to hire the facilities for family events.

Decoration

Again, our Grants Officer, Janet Hollingworth was able to obtain a donation of Paint from a local company and Tesco (Withernsea) very kindly came along and decorated the Club to give it a fresh look for the future.

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Running Costs

Easington is the site of a main gas resource entering the UK from Norway and operated by 'Gassco', we asked Gassco if they could continue to support us by funding the 'Running Costs' for the club, we explained to them that whilst grants can be obtained toward replacing equipment, the main item that the management committee struggle to fund are the 'Running Costs', Gassco agreed to fund the costs for the previous year following supply of copy invoices as evidence, this amounted to a grant of £4,480.41.

Fundraising

To achieve all of the above we applied for Grants and also managed to fund raise by having a Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre, Car Boot, Rummage Sale and various other events. The members pay £1.00 when attending sessions but this does not cover any of the major costs.

Our thanks go to the entire community and surrounding areas, there are too many people to mention but without your help the Youth Club and Park would not exist, your continued support is appreciated and if anyone would like to join us or has suggestions for events, trips or anything else they would like us to consider doing for the young people of the village please let us know.

Thank you again,

The Management Committee
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