

# the BARNABAS beat

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Well, here we are in the throes of Summer - just this week we have had young people scaling the heights of Newburn climbing wall, making fidget toys, and today we're off on a Murder Mystery tour of Morpeth! Summer is all go, and we just love it.

It seems only logical therefore, that this edition of our Newsletter focuses on our Youth Work project. Read on to learn about our work, what's coming up, and check out our Youth Work Team who you may see around Morpeth out on detached youth work.

## Summer Activities for Young People Aged 9-16



Barnabas  
**Summer  
Activities**  
2025



We've reached the halfway mark in this year's summer programme, but we still have lots of fun activities to offer to young people.

Why not a spot of creativity: Next week we have Graffiti Art and Chemical Reaction Sessions! A great chance to get messy and slimed up!

Or, how about getting outdoors at our Paddlesports session? On the water with Luis, young people get the chance to try kayaking, canoeing and bell-boating!

We even have our own escape room!! After the success of the first one, which was fully booked, we've added an extra date for those who missed out!

To book, head to our website:

[www.barnabas-northumberland.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.barnabas-northumberland.org.uk/whats-on/)

If you're not already following us on social media - we are: barnabassafeandsound on both instagram and facebook. We post all our news on there, so you'll never miss out.

# Our Garage Chill Out Space



Especially created as a chill out space for young people in Morpeth. We're still getting the word out about this fantastic youth space!

With thanks to the Elsie Davis Trust and High Sheriff of Northumberland, we recently invested in a beautiful new floor, and modern furnishings to brighten the space. We've got all the fun stuff you'd expect in a youth club space - such as gaming consoles, pool table etc, but we go one better than that. We've got a barista coffee machine, a toastie press, and a fully stocked tuck shop. Also, **INCOMING**, a pizza oven for special events!

We also welcome community groups to the Garage, making it available for room hire at affordable rates. We're here to help where we can, after all. So, if you're looking for a cosy venue in the town centre, here we are!



# Work Experience Week



Back in June, we hosted a number of Year 10 students from King Edward VI School during work experience week. During their time with us they helped us set up for our summer activities programme, and contributed to a new scheme called the Northumberland Challenge (see the next page). They also cooked us all a 3 course meal and met a couple of very friendly ferrets as part of our youth club session!



# The Northumberland Challenge

We will shortly be launching the Northumberland Challenge, a six part challenge for young people. When completed, you will receive a signed certificate by the High Sheriff of Northumberland.

Challenges include visiting a cultural attraction, taking part in a new activity never done before, completing some fundraising and volunteering. We will be on hand to help, at every step. Interested? Please contact [ashley.brown@barnabasne.org.uk](mailto:ashley.brown@barnabasne.org.uk) for more information.



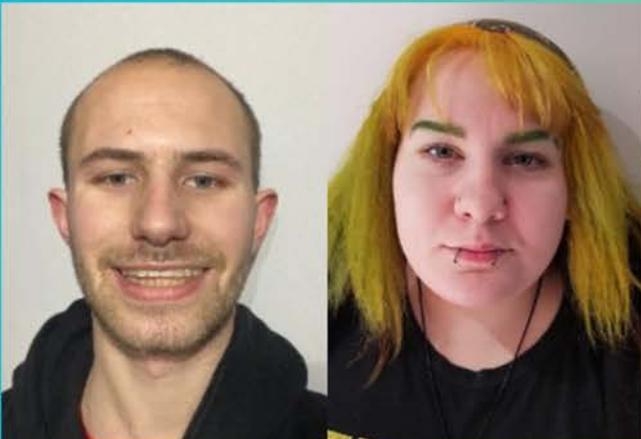
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# Detached Youth Work

Meet the Youth Work Team!  
We're often out and about in Morpeth - you may see us walking around on occasion. If you do happen upon us, please do come and say hello.



While we wander around the town, we make sure that young people are safe, offer support if needed, and let them know of the sessions that we offer. We are a friendly bunch and love to meet new people!

We'll be in uniform, and have ID to verify who we are.

## High Sheriff of Northumberland Awards



In February of this year, we were granted £1250 from the High Sheriff of Northumberland: to purchase modern furniture and equipment for our amazing new Garage Space. We think you'll agree from our earlier story - it looks pretty swish.

In March, Our Manager, Hayley and Youth Worker, Dave attended the High Sheriff's Awards Ceremony at Alnwick Playhouse with Alfie and Charlie (young people involved in the project), meeting the High Sheriff, and host for the event, TV's Alexander Armstrong.

If you have any queries about our work in the community, we'd love to hear from you.

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