

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY
PANEL

INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY CENTRES

This document contains information on ten community centres. The information is set out as follows :

- a contact list for all centres
- a single page for each centre setting out its location, a brief history, opening times, list of users and services and facilities provided at the centre
- a time table for each centre
- summary sheets of the 2008 community centres survey for each centre
- a table detailing centre budgets and other financial information for centres managed by Middlesbrough Council. An updated sheet will be provided at the meeting

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Active Neighbourhoods Team
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BRAMBLES FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Marshall Avenue TS3 9AJ

Tel : 01642 223373

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BRIEF HISTORY

Brambles Farm community centre is located at one end of the parade of shops on Marshall Avenue. There is parking outside the centre and extra within 100 yards.

The small centre has a hall, an IT (computer) room, equipped with internet, a refurbished kitchen and an interview room. The hall is used for meetings, children's play, providing meals for up to fifty people, playing bingo, a parent & toddler group and health-related activities.

Anyone can make use of the IT room, which is staffed by a qualified worker part of the week. At other times, help is available from the centre based worker.

The centre was built in 1991 and replaced Bramble Farm's first community centre. The old centre was a portakabin, which was used as a rent office in Hemlington. How it was moved to Brambles Farm is another story!

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday - Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Friday 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Evenings (some) 4.15 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Sunday 10.15 a.m. - 12.30 a.m.

Other times by arrangement.

For full details please see the timetable

STAFF : Site Manager

LIST OF USERS

Line Dancers	Knitting Group
Councillor's Surgeries	Social Services (Baby Clinic)
Parent & Toddler	Citizens Advice Bureau
Youth Group	Bingo
St. Thomas' Church	Computers

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- IT suite open 5 days a week (staffed 1.5 days)
- Access to photocopying
- Police Surgeries and Neighbourhood Warden Surgeries
- Annual trips organised by the Management Committee for local children to leisure parks and places of interest
- Annual playscheme based at centre
- Venue for Brambles Farm Community Council meetings

CHARLBURY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Charlbury Road TS3 8NH

Tel : 01642 249372

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BRIEF HISTORY

Charlbury Road Community Centre was formally opened on October 19th 1989 by the Mayor of Middlesbrough. The Centre was built by Middlesbrough Borough Council with assistance through the Urban Renewal Programme.

Before the centre was built, the local Pallister Housing Office was a meeting point for local residents and groups. One of the groups, a young mother and children's group, with support from other groups and local Councillors were involved in the concept and later the planning of a Community Centre for Pallister.

The Centre has a large hall which can be divided in two, a large meeting room, IT facilities and a kitchen. The centre is also the base for a local children's service called SCAMPS. The service provides 'an after school' facility where children can be picked up from school and looked after until their parents return from work. SCAMPS also offers a similar service for the school holidays. Charlbury Playgroup is also located in the building and provides spaces for pre-school children on a sessional basis. The Playgroup has spaces for up to 20 children for each of its morning and afternoon sessions. The Playgroup is open five days a week.

The centre celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2009, which it will be celebrating with an Open Day and a host of activities for local residents.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Friday :: 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Evenings (Some) :: 6.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Other times by arrangement

For full details please see the timetable

STAFF : Site Manager

LIST OF USERS

Computing

Bingo

Dance Classes

Junior Club

SCAMPS

Craft Group

Credit Union

Adult Education

Sure Start Playmates Group

Pallister & Town Farm Community Council

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- IT suite open 5 days a week (staffed 1.5 days)
- Playgroup open 10 sessions a week
- SCAMPS open during school weeks and school holidays
- Venue for Pallister Park Community Council meetings
- Photocopying
- Play area attached to centre and community garden planted by young people

RESOURCE CENTRE, GROVE HILL

Bishopton Road, Grove Hill TS4 2RP

Tel : 01642 278444

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BRIEF HISTORY

The Resource Centre in Grove Hill was one of the successful outcomes of a bid to the Single Regeneration Budget.

Grove Hill 2000, a community led organisation, with its partners, Wimpey, Middlesbrough Council, Endeavour Housing Association, Teesside University and others secured a grant of £3.3million towards a project totalling £9.9 million. The centre was built in 1998 and the life of the SRB project came to an end in 2005.

The Resource Centre was brought under Middlesbrough Council management in 2004. It is now a base for three key organisations, Neighbourhood Police, Sure Start and Middlesbrough Works. The centre also serves as a local base for the Neighbourhood Manager, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Credit Union.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Thursday :: 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Friday :: 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

STAFF : Community Worker and one full time Admin (job shared post)

LIST OF USERS

SureStart

Credit Union

Citizens Advice Bureau

Learn Direct

Middlesbrough Works

Neighbourhood Management

Police

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- Sure Start offers support for all children under 5 and their parents. This is one of 3 bases for the Grove Hill, Beechwood and Easterside Sure Start Scheme.
- The Grove Hill Community Policing Team is based at the centre. The team was relocated from Coulby Newham Police Station when the centre came under the management of Community Regeneration
- The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) runs two weekly sessions from the premises, which are almost always fully taken up
- Middlesbrough Works moved into the Resource Centre in April 2008
- The centre is a base for the Neighbourhood Manager working in the Grove Hill/Beechwood area
- The IT suite is used by local colleges and education providers and provides training for up to 30 individuals every week

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

7 Abingdon Road TS1 2DP

Tel : 01642 245967

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BRIEF HISTORY

The International community centre is located in the heart of Middlesbrough, on Abingdon Road. There is limited parking for centre users, but ample on street parking is available nearby.

The centre is one of the largest in Middlesbrough. There is a large hall, which can be divided into two. The hall also has a performance stage which is used for dance and music displays. Two meetings rooms are available, which can accommodate up to 10 people each. An IT (Computer) area, housing four computers, equipped with internet, is available for all. The centre also has a catering kitchen, which is used by community groups for lunches, cookery demonstrations and functions.

The building housing the centre has a long and interesting history. It dates to the 1840's and has been used as a roller skating hall and drill hall for the Territorial Army. It was purchased by Middlesbrough Council in 1984 and was opened at the International centre on 15th March 1986. Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the centre. Plans are underway to celebrate this event in the summer of 2009.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Thursday	::	9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Friday	::	9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
Evenings	::	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
Sunday	::	9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

STAFF : Site Manager and caretaker

LIST OF USERS

Adult Education	Keep Fit
Credit Union	Save The Children
Chandni Ladies Group	Regional Refugee Forum
Impact Martial Arts	Two Church Groups
Iraqi Association	Social Services Day Centre
Teesside Pipe Band	

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- The centre is a key resource for English as a Second Language (ESOL) learners, with over ten classes each week
- An IT lounge with 4 computers was opened in 2008
- The centre is a base for two religious groups who use the centre for worship, recreation and community work
- The centre manager is an Asian woman, and as such, is a key contact for local Asian women seeking advice and support

LANGDON SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Coulby Newham TS8 0TF

Tel : 01642 599723

Fax : 01642 599723

BRIEF HISTORY

Langdon Square Community Centre was built in 1984. It's purpose was to serve the relatively new estate of Coulby Newham. The centre is located in a square, which also housed a doctors surgery and a local shop. Coulby Newham has grown immensely since the centre was opened. A much larger doctors surgery now operates from the Parkway Centre, which has also become the shopping centre for South Middlesbrough.

The centre has a modern feel to it, with stained wood glass making up much of the frontage. The centre's large hall has a sprung floor, which is currently used by ten dance classes. There are two meeting/activity rooms on the ground floor and a meeting room on the first floor. Two large car parks can accommodate up to 70 cars, which makes it an ideal venue for larger meetings.

The centre will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary in 2009. An Open Day, Celebration Evening and week of activities are being planned to celebrate the event.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Thursday :: 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Friday :: 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Evenings :: 5.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

Saturday :: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Sunday :: 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Other times by arrangement

For full details please see the timetable

STAFF : One full time caretaker (Job shared post) and two part time caretakers employed by the management committee

LIST OF USERS

Adult Education	Social Services (Baby Clinic)
Take Heart Support Group	Karate
Yoga	Latin American/Ballroom Dance Class
Modern & Sequence Dance Class	Folk Dance
Phoenix Knitters	Krazy Cards
National Trust	Langdon Crafts
Coulby Print Group	Coulby Newham Community Council
St.John Ambulance	Sew a holics
Breatheasy	Blood Donors
Langdon Ladies	

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- The centre has a sprung floor, ideal for dancing and is used by both professional dance tutors and dance groups
- 2008 will see major renovations taking place at the centre, including new toilets, better disabled access and egress
- CCTV monitoring of the car park and entrance, financed by the management committee, was installed in Spring 2008
- A new and enlarged management committee was elected in July 2008

LINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Linthorpe Road, TS5 6JG

Tel : 01642 822310

Fax : 01642

BRIEF HISTORY

Groups of people had been meeting in two local churches – Sacred Heart and St. Barnabas – before the idea of a community centre for Linthorpe took root. The idea was first proposed in 1976. A group of volunteers came together and with support from the housing department, a proposal for a community centre was put forward. After a number of years, Middlesbrough Council bought some land at the end of a row of shops in ‘Linthorpe Village’.

A successful bid to Central Government released a grant for the centre’s construction. The centre was opened in 1986 and has been managed by a voluntary committee since that date. The committee is responsible for almost all of the running costs.

The centre has a large hall, kitchen, an office and comfortable coffee bar area/meeting room

The centre is situated in a busy shopping area with car parking at the rear. Some of the original users, though they have moved out of the area, still use it on a regular basis.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Other times according to usage, see timetable

STAFF : none, managed by volunteers

LIST OF USERS

IT Group	Park Ward Community Council
Art Group	Keep fit for over 50’s
Pilates	Yoga
Tea Dance	Park Methodist Church
Bingo	Councillor’s surgeries
Line Dancing	Sewing Group
Quilters Group	Scrabble Club
Al-Anon	Craft Club
Blood Donors	

OTHER SERVICES AND FACILITIES

- The centre is managed by residents and is available for regular bookings and one-off events

MARTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cypress Road, TS

Tel : 01642 3222738

Fax : 01642

BRIEF HISTORY

Marlon Community Centre stands on the site of an older centre called Cypress Road Community Centre. The old centre was a set of wooden buildings that had been bought from ICI and transported to the site. By the late 1990's, the old centre, already twenty years old was in need of replacement. The management committee approached Middlesbrough Council for assistance. A Capital Grant of £100,000, from the Council paved the way for further fundraising. The community centre group successfully bid for almost £92,000 from the Big Lottery and raised a further £20,000 from local fundraising.

The new centre was constructed to the group's specification and built off-site in Beverley, near Hull. It was transported to Marlon and the units were erected over one week-end. A further two months of work completed the centre, which was opened in 2002.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Other times by arrangement

For full details please see the timetable

STAFF : The centre had no paid staff and is managed by volunteers

LIST OF USERS

Table Tennis

Karate

Weight Watchers

Carpet Bowls

Junior Youth Club

Health Visitor Clinics

Children's Disco Dancing

Junior Ballet

Senior Youth Club

Women's Institute

Step & Body Tone

China Painting

Tap Dancing

Coffee Mornings

Chess

Kuman Study Group

Beginners/Intermediate Spanish

Sewing

Desk Top Publishing

Mini Tots

Belly Dancing

Nursery

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- The centre runs a successful registered nursery which is open five mornings every week. The nursery was built as part of the centre and the workers and committee had detailed input into its design
- The centre also has a long running chess club which has produced many local champions
- The centre is well used by young people including sessions for toddlers, juniors and 11+
- This is probably the only community centre that has a Belly Dancing Class

NETHERFIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fulbeck Road TS3 9JN

Tel : 01642 324979

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BRIEF HISTORY

There has been a community centre in Netherfields for over twenty years. Initially, space was made available in a three storey house in Netherfields. When this space became too small, the group moved into the old Endeavour School. The management committee continued to lobby for a purpose built centre, which was opened in September 1993. In 2007 the centre was extended to increase its storage space. The centre celebrated its fifteenth anniversary in 2008 with an open day and evening celebration.

In 2008, centre users worked with a local artist to produce a mosaic, which now adorns the front of the centre. 2008 also saw the introduction of a small computer facility at the centre. The centre now has three computers linked to the internet, which can be accessed by local residents. The centre has a large and active management committee, who are involved in many fundraising events.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.00 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.

STAFF : Site Manager

LIST OF USERS

Keep Fit	Badminton
Parent & Toddler Group	Hair Dresser
Credit Union	Monday Club & Bingo
Youth Club	Carpet Bowls
Computer Training	Bingo
Beckfield Community Council	

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- Three computers have been installed in the meeting room
- The centre was successful in bidding for a grant for a mosaic, which now adorns the frontage of the centre
- The centre celebrated an ‘Art in the Community’ event in July where three works of community art, commissioned by the centre, were unveiled
- The centre is a base for the successful community hairdresser, who visits every week and offers a service from the centre
- Beckfield Community Council holds alternate meetings at the centre

NEWPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

St. Pauls Road, Newport TS1 5NQ

Tel : 01642 353494

Fax : 01642 351511

BRIEF HISTORY

The Neighbourhood Centre was opened on 2nd February 1976 and was described as 'the heart of old Middlesbrough is beating once again'. This came after a period of regeneration initiatives which replaced the older housing between Union Street and Newport Road. The Centre celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 2001 and is still very much the hub of the community. The centre is open seven days a week.

The centre has two halls, one of which is ideally suited for a meals / cafe area. The larger hall is used for dancing, carpet bowls, meetings and small scale theatre productions. There are three meeting rooms, including a state of the art conference room, with interactive white board. The Newport Day Centre forms part of the building, but is run separately through Social Services. A local business, Millenium Meals, provides meals for housebound residents, lunches at the centre and also offers outdoor catering.

The newest project at the centre is the community allotment, which will allow the community to grow their own vegetables for use by themselves or to provide a community meal. The centre has a 14 seater mini-bus, which it is looking to replace with a new one in 2009.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Thursday :: 8.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Friday :: 8.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Evenings :: 5.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Other times by arrangement.

For full details please see the timetable.

STAFF : Community Worker, caretaker and admin staff

LIST OF USERS

Social Services Day Care

Community Development Team

Millenium Meals

T.R.I.C.S.

The Redeemed Christian Church of God

Superstars

Karate

Carpet Bowls

Ambassadors Jazz Band

Sewing Group

Thursday Club

Wrens

Dance Class

Adult Education

Gresham Neighbourhood Manager

Keep Fit

Kool Kids Club

Welcome Project

Cleveland Miniaturists

Unison Retired Members

Kickboxing

50/50 Dancing

Health Thro' Activity Group

Ward Surgery

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- A local community organisation TRICS, has office space in the centre
- The centre's mini bus is a well used resource and is available to any community group registered to use it
- Millenium Meals located its business to the centre in 2007, making use of the excellent kitchen and catering facilities
- The centre started its community allotment project in 2007, growing food for the 'Town Meal'

PARK END COMMUNITY CENTRE

Overdale Road TS3 7EA

Tel : 01642 300554

Fax : 01642 300554

BRIEF HISTORY

The Park End Residents' Association, which still meets at the Community Centre, was established in 1985. Members used the Park End Clinic hall for regular bingo sessions, and played for sweets as prizes. Demand from the group and other local activists for a Community Centre to serve the Park End area finally led to their dreams coming true. Funded by Middlesbrough Borough Council with assistance through the Urban Programme, the official opening of Park End Community Centre took place on 22nd March 2001 by The Mayor of Middlesbrough.

The centre comprises a hall, kitchen and an office. The Community Centre was added onto the Park End Clinic, which was built in the 1950s. The management committee is currently working with the Primary Care Trust to make use of the now disused clinic. This will provide much needed extra space, particularly for work with young people.

In the Community Centre's hall are plaques to two people who were particularly active in the life of Park End and worked towards getting the Park End Community Centre - Phyllis Mohan, Founder Chairperson of Park End Residents' Association - and Anas Hall, who was fully involved with the Park End Residents' Association as well as the Community Centre for many years.

To the rear of the Community Centre are a multi games court, skate park, and a grassed area with goal posts. The Sandringham Road playground is conveniently situated nearby.

CURRENT OPENING TIMES

Monday – Thursday :: 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Friday :: 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Evenings :: 7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Other times by arrangement

For full details please see the timetable

STAFF : Community Worker

LIST OF USERS

Carpet Bowls	Sewing Class
Kick Boxing	Sure Start
STEM Youth Sessions	Junior Youth Club
Credit Union	Bingo
Advice Session	Art & Crafts
Middlesbrough Mums	Dementia Group

OTHER SERVICES, FACILITIES OFFERED

- The centre has been in negotiation with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) for over a year to acquire the use of its now disused clinic
- The local credit union uses the centre both as an office and for collections
- Park End Community Council holds its meetings at the centre
- The centre is also the base for the Summer Playschemes

COUNCIL MAINTAINED COMMUNITY CENTRES
BUDGETS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING 2007/2008

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	Brambles Farm	Charlbury Road	Park End	Netherfields	International	Langdon Square	Newport N'hood	Resource Centre, G.Hill	TOTAL (excl.G.Hill)
MC Revenue Budget 2007/08	1,300	1,600	700	1,400	1,500	1,600	6,000	62,400	14,100
Management Committee contributions to Capital Works	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	63,000	11,000	14,000	No Management Committee	88,000
Management Committee contributions to Revenue Expenditure	5,100	5,200	2,700	4,200	5,100	3,600	tbc	No Management Committee	25,900
Grants from External Sources	8,000	6,000	6,000	19,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	55,000

Revenue Budget :

This is for purchase of small items of equipment, telephone usage and servicing alarms

Management Committees :

The £88,000 is a contribution to building improvements, building repairs and purchase of CCTV and other equipment

External Grants :

All of these are for activities carried out at centres