

TOGETHER MIDDLESBROUGH & CLEVELAND⁺

Feast of Fun

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TM&C co-ordinates programmes of fun activity, and provision of healthy meals, across Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland during school holiday periods. The aim is to combat holiday hunger in vulnerable families who struggle to provide the cost of additional meals, and entertainment, for children out of term time.

- TM&C raises funding each year to be able to pass on small grants to around 40 Churches and community organisations to deliver *Feast of Fun* in their own communities.
- TM&C provides central co-ordination of the programme during each holiday.
- TM&C provides the *Feast of Fun* branding for the groups to use on posters, flyers, and banners, to promote their activity in the community.
- TM&C also secures, and co-ordinates the dissemination of, additional resources for groups to access such as coach hire; free entry to tourist attractions; children's books; workshop providers and entertainers; and healthy food ingredients.

Feast of Fun Impact



Feast of Fun 2019

- Number of meals delivered = **13,000**
- Budget = **£34,000**

Feast of Fun at Home 2020

- Number of meals delivered = **86,000**
- Budget = **£82,000**

Feast of Fun 2021

- Number of meals delivered = **117,000**
- Budget = **£117,000**

Feast of Fun Locality Support

Examples of Groups delivering Feast of Fun:

- Newport Hub
- Streets Ahead for Information
- Youth Focus North East
- Linx
- Trinity Young People and Children's Project
- Local Schools

Impact of Feast of Fun within Newport and North Ormesby during 2021:

- 1292 children and young people supported
- 398 adults supported
- 10441 meals provided
- Enrichment activities and activity packs provided face to face and remotely

Impact of Feast of Fun



Case Study

Family A consisted of Mum, Grandma, Son aged 8, Daughter aged 6, Son aged 4 and Son aged 2. The family lived together in Middlesbrough in an area high in deprivation. As a family accessing the food bank occasionally, they were told about the FOF activities that were taking place and attended as a family. All children participated in all activities and were smiling at all times. The children were polite and thanked the volunteers continually for their lunch. When speaking with the grandma she informed us of how much they struggled as a family to ensure that the children had food and clothing. She said that her daughter struggled with her mental health and being on her own. They did not work, and things were hard. They accessed food banks and could not believe that they could have some free items through the FOF provision – the toiletries available were more than they could have asked for. They attended the FOF each day and absolutely loved it. They were sad it was coming to an end.

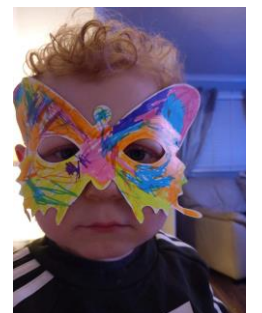
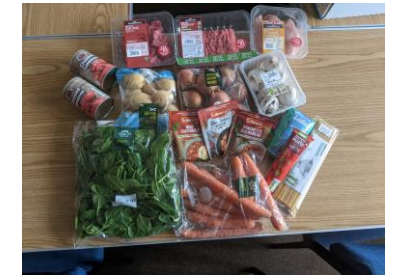
'I was in tears when I knew I had a pack coming its made a huge difference'

'This year on furlough has been hard, there is just so much stress trying to cover everything I need and not knowing how to get through the holidays, we don't qualify for support but our outgoings are the same as they were on full pay'

'I was made redundant and just didn't know how I was going to get through the school holidays'

'We lost income, but being self employed there is nothing much we can claim, thanks for helping out'

'The whole area is just buzzing, a real feel good feeling of kids and families getting outside and having a great day'



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