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Tees Valley Village Halls Network

Awarded by: *[Signature]* Date: 07 June 2017
Gale Nelson, Chair of Trustees
Catalyst Stockton - on - Tees



As you can see we were not only nominated for the 2017 Catalyst Award, we were a Finalist. Sadly we did not win, but we are very proud to have gotten this far. The article bottom right is from the award booklet.

The Photograph bottom left is from the award ceremony, held at Wynyard Gardens-Grand Marquee. The night will be well remembered by those attending. All we need now is a wall to hang our prized certificate on.



Tees Valley Village Halls Network

Nominated for the peer support they give **Management Committees running local village halls**. They are a group of individuals who have formed the Network to provide support and training to identify how the Halls can help one another. Through these dedicated volunteers, many rural village halls can access support and training, which they otherwise would struggle to engage with.



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East Cleveland Scarecrow Festival



By Denise Nesbitt

In 2015 Liverton Village decided to hold its very first Scarecrow Festival. As a very small village (33 houses) we were limited with both manpower and scarecrows - so we contacted local businesses and asked if they would support us, by donating £10 in exchange for their very own scarecrow to be on display in the village. The businesses embraced our idea and as the day dawned scarecrows appeared throughout the village depicting the business theme and Beatrix Potter. A trail was set and people came to see what it was all about.

As a village we had enjoyed it all so much we decided to share with others, so in 2016, working alongside Margrove Park, Loftus and Easington the very first East Cleveland Scarecrow Festival was planned. Each Friday we met up in Liverton Village Hall to exchange ideas, plan, drink endless cups of tea, and laugh - yes there was much laughter!

We planned that there would be a celebration in each of the participating villages, ensuring traditional games, crafts home cooking at reasonable costs and scarecrows. Each village came up with their own theme and the great East Cleveland Scarecrow Festival was off! We were amazed at the result. Visitors flocked to our villages joining in with the fun and enjoying our hospitality, home baking, especially the corned beef pies I hasten to add!

Such is the scarecrow bug (be prepared) by the end of the Festival groups were all ready planning on 2017 theme and before we knew it we were here again. Other villages wanted to be part of this madness and here we are today with the 2017 East Cleveland Scarecrow Festival only a month away. Liverton Mines, Carlin How/Skinningrove, Boosbeck, on board - together with Loftus, Easington, Margrove Park and Liverton Village - humble Liverton Village where the the idea was first discussed - why don't the villages work together?

NEWS

Retirement Kath Jackson Boosbeck

After many years Kath has decided that it is time to retire. Hugh Jackson (Chairman) and all the members of the Tees Valley Village Halls Network would like to pass on our thanks and gratitude on your much deserved 'retirement' . It is very reassuring that the Hall will continue in safe hands with its new Committee, with the ongoing support of the Network and the RCC. Our thanks to you for all that you have done in maintaining and running Boosbeck's Hall in the very best traditions of a Village Hall.

Thank you & Best wishes. Hugh Jackson

"Friends of Loftus Library" Message from Denise Nesbitt

In the short time "Friends of Loftus" has been formed we have reached 50 members - can we urge you please to spread the word to any of your friends, family or colleagues who are keen to see Loftus Library flourish. I am happy for this e-mail to be circulated - if anybody wants to be a Friend of Loftus there is a box on the counter in the library with contact detail slips - just ask them to complete the slip and place it in the box - or e-mail

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Friends of Loftus Library want to work together to maximise the opportunities and facilities offered within the safe warm environment on our doorstep, the hub of Loftus and heart of the community, a place where thoughts can be shared, ideas put forward and news of up and coming events advertised.. If you belong to a group who would be interested in using the library facilities, if you have a skill you could share with others or if you have an idea to develop within the library please let us know - or contact the library. Find us on Facebook - "Friends of Loftus Library". Lets get 100 friends of Loftus - then we can have a celebratory cup of tea and I may even bake a cake - but please don't let that put you off.