CHAIR’S INTRODUCTION

One of the challenges about being the Chair of NHP is getting used to the Annual Report calendar. We present Annual Report and Accounts to our Annual General Meeting in November each year, but that annual report covers what happened between 7 and 19 months ago...

Every September you’ll find NHP staff scrolling back through social media and monitoring forms, counting back the months on their fingers and deciding what to put in and what to leave out of the annual report. One person will tie themselves in knots wondering if they can include a perfect photo from 15 April 2018 that is connected to a project that finished in December 2017. Another will worry whether we should celebrate an inspired project that we might not be able to afford in future years. There’ll be a few conversations about whether a particular NHP institution has been going for 14 or 15 years, and whose idea it was in the first place and whether people will be tired of hearing about it now. Someone else will helpfully say that 14 years ago they were still at primary school and instead of going on about the past we should be saying what we’re doing next....

Then suddenly it all comes together. There are facts, figures and pictures to remind and reassure us. We agree it’s good to look back now and again because we’re building futures on local traditions of family and community. It may have felt like a tough year at times but look what we achieved....

On behalf of North Halifax Partnership Trustees I want to thank everyone for all they have done in 2017-18 to build a Better Future for All Generations. That includes all our staff, secondees and volunteers; partner agencies and local community organisations; and supporters and service users.

To step outside of 2017-18 Annual Report Time, it’s now October 2018 and we await publication of Calderdale Council’s contract competition to run Children’s Centre Services. We know there will be significant cuts in Council budgets again next year. We hope Monday 1 April 2019 will be Day 1 of a 5-7 year contract to serve local children and families and Day 1 of another year developing new community based initiatives from OMI and Staying Well.

And then later on in 2019, we’ll have a look at what we did from April 2018 ...

I hope you enjoy these snapshots from NHP’s 2017-18 album as much as we enjoyed collecting them. For more information see our detailed 2017-18 report on the Charity Commission’s website or go to www.northhalifaxpartnership.org.

Danielle Durrrrans

STRENGTHENED COMMUNITIES

I was a bit doubtful beforehand, but I thought it was a cracking day and should definitely be repeated if possible. The weather helped of course, but everyone we spoke to really enjoyed the day.

(Beechwood Big Picnic comment)

290 people attended neighbourhood awards nights in North Halifax and Warley in 2017.
2,500 came to the Beechwood Park Big Picnic.
1,000 people enjoyed the West View Park Fun Day
76 ward forum grants allocated for community groups and projects
349 residents came to the ward forum meetings we arranged with ward councillors and local services.
108 people spoken to on the doorstep; 87 young people on outreach, and followed up 106 requests for local services.

"I know most of us knew each other’s groups before, but it’s like we are more together now and we’ve also made new contacts and come out of our shells.”

Winn, Staying Well event in Elland

157 attendances at our Outside the Box drop in sessions for young people at Forest Cottage offering advice, engagement and football.

Many thanks for an interesting event well presented. There’s so much going on in our area that we don’t get to hear about it’s good to celebrate. Aileen from St. Hilda’s at the Our Communities Awards
Supporting volunteering is a really important part of NHP from our Board Directors to growing volunteer capacity in the community through Staying Well. In 2017-18 we counted:

817 volunteering hours in Children’s Centres.

69 opportunities for young people to volunteer with Project 12:31 and at community events with 19 young volunteers clocking up over 300 hours.

A network of over 100 volunteers across new or existing Friends of Parks groups supported to improve local parks and promote conservation.

Improving mental health has been at the heart of all our work this year.

117 staff training sessions including Mental Health awareness, Emotional Intelligence and Dementia Friendly awareness.

5 Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes events with NHS and social care staff to get people talking about health and wellbeing.

Sugar Smart: staff pledged to give up sugary snacks and children learned to make their own healthy snacks.

16 NHP staff joined Calderdale Council in the GCC Challenge, achieving over 10,000 steps a day for 100 days.

Our Energy Levels project reached 465 people through social media, training and advice. We produced a free booklet of easy low-cost recipes and energy saving hints and tips.

37 adults attending wellbeing and self confidence programmes with family learning.

“People hope for a nice long life and when you’re young you don’t always consider that a long life often comes hand in hand with failing eyes or extra trouble getting around. For older people the local services like Staying Well and activity groups can make such a difference to quality of life.” Esme, local resident

551 attendances and 123 work clubs delivered in Mixenden and Beechwood Libraries

441 adults and 330 child attendances at family learning events

92 attendances on accredited work-focused training. 28 adults completed the popular helping in schools course

Helping in Schools and SEND courses saw 6 graduates of the course getting jobs in schools.

3 people progressed to Level 3 Teaching Assistant training in college, and one of them is now training to teach at University.

1 volunteer with Project 12:31 gained skills and qualifications helping them to become a West Yorkshire Police Cadet and successfully gain a place with Camp America in 2018.

You have been fantastic, thanks for all the courses you have allowed me and my son to attend. You’ve really improved my confidence, helped me to feel better as a lone parent, learnt vital skills, accredited courses, found time for me. You are a vital service and can’t thank you enough. Family Learner –Dec 17
833 children in our day care
1387 families at antenatal clinics
529 families at baby clinics
35 families Getting Ready for Baby at midwife-led sessions
23 weekly babies, toddlers and parents drop ins
73 one-off events, attracting 629 family attendances.
Family Support supporting 546 families
1218 attendances at Project 12:31 sessions for teenagers and 59 young people took part in our Summer Programme.
70 young women learned life skills in our Making a Woman of Substance Girls Programme.

Me and my family would be lost without the Sure Start services, especially the family support that is given. Our Family Support Worker is fantastic!

As a parent I can honestly say I am grateful to ProjectTwelve:31. My daughter has been able to try different things and make new friends. But most of all it allows her to enjoy and have fun, without being judged. She is able to be a child x

97% of families say their quality of life is better after receiving family support

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