

Coalfield Winter Projects

Self – isolation support, activities and (COVID safe) social contact to ensure residents are not alone and isolated during Christmas and the dark months of January, February and early March. Also ensuring families have access to the basics and know where they can access help with food and fuel and other household essentials.

Christmas 2021 and Winter 2022 – January to March 2022

Copt Hill

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Alongside this provision will be:

- Area Foodbanks
- Local VCS Organisations supporting the delivery of the COVID Targeted Community Champion Programme, Enhanced Winter Offer
- Area Committees are also supporting through various activities: Social Isolation Projects – see attached
- Free school meals vouchers will be provided to eligible school-age children during Christmas holidays
- Neighbourhood Fund Projects – Reducing Social Isolation:

Project Name	Organisation	Contact
Active Exercise and Play	Active Families NE	activefamiliesne@gmail.com
September 2021 – March 2022 – Weekly sessions. Adult dance and fitness with childcare provision. Charge of £1, delivered at ELCAP		
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Elba Park Social project	Groundwork NE	Katie.Corrigan@groundwork.org.uk
July 2021 – June 2022 - Targeting Shiney Row, Peshaw and Fencehouses, Buggy Bootcamp and Men's Shed programmes at Elba Park		
Project Name	Organisation	Contact
Encouraging Participation	Hetton New Dawn	hilaryavent@hettonnewdawn.org.uk
July 2021 – January 2022 – lunch club with subsidised transport. Trips out and social activities		
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Have a Meal with us (Houghton)	Community Opportunities	gailmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk
September 2021 – March 2022 - New weekly Lunch club at Houghton Blind Centre to reconnect and re-engage into the community. The sessions will provide information, ideas, speakers and informal activity sessions.		
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Peshaw Pals	Community Opportunities	gailmurphy@communityopportunities.co.uk
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Down at the Pit	Springboard	JPooley@springboard-ne.org
June 2021 – May 2022 – Social group for males who also carry out maintenance and repair tasks in Hetton Lyons CP		