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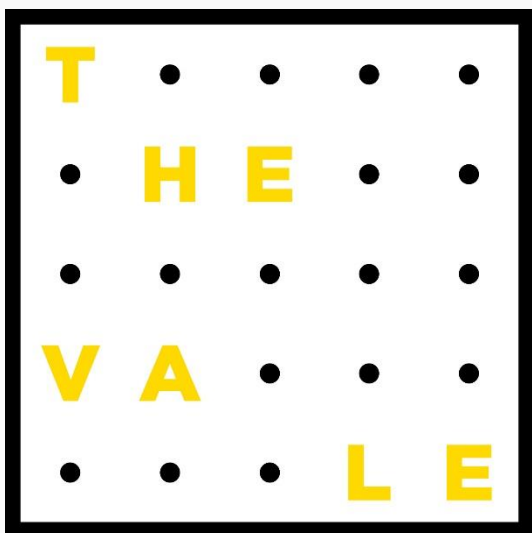
## Cre8's August Newsletter

Here's an update of what's gone on at Cre8 over the summer!

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### Music Project



We took a group of 6 young people from the music project to a gig at The Vale in Mossley - their opening night. We had a fantastic time watching original music performed and run by young people. It was inspiring to see what other music projects are up to and our young people really enjoyed the experience, asking when they can go back. For some of them, it was their first ever gig so it was brilliant to hear them chatting excitedly about it on the way home. A particular favourite was a song about Pirate Punk!



We also attempted our very first live-streamed concert from St Barnabas. Some young people had created original music they had worked on since the start of the year and others did covers of some of their favourite songs. It took a lot of logistics and technical know-how and in the end, we had audio problems and decided to record it instead. The young people liked the throwback to an in-person concert with just a small audience of other performers. It was great to have everyone in one place to watch their peers perform and we hope that we will be able to get a full-size audience in for our next Christmas concert in December. You can watch the latest concert here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYT\\_O3Gu8lc&t=1129s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYT_O3Gu8lc&t=1129s)

We're looking forward to welcoming our young musicians back in September to continue working on their instruments and having fun with music!

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## Open Church Fridays





Over the summer months the garden and allotment at St Barnabas have been open to our community on Fridays. We've played in the mud, splashed in puddles, drank tea under the gazebos, shared our gardening wisdom, and chatted about our lives. The garden is a fantastic asset of St Barnabas and has enabled us to safely meet up with others from our community and have a



change of scenery. Although covid has changed the way we have been able to do things, we've still managed to have around 20 people in the garden each week, young and old, and we've loved laughing and chatting together again. The allotment area is looking wonderful with plenty of produce to be shared. We have a sunflower competition happening, we've planted up pots to take home and made some wonderful rainy watercolour pictures. We always share food together over lunch which has been wonderful to do again.

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who've kept the gardening going over the last year, and those who come along to set up / tidy up and make the open church days happen.



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## Final Goodbyes at Chester Zoo



One of our Young People was leaving us after 4 years. He's been on our learning plus program and is now off to sixth form! We went to Chester Zoo for the day to celebrate the journey he's been on with Cre8 and say our last goodbyes. It was a great send off, he was very excited to see all the animals and massively enjoyed a trip out. He said, 'he has many memories here at Cre8 and was extremely thankful for everything we have done over the years and all the staff he's worked with'. All the best for the future  
Jayden!

## Shed Revamp







Through our Social Enterprise Project we've been able to employ some young people to help regenerate the shed behind the house over the last couple of months. Funding was thanks to the Community police fund and the social enterprise work of selling Christmas trees. Its been a big job and it's still being finished off but its looking great and is now ready to be used again for some new projects! The best thing – we've been able to reuse and recycle a lot of the old material! Its important to us to try and be sustainable.

See some photos of some of the guys working on it and the improvements that have been made. The roof got stripped off and redone, the inside walls were stripped back and remade, the wood stove was taken out and the inside was all tidied up and sorted. It's a great space to be able to use again for practical projects.



## Christmas is Coming

Don't forget about our Christmas trees! With Christmas stuff creeping into shops, the count down

is on! We wanted to let you know that Cre8 are selling Christmas trees again this year!

Please support our initiative and get a tree from us! We are also going to be hiring out potted trees this year so **Watch this Space** for more details to come!

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## Residential

We were so pleased to be able to send 14 Young People into the Peaks in August on residential thanks to The South West Peak Landscape Partnership Scheme which is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The group had a jam packed few days out and about doing lots of activities with

Moorland Adventures; the young people got to try archery, bush craft, orienteering, paddling, climbing and scrambling. They stayed at High Ash Farm with no signal which was a challenge but a great way to be able to spend time together after a tough 18 months. Well done to the Youth work team and some trusty volunteers for making it happen!





**SOUTH WEST PEAK**  
LANDSCAPE AT A CROSSROADS





# Community trip to RHS Bridgewater Gardens in Salford

In July we took 55 people (including a newborn only a few weeks old, up to our eldest over 80!) on coaches for a day out in the stunning new RHS garden in Salford. Its a wonderful place with something for everyone, adventures and play areas for kids and teens, calm tranquil paradise gardens to sit and be still as well as the extensive grounds to walk in. We especially enjoyed the community allotments and wellbeing gardens as they gave us lots of inspiration for our own area at St Barnabas! A fantastic time, with all different people from our community.

