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## Cre8's Christmas Newsletter

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The past few months have been very busy here at Cre8! Read on for an update on what's been happening.

### Christmas Hope

As we approach the end of this unexpected and difficult year, we are finding ourselves tired and drained. The continual need to assess and change our ways of doing things this year has been challenging. We have a vacancy at the moment for a senior youth worker but we are hopeful that 2021 will bring us the right person. But before this we are looking forward to much needed rest over the Christmas break. We know Christmas is a difficult time for some. There has

impact of the pandemic continues to affect us all in different ways. But we have been touched and fortified by the generosity of spirit that all our volunteers, donors and staff continue to show in a variety of ways. Successful funding bids have brought us further positive news, as this month we were awarded two grants from Cheshire Community Foundation. This new support will let us deliver new activities in 2021 that will focus on our young people including an inter-generational project that will focus on mental health, telling stories and sharing experiences. This week we also begin some small group work with young people through a council funded project. This will bring some much needed connection by actually meeting together face-to-face. A simple action that we all have missed so much over this year.

We are surviving, and remain determined to make a real difference in our Community. This newsletter will give you a glimpse into that determination and good insight into our hopes and aspirations for next year. Thank you for your support and we wish you well for a safer, healthier and more-connected 2021.

**- Ameera**



## Learning Plus Update

Our Learning Plus project has been back up and running this term and it was great to see our young people again after so long, as well as saying hello some new participants. We are currently delivering around 16 sessions a week which is nearing our full capacity.

We have been working creatively as a team to ensure our sessions are run in a safe manner during the current circumstances, and have been adapting as the situation continues to change. We will continue to regularly risk assess our 121 sessions in the coming months to make sure we continue to work within necessary safety regulations.



## Online Winter Youth Music Concert

Due to the current lockdown restrictions in place, we are unable to host our annual Christmas Youth Music Concert this year. Despite this we are determined to do something to showcase and celebrate the amazing talents of our young people, so we have decided to host the concert online! Our music

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which will be streamed on YouTube on **Friday the 18th of December at 7pm.**

We will be releasing a link to the premiere on [Facebook](#) closer to the time, so keep a look out!

# Cre8 Online Winter Youth Music Concert

Premieres on YouTube  
18th of December

7pm

[music@cre8macclesfield.org](mailto:music@cre8macclesfield.org)

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huge success. It really was a testimony to the talent we have here at Cre8 and we can't wait to see more!

If you missed this years Summer Youth Music Concert, or would like to watch it again, it can be found on our Cre8 Music YouTube account. Follow the link below to take a look. We hope you can tune in for our Winter Youth Music Concert in the coming weeks!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Yd7D3UrEu0&t=2618s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Yd7D3UrEu0&t=2618s)



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We have been selling Nordmann Fir 5ft-8ft real Christmas trees and stands as part of a project to provide work experience for young people and raise money for Cre8. We provided a local delivery service, and opened up on St Barnabas on the 5th of December for people to come and choose their own tree.

Young people were employed in the selling and delivery of the trees, and all proceeds raised will go back into Cre8 and our projects.

The project has been a huge success. We're incredibly grateful to everyone who bought a tree from us and those who helped spread the word. A special thank you to all those who donated extra to us for their tree. Its incredible to see people coming together with such acts of kindness, even in what has been such a difficult year.

A big well done to all our staff and volunteers who worked to make this project possible. We hope that everyone who bought from us enjoys their tree!







## Social Enterprise work with PPHT

Our Social Enterprise project recently teamed up with Peaks and Plains Housing Trust to clean up the garage site on the corner of Rutland Road and Moss Lane. As you can see from the before and after shots below, our team did an amazing job! We're very thankful to PPHT for working with us on this project and helping us provide these kinds of employment opportunities to young people.

To read more about this work with PPHT, [click here](#).





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## Cre8 Facilities

Our Cre8 Facilities washing service continues to provide an excellent service, with our team working as hard as always. Below are some of their before and after pictures which perfectly showcase their work.

We own a professional jet washer, so if you want something washing down, we might be able to help. Get in touch with Jonathan on **07515 410170** or **[jonathan.aiken@cre8macclesfield.org](mailto:jonathan.aiken@cre8macclesfield.org)**

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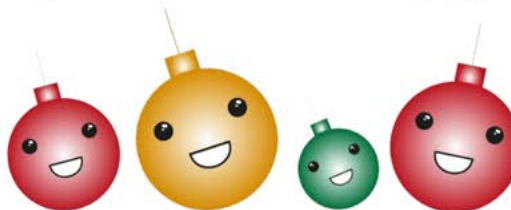
## Bauble Collection

We're asking for people to bring us their spare, unwanted baubles to help decorate our christmas tree outside St Barnabas Church!

If you have any baubles at the bottom of your decoration box, or alternatively would like to make your own, please bring your bauble down to us at **the Cre8 House, 11 Belgrave Road, Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm.**

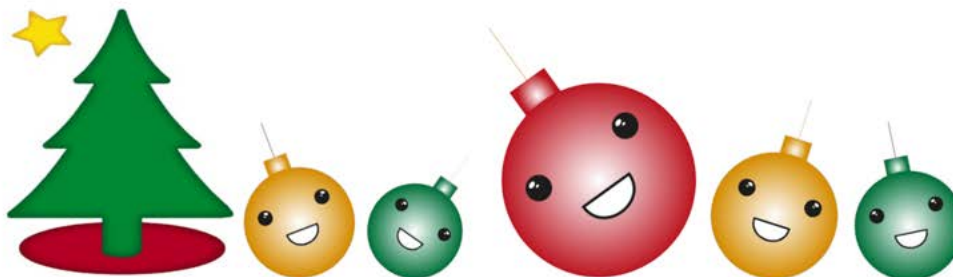


There Was A Sad Christmas Bauble all alone at the bottom of the decoration Box. He was so lonely. Until he was taken to be on the St Barnabas Christmas Tree, with lots of other lonely Baubles. Together they spent a happy Christmas hanging out together. Their previous owners could come by and see them happy with



their new friends

Please give an old Bauble to St Barnabas to help decorate the tree. Drop off at Cre8 House 11 Belgrave Road. Lets make our old Baubles Happy and the Tree Outside St Barnabas Shine this Christmas.



## Youth Work Supervisor Recruitment

Since Amy's departure in October we are now in a position to recruit into this



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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Youth Work Supervisor

**Closing date:** Friday 8th January 2021

**Interview Dates:**  
Week commencing 18th January 2021

**Salary**  
Grade 4 £24,150 - £27,997 per annum permanent contract

**Hours**  
37.5 hours per week including evening and weekend work

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For more details on the role and how to apply, visit our website:

[www.cre8macclesfield.org/work-for-us](http://www.cre8macclesfield.org/work-for-us)

Here is what Amy had to say about her time at Cre8:

*"When I joined Cre8 (almost) 3 years ago I was worried how I was going to be received. Not only was I not from the Moss, but a complete outsider who had never visited Macclesfield in her life. Now 3 years on I would like to thank not only the young people for being so responsive to me but their parents and families for making me feel so welcome.*

*I have had a wonderful 3 years with Cre8 and will be taking with me a bucket full of fond memories. Thanks to everyone who has supported me and helped me grow within my time here. I wish Cre8 all the best for future projects in all the wonderful work they do."*

Welcoming Keziah



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maternity leave in August. Ameera caught up with her on a socially distanced walk, and we've been given her permission to share this photo of beautiful baby Keziah to show off the newest addition to the Cre8 family! We're wishing her and her family the best. Its lovely to see some positivity during these difficult times.

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## Upcoming Events

# Cre8's BIG GIVE 2020

Cre8 will be getting together on Christmas Eve for **THE BIG GIVE 2020** to distribute gifts and food to households on the Moss Estate and wider across Macclesfield.

We're looking for:

- Volunteers beforehand to wrap presents at their own homes.
- Volunteers who will be free on Christmas Eve in the afternoon/evening and who are willing to help. Jobs are likely to include; unloading deliveries of food, sorting through donations, and making up hampers.
- Teams to deliver the hampers including drivers with their own cars and helpers in the same household/support bubble.
- Donations of BRAND NEW toys. Wrapped (clearly labelled with what's inside) or unwrapped.
- Other donations of store cupboard food (pasta, sauces, tins etc) and toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, wipes, baby food etc.

If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch with Katy via

[katy.wardle@cre8macclesfield.org](mailto:katy.wardle@cre8macclesfield.org) or call the office on **01625 503740**.

with Jayne via [jayne.shaw@cre8macclesfield.org](mailto:jayne.shaw@cre8macclesfield.org)



Cre8 has been chosen by the Mayor of Macclesfield to be her charity of the year alongside Macclesfield Seals. We are incredibly thankful to the mayor for her support, and as part of this there will be multiple fundraisers running in 2021. These will include things such as a charity auction and producing a 'book of kindness' to give to schools.

We will keep you updated on these events as they happen!



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