

Making a difference

Through the work and activities carried out at the Goosecroft Centre people with learning disabilities have opportunities to learn new skills in:
Cooking, First Aid,
Leisure,
Arts and Crafts,
Drama, Music.

People gain confidence in:
Going out and about,
Speaking up,
Knowing what to do if worried,
Knowing who can help with problems,
Trying out new activities,
Making friends.

Carers and support workers can find people who listen and understand.

The Goosecroft Centre is a place where people feel welcome and at ease.

The work of the Centre promotes community safety and awareness of disability.

The services and the facilities are important to the local community.

The Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society has close links with the community and with other organisations:

Local and County Partnership Boards

With the aim of implementing 'Valuing People Now' Northdale

Work opportunities and enterprise based on horticulture, woodcrafts and the arts situated in purpose-built premises and grounds on the Yafforth Road, Northallerton. Incorporating Breathing Space.

Chopsticks

Work opportunities and enterprise based on the production of kindling and other services, situated in purpose-built premises on Thurston Road, Northallerton.

Mowbray Gateway Club

A popular social club which meets on Fridays at the Goosecroft Centre.

Yatton House

Day opportunities and activities for adults with learning disabilities in the Great Ayton area.

Other Voluntary Sector Organisations

The President of the Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society is The Rt Hon. Lord Hague of Richmond

Development Manager and main contact is Sue Lear

The Chairman is Frits Rab
The Vice Chair role is vacant

A complete list of Vice Presidents, Committee Members, Holding Trustees and Honorary Members can be obtained from the Centre Office.



Registered Charity Number 224222
The Society acts as the voice of people with learning disabilities, their families and carers in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

We provide:
facilities and support
information
activities

We work in partnership to:
build community
create opportunities

We make a difference.

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History

The Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society was formed over fifty years ago and has maintained a continuous presence in Hambleton and Richmondshire since 1964.

The Centre has been used by people with learning disabilities and a wide variety of groups from the local community since 1979.



An extension and refurbishment of the old building was completed in May 2017. This was made possible through the funds generously donated by many local people, various trusts and foundations and several substantial bequests. Support was also provided through North Yorkshire County Council towards the funding of the changing places toilet. Hambleton District Council assisted with the refurbishment of the kitchen. The Society's Trustees are very grateful for this support and are pleased with the improvements that have been achieved.



There is good parking on site.

The New Centre



The refurbished centre has a new dance floor and smart TV, has been totally redecorated and is now clutter free. This provides a large and pleasant space for a range of activities and events.



The changing places toilet is spacious and very well equipped in line with British Standards.



Charity Details

The office of The Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society is situated in the centre. The Society is a registered charity, established in 1964, affiliated to Royal Mencap.



Although affiliated, we are an independent charity entirely dependent on fund raising and income generated from lettings and other activities.

Through financial and voluntary help provided by local people the Society is enabled to maintain its premises, carry out its work and act as the voice of people with learning disabilities, their families and carers in the Hambleton and Richmondshire areas.

For more information or to enquire about hiring facilities, telephone, email or visit the centre. We will be pleased to answer your questions.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Society in the past and thank you to those who continue to do so.