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## Little Treasures Autism Charity North East

Little Treasures Autism Charity are for families of children with a diagnosis of Autism or children who are getting tested. Siblings are also welcome.

We are now a registered charity, supporting north east families and have two Autistic Adult Support Groups. Throughout the year we offer a range of workshops, social activities, activities in groups, Christmas parties and more!

### Stay and Play Sessions

These sessions are all £3 per family.

We have specialist play equipment for the children to access at our stay and play sessions, and a sensory session with a bouncy castle and sensory equipment. We offer free courses, trips out, book libraries, information, support, pamper sessions for parents, bouncy castles and activities within the group for children.

Ferryhill: Second and fourth Saturday every month (all groups closed from July - August as we hold social activities) 10:30am - 12 noon at:

Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute  
St Cuthbert's Terrace  
Ferryhill  
County Durham  
DL17 8PP

Consett: Third Saturday of every month from 1.00pm - 2.30pm at:

The Grove Primary School, DH8 8AP

Great Lumley: Second and fourth Saturday of every month from 11.30am - 1.00pm at:

Front Street  
Great Lumley  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH3 4JD

Peterlee at: First Saturday of every month from 1.30pm - 3.00pm at:

Oakside Drive  
Peterlee

County Durham

Darlington: First Saturday of every month 10.30am – 12 noon at:

The Education Village  
Darlington  
DL1 2AN

Lanchester: Second Saturday of every month from 11.00am – 1.00pm at:

Lanchester Social Club  
1 Newbiggen Lane  
Lanchester  
DH7 0PF

West Auckland: Third Saturday of the month from 1.00pm – 3.00pm at:

Memorial Hall  
Darlington Road  
Bishop Auckland  
DL14 9HT

Ushaw Moor: First Saturday every month 1.00pm - 2.30pm at:

The Hut  
Chestnut Grove  
Ushaw Moor  
DH7 7LJ

Darlington: Last Sunday every month 10.30am - 12 noon at:

Salutation Hall  
Salutation Road  
DL3 8JP

Our parent support sessions have speakers come in on different sessions with lots of useful information. These sessions are £2 per parent.

Peterlee: Second Monday of every month from 10.00am - 12 noon at:

Oakside Drive  
Peterlee  
County Durham  
SR8 1NR

Darlington: Third Tuesday of every month from 1.00pm - 2.30pm at:

St James  
The Great Church Hall  
Albert Hill  
Allen Street

DL1 2NR

Great Lumley: Fourth Wednesday from 11.00am - 1.00pm at:

Front Street  
Great Lumley  
Chester-Le-Street  
County Durham  
DH3 4JD

Lego Session

A session to build on team work, social skills and inclusion. The children work alongside each other creating some amazing things with Lego in a safe environment. These are £2 per family.

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Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute  
St Cuthbert's Terrace  
Ferryhill  
County Durham

Darlington: Last Sunday every month from 12.30pm - 2.00pm at:

Salutation Hall  
Salutation Road  
DL3 8JP

Consett: Third Saturday every month 1.00pm - 3.00pm at:

Tesco extra  
Genesis way  
DH8 5XP

Each group has information tables about what's on in our local areas and information on who can help with schooling, how to put in complaints, how to get second opinions and more!

We also offer government funded courses to parents, carers and schools on understanding Autism and surrounding Co-Morbids. We offer workshops for parents on makaton, sex education for children with SEND, our own SEND Christmas parties and more

We also have a facebook page Little Treasures Autism Group with lots of information on activities going on and instant support from members.

For more information, please email Michelle Abbs or Laura Younger at [Littletreasures18@gmail.com](mailto:Littletreasures18@gmail.com)

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## Other details

**Cost****description**

All stay and play, and sensory sessions are £3 per family and parent support session £2 per family.

Membership optional:

£20 per year - this gets you activities for half price so if we charge £10 you pay £5. You can attend any course we do in any area for free instead of £3. You will receive two newsletters a year, an autism journal and a membership card that you can use in any group.

**Referral and availability notes**

Unlike some services you don't need to be referred, you can drop in whenever you like. We do close most groups in July and we return in September.

## Local Offer

**Local Offer description**

All volunteers are DBS checked and have a Level 2 qualification in Understanding Autism.

Majority of volunteers are also parents of children with Autism or Autistic adults themselves.

What does your service do?

**What does your service do?**

We support families of children with Autism, children on the ASD pathway, we offer government funded courses and activities to reduce isolation and promote inclusion.

We also offer workshops for parents, things such as makaton, sex education and relationships, anxiety and sensory workshops too.

Where is it located and what areas does it cover?

**Where is it located and what areas does it cover?**

We cover the north east, if you can travel to a course/group you are welcome to come.

Who does your organisation provide a service for?

**Who does your organisation provide a service for?**

For families of children with Autism and children on the ASD pathway awaiting assessment.

How can I start using the service?

**How can I start using the service?**

No need to book - just drop in to any of our venues.

How do I know what is going on and can I be involved in making plans for the future?

**How do you communicate with service users and how are they involved in decision making / planning?**

We have questionnaires that we hand out in groups asking parents what it is they would like for activities and we also post on our facebook page. 'Little Treasures Autism Charity (parent/carer support page)'

We also have a page on facebook for professionals 'Little Treasures (Professional) SEND Support and Advice'.

Is your service fully accessible?

**Is your service fully accessible?**

Yes, we are fully accessible to everyone who has a child with Autism or child going through the diagnosis process.

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