



Junior Holidays 2021

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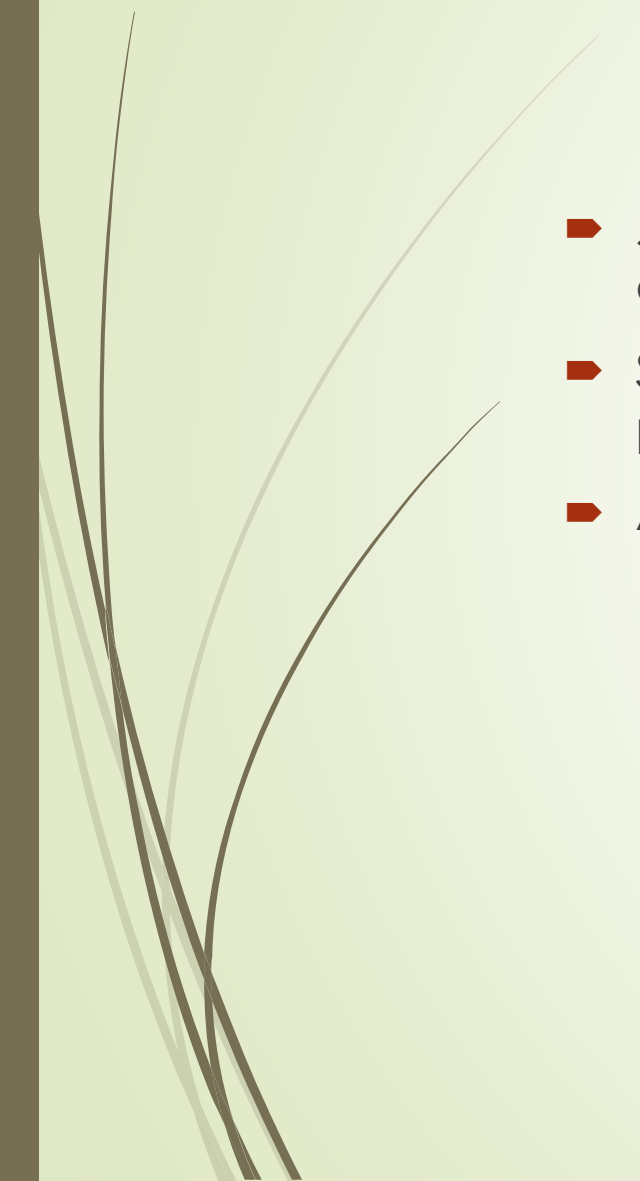


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- ▶ Junior Holidays are short adventure breaks for young people aged between 7 and 13 from the Quakers in Yorkshire area.
- ▶ A chance for young people to meet together, get to know each other and spend time away from their family in a Quaker group.
- ▶ Our 2020 holidays were all held via Zoom so young people had not met up face to face since October 2019
- ▶ During the pandemic some children had turned 7 and maybe even 8 and had not had the chance to try out a Quaker junior holiday. Others had missed out on their final one. All of them had missed out on time meeting friends and making new ones from the Yorkshire Quaker community.
- ▶ This time last year we were uncertain if we would be able to offer any face to face events in 2021.
- ▶ We just had to wait and see.....



But happily we were....

- ▶ June 2021 – a one day event at Nell Bank attended by 27 young people aged 7-13
 - ▶ September 2021 a weekend break at Barmoor attended by 19 young people aged 7-13
 - ▶ And it was just brilliant to see them together having fun
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Nell Bank

- Adventure activity day (10am-3pm)
- Team building, problem solving and fun activities led by Nell Bank centre staff
- Most glorious weather
- Fantastic site with amazing inclusive facilities
- Early June so we were not long out of lockdown so it was fantastic to be able to do this
- 27 children attended many having their first experience of junior holidays 😊



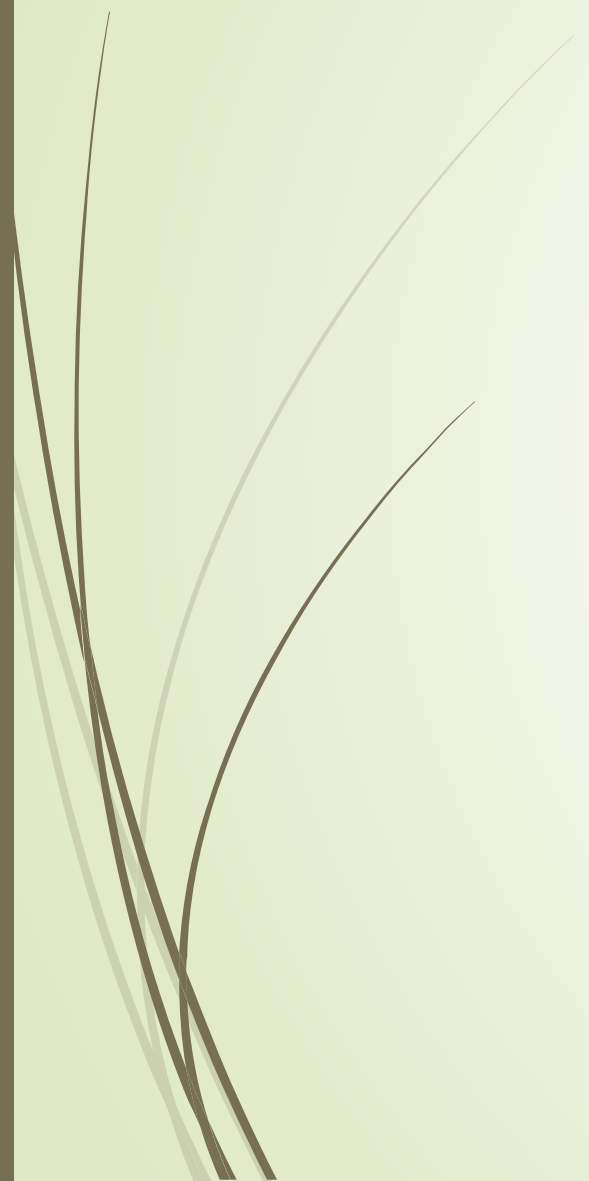




























Barmoor 17-19th September 2021

- What a treat to get back to Barmoor for the first time since 2017
- A 2 night holiday with 19 children and 6 volunteers
- Two of our volunteers were recent junior holiday attendees
- One new teenage volunteer helper (aged 15)



The weekend included....

- A moonlight walk on the moors
- A day time walk which included pooh sticks, a paddle in the stream and icecream in the village
- Lots of lovely shared food
- Nest groups with everyone taking their turn to wash up set the tables etc
- A visit to the museum
- Talent show
- Lots of silly games
- Epilogues
- Bedtime stories



Theme for the weekend was “Stepping out”

We thought about times when we had “stepped out”

For example, when we had done something unusual or something we had not thought we could or maybe something we had not wanted to do.....

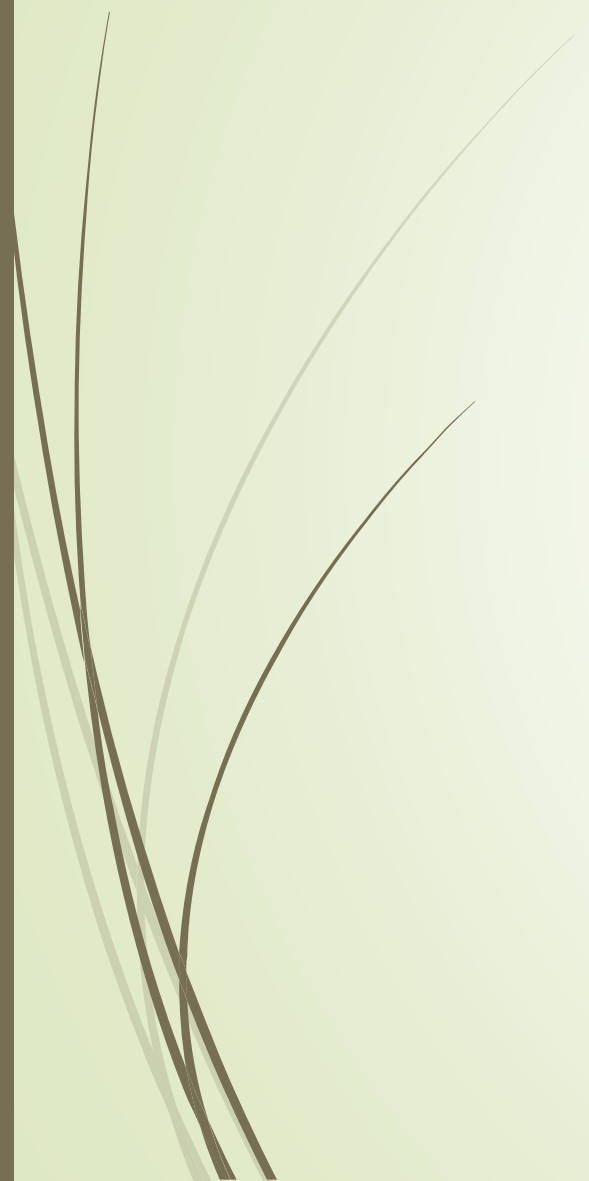
For many children it was their first junior holiday and for all it was the first time at junior holiday for a long time, some were worried about coming somewhere they did not know people

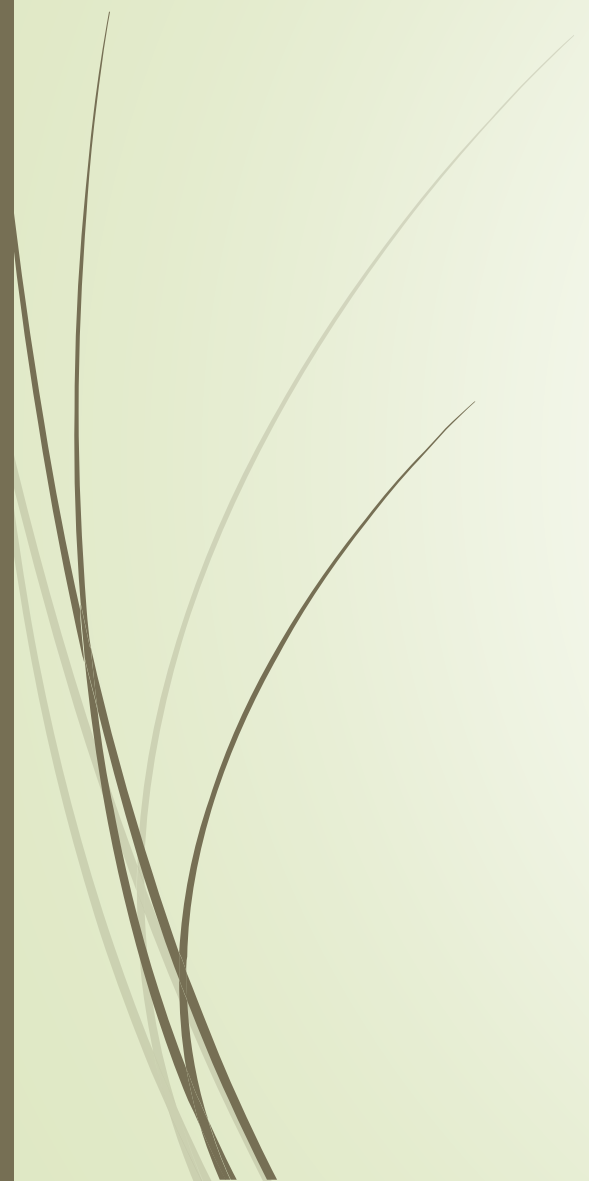
We were all stepping out wondering whether the weekend would go even go ahead or if we would have to cancel at the last minute







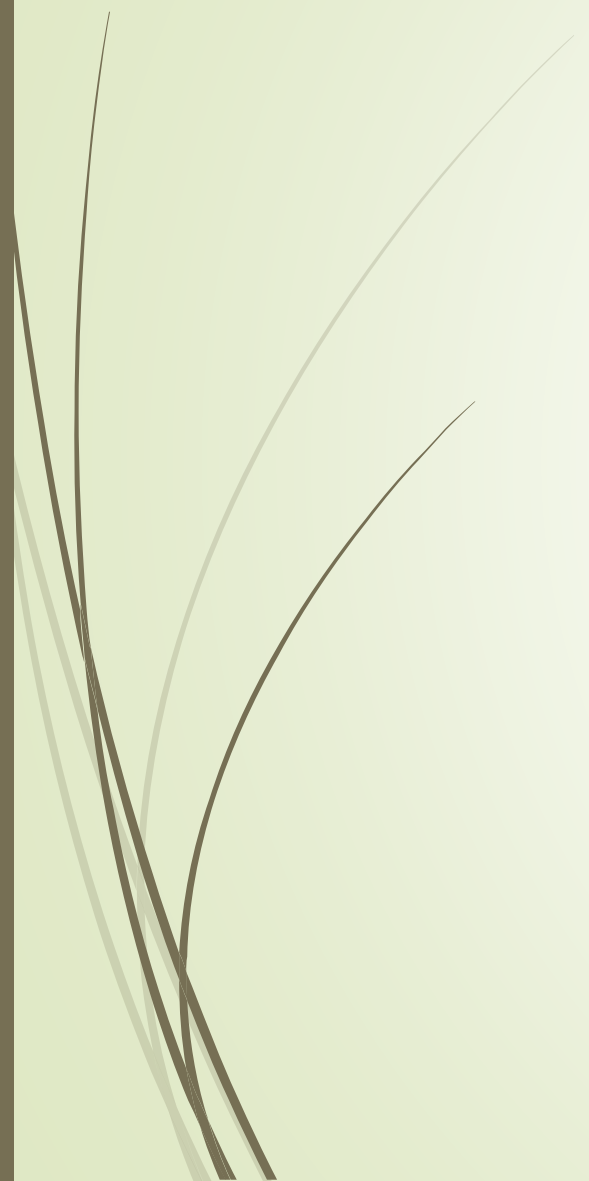






A talent show

Featuring singing, guitar playing, lots of magic tricks, rubiks cube solving in less than one minute, flute playing, dancing and other talents

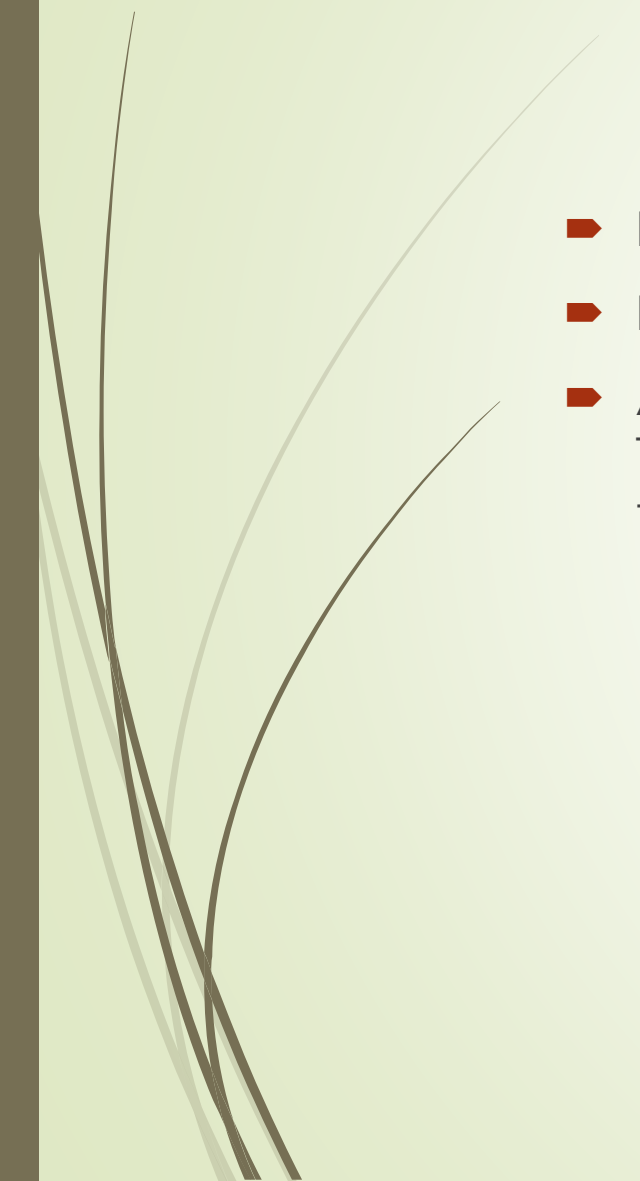







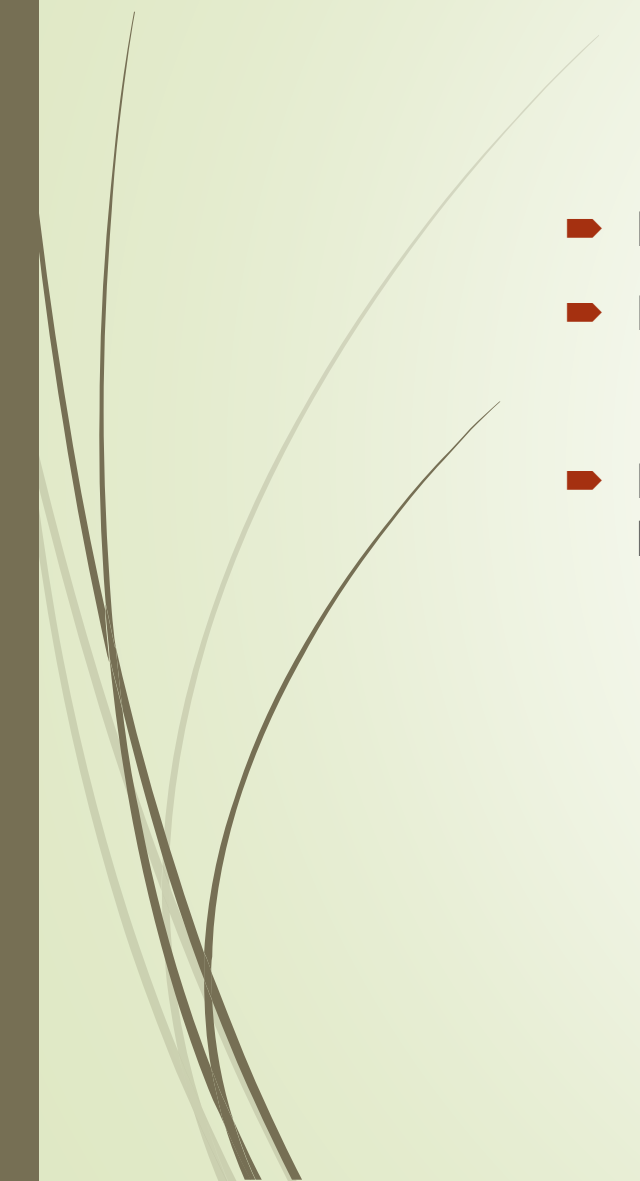


Feedback

- ▶ Lots of new friendships made
 - ▶ Lots of time for sitting and chatting as well as organised activities
 - ▶ As a volunteer it was the most relaxed I have ever been on a junior holiday. The weather was beautiful and the young people just enjoyed being together. It was special.
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- Nell Bank weekend holiday 24-26th June 2022
- Barmoor weekend holiday 16-18th September 2022
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