

# Prudhoe Place Programme Board Pen Portrait

**Russell Greig**  
**Project Manager**  
**Friends of Eastwoods Park**



Russ created the Friends of Eastwoods Park in 2017 as a small community group to help make improvements to Eastwoods Park. By the end of 2018, the Friends of Eastwoods Park had become a registered charity and had plans to refurbish and open the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub. A community facility, alongside providing support to the community through events and activities for children, sports equipment, food bank and school uniform scheme.

The Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub opened in April 2019, and won the Best New Project in the Love Northumberland Awards 2019-2020.

Using a wealth of experience gained from a wide range of industries both private and third sector, Russ has been able to attract significant funding and support for the community around Eastwoods Park and the park itself.

A former member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration and lecturer in Employment Law and Industrial Relations, Russ has a wide range of negotiation skills. Having previously worked for a number of trade unions in the UK private and public sector Russ has proven skills in engaging with a wide range of organisations and stakeholders across local government, national government, industry bodies and at European Commission level as UK Financial Services Trade Unions Representative to the EU's Internal Markets Commission. Alongside experience working within the United Nations International Labour Organisation in Geneva on projects such as child labour, better work and women's rights. Russ has been able to use all those skills and abilities to make an impact at grass roots level for the community of Prudhoe and West Wylam.

As Project Manager of the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub, Russ now concentrates on his local community, working towards fighting poverty, food poverty and food waste alongside improving the local facilities and green spaces at Eastwoods Park, attracting visitors from the wider area to visit the Park and Prudhoe, working towards and helping Eastwoods Park achieve Green Flag status in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 a first for Prudhoe and Eastwoods Park.