

# Newton News

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## Bridge Club Presentations



Aycliffe Bridge Club had an enjoyable dinner at Woodham Golf Club on Monday evening 15th April, followed by a few hands of Bridge. The presentation of cups followed and the Chairman, Mrs Linda Lawson (centre), presented cups to Mrs Mary Hall and Mrs Valerie Curry, remarking on their brilliant performances. Sadly, neither of their partners Mr Gordon Howe and Mr Paul Booth, were able to attend. Also, Mrs Elaine Binns and her partner Mrs Joyce Billiet (below) received an award - so satisfying.



## Easter Activity Sessions



Some of the children from Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas have been enjoying Easter activity sessions packed full of making new friends, learning new skills and having lots of fun.

Learning a New Way CIC welcomed school aged children to four sessions during the holidays. It was lovely to meet some new children as well as welcoming those that come to our other sessions. Our leaders were particularly proud of how children, familiar with the service, welcomed those attending for the first time, and all the children showed kindness and encouragement to each other.

The sessions were crammed to the brim with fun things to do, we played out, splashed through muddy puddles on a walk to the park and enjoyed indoor active games, when the weather wasn't kind. We also completed lots of crafts, making spring pictures, cress heads, decorated tea light holders and made dangly leg sheep! We also held Lego challenges, with some impressive structures being created. All the children enjoyed a meal and snacks during each session and were involved in preparing these. Pitta pizzas are a definite favourite. We would like to say a big thank you to all the families and children that helped to make the sessions such a success, and our funders too, Durham County Council and the National Lottery.

We are now very much looking forward to the May half term holiday when we plan to run more sessions. Families can find out more by following our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Learninganewwaycic> But, you don't have to wait until May, our weekly group, The Hive Tea Club, runs each Friday at Neville Parade Community Centre from 5.30pm-7pm. The session includes a small meal. Our Hive sessions are open to everyone, and parents are welcome to stay, eat and join in, we are really looking forward to welcoming you.



## Blood Bikes Donation

Dorothy Whitehouse runs an art and craft group called Sharing Together Crafts which is based at the Whitehouse Funeral Service premises in Newton Aycliffe.

The ladies from Sharing Together Crafts make an array of crafts, raising funds for many charities throughout the local area and each month they choose to donate a sum of their proceeds to a different local charity.

This month the ladies chose to donate £200 to Northumbria Blood Bikes. A cheque was presented to Rob Pattinson from Northumbria Blood Bikes on Friday 5th April.

Northumbria Blood Bikes is a charitable organisation established by local volunteers to deliver essential blood and other urgent medical supplies, out of hours, between hospitals and healthcare sites in North East England.

Northumbria Blood Bikes exists entirely on charitable donations. As the service expands, they will need more bikes and more funds to cover the running costs. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link below: <https://www.northumbriabloodbikes.org.uk/fundraisingpartner>





# RJS Laser Ltd Support Ayclive

We're thrilled to welcome Newton Aycliffe's own RJS Laser Ltd as an exciting new sponsor for Ayclive Music Festival, adding to the growing list of generous sponsors for our family friendly community event.

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From the entire Ayclive team, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to RJS Laser Ltd for partnering with us. Their sponsorship plays a vital role in making our beloved festival even more magical. Thank you for

being a driving force behind celebrating music, art and togetherness.

If any other businesses are interested in following RJS Laser Ltd's lead, through an Ayclive sponsorship opportunity, we'd be delighted to discuss custom packages. This is your chance to align your brand with a cherished family community event, while giving back. Simply reach out to our team to start the conversation.

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# A Date For Your Diary

On Friday 10th May 2024, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start - An Evening of Entertainment at The Big Club.

Ticket prices in advance, £4.00, on the door on the 10th £5.00 (should there be any left). Tickets are on sale now from many places, including online: <https://ww2.theticketsellers.co.uk/buy-tickets/an-evening-of-entertainment/10057930>

Also available from AllSorts Charity Shop, next to St Clare's Church, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Mornings from 10.00am to 1.00pm, as well as The Big Club, Sheraton Road.

## N.A.F.C. JUNIORS



**Under 8's** played their last 5 v 5 league match against Pools Youth. A great game, with Aycliffe playing some brilliant football and showing some great skills and determination. The goals were scored by Lincoln and Reuben. MOTM went to Reuben for showing great resilience and hard work.

**Under 8's Reds** faced Redcar Town Royals in a wonderful game of two halves. After a first half to forget, Aycliffe were superb in the second half. Kian scored three goals and was awarded MOTM. The opposition coach awarded Michael MOTM.

**Under 8's Whites** played Belmont United Eagles, finding it tough going with a depleted squad. Cody was awarded POTM and Charlie was awarded parents POTM.

**Under 10's Reds** played against Tibs, in what was a great game played by both teams. The goals were from Andrew and Koa. MOTM was given by the opposition coach and was shared between Jenson and Andrew.

**Under 10's Blacks** travelled to Prissick Rovers United, on a day when Aycliffe created numerous chances, it was JJ who did score with a lovely finish into the corner. POTM was awarded to Alfie S, by the opposition, for never giving up and tireless running.

**Under 11's Blacks** entertained Stockton and controlled the first half without scoring. Into the second half Aycliffe missed a few more chances and couldn't get the goal they wanted. MOTM was Matty who made great saves at important times.

**Under 12's Blacks** played against Winlaton Community, in their first game back after a break from games due to the weather, Aycliffe were prepared for a tough game having already met Winlaton this season. Aycliffe started off nervous and were under pressure, but eventually took control and went on to win 7-1. Goals were scored by Connor (3), Oliver B (2), Jake and Jack. MOTM was shared between Connor, for his hat-trick, and Cody, for his hard work in defence.

**Under 12's Juniors** cup run came to an end at home to the top team, in the TJFA, Trimdon United. Aycliffe's whole team were outstanding from start to finish, making Trimdon work for their win. The opposition POTM went to Will, with the coaches POTM awarded to Daniel.

**Under 13's** travelled away to play Grangetown. In a game dominated by Aycliffe, they came away with a tremendous 5-0 victory. Goals from Freddy (2), Layton, Jack and Own Goal. MOTM was awarded to Freddy.

**Under 14's** travelled to North Ormesby who were sitting second in the league and got a superb victory, running out 7-1 winners. Goals from Blake (4), Huey, Luke T and Alfie.

**Under 15's Whites** travelled to Guisborough, but came home empty handed after a 2-1 loss. Trailing 2-0 at half-time, Trystan saved a penalty to keep Aycliffe hopes alive. Charlie grabbed a goal back, but Aycliffe just couldn't find the equaliser. MOTM was awarded to Charlie. Next up for the Under 15's Whites is a cup quarter final.

**Under 16's Whites** lost away at Whinney Banks, with no goalkeeper, due to injury, Aycliffe battled hard and were excellent throughout. Kenzie scored the goal for Aycliffe and Ollie was awarded MOTM.

**Under 16's Reds** put in a good performance, beating Guisborough 5-1 at home, the goals were scored by Sam (4) and Reuben. MOTM was awarded to Sam.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By PCSO Steven Kipling



The Neighbourhood & Response teams, working out of Newton Aycliffe, have been busy responding to a variety of incidents across the area over the past week, here's a brief update of what has been going on: Officers from the Neighbourhood Team have been carrying out plain clothed patrols during the night. We've had some great results and a full list of them is on our Facebook page. An FPN was issued following a report of a vehicle causing an obstruction on Lowery Road.

A male has been arrested following a report of arson in Morrison Close on Thursday morning.

Sgt. Boyd attended the Shopwatch meeting on Tuesday morning, engaging with our local shopkeepers.

Speedwatch checks were completed on Saturday afternoon on Woodham Way and the A167 next to Aycliffe Village. Out of 58 vehicles on Woodham Way, four vehicles were speeding. Zero vehicles were found to be speeding on the A167.

Further checks on the A167 on Sunday afternoon saw six vehicles speeding out of 319 vehicles that passed in a one hour period.

On Saturday, a male was arrested for a malicious communications offence and transported to custody. The male was then charged with the offence and will appear in court shortly.

A female was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning for assaulting an emergency worker and transported to custody.

Also on Sunday morning, a male was arrested for failing a roadside breath test following an RTC.

Thanks for the support, have a good week. PCSO Steven Kipling.

# Zanshin Kai Karate Belt Gradings



Zanshin Kai Karate, based at Woodham Community Centre, held their first club grading of the year recently and the instructors were impressed with the hard work and effort shown by all the students who went on to successfully gain their new belts.

### Congratulations to our Zanshin Kai Senior class:

7th Kyu Orange Belt: Mathew Bridges, Thomas Bridges, Sammy Lake, Laurence Alderson, Jack Arnott;

2nd Kyu Brown Belt: Erin Sutherland;

1st Kyu Brown Belt: Chloe Tranter, Emma Smith and Adam Smith.

### Also to our Red Dragons Cadets (5-10 years):

8th Mon Yellow Belt: Ava and Logan Morrallee, Jaxon and Jude Ross, Zoori Bharti, Hope Homes (Double Grade);

6th Mon: Roman Tinkler and Alice Bizukojc;

4th Mon Purple: Claudia Dunn and Ellis Newton;

3rd Mon Brown Belt: Esme Massey and Eva Nisbet.

If you want to be more active, improve your fitness, or meet new people and have always wanted to try Karate, then we would welcome you.

We are a family club, so come down, work hard, keep fit and have fun alongside the rest of your family. Everyone welcome and all new starters get four free trial classes.

Classes are Thursdays: 5.45pm - 6.45pm Red Dragons (Cadets)

Sundays: 4.00pm - 6.00pm Juniors and Adults.

Contact: Zanshin-Kai Karate at Woodham Community Centre

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A massive thank you to The Phoenix Club committee for choosing All Disabilities Matter to raise money for this Easter.

Honestly, we are overwhelmed with the amount you wonderful people have raised, not forgetting to mention a generous donation from the wonderful community.

We would like to say thank you so much to everyone who helped, donated and bought raffle tickets for The Phoenix Club Easter Draw. Big thanks to the community, bar staff, Dave the entertainment manager, Tracy and everyone at T&M Kitchens as well as members. The funds raised will be used to do something wonderful for our members.

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You can also keep up to date with the latest ticket alerts by following Croft Circuit on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS



It was a quiet week for the senior members of the club with no races this week. However, the Junior Section took a team along to take part in the 7th Kieran Maxwell Memorial Open at Middlesbrough Sports Village. The event also raised a brilliant £3,022.84 for the Kieran Maxwell Fund. The club was represented in a number of categories in both track and field.

In the Under 13 Boy's long jump, Luke Thompson managed a jump of 2.91 metres. Trinity Donoghue took part in the Under 13 Girls 800 metres, finishing second in her heat in a time of 2:41:31, setting a new club record in the process. In the Boys Under 17, 800 metres, Henry Mosher (2:13:72 knocked 11 seconds off his previous PB, setting a new club record) and Max Todd (2:30:74 and a new PB) represented the club.

Moving down in age category, Joe Dickinson (13:58) represented the club in the Boys Under 11, 75 metres event along with William Allison (11:94 winning his heat in a new PB) and Joseph Ashmore (12:71). In the Under 13 Girls 100 metres race, Trinity Donoghue (14:60 with a new PB) finished third in her heat.

In the Under 11's Boys 600 metres, William Allison (2:03:28 in a new PB), Joe Dickinson (2:17:77) and Joseph Ashmore (2:19:32) all represented the club. In the Under 13's Girl's 200 metres, Trinity Donoghue (30:09) continued her excellent day with second place in her heat. In the Under 13 Boy's event, Luke Thompson (35:80) represented the club. Luke Walker (27:86) represented the club in the Boys Under 15 event.

On Saturday, 31 members started their weekend with a parkrun, taking in the Albert, Town Moor, Windy Nook, Sedgefield, Riverside, Stewart Park, Darlington South Park, South Shields, Hackworth, Hartlepool, Keswick, Druridge Bay and Monsal Trail events.

At Albert, Angela Sutherland (22:40 and a new PB for the course), Rob Nicholson (29:01 with a new PB for the course) and Jayne Rudd (33:10) all represented the club. At Town Moor, David Thompson (31:39) completed the event. At Windy Nook, Jean-Pierre Hupin (31:04), Em Flynn (34:25) and Carley Cooper (36:31) all completed the course. This was the first time Jean-Pierre had taken part in the event and was also the final event in the North East he had left to compete, earning him the North East Regionnaire status, a fantastic achievement.

At Sedgefield, John Burnside (26:45), Richard Tonge (31:11) and Kathleen Tonge (34:00) all completed the event. This was John Burnside's 50th time completing the event at Sedgefield. At Riverside, Lou Mann (30:57) completed the course for the first time. At Stewart Park, David Stothard (26:51 with a new course PB) and Ian Stothard (37:51) both completed the course. At Darlington South Park, Shelly McCormack (27:47) was the sole representative for the club.

At South Shields, Steve Williams (27:50) and Viv Williams (31:30) both completed the course for the first time. At Hackworth, Richard Trowles (finishing second in a new course PB of 18:30), Daniel Tatham (23:39), Anthony Dickinson (24:44), Richard Holland (25:26), Shaun Dodd (25:28), Bernadette Cooper (25:39), Salv McDonnell (27:08), Laura Grainger (27:32) and Cath McDonnell (27:35) all represented the club. At Hartlepool, Andrew Tweddle (21:33) completed the course for the first time, setting a parkrun personal best in the process. At Keswick, John Surtees (18:33) represented the club. At Druridge Bay, Sue Clark (38:26) completed the event. At Monsal Trail, Linda McNamee (46:32) completed the course for the first time.

If you are feeling inspired, and are interested in joining the club, you can turn up for one of our sessions. More information is available on our website [www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk) - or our Facebook page. If you would like to chat with someone, then you can email [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com) - If interested in the Junior Section you can email [arc.juniorsection@gmail.com](mailto:arc.juniorsection@gmail.com) - make this year the year you or your children get into running and join us to keep it going for many years to come.

## Seniors Football



### Gateshead Leam Rangers 0 v Newton Aycliffe Youth Seniors 2

Playing away, in the first of two semifinals, the seniors have made it through, against one of the few teams to have beaten them this season.

First half, Aycliffe had the wind and made a tactical decision to play Ryan Peart though the centre, looking to use his pace to get in and behind. After 15 minutes the lads started to take control, Ryan got himself behind the Leam defence, but his shot was just wide. Then Jack Mortimer had a free kick, but the home keeper pulled off a wonder save. Steven Dawson, not once, but twice, cut in from the left and was unlucky not to score. Then, in the 30th minute, a great move saw Jack cut across from the right wing to left, beat two men and crossed for Andrew Burrows to head home. There was still time for Aycliffe to go close again when Cameron Nicholson headed wide from a yard out and Jack went close again.

Gateshead were finding no way past the shape and the work rate of the midfield three and back 4. HT 0-1. Gateshead had the wind in the second half, but Aycliffe still dominated the game. Another great piece of football as Charlie Jackson fed Ryan who played a perfect pass for Jack to round the keeper, but the Ref blew for offside. Niall Douglas came on to replace Ryan to give Aycliffe the option to hold the play up front and winning the aerial battles, one of which found Steven who's shot was again saved. Aycliffe needed the second goal and were starting to drop deep. Mason Steed came on for Callum Thomson to try and up the tempo. Jack fed Mason, but his shot and second attempt were saved by his keeper, however the ball rolled out to Niall, who took a touch and smashed it home. A massive win for Aycliffe and sees them into their first senior cup final. MOM: Jordan Wintersgill.

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Dated: 19th April 24

**Durham County Council**

Helen Bradley  
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# Aycliffe Village WI

We've had another interesting and varied programme of events this month. Mike Thornton gave a fascinating and in depth talk about the work and life of Norman Cornish, who was his father-in-law. Some members attended the Annual Council Meeting of Durham County WI's and were entertained by the Weardale Warblers and there was a talk by Joy Allen, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Durham and Darlington.

Last Saturday we had our annual trip to the Ripon to the Spring Home, Food and Garden Show, which was held in the Cathedral.

We held our monthly book club meeting to discuss our latest read and, on Thursday, we enjoyed a walk to Shildon Locomotion to keep fit and eat cake.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th April in the Village Hall at 7pm. The speaker is David Hastings on the subject of the RNLI and its 200th Anniversary.

Please feel free to join us at the meeting, if you're interested in joining our WI, or if you would like to join us at Planet Leisure on Thursday 2nd May at 1.30pm for bowling. For all details, contact Anne Brown via email: aycliffevillageWI@durhamwi.co.uk

# Arriva No 8 Route Change

Due to several long-term road closures at the Central Avenue/A167 junction in Newton Aycliffe, service 8 will temporarily change route between Newton Aycliffe Tesco and Chilton from 28th April 2024.

Between Newton Aycliffe Tesco and Chilton the service will run via Burn Lane, Burnhill Way and Middridge Road in both directions, serving all stops.

For customers who currently use stops on the A167 between Newton Aycliffe and Rushyford, or Welbury Grove, Vane Road or St. Mary's School, the alternative stops will be Rushyford Eden Arms West or Newton Aycliffe Tesco. Sorry for any inconvenience and delays caused during these works.

# Innovations Raise Staggering £1,700



The Service Users of Brantwood Unit, Innovations, have raised a grand total of £1,700 from sponsorship money in their 'Walk all over Cancer' campaign. This required a total of 50 miles to be walked in the month of March. Initially they only set out to raise £200!

The idea came about in the Brantwood service user February meeting, where the clients decided that they wanted to do something positive, and settled on the idea of raising money for a worthy cause; Cancer Research.

Together, they pushed themselves to complete the goal, walking 51 of the 50 target miles. Some days were easier than others, especially with the unpredictable British weather but, by cheering each other on and support from the staff, they have accomplished what they set out to do. As a daycare service for adults with learning difficulties, we are incredibly proud of Brantwood's accomplishments. From the decision to raise money for a charity, to completing the challenge, both staff and service users have shown incredible dedication and teamwork. Well done to you all.

# Shadow Chancellor Visits Hitachi Rail



Hitachi Rail on Aycliffe Business Park hosted a visit by Labour Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves MP and Shadow Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds. The pair joined local Labour candidate for Newton Aycliffe and Spennymoor Alan Strickland for meetings with senior managers, workers and trade union representatives.

The meeting comes after Hitachi warned its 700 workers in Aycliffe that, unless the government acts quickly to fill a production gap, jobs will be at risk.

Alan Strickland said: "The Hitachi plant is a real local gem, providing well-paid manufacturing jobs to residents here in Newton Aycliffe and across the area. But, that's at severe risk because the government has been dithering on a key decision needed to support the factory. Hitachi has a busy order book until October this year, and again in the future so, for the last two years, they've been asking for some simple flexibility on contracts to help fill the gap. Without that, they'll struggle to keep the factory open, and the government's failed to help."

"I was very pleased that Rachel promised strong support if Labour wins the general election and that she'll keep up the pressure on the government to do the right thing."

Photo, left to right: Shadow Business Secretary, Jonathan Reynolds MP; Shadow Chancellor, Rachel Reeves MP; Labour Candidate for Newton Aycliffe & Spennymoor, Alan Strickland.

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## Whatever Happened to ...

Dear Sir,  
 May I start by asking our possible future MP to print more than just an email contact? As an 88 year old resident, I do not have an email address and have no way of contacting Alan Strickland, the Labour candidate for the next election - I have tried County Hall, Town Council and local Labour councillors, none of them have been able to furnish me with a contact number for Alan.  
 Mr Strickland's literature does not mention Aycliffe Town Centre. Thirty five years ago, when I first moved to Newton Aycliffe, we had five banks in our town centre and a cash point outside every one of them, where cash could be withdrawn at any time - we now have none. The Banking Hub is located outside of the town centre and you cannot get a printed bank statement.  
 All the shop units in the town centre were occupied when I moved to the town, there were public toilets and a weekly market. Doctors surgeries were open longer hours and even on Saturday mornings - we could go to the surgery, check with the receptionist and see a doctor. Now, we have to ring at a certain time, try and make an appointment, go on a waiting list and, sometimes, when you get to the front of the waiting list, you see a nurse. At other times you are advised to attend A&E and wait for hours. Back in the day, you could contact a doctor or chemist out of hours.  
 So, Mr Strickland, please be more open to the elderly's requirements and let's hear your thoughts on the above.  
 Name and address supplied.

## Not Fit For Purpose

Dear Sir,  
 We see again further facts coming out regarding Joy Allen and her handling of the Durham Constabulary. I think the headline will not surprise anyone.  
 When Joy won the job, the first person she employed was her very close friend, the first time ever, as Assistant PCC and then others, it shows now twelve people working in her office and three vacancies.  
 She purchased a van to promote herself, at a cost of £50,000, and spent £100,000 refurbishing her office, this, of course, is our money she used.  
 She claims that crime and ASB has gone down, but this is not true, it has in fact risen and the reason this has occurred is that people no longer trust her and the police response, that they no longer report such crimes as they feel nothing is done about it.  
 If we look at our town, our police station was closed and the land sold, where the money went from the sale she does not know and we are still waiting for it to be replaced.  
 In July last year, after pressure from the town council and the residents, a meeting was held at the council offices with Joy Allen, Assistant Chief Constable and someone from the finance side. I, along with others, attended this meeting. Joy did not seem able to answer the questions and many were passed to the people accompanying her, all with negative answers.  
 The problem with a new police station was to find the right premises or land in the centre of town. One thing that was mentioned by the ACC was the white elephant, the new processing and holding centre being built up the road at Spennymoor and how it would help us, but when asked if we would end up being policed from there, no answer was given.  
 When Joy was asked by a reporter, at the end of the meeting if she would apologise for the letting the people down, no answer was forthcoming.  
 Since the meeting, and various Mickey Mouse surveys, one where just under 200 of the population of the town replied, we are no longer any further forward. We must not blame the police officers in the area as they are passed from pillar to post regarding locations to work from and do their best as Joy has let them down just as she has let us down.  
 No signs of a new permanent police station, just excuses, a new building hub stood empty at Spennymoor and no money in the coffers and a rise of 5.5% for the police - it will not be long before we vote for a new PCC.  
 At the moment, with Joy having the large staff in the office (previously there was only five), it seems she can't handle the job and it seems many people, like ourselves in Newton Aycliffe, have no confidence in her. To go forward, it is now time for change and we can do this shortly when the next election comes, please do think and vote wisely.  
 John Armstrong, Newton Aycliffe.

## Ben Joins GB U19 Squad

Sedgefield Water Polo Club would like to congratulate Ben Alderson, 18, who recently represented the GB U19 squad at the European Qualifiers held in Trebinje, Bosnia. GB finished 4th in their group after playing matches against France, Czech Republic, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Finland, with one win and three losses. Ben managed to finish the competition on six goals for GB, and explained that "although the tournament's outcome wasn't as we hoped, the experience was nothing short of amazing. Playing against France, whose team comprised mostly semi-pro and professional players, was a true test of skill and determination. Despite the odds, I managed to score two goals against them, which was a personal victory for me. The atmosphere, the camaraderie with my teammates, and the thrill of competing at such a high level, made it an unforgettable journey. I'm immensely grateful for Sedgefield Water Polo Clubs unwavering support throughout this endeavour."  
 Ben started his water polo journey with Sedgefield Water Polo Club when he was just six years old, progressing through the talent pathway through regional academy, national academy and national squad. Our club has excellent links with the England Talent Centres, with many of our young members aspiring to have the same success which Ben and many of his other team mates have experienced over the years.  
 In addition to Junior and Senior sessions, Sedgefield Water Polo Club now offers a beginner session at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on a Saturday afternoon for those wishing to try this fun and exciting sport. We are always looking for new members and offer free trials! All sessions need to be booked in advance on our Club App, so please check our website for further information and joining instructions, email [sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com) or contact 07579 030598.



## Happy Retirement Margaret



The new term at Sugar Hill started this week, with one familiar face missing from the staff team. Margaret Cummins (fourth from the left) said her sad farewells to colleagues just before the Easter holidays, as she left behind her mop and bucket, after clocking up an amazing 34 years service of cleaning classrooms.  
 Margaret was emotional as she finished her final shift, saying, "Sugar Hill has been a lovely place to work. Everyone has been so friendly." Margaret is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren, her friends and family.  
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We have sourced some willing and energetic volunteers, who will work as a team to cover the miles. It is to be a bucket collection in store (rather than sponsorship) and we are hoping for some decent footfall. The store is open from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 21st and we will be there most of that time. Our director, Chris, may well be making a celebrity appearance later on the day, hoping to walk from home, near Barnard Castle, to get some practise in for his Epic Walk in May, whether he will have green hair by then is another matter, as he promised to dye it green, our Samaritan colour, if he raises £2,000. He is nearly three quarters of the way there already, so here's hoping. His link is Darlington and District Samaritans: Fundraising started (enthuse.com).

Please pop along to say hello and help support our runners on the day, they will be most happy to see you.

Lillian Howell  
Fundraising for  
Darlington & District Samaritans

# Our Officers Deserve Better Council's Support for Care Leavers

**Lawyer named as Lib Dem candidate for Durham Police and Crime Commissioner – and calls for radical change.**

A north east solicitor, with more than 50 years of criminal justice experience, has joined the race to become Durham's next Police & Crime Commissioner.

Nigel Boddy, who was born and lives in Darlington, has announced he will run on a platform of sensible spending, a return to best policing practices, and making the wellbeing of police officers a priority.

The son of a Darlington railway engineer, Mr Boddy said: "It's been my enormous privilege to work alongside the police throughout my professional life, I have seen our criminal justice system from all angles, and I know how it all fits together. I also know that the public and our police officers deserve better in Durham. I have been around the police and the criminal justice system my entire life. I was the youngest of six children, three of us became criminal defence lawyers, and one of my brothers became a police officer, so I have seen just what a tough job our police officers have.

"I know what we need to do to get this broken system working again. Handing down stronger sentences in a vacuum isn't the magic solution. For a start, the prisons are full! We have to find new ways of approaching criminality."

A life-long advocate for change and justice, Mr Boddy began campaigning in his teenage years, successfully protesting against the closure of his school. This passion for speaking out has stood him in good stead, both in his professional career and in his extensive involvement in the north-east political scene.

"At present, there is an immense amount of money being wasted," he declared. "I sometimes feel like I've spent the last 50 years watching the greatest criminal justice system in the world fall apart from poor management and inefficiency. Look at our local system. We have a custody suite in Spennymoor and a courthouse in Newton Aycliffe. That means our taxes are paying private companies to ferry prisoners between them - that just doesn't make sense. Spending our money more wisely means we can afford to put more police officers into our communities with better resources to do their jobs.

"We need to take a close look at the best working practices for our officers and perhaps bring back some older ways of working that have fallen by the wayside. We now have officers sometimes doing 12-hour shifts - is anyone really effective in their job after working that long?"

"Looking after police officers and making sure they have the support they need means better morale, better policing and better results for the public. I'm keen to work closely with the Police Federation to make sure we're doing right by our officers."

Mr Boddy has also ruled out a forceful takeover of the Fire and Rescue Service. He said: "My understanding is that the Fire Brigades Union doesn't want to fall under the control of the Police & Crime Commissioner in Durham, the way it's been done in other parts of the country. They know their service best so, if they're against it, I'm against it. But, I would be keen to work closely with all our emergency services to ensure the best provision possible for the public."



Durham County Council has been praised by Ofsted inspectors for its work to prepare and support young people as they leave care.

The council works closely with care leavers, ensuring they have suitable accommodation and offering advice on education, training, employment, money and personal wellbeing. During a two-day inspection focusing on these services, Ofsted inspectors trawled records, held case discussions, and spoke with young people with experience of being in care.

In their report, they say leaders have a 'detailed understanding' of strengths in these service areas and where further improvements can be made. They go on to praise the council for allocating personal assistants (PA) to care leavers well in advance of their 18th birthday. This early involvement, they say, 'helps to ensure that planning for adulthood starts early'.

Inspectors also describe young people telling them of their 'strong and caring relationships' with PAs, with many saying they view them as 'extended family members'.

And they commend the council for its 'meaningful' collaboration, saying 'the voice of care-experienced young people is central to decision-making'.

Their closing summary says the council is 'diligent in its efforts to ensure that care-experienced young people are given the opportunity to achieve their goals'.

Cllr Ted Henderson, Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "This is our first focused Ofsted visit since our children's services were given an overall 'Good' rating in summer 2022 and we're delighted to receive such positive feedback.

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Over recess I continued to engage with people re Hitachi and was able to facilitate a meeting for the union team with the Secretary of State for Transport. The meeting will have taken place before you read this, but after I submit this column for printing, so I will provide more details on this meeting next week.

Last week in the Constituency had me meeting the Environment Agency, on Thursday 11th April, to continue to raise concerns regarding the ongoing smells from the quarry. We have seen numerous promises that these were to stop after corrective actions from Ashcourt but, on each occasion the outcome has not been as indicated and I raised these frustrations on behalf of residents again. I have a meeting scheduled with residents of Aycliffe Village to give them feedback and have asked the Environment Agency to join me. I hope, from what has been said to me, that we are finally seeing the end of this saga. Following this I went to Ferryhill Town Hall where I met residents from Rushyford to discuss the proposed changes to the roundabout. These changes are part of the improvements being made to improve traffic flow in anticipation of the housing developments scheduled opposite the Central Avenue junction with the A167. There was clear consensus that this roundabout is currently dangerous, but the residents are frustrated with the lack of engagement with them. There has been concern for some time about not only the road traffic but the challenges residents of Rushyford face in getting from their homes to either buses or up into Chilton for shops etc.

We discussed this in the meeting and then I went back with them to walk the area and take a closer look. I also went back around 5.30pm to see the traffic at its busiest. Ironically, I arrived just in time to watch the Police trying to clear the road after an accident had taken place, just reinforcing residents' points. I have since raised these issues with the team at Durham County Council and will do all I can to encourage them to revisit the options and look to use the recent extra funding provided by Government to introduce some improvements for pedestrian crossing points or traffic calming.

After this, I went to Chilton to meet the ladies at the Menopause Support Group. I called to see them as I had previously spent time supporting a similar group in Sedgefield and came to appreciate the need for support. As a result, I am a Vice Chair of the Menopause All-Party Parliamentary Group in Westminster and was able to offer them some other avenues for advice. If this is an issue that affects you, I would certainly encourage you to get in touch with Jules Howe on 07809 342192 or email Jules.Howe@nhs.net and join these ladies for mutual support.

Friday started with a meeting with Arriva and the Durham County Council team to discuss progress on improving the local bus offer. Arriva remain unreceptive to my pressure from residents regarding the need to reintroduce the X21 connection to Sedgefield/Fishburn/Trimdon and I am therefore pushing hard with Durham County Council to find another solution. As for Arriva, I am trying to get them to take on board other changes to routes to improve connections so, if there are any you want on the list, please get in touch. I already have suggestions from residents and Councillors (of all political colours) and would welcome others if anyone wants to reach out to me.

After the bus session I joined the team working on the potential Community Hub for the Town Centre and then off to meet the new Town Centre Manager on his third day in post. The afternoon was spent meeting with a number of constituents in my Aycliffe office with the usual diverse range of issues. Then it was off to the Darlington Mayor's Ball where the Mayor, Cllr Jan Cossins, was raising funds for ManHealth and the Listening Post (a mentoring and support scheme for young people). It was a lovely evening with many local mayors, including our own Cllr Carl Robinson, representing Aycliffe, but also representatives from Mulheim in Germany and Amiens in France, the twin towns of Darlington as the twinning celebrates its 70th anniversary.

Week commencing 15th April we are back in Westminster and start with Oral Questions to the Home Secretary on Monday before the latest iterations of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill. On Wednesday, as I said earlier, I will host the Hitachi team with the Secretary of State for Transport, Mark Harper MP. I will also have some constituents visiting for a long-planned visit for Prime Ministers Questions so will have my Westminster team helping me look after them. I will be back in the Constituency sometime on Thursday so I hope to catch up with some of you at the end of the week.

As always, if you want to get in touch, please call Newton Aycliffe 01325 790580 or email: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk

## Aycliffe Youth Football News

### Bishop Auckland Girls 4 v Aycliffe U13 Girls 5

The girls got off to a very positive start scoring first. Unfortunately, at start of the second half the team momentarily lost control of the game and went 4-1 down. Following this set back, the team bounced back and showed amazing resilience and determination to come back and win 5-4 in the late stages of the game.

### Darlington Young Bulls 0 v Aycliffe U14 Eagles 6

Not a vintage performance from the lads, but a good result nonetheless, to maintain second place in the League. They'll have to step it up a gear or two for the games, which will come thick and fast, this coming week. Well done to Edward and Toby for picking up Parents' and Coaches' MOMs. Goals: Josh, Isaac, Arthur (2), Finley and Edward. Assists: Zac, Isaac and Toby.

### Redcar FC 4 v Aycliffe U13 Eagles 1 (Cup)

The boys didn't look out of place playing against a team two divisions above them and the scoreline doesn't do them justice. The Eagles created chances, however Redcar managed to score a couple of lucky goals and one top bins to give them a comfortable lead. The boys, however, battled on until the final whistle. Rossi won and scored a penalty for our only goal. MOM: Carter.

### Norton & Stockton 1 v Aycliffe U14 Angels 9

Aycliffe bounced back from defeat in their last game with a mature and controlled display. Norton took the lead, but they soon equalised. At 1-1 the Angels' keeper, Erin, made a great save and we never looked back, 2-1 up at HT and then seven second half goals without reply. Romilly scored 5, Faith 3 and Evie 1. Star players were Heidi and Daisy D.

### Cleveland Hall v Aycliffe U11 Girls

Aycliffe pressed high straight from the kick off, Lily was the first to score, smashing

it past the keeper from a cross from Amelia. Then Amelia managed to get two for herself from the edge of the box. Cleveland managed to get one back after a scramble in the box, leaving goalkeeper Daisy no time to react. HT 3-1. The girls then dominated the second half with four goals from Phoebe, Amelia completing her hatrick and Lily. POTM Phoebe.

### Aycliffe U9 Eagles v Redcar Athletic



This was the first match in a few weeks & the first home game in some time. The boys were really at it from the first whistle and shot to a 3-0 lead in the first twelve minutes thanks to a hat trick from Thomas F and some good teamwork and passing play. Redcar pressed in the second half and were worthy of pulling back two goals, but the boys saw out the game for the win.

### Pools Youth v Aycliffe U8 Eagles

The boys played their first game in a couple of weeks and started slowly conceding two goals. However, they managed to get back on level terms and went in at half time level. Aycliffe fell behind again to a long range strike, but never give up and deservedly scored to draw the match. Two goals from Mason and one for Josh.

### Aycliffe U7 Eagles v Riverside Juniors

A great start to the game saw the Eagles take a 4-1 lead at half time with goals from Oliver, Mason x2 and Luke. Some of the passing between the boys, leading up to the goals, was fantastic. Two goals from Elijah in the second half meant the game finished 6-4. Some great saves from Oscar and fine defensive displays from Kurtis and Nathan rounded off a great morning.

### Aycliffe U8 Wildcats v CLS Amazons

The girls got back to their best as they dominated the game. Strong performances from Ella, Alice, Phoebe and Layla and well taken goals from Matilda (5), Emilia (4), giving the Wildcats an emphatic win.

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**The Hog Blog!**



I hope everyone reading this is ok, it's business as usual here, but working with less in rescue, releasing hoggies to safe places is my top priority. I am also admitting poorly ones. I have noticed that the brown wheelie bins for garden rubbish have started to appear around the town. Can I ask everyone who loves their pretty gardens to please check the undergrowth before you strim, our hedgehogs are pretty too, they don't deserve to be dismembered or maimed by strimmers, no animal does, these lethal garden tools should be banned. Also, the use of weed killers need to be organic too if it's necessary to use them. I have managed to successfully overwinter 27 hedgehogs, which is far more than I have ever done, some have gone to safe places where they can live in a danger free environment, Keira, Summer, Willow, Lucky, Katy, Dusty, to name but a few, they are living their best lives in lovely gardens.

If you have a hog with me now please get in touch, some may be able to come home, Theo is one of them, Chandler and Joe are also being released very soon, weather permitting of course, it's been too cold to release any before now.

I was contacted by Sore Paws on Monday night, they needed a Rehabber to care for a 500g hoggie. I went to collect this poor soul who was too small to be out alone in these weather conditions. He has settled well but is a lot smaller than he should be, he seems happy to be here on a lovely comfy bed with nice food, but he is very underweight and also has a parasite burden. He keeps Autumn company, which she seems to like too, I have taken the liberty of naming him Oscar. I will take a photo of him for next weeks blog. It would be nice if the finder gets in touch with me, contact details are below.

There are a lot of people who have made it possible for me to keep these beauties well fed and comfortable, firstly Don of Aycliffe Village, Julia, Alicia, Jackie and John, June and Valerie, Lorraine, Nev and Jo from Community Spirit and our Supervets Grange Vets, Angela, Ed, Ricardo and Elaine, always there for these prickly little ones.

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*22nd April 2012*  
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**James White (Jim)**



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It is with great sadness we say goodbye to a wonderful man. He was an amazing Dad and a doting Grandad who joins his late Wife, Barbara, who sadly passed in 2017.

Jim was a dedicated lifelong Spennymoor FC supporter as well as a retired Bus Engineer for United Buses. He also ran, with his late Wife Barbara, J&B Entertainment, this included booking country music bands across the north east. Jim was also known as the 'Tombola King', as he stood outside of the Great Aycliffe Cancer Hub in the Town Centre three times a week running Tombolas to raise vital funds for the Cancer Charity.

He was truly dedicated and supportive of the charity, and was always glad to help Allison, one of his Daughters.

His two Daughters, Lisa and Allison, have picked a few words out: "Dad, you are in our hearts and we will always love and miss you. You brought so much joy to our family, more than you'll ever know - our Hero. Miss you Dad, always xxxxxx." The funeral will be held on Friday 26th April 2024 at Darlington Crematorium at 11am, followed by refreshments at the Sports Club in Newton Aycliffe.

No dress code, any donations, in lieu of flowers, will be for Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

**Joan Bates**

Of Newton Aycliffe. Passed away peacefully in The Richardson Hospital, Barnard Castle on 3rd April, aged 84 years.

Dearly beloved Wife to the late James, a much loved Mam of David, Douglas and Craig, also a treasured Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

Will family and friends please meet for a service at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon on Thursday 25th April at 11.30am.

Family flowers only, by request, donations in lieu, if so desired, for Dementia UK, plate provided at the crematorium.

**William Stewart Fyfe**

On Monday 8th April in Lindisfarne Care Home, William Stewart known as 'Stewart', aged 82 years.

Much loved Husband of Brenda; Father of Mark, Daniel and the late Michelle; Grandad to Alfie; also Stepfather to David, Andrew and Thomas.

Funeral to be held on Wednesday 24th April, 11.30am at Wear Valley Crematorium. Friends please meet there.

Grateful thanks to Lindisfarne Care Home for their excellent care of Stewart and their kindness to myself and Toby.

Family flowers only please, a plate will be provided after the service for donations, if so desired, to the Royal Marines Association.

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- Employability initiatives
- Advice and Guidance
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Organisational sustainability
- Food provision and support
- Social Isolation
- Support for the Voluntary & Community Sector
- Tackling antisocial behaviour
- Support to small businesses (through a third party, not-for-profit organisation to complement existing DCC and external opportunities)
- Emerging Community Issues
- Targeting older people's social isolation
- Providing positive and sound outcomes in relation to the Welfare Reform Agenda and the impact of Welfare Reform on individuals or communities.

Groups are permitted to apply for more than one grant, so long as one funding allocation is not reliant on another. Applications can be submitted for either capital or revenue funding (or both), and projects which include a specific element of capital spend are encouraged. If you need advice on the specific definitions for capital/revenue, please get in touch. Project proposals must also include a minimum of 5% match funding (either cash or in-kind, or both). All eligible applications will be assessed and ranked by a panel of GAMP Board members, to determine which projects will be awarded funding. Prospective projects should have a planned start date no earlier than November 2024 to allow time for the appraisal process. Please contact us for an application pack, or if you'd like further information Email: [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk) or telephone: 07834 147211.  
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 I am a resident of Newton Aycliffe who attends St. John's Sixth Form, and I am fundraising for Project Peru. This was set up by my college to help to pay for international aid, building materials and food - primarily focusing on building schools and sanitation facilities around the deprived areas of Peru, with many families surviving on a mere £1 a day. It will be a two week trip which enables us to help current schoolchildren improve their English, to help and engage with their lessons. Each student, that has been invited to help, is expected to fundraise themselves for their placement, a total of £2500 which pays for travel expenses, accommodation, transportation, etc. I decided to take part in this charity for a number of reasons; I believe people deserve the freedom to travel and not confine themselves to a certain area for the rest of their lives which, unfortunately, seems to be the case for many of these locals. I also believe everyone deserves an equal education and to work and live in a safe environment. Obviously our work will not fulfil this, but it is a great step in the right direction for such a large, but taboo, issue. I have set up a GoFundMe page to bring in some donations from others, while I work in other ways, visit: <https://gofund.me/5d1c7685>  
 Ryan McAuliffe.

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# N.A.F.C. REPORT



## Newton Aycliffe 1 v Carlton Town 3 Saturday 13th April

Newton Aycliffe fell to defeat in their game against fellow play-off chasing side Carlton Town on Saturday. Just one place separated the two sides beforehand, with Carlton having the advantage of several games in hand. Carlton showed intent from the off. While Lewis Durow's cross looked as if it was initially going wide, Niall Hylton found the ball and jinked past Toby Pascoe to finish well at a tight angle into the top corner in the fifth minute.

The entire game, and in particular the first half, was played at an incredibly slow pace as Carlton seemed more than happy to sit back with their lead. It would take 22 minutes for Aycliffe to have their first notable chance. Liam Jarvie broke away and almost got one-on-one with Felix Annan, however, Daniel Brown intercepted.

Aycliffe conceded their second on 32 minutes. Alex Tempest received the ball on the edge of the box and found Niall Davie who fired a strong shot past everyone in the box to make it 2-0. Aycliffe would gain a promising corner, but Annan stood firm and saved it off the line in a crowded box. Carlton could have sealed it on the stroke of half time when Manneh's cross found the head of Nathan Watson, however Watson headed it narrowly wide. In the second half, Kyle Davis came close to scoring, but his shot went wide after he collided with Annan and a free kick to Carlton was given. Shortly after, at the other end of the pitch, Manneh passed to Watson who was in a great position to shoot and he wasted no time in firing it past James Winter to make it 3-0 in the 54th minute. Aycliffe did find the net courtesy of a Liam Jarvie's close range toe-poke finish in a crowded box, however it was swiftly flagged for offside. The next chance came when Liam Adamson's shot deflected off Annan and into the feet of Cieran Jackson, but all he could do was fire it high over the bar.

A consolation goal would come, however, Jarvie broke through yet again and fired a powerful shot into Annan who could only chest the ball back to the feet of Jarvie who scored from the rebound. The score would remain 3-1 however, and Aycliffe would lose at home for the first time since January, and only the second time this year.

Aycliffe's first NPL season concludes on Saturday 27th April with a home game against Pontefract Collieries.

*Photo by Yvonne Wood, Aycliffe central defender Dale Elgie in action against Carlton Town, match report by Ryan Livingston.*

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