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St. Francis Horndale School Celebrate New Facilities



Schoolchildren have shown off their updated facilities following the merger of two schools. Durham County Council agreed to amalgamate St. Francis Church of England Junior School and Horndale County Infant and Nursery School in Newton Aycliffe, in January of this year. St. Francis Horndale C of E (Aided) Primary School has now officially opened its doors to pupils following the summer holidays, with the council having completed work to accommodate all staff and children on the one site. The authority has invested £650,000 in upgrading the facilities at the existing school, including a new layout with added capacity in each classroom, as well as new LED lighting,

heaters and furnishings. An outdoor play area has also been installed for the infant and nursery children who have moved to the new site, which is less than 20 metres from the former Horndale County Infant and Nursery School. The school now has capacity for 210 primary school pupils as well as a 26-place nursery class for children aged three. Cllr Cathy Hunt, the council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "We're delighted that pupils and staff are already making the most of their upgraded facilities, with the new school year getting off to a fantastic start. "Offering one, more modern and effective, school site will help staff to deliver a broader curriculum and make it easier for children to transition from nursery to primary school. As well as offering children at St. Francis Horndale the best start in life, it will make it easier for staff to work together as a team to provide an engaging education and supportive, nurturing school environment." Lisa Lakey, the school's headteacher, said: "We're so pleased to be all together in our completed school and have everyone under the same roof. "The upgraded facilities are fantastic and will help us to enhance our current provision whilst also offering extra capacity for the community as it continues to grow. "We're very grateful to the council for completing the work so quickly and feel proud that we have been able to work together to make sure the new St. Francis Horndale is the best it can be for our lovely pupils now and those who will attend in the future. We look forward to seeing our students grow and celebrating all that they achieve." Photo 1: (front L-R) Cllr Cathy Hunt, Cabinet member for children and young people's services; headteacher, Lisa Lakey; St. Francis Horndale's head students, and Archdeacon Rick Simpson, alongside (back L-R) David Akers, director of education for the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle; David Bowes, the school's chair of governors; Jim Murray, the council's head of education and skills; Brooke Pickett, deputy headteacher; and Joanne Copeland, deputy headteacher. Photo 2: Lisa Lakey, the school's headteacher (left) and Cllr Cathy Hunt, Cabinet member for children and young people's services (right), with pupils in one of the updated classrooms.



PCP Achieves Disability Confident Leader Status



Health and wellbeing charity, Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is proud to announce its accreditation as a Disability Confident Leader, a significant milestone in its commitment to inclusion and accessibility for all. This recognition affirms PCP's dedication to creating a workplace where people living with a disability and those with long-term health conditions can thrive. PCP's Disability Leader status included implementing inclusive recruitment practices and offering tailored workplace adjustments. By stepping up to Disability Confident Leader status, from Disability Confident Employer, PCP not only sets a benchmark within its own organisation, but also champions disability inclusion across the wider community. The journey involved external validation of PCP's practices and a clear demonstration of leadership in promoting disability confidence. Sandra Roberts, Governance and Development Manager, said: "Achieving Disability Confident Leader status is a proud moment for all of us at PCP. It reflects our ongoing commitment to creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported. With 55% of our workforce having either a disability, long-term health condition, neurodiversity, or mental health condition - we're passionate about breaking down barriers and leading by example, this accreditation shows that we're not just talking about change, we're making it happen. "Through partnerships with local employers and community organisations, PCP is helping to embed inclusive practices across the region, that support employees and their workplace health and wellbeing through the Better Health at Work Award. PCP invites other organisations to join the Disability Confident movement and is proud to offer support and validation as part of our ongoing commitment to the award." This recognition highlights PCP's dedication to fostering a culture of equality, removing barriers to employment, and supporting individuals to reach their full potential. As a Disability Confident Leader, PCP is now positioned to inspire and support other organisations in embracing inclusive practices, driving positive change, and building a better future for all. Find out more about PCP and opportunities available to work and volunteer for the charity at www.pcp.uk.net

New Students Begin at UTC South Durham

UTC South Durham, based on Newton Aycliffe Business Park, has welcomed a new intake of Year 10 and Year 12 students this September. Year 10 students are starting a curriculum that blends GCSEs with a strong focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Alongside core subjects, they will gain practical experience in engineering and technical skills, helping to prepare them for future career pathways.

In the Sixth Form, students are beginning one of three specialist routes. Some are taking a one year course designed to provide practical engineering skills for apprenticeships, while others are enrolled on the Engineering T Level or a collection of STEM-focused A Levels. The UTC recently celebrated a 100% pass rate on its T Level course, which is delivered in a specialist engineering annex.

As part of their induction programme,

Year 10 students visited one of the UTC's founding partners, Hitachi, to learn about career opportunities available after their studies. They also took part in team building activities at Witton Castle to help them settle in and make new friends.

UTC South Durham is a specialist school for 14-19 year olds, working closely with employers and universities to provide career-focused education. Applications are now open for September 2026 entry, with open evenings taking place in October and November.



At Long Last Our New Coach Has Arrived!



Shildon Community Bus is now the proud owner of a new replacement minibus. We have purchased a Mercedes Sprinter 517CDi which is fully automatic and has a boot space for luggage and shopping. The total cost of the bus, before signage and insurance, was £98,700. This was met by generous donations from the public, our existing savings, the sale of the older of our two buses, and a grant of £69,090. This was provided by Durham County Council's Capital Grant Funding for Community Transport Vehicle Purchases. We are very grateful for the support and guidance provided by Adam Robinson of Durham County Council. Adam handed over the new bus to us on Monday 15th September 2025.

The bus is fully automatic and our training officer will be scheduling familiarisation sessions with each of our volunteer drivers to ensure the safety of the public and the new bus. We always welcome applications for volunteer drivers and volunteer administrators. If you are involved with a social group in the area of Shildon and the surrounding towns and villages, why not ask for information to register as an affiliate group? You can then use the mini bus for social and educational outings. For further information please contact the bus office on 01388 773666 or email shildonbus@yahoo.com.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has made this purchase possible.

Nxt Gen Jiu-jitsu



Nxt Gen Aycliffe grappling team are doing extremely well on the UK Brazilian Jiu-jitsu circuit. Izzy Cockerill recently competed in the Yorkshire Bjj competition, winning several matches, showing great skill and determination!

Lucas Cunliffe has hit the scene hard this last year, having over 30 matches in many weight divisions, winning his most recent in Newcastle!

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Families Affected by Infant Death or Pregnancy Loss

The Chaplains of the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust invite parents and families living with the grief of pregnancy loss or the death of a baby to come together for a time of reflection and remembrance at baby loss memorial services of 2025.

These services provide a supportive and compassionate space for anyone touched by such a profound loss, including extended family members.

Saqib Ahmed, Senior Chaplain at County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, said: "These services of remembrance and thanksgiving are for anyone who has been affected by this very sad experience, including wider families and regardless of whether the loss was recent or in the more distant past."

The special memorial services will take place on **Sunday 12th October at Holy Trinity, Woodland Road, Darlington at 4pm** and **Wednesday 15th October at St. Cuthbert's Church, North Road, Durham at**

7.15pm.

This service is open to all, regardless of faith or background, and is designed to provide a moment of quiet reflection, solidarity, and remembrance for families who have experienced such a heartbreaking loss. For further information, please contact the chaplaincy team:

- Durham: 0191 333 2183
- Darlington: 01325 743 029

Join us as we remember and honour the lives of those who were lost too soon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Keith and Dee 65th Wedding Anniversary



10th September 2025

Keith, born in Bishop Auckland, and Dee, born in West Cornforth, first met at The Castle Café in Bishop Auckland, where Dee made space on her seat so Keith could sit beside her. That small gesture began a lifelong journey together.

They were married on 10th September 1960 and, over the past 65 years, have built a life filled with adventure, family and love. Keith began his working life as a coal miner at Middridge Drift (1956-1959), before serving with distinction in the Royal Air Force from 1959 to 1996, retiring as a Squadron Leader. Following his RAF career, he worked as a conference organiser at County Hall, Durham (1998-1999), and later as a part-time tutor at Finchale Training College, Durham.

Dee started her career as a machinist at Ferryhill Clothing Factory (1956-1960) before dedicating her life to being a devoted mother and home-maker.

Throughout Keith's RAF service, the couple lived in Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, Belgium and Northern Ireland. Between 1974 and 1979, they moved home seven times - a testament to their resilience and teamwork.

In 1996, Keith and Dee settled in Newton Aycliffe on his retirement from the RAF. Together they share many hobbies and interests - both enjoy ballroom dancing and archery, with Keith also active in painting, drawing and veterans' woodworking groups, while Dee has played badminton at RAF Brize Norton and enjoys bridge.

The couple have been blessed with two sons, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. This year, they will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary with a short holiday at a Warner's Hotel. When the couple were asked for the secret to a happy marriage, Keith wisely advises: "Always do what you're told," to which Dee quickly adds: "my advice is to make sure he does what he's told."

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Heritage and train fans can enjoy a new walking trail around Darlington town centre bringing the history of the Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) to life. The heritage trail, narrated by local historian and author Chris Lloyd, includes places of historical importance in the town centre, along North Road to the Hopetown visitor attraction. The trail starts at the Friends Meetinghouse on Skinnergate and takes in 17 different train-themed landmarks before finishing at the museum. You can read information on the app about each landmark or listen to the narration by Chris Lloyd. Download the free Darlington Town Centre Trails app from your app store or find out more at: www.enjoydarlington.co.uk The launch of the app comes as the town gets ready for two amazing events to celebrate the S&DR centenary. On Saturday 20th September, Ghost Train: The Departure comes to the town centre with a fantastic combination of free performance, music and lights in the afternoon culminating in a spectacular parade to Hopetown in the evening starting at 7.00pm. On Saturday 27th September, a replica of Locomotion Number 1 will cross the Skerne Bridge in a recreation of the first passenger rail journey in 1825. The journey will be live streamed to a big screen in the Market Square from noon and there will be a host of free, train-themed family entertainment.



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Nobody Should Suffer in Silence: Standing Together Against Hate Crime and Criminal Damage

Over recent weeks and months, there has been a concerning rise in hate crime and racially motivated criminal damage across County Durham and Darlington. From offensive graffiti to the vandalism of our highways to serious verbal abuse. Criminal damage is a crime that can impact negatively on the pride and community confidence in our towns and villages, it costs taxpayers money to repair and, when motivated by prejudice, strikes at the very heart of who we are as a community. Hate crime is even more serious. It is defined as any criminal act that is motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or transgender identity. Behind every statistic lies a victim, someone who may feel unsafe in their own home, their own street, or their own workplace, because of who they are. That is unacceptable. Nobody should suffer in silence or be subjected to verbal threats and abuse. Hate crime does more than damage property. It damages lives, trust, and community cohesion. It spreads fear among entire communities and can escalate very quickly if not challenged early and robustly. That is why I want to send a clear message: hate crime and racially motivated criminal damage will not be tolerated in County Durham and Darlington. The police will uphold the law, and those responsible will be dealt with.

But enforcement alone is not enough. We need the public's help. Many of these incidents go unreported, either because victims fear nothing will be done, or because witnesses assume someone else will act.

I want to reassure every resident: if you are targeted, or if you witness these crimes, your voice matters. By reporting hate crime, you will not only help the police catch offenders, but also help us understand the true scale of the problem and target resources where they are needed most.

There are several ways to report. If you are in immediate danger, always dial 999. For non-emergencies, you can call 101, report online via the Durham Constabulary website, or attend your local police station.

If you do not wish to speak directly to the police, you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website. Crimestoppers is completely independent, and you can share information whilst remaining 100% anonymous. As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I am committed to ensuring that all victims are supported, and offenders are held accountable for their actions. I have invested in victim services so that anyone affected by hate crime can access practical and emotional help. I also continue to work with partners across councils, schools, community groups and faith organisations to promote education, tolerance and early intervention, because prevention is always better than cure.

We all have a part to play. Whether by challenging prejudice when we hear it, supporting a neighbour who has been targeted, or simply refusing to turn a blind eye, we can make a difference. Hate has no place in our towns and villages!

Let us unite against hate crime and racial motivated criminal damage and show that County Durham and Darlington remain places where everyone is respected, valued and safe. Nobody should live in fear. Nobody should suffer in silence. And I will ensure that those who commit these crimes are brought to justice.

Puppy Mauled to Death

Authorities are urging dog owners to take responsibility and prevent further tragedies after a four-month-old Cocker Spaniel was killed in a vicious attack by two XL Bully dogs in Ferryhill.

The incident occurred outside the puppy's home, where its 18-year-old owner was also injured and required hospital treatment. The XL Bully dogs, which should have been muzzled and kept on leads in public, were roaming freely after escaping from a property with no secure gates.

"This was a devastating and preventable tragedy," a spokesperson said. "Dangerous dogs must be kept under strict control at all times. Owners have a legal responsibility - failure to comply can result in fines, prison sentences and destruction orders."

The Facts

- Thousands of dog-on-dog attacks are reported in the UK every year.
- Owners are legally responsible for ensuring their dogs are under control in public.
- XL Bullies and other restricted breeds must always be muzzled and leashed when outside.
- Attacks can lead to criminal prosecution and severe penalties.

How to Prevent Attacks

- Always keep dogs on a lead in public places.
- Use a muzzle when required by law.
- Seek professional help at the first sign of aggression.
- Report dangerous or uncontrolled dogs before tragedy strikes.

Call to Action

The public is being urged to remain vigilant. If you are aware of a dangerous dog in your area, report it immediately.

"This innocent puppy's death is a stark reminder of the devastating consequences when dogs are not properly controlled," the spokesperson added. "We cannot allow this to happen again."



PCP Re-awarded Kitemark



Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) has had its County Durham Volunteer Kitemark re-awarded by Durham Community Action (DCA), recognising the charity's commitment to going the extra mile to support its volunteers by removing barriers and creating safe, inclusive and enriching experiences for both volunteers and service users. This achievement reflects the incredible contribution of PCP's volunteers. Between 2024 and 2025, PCP's 251 volunteers supporting services across the region gave a remarkable 9,502 hours of their time. This provides an in-kind value of £143,670 of support based on the Real Living Wage Foundation benchmark.

Vicky Browning, Operations Manager at PCP, said: "PCP's volunteers bring energy, empathy and a strong sense of community to PCP's services, playing a vital role in delivering inclusive and person-centred support. We're absolutely delighted to receive the Volunteer Kitemark once again. Receiving the Kitemark highlights PCP's dedication to valuing volunteers as an essential part of its services and community impact. Volunteers are at the heart of what we do, and this award reflects our ongoing commitment to making sure they feel supported, appreciated and empowered. It's a real testament to the positive culture we've built together."

PCP continues to welcome volunteers across a range of roles and encourages anyone interested in making a difference to get involved. Find out more about volunteer opportunities at PCP at www.pcp.uk.net



INSPIRING AMBITION AND CREATIVITY at Greenfield Academy

Greenfield Academy's values of Proud, Ambitious and Kind have led to the creation of two dedicated days in our school calendar designed to provide our children with a diverse range of career-focused and creative opportunities.

We provide a comprehensive range of career exploration activities, including both virtual and in-person work experience opportunities. Year 10 students receive dedicated support to prepare for real workplace settings, helping them build essential skills for their future ahead of their Work Experience in March.

At Key Stage 3, our focus is on introducing the world of work, with engaging activities planned for February 2026 to encourage early career interest and discovery.

Year 8 students will visit the Centre for Life to immerse themselves in STEM subjects, nurturing their curiosity and expanding their knowledge in science, technology, engineering and maths.

Our Year 11 learners benefit from a mastery learning approach to GCSE preparation, ensuring they are confident, well-prepared, and able to reach their academic potential.

In June 2026, Key Stage 3 students will take part in an Inspiring Creativity day. On this special day, they will explore cultures from around the world through music, art, and creative projects, with guest visitors delivering exciting workshops in school to spark imagination and broaden horizons.

Our children are part of a Global Community and Greenfield endeavours to ensure all of our children can explore the world where learning has no limits and no borders.

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School Video



Kynren's Volunteer Cast and Crew Receive Standing Ovation



Kynren's 2025 season came to an end last Saturday evening, with the show's 1,000-strong volunteer cast and crew receiving a standing ovation from the audience.

The award-winning live action night show's finale concluded Kynren's nine-show run, with its 2025 season welcoming the highest number of visitors since 2019. Ticket sales rose by 12% on 2024, 48% on 2023, 75% up on 2022 and 17% on 2019, bucking sector-wide trends and cementing Kynren's place as one of the UK's most successful cultural events.

Volunteers were at the heart of this success, with more than 95% of last year's cast and crew returning to take part in Kynren's tenth anniversary season. From performers and sword fighters to costume makers, animal handlers, technical crews and visitor welcome teams, their dedication ensures the show continues to deliver world-class standards year after year.

Wendy Wilshire, head of volunteer casting and engagement, said: "We have an incredibly strong volunteer community here at Kynren, and the show simply wouldn't be the success it is without their unwavering dedication and infectious enthusiasm. Our volunteers are at the core of everything we do, and we are so proud of what they have achieved in this milestone year."

2025 also saw the publication of The Spirit of Kynren, the show's first socio-economic impact report. It confirmed that Kynren has contributed more than £65.5 million to the North East economy since 2016, while also delivering profound personal benefits for those involved. 94% of volunteers reported feeling happier and more confident, 81% felt less isolated, and 80% said their physical health had improved as a result of being part of Kynren.

Anna Warnecke, CEO at Kynren, said: "This tenth anniversary season has been a truly special one. Kynren is not just a show; it's a community, a source of pride for the region, and a cultural driver for the North East. Our volunteers have once again delivered something remarkable – delighting audiences and showcasing the very best of what this area has to offer. At the same time, we are working hard behind the scenes on the development of Kynren – The Storied Lands, our new daytime historical theme park opening in 2026, which will sit alongside the night

show to create a unique destination for visitors from across the UK and beyond." Kynren's 2025 season has also been an award-winning one, with accolades including:

1. Winner - Event of the Year, North East Tourism Awards 2025
2. Gold - Volunteer Team of the Year, North East Tourism Awards 2025
3. Winner - Team of the Year, Cultural Enterprises Awards 2025
4. Winner - Best Event for Groups, Group Leisure & Travel Awards 2025
5. TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award 2025

This milestone year also introduced a reimagined Diamond Jubilee scene, featuring more than 150 performers and 20 horses, which quickly became an audience favourite. Combined with Kynren's dramatic stunts, breathtaking pyrotechnics and fireworks finale, it was a fitting celebration of the show's tenth anniversary. Visitors also enjoyed new pre-show entertainment, including a replica Victorian railway station complete with a full-sized Locomotion No.1 engine photo-point, created to mark the 200th anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. The installation proved a hugely popular addition, further enhancing the visitor experience and providing memorable moments before the main performance. Tickets for Kynren's 2026 night show go on sale in October at kynren.com. Early booking is strongly recommended.

Little SENDsations



Around Town, Aycliffe Radio - Sunday 7th September

Our thanks to Hayley, Sam and Perry from Little SENDsations for joining us in the studio to bring us up to date with two very important and exciting developments.

Little Boxes, Big Stories: Bringing Stories to Life in Hospitals

Little SENDsations is proud to introduce Little Boxes, Big Stories - a project designed to bring comfort, creativity, and connection to SEND children in hospitals. Each 'story box' is filled with props, PECS cards, storyboards, and even story massage resources, turning story time into an interactive and inclusive experience.

We have worked closely with Sensory Support teams, a teacher of the hearing-impaired, and story massage practitioners to ensure the boxes are fully accessible and meet the needs of all children, regardless of ability. Our goal is simple, to make hospital stays a little brighter by helping stories come alive for every child. Would your business like to sponsor a box? Or would you like to learn more about how you can support this project? Contact us at wsclittlesendsations@gmail.com - together we can share the magic of storytelling.

SENDurham: Bridging the Gap to SENDsational Support

A brand-new outreach programme, SENDurham, has launched to support families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across County Durham. SENDurham brings trusted professionals together under one umbrella, making it easier for families to access advice, guidance and practical support, without the stress of navigating multiple services. By working collaboratively with experts, SENDurham ensures that families get the best support possible in one welcoming, community-based space. The project, created by the charity Little SENDsations and SEND Friendly North-East, is about breaking down barriers and making support simple, accessible, and free from jargon or judgment.

For more information about SENDurham and upcoming sessions, contact: enquiries@littlesendsations.org

We also welcomed Rachel from Conductive Education (CE) into the studio on this week's show. Rachel works with both adults and children with complex educational needs. She popped into the studio to talk to us a little bit about the work she does, and see what the show is all about in preparation for when she returns as my guest in November on my new show Health, Healing and other Weird Stuff. Phill & Andy, Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report

Newton Aycliffe's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, had to dig deep to earn, what had earlier seemed, an unlikely draw at home to third in the table Yarm 1sts on Saturday 6th September in the NYSD 3rd division. Yarm elected to bat first and scored a respectable 160 for 6 from their allotted 40 overs, despite some good bowling from Leo Mercy (sponsored by Yvonne and Bob Wood), who finished with 2 for 15 from a very tidy ten overs and Matty Greaves (2 for 51 from ten overs). In reply, the ever reliable opener Tez Smit, helped get the home side off to a decent start scoring 33 from 36 balls, but Aycliffe still slipped to worrying 88 for 9 with 11 overs still remaining. However, a defiant unbroken tenth wicket partnership of 22 by Leo Mercy (13 not out off 58 balls) and Ben Howard (10 not out off 29 balls) saw their side safely to stumps in a tense finale to earn an unlikely draw for the hosts.



The following Saturday (13th September) Aycliffe's first team travelled to already relegated Thornaby 2nd XI for the final game of the season and came away with an excellent 41 run victory. Electing to bat first, Aycliffe made a respectable 160 all out after 39.2 overs. Leon Patel top scored for Aycliffe with a steely 42 off 72 balls and his excellent innings included four boundaries, other major contributions came from Tez Smit (29 off 42 balls) and Ramzan Hussain (16 off 20 balls). In reply, Aycliffe's Ben Howard bowled brilliantly, taking 3 for 26 from his ten over spell to help reduce Thornaby to 57 for 5. With the homeside digging in for a draw, the introduction of spinner Tom Dearden had an immediate effect as he took the last three wickets for just three runs to help Aycliffe to victory with 4.1 overs remaining.

Aycliffe's first team finished their season in a creditable fourth place in the NYSD third division table with 299 points from 22 games played. On Saturday 6th September, Aycliffe's 2nd team were well beaten by 167 runs away at Yarm 2nd XI in the NYSD 4th division. Yarm were asked to bat first and scored a huge 240 for 4 declared after just 34 overs, despite some good bowling by Jon Tait (2 for 58), Shashank Garg (2 for 50) and Will Moffatt (1 for 53). In reply, 15 year old Will Moffatt top scored with a senior best 22 runs off 35 balls, Dan Weldon hit 16 off 23 balls and Matty French chipped in with 10 off 40 balls, as Aycliffe were bowled out for just 73 after 23 overs.

The following weekend Aycliffe's 2nd team lost at home to Bishop Auckland 2nd XI by just four wickets in a much improved performance in their final game of the season. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were bowled out for just 84 after 28.3 overs. Veteran Tony Travis (sponsored by John Wardle) top scored with 20 off 31 balls, Matty Thompson smashed a quickfire 19 off just 7 balls and opener Matty French chipped in with 11 off 33 balls. In reply, the visitors also struggled to score runs thanks to some superb bowling by Jon Tait,

who finished with career best figures of 4 for 28. 15 year old Tom Norman (2 for 28) also bowled well, but they couldn't stop Bishop from reaching their winning target after 21.5 overs and with four wickets in hand.

Photo: Tony Travis who top scored for the 2nd team v Bishop Auckland.

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Site Visit

Heighington Lane Incinerator Facility.

Following Ian Jones' appearance on the Around Town radio show on 1st August, Andy and I requested access to the incinerator site to follow up on the answers Ian provided to our questions during the show.

This was to be scheduled once all of the heavy construction work was completed, allowing for safe supervised access. On Wednesday 3rd September we were given total, unrestricted access, to all areas of the site with Ian Jones acting as our guide.

Answering all of the questions that arose from the detailed explanation of the processes involved, including the pre-approved waste safely arriving on site, the security screening of the waste before it's accepted and then processed ready to begin the incineration of the waste from start to finish. Such was the level of access provided, at one point we were able to see the internal construction of the incinerator drum itself.

We were walked through every stage of the process, given a detailed explanation of what every piece of equipment was, its role in the incineration process, all of the technical details involved and the individual safety measures that appeared to go above and beyond what is required to be installed and operational at every key stage of the process.

Every question was answered, and concerns were recognised and dealt with, over the two hours we spent on site. We were also able to witness the installation of the first two remote air quality monitoring sensors around the site which will shortly be in operation to provide Fornax with a six month detailed baseline of air quality and residual particulate and NOx gas levels present in the atmosphere before the incinerator comes into operation.

We have already been granted permission to return for further site visits, to view the findings of the external sensors and, again, once the facility becomes fully operational.

Ian has agreed to further share this with Great Aycliffe Town Council in due course. Our community expects Fornax to deliver their promise to operate responsibly, and we intend to remain involved and pro-active to ensure this happens.

Phill & Andy, Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

By PCSO Steven Kipling



Here's a brief overview of what we have been up to lately:

Sunday 7th September, a male was arrested for public order, following an incident in the area of Mellanby Crescent.

Two dogs have been seized, and an investigation is on-going by the Neighbourhood Team in relation to possible animal cruelty.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 9th September three males were arrested on suspicion of a Possession of Class-A drugs with an intent to supply and were taken to custody.

Also on Tuesday, PCSOs Brown and Barton located a high-risk missing person who was suffering from Alzheimer's. The male was then taken to hospital to be checked over.

On Friday 12th September, PCSOs Fotheringham and Kipling returned stolen power tools to a recent victim of a burglary. It was great to be able to reunite him with his STIHL tools which had recently been located by officers.

Our drone has been deployed for numerous incidents over the past week, including searching for missing persons.

On Friday morning, a male was arrested on suspicion of assault following an incident in Silverdale Place and transported to custody. On the morning of Sunday 14th September a male was arrested on suspicion of ABH and remains in custody.

Also on Sunday, a female was arrested on suspicion of assault, following a domestic report and is currently in custody.

PCSO Steven Kipling.

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Since I was elected as your MP, I've worked hard to support local residents and be a powerful voice for our area. One important part of that has been holding regular surgeries in community venues across the constituency to meet residents firsthand and provide direct support with a range of problems and issues. I was delighted to hold my 40th constituency advice surgery last week in Croxdale. Thank you to the hundreds of residents I've met at my surgeries who have come along to raise issues with me in person. It's a real privilege to be able to get things done for people in our community from dealing with unscrupulous landlords to helping people access financial support they're entitled to. These surgeries are a great way for me to speak directly with residents and take our concerns back to Parliament.

Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour in our town centre is a top priority, so I'm glad the Labour government has put more resources into policing in our area. To hear more about how this has helped our local police team, I went on patrol with Inspector Adam Jassat, the new Neighbourhood Inspector for Aycliffe, and Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner. I'm glad that our town has benefitted from extra officers and stronger enforcement powers over the busy summer months. It was encouraging to see how a visible police presence is helping people feel safer and more confident about coming into the town centre.

In Parliament I was proud to lead a debate marking the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, which ran through Aycliffe. This historic line opened in 1825 and was the world's first public passenger railway, sparking a transport revolution that changed the world. Did you know? Heighington Station, which was then known as Aycliffe Lane, is widely believed to have been the first passenger railway station in the world.

And, it's fantastic that Heighington Station, which has been in a state of decay for some time, has been saved thanks to the brilliant work of the Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway. I was proud to work with the Friends group to help secure a major donation from Hitachi Rail. This was the final piece of the jigsaw which has allowed the Friends group to save the building. Their plans will breathe new life into this important landmark and attract visitors to the area. Protecting this heritage is a fitting way to honour such a milestone. As part of the SDR200 festival, backed by the government, there are lots of free activities and events on across our area to mark this special occasion, please check out their website for more information – www.sdr200.co.uk.

Just a few hundred yards from Heighington Station, Hitachi Rail is now building cutting edge battery trains. Having fought so hard to secure this factory's future, our constituency remains at the forefront of rail innovation and technology.

Our constituency has a proud rail history and an even brighter future and I'm determined to keep backing local industry, jobs and opportunities for the next generation.

Plant Plans

Ref: 'Detailed Plans for Gold Standard High Temperature Waste Treatment Plant' Newton News - 15th August 2025'.

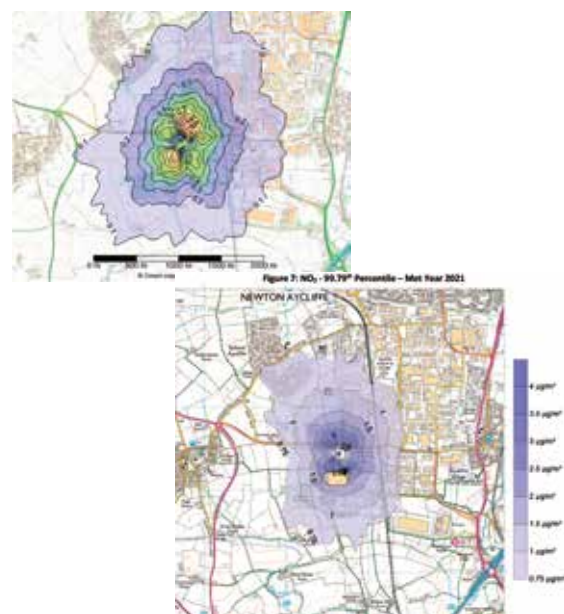
Firstly, it was almost a relief to see the CEO of Fornax had some input into local information, to give the residents an opportunity to see what is awaiting approval from the Environment Agency.

On the face of it, the incinerator looks to be state of the art, according to all the descriptions set out in the plans, however there are several anomalies which means the incinerator is maybe not quite as gold standard as it could be and this raises several important questions, some of which are listed below. The statement that the incinerator will generate enough energy to power 700 homes is probably correct, however, how will this 'power' be distributed? The 'power' the plant is producing is heat - not electricity, therefore, what looks good on paper, is not likely to become actual for any local homes.

The statement that the plant has been designed with the best available proven techniques from Europe, however, there is no Flue Gas recirculation, which further reduces NOx - nor is there any Carbon Gas capture - see the Olive report on operating techniques - both technologies are available and beneficial, therefore why are they not implemented?

There are two different air dispersion modelling reports. The first, produced by Independent Air Quality & Odour Specialists, dated May 2022 uses the meteorological data from Teesside Airport. This data has the prevailing wind direction for Newton Aycliffe, as predominantly south westerly. In the second report, produced by Olive Consulting, dated February 2024, the prevailing wind direction is taken from the meteorological data from RAF Leeming, which is much further away from Newton Aycliffe and the prevailing wind direction used in this report is south easterly. Why are there two reports, (both sent to DCC planning) and why is the second one in the EA permit application, using the air dispersion modelling data which is the furthest away from Newton Aycliffe?

All documents referenced above are available on DCC planning portal. Reference Docs FYI. Included are the diagrams from the air dispersion documents for reference: Left is the first report, right is the Olive report:



These show the air dispersion for NOx, the scale of the maps are very close, however, the spread of the NOx is much higher concentration in the first than in the second. We really want Fornax to explain why they are using the Olive report. Name and address supplied.

Dumped On, Again!

Dear Sir,

As a local resident, I read with interest the article on the 15th August describing the recent appearance on Aycliffe Radio of Fornax CEO Ian Jones.

As the CEO of Fornax, he has a responsibility to promote the intended activation of the newly constructed hazardous waste incinerator on the local business park and defuse - if possible - the completely justifiable outcry from the local community.

I read this article with a sense of frustration as Mr Jones apparently attempted to dispel the fears of local residents. However, I suspect he has chosen not to address the elephant in the room. Aside from the fact that it is impossible to completely guarantee all potential long-term effects of a hazardous waste incinerator of this size within a heavily populated area, I feel there is an equally fundamental reason (aside from health and safety concerns), that Fornax fail to acknowledge. Essentially, who would choose to have a monstrous incinerator accommodating thousands of trucks annually, filled with hazardous waste, planted on their doorstep?

It is all very well for Mr Jones to glibly tow the company line in terms of 'perceived' safety, but truthfully, does he really expect us to throw our arms open in welcome to a continuous 'wagon-train' of hazardous filth piling off the motorway into our town day-in, day-out and honestly believe that this is to our benefit? I think not, unless lower house prices, additional heavy-goods traffic and further downgrading of an area, just recovering from the recent land-fill issues, is something he feels that we can all celebrate.

I get that business is business, but Fornax and their CEO attempting to sell us their snake-oil in terms of future benefits and negligible impact to the surrounding area is extremely difficult to swallow. Please give us credit for knowing when we're about to be dumped on again, literally... Norman Liddle.

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Woodham Academy GCSE Results Celebration

Year 11 students at Woodham Academy recently collected yet another great set of GCSE results. Students and parents arrived at school on 21st August to celebrate all of the hard work and effort put in over the course of their school careers. Like cohorts gone by, this excellent collection of young people reaped the rewards of their focus and determination, opening their envelopes to unveil their outstanding grades.

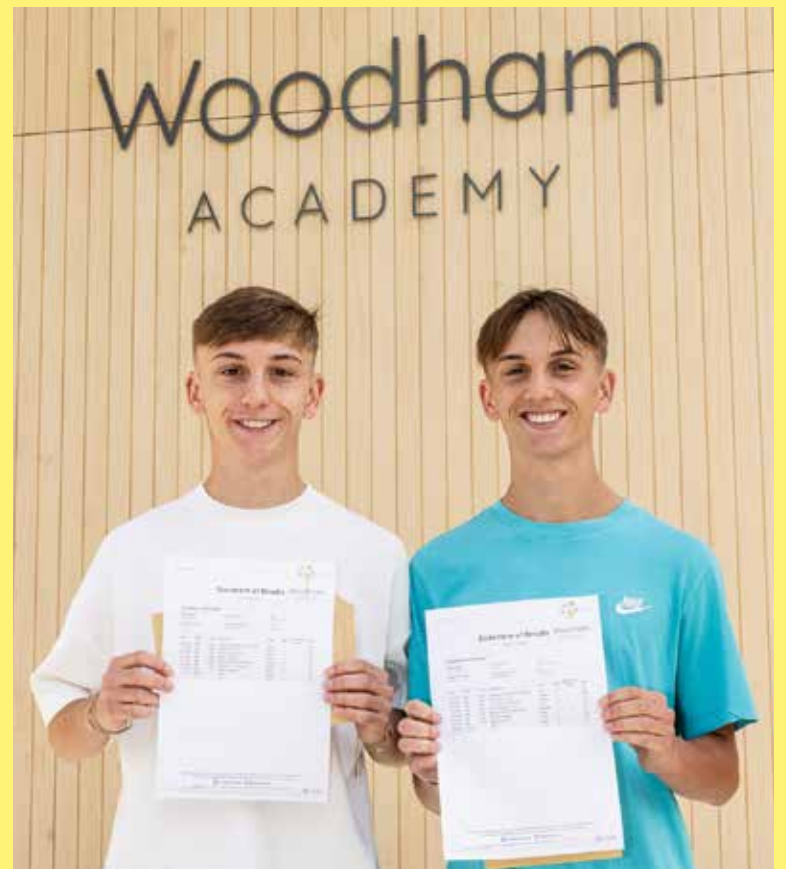
Mrs Dickinson, Deputy Headteacher, commented "It's the best day of the year bar none. We pride ourselves on what we do to support our students to achieve. Every year this seems to get better and better. This year is no exception. We are delighted that the vast majority of students from this year 11 have what they need to go to the college or provider of their choice. We expect our students to work hard and support them to do this, but we are increasingly seeing students who are self-motivated and actually challenge our staff to do even more. This is the culture at Woodham"

Andrew Bell, Headteacher, added "GCSE results are a product of a 5 year journey. The results we've now delivered for nearly 10 years, don't just happen by chance. They are the culmination of hard work, determination and a desire to improve. This applies to staff, students and families. I'm so proud of the school. GCSE results day helps support that what we do here, benefits all concerned."

Nearly a quarter of all grades achieved at Woodham were grades 7, 8 or 9, with the average grade being a grade 5. Results in Maths and English improved yet again, from an already strong position, but all subjects delivered positive outcomes. Consistency across the school remains a key feature.

Mrs Hall, Deputy Headteacher "The GCSE results are important for the progress of our students into college and training. We continue to support our students with careers education and experiences, allowing students to be aspirational from the outset. When they get these results, it's a joy to see the reaction on their faces, knowing they are going where they want to."

Well done to everyone involved in this year's cohort of Year 11.



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Young Musician Achieves Success

Former Woodham Academy student, Oliver Gibson (18) has gained entry into one of the country's most prestigious performing arts establishments, the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA). Founded by music legend, Sir Paul McCartney, along with his associate, Sir Mark Featherstone-Witty, this former boy's institute once attended by three young lads, who later became known as The Beatles, was saved from dilapidation in the early 90's. After several years of re-development, it was formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II. The institution has gone from strength to strength training and developing young talent in readiness for a professional career; some of which are now award winning or highly regarded. Whilst attending Woodham, only a few years ago, Oliver quickly found a passion for playing bass guitar and went onto to study music at Bishop Auckland College. He then began to cut his teeth as a performer at a monthly Blues Open Mic Night at the Steam Machine Brewery, hosted by Gary Grainger. Within a year, Oliver began to play at other venues in and around the area. During the summer of 2024, he formed the band 'Casbah', launching at Aycliffe Food Festival to a respectable crowd. The band's positive drive and energy gained them a quick succession of performances; they even had a little walk-on at Aycliffe Music Festival, where Oliver introduced his band to a great cheer. Unfortunately, as bands do, they hit a stumbling block and parted ways, but Oliver remained undeterred and, in the autumn of 2024, he tentatively decided to

apply to study at the 'Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts'. After submitting demo recordings, he was invited to an audition. Two months later, he received a conditional offer of study on a course close to Paul McCartney's heart, BA Hons in Songwriting & Performance. Unfortunately, Oliver received a blow of bad luck and didn't meet the offer conditions on results day. Thinking it was all over, in a shock turn-around and as a complete one-off, he was accepted onto the course on the back of his own achievements in music, with the confidence that he could succeed. Oliver is so pleased to be now embarking in professional music training where it all began for The Beatles! We all wish him the very best of luck with this golden opportunity. Well done, son. YOU DID IT! Make us all proud. You deserve this. You really do. Name and address supplied.

Aycliffe Youth Football News

The new season started for most of our teams last weekend, with some exceptional results.

Wildcats Girls Development and Little Eagles Boys Development

After another three teams started their footballing journey, we now have spaces available for yr 1 boys and girls at our development academies. If you are interested and need more info, contact Berni 07939 045242

U7 Wildcats v Hartlepool Youth Divas

Second game for the girls, who found themselves trailing at half time, but they rallied in the 2nd half to finish the game level.

U7 Eagles v Darlington Young Bulls

First home game for our new boys team, produced a dazzling performance and a goals fest which was backed up with a clean sheet. The development game also produced a good win for the lads.

U9 Eagles v Dunston

The Eagles first league game of the season and a great win, especially as the team had two players only joining the team a few days before. Great performances all over the pitch, Oscar with a last minute penalty save, Luke with a mazy run and smart finish, Joel and Oscar strong in defence and Elijah making quality runs.

U10 Pumas v Hebburn

The new Pumas team continues to develop. They conceded early, but Eadie broke away at pace to set up Millie who finished really well to equalise. An excellent performance in goal from Lily and Layla showing lots of energy in midfield and passed forward really well. Alice was solid at the back. Ella scored the Puma's second goal, but Hebburn ran out winners.

U10 Wildcats v Horden WC

The Wildcats started slowly and were behind at HT. The half time team talk quickly turned the performance on its head and the girls dominated the ball in the 2nd half. They got reward for some sustained pressure when Freya calmly slotted home a penalty, but were unable to close the gap.

U11 Eagles v Cockfield Jnrs

It was defeat for the boys, but a very close game remained competitive until the very end. The Eagles were arguably the better team and, most importantly, showed real improvement and progress from the first game of the season. Overall, the whole team should be pleased with their performance.

Prissick Rovers 2 v 1 U12 Falcons

Good 1st half battle with chances at both ends. HT 0-0. Second half continued end to end. Falcons scored first, after some great passing in the build up, but were unlucky not to score a second. Prissick didn't give up and deserved the equaliser. A draw would have been a fair result, but Prissick nicked it right at the end with a long range lob. Goal Leo, assist Harry Latta. POM Harry Myers.

U14 Eagles 1 v 3 Eaglescliffe Elementis

A nervous start saw the game head into half time with the score 0-0, with few chances for each team, Eaglescliffe scoring straight after kick off and adding another soon afterwards. The Eagles rallied forcing a penalty to take it to 2-1, but finally conceding another.

U15 Girls 2 v 4 Whickham Fellside

Great start for the girls going 2-0 up with goals from Imogen and Peyton, but gave away a sloppy goal just before HT. Then the

visitors scored from the KO and with no subs the girls tired conceding a further three goals. POTM Jasmine. Players player Imogen.

U16 Angels 10 v 0 Kader FC

Playing against new opposition, the players didn't know what to expect, but after an even first five minutes the team took control with a fantastic display. Six different scorers (Emily 3, Erin 2, Evie 2, Eveie, Georgia, Hannah). Second clean sheet and some quality football. Star players Eveie & Georgia.

Ouston Jnrs 3 v 3 U17 Eagles

The lads weren't on their best form, but they never gave up. The score was level at 80 mins and they worked hard looking for a winner, forcing the keeper to make some outstanding saves. Unfortunately, it didn't happen, leaving with a point. Two goals from Joel and one from Clayton. MOM Clayton.



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Rugby Club Update

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Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club travelled to Seaham for their first match in this season's Counties 3 Durham and Northumberland league. Both sides were closely matched in the opening minutes, with the defences on top. Aycliffe were close to scoring early in the half when the ball was deemed held in the ruck and Seaham survived with a penalty kick to touch awarded. It was Seaham who scored first after 17 minutes when they threw a short lineout and went over in the corner. The game carried on in the same vein until just before half-time when Seaham kicked a penalty to take an 8-point lead. Both sides displayed good defensive tackling qualities. In particular, back row Lyle Whyatt, whose reading of the game and his tenacity in defensive tackling, earned him Aycliffe's man of the match. With the last play of the half, Aycliffe won a kickable penalty; but Luke Tinkler's vexatious effort came back off the post and the game turned around with the hosts 8-0 ahead. The game was still close, but Seaham further increased the lead with a second try, which was converted. Soon after, some fine work by the Aycliffe backs was finished off by centre Josh Dewhurst's try. Tinkler's kick was close but went just wide. The gap was now down to 10 points. The next score was critical, and it went to Seaham whose unconverted try saw them take a 15-point lead with 15 minutes to play. As the game ran down, Seaham picked up their fourth, bonus point, try for a final victory of 25-5. The defeat may have placed Aycliffe close to the bottom of the division, however the spirits were high. Aycliffe continue to strengthen, week on week, on the training ground, but would welcome more players to enhance the depth of players during this seasons campaign. It's not too late to introduce yourselves on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6.45pm starts. Come and join this family freindly club and learn or refresh your knowledge of the game. Bring your boots.



Licensing

Licensing Act 2003

Application for a new Premises Licence (s.17) International Food & Wine, 35b Shafto Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 5QN I, Mohammed Nebezadah, have submitted the above application on 05.09.25 to Durham County Council for: The Sale of Alcohol (off the premises) 07.00-23.30 Sunday-Thursday and 07.00-00.30 Friday-Saturday.

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19th September 2025

Obituary

Margaret Cowell
(Peggy)
née Kinley

Of Newton Aycliffe, formerly of Scarva Village, Northern Ireland, passed away peacefully in St. Clare's Court Care Home with her loving family by her side on 2nd September, aged 103 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Norman; a much loved Mam to Son Brian and Daughter Eileen; a treasured Grandma to Andrew, Richard, Sara and Helen; a much loved Great Grandma to Lottie and Ben; also a dear Mother-in-Law to Leslie.

Will family and friends please meet for a service at The Methodist Church, Neville Parade on Thursday 25th September at 12 noon. To be followed by interment at Stephenson Way Cemetery.

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Jason Andrew

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Dear Son of Kathleen and John, Brother of David and Justin, Brother-in-Law and Uncle.

Bennett

Harry (former Chairman of Woodham Golf and Country Club), aged 88 years, of Woodham, passed away peacefully in hospital on 6th September. Much loved and loving Husband of Ilene, dearly loved Dad of Paul and Michael, dear Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great-Grandad. Will family and friends please meet for service at St. Elizabeth's Church, Woodham on Monday, 29th September at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu, if desired, to Church funds and Mountain Rescue.

Derek Currington

Peacefully on 3rd September, after a short illness, Derek aged 94 years. Loved and adored Dad to Joy, Martin and Emma, dear Father in Law to Elaine and Justin, cherished Grandad to Charlotte, Katie, Andrew, Marc, Elliot, Alex and Niamh, and a proud Great-Grandad to Nellie, Harper, Eleni and Seren. Reunited with his beloved Gillian.

Sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Wednesday 8th October. Would friends kindly meet for service in Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon at 11.30am.

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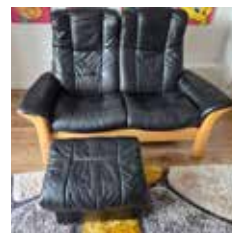
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Newton Aycliffe Juniors

W/E 07/09/2025

Under 7's played against Hartlepool Wolves in their first game, enjoying the experience. Goals from Eli & Jamie.

Under 8's Juniors played against Barnard Castle in their first game, scoring some wonderful goals through Noah (3), Arron and Oscar. In the development game, Jacob M (2), Arron, Noah (2) and Oscar scored the goals with Zack playing amazing in goal.

Under 9's Blues started their league campaign away to Kader Athletic, with goals from Leland (4) and Nate (2). Oliver and Harrison F kept a clean sheet between them, playing a half each in goal. PPOTM was Leland and POTM was Jude.

Under 10's Reds faced Riverside Juniors at Woodham in a very close game. Bear grabbed Aycliffe's goal from Michael's corner. POTM was Gazza and PPOTM was Bear.

Under 10's Juniors kicked off the season away to Stockton Town FC in a great end to end game, Zach scored Aycliffe's goal. MOTM was Lincoln.

Under 11's Whites entertained Prissick City, playing some brilliant football, Thomas scored from outside the box, Olly then produced a superb solo run to curl past the keeper. Max was outstanding in defence, Brodie battled for every ball and Ozzy pulled off two world-class saves late on.

Under 11's played against Middleton Rangers Spitfires, battling back to score goals through Noah A, Isaac D and new signing Alan F, who bagged two. MOTM was Harvey P, who made some great saves.

Under 12's Reds travelled to Great Ayton, controlling the game from start to finish with a convincing 6-1 victory, goals coming from Andrew (2), Latitia, Bryan, Koa and Louie. MOTM was new captain Fynley, who was outstanding in defence.

Under 12's Blacks entertained Billingham United Hornets, grabbing an impressive 4-1 win. Goals from JJ, Jack B, Alfie and Riley. POTM was awarded to Liam, who made some phenomenal saves.

Under 13's Whites played against Gateshead, drawing 1-1. Jarrod scored Aycliffe's goal from the halfway line.

Under 13's Blacks travelled to face Eaglescliffe Elimentis Royals, putting in a masterclass of a performance with a 9-0 win. MOTM Riley led the scoring with four goals, Kai (2), Lucas (2) and Ryley rounded up the scoring.

Under 14's Whites entertained Swalwell, coming away with a fantastic 5-1 win, goals coming from James (2), Harry, Oliver and MOTM Allem.

Under 14's Blacks played Whiteleas Eagles, in a tight game, Aycliffe won it 2-1 with goals from Olly & Kaylm. MOTM was shared between the team for a great performance.

Under 14's travelled to Leven, coming home with a comfortable 6-0 win, goals from Jonah (4), Jake and Lucas. MOTM went to Olly B, for a fantastic defensive performance.

Under 15's kicked off the season at home to Shildon, drawing 2-2. Goals from Layton W and Kodi. MOTM was Lucas, who was superb.

Under 23's lost at home in the league trophy against Ouston Cherry Tree, conceding two early goals, Ethan pulled one back before conceding again, then got caught chasing and conceded a third. Ethan Stoker scored for us.

W/E 14/09/2025

Under 8's Juniors played against Northallerton Town Reds in a game full of goals, with MOTM going to Arron, taking control of the game with some great finishes.

Under 9's Blues travelled to Billingham, playing great football and scoring goals through Leland (4), Nate, Carter and Oliver. PPOTM was Carter and POTM went to Nate.

Under 9's entertained Stockton, scoring a good goal from Harry.

Under 10's Juniors welcomed Richmond Pro Player, in a fantastic game of football. Goals from Zach & Connor (2), with MOTM Kian assisting all three goals.

Under 10's Reds welcomed Riverside Juniors United, putting in a great performance with goals from Thomas, Bear (2), and Fox (2). POTM was Parker and PPOTM was Korben.

Under 11's entertained Mount Pleasant Rangers, with goals from Noah A (2) and Alan F. MOTM was awarded to Kayson R, who was excellent in defence on his debut.

Under 12's Blues played against Shincliffe Juniors winning impressively 5-1. Goals were scored by Bryan (2), Latitia, Kalel, Loa and Andrew, who won MOTM.

Under 12's Reds played against Normanby Oranges, winning 3-1 with goals from Andrew (2) and Charlie. MOTM was Andrew.

Under 13's Whites drew 3-3 against Hebburn Town, with goals from Chase, Liam and Oscar, who won MOTM.

Under 13's Blacks had a tough game, showing glimpses of last week's performance, but could not get the win. The Aycliffe goal was scored by Kai C, with MOTM going to Riley R.

Under 14's continued their great start to the season with an impressive 9-0 win away to Northallerton Town Reds. Goals from Jonah (4), Lucas, Dan, Shay, Dom and Oscar ensured Aycliffe finished the weekend top of the league.

Under 15's travelled to Barnard Castle in the county cup. In a very well contested physical game, Aycliffe dominated to win 6-1. Goals were scored by Layton W (3), Oscar J (2) and Jonah. MOTM was hat-trick hero Layton W.

Under 23's travelled to top of the table Drunken Duck who held a 100% winning record, Aycliffe scored late through Andrew B, only for the opposition to equalise for 1-1. MOTM was shared between Alex B and Charlie W.

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Newton Aycliffe travel to Heaton Stannington on Saturday 20th September, in the Second Qualifying Round of the Isuzu FA Trophy.

Aycliffe's last three games came in three separate competitions, the Isuzu FA Trophy, the Durham County FA Frank Pattison Challenge Cup and, finally, the Northern Premier League East Division. Two of these games were against the same opposition in Blyth Town.

6th September

Newton Aycliffe 3-0 Blyth Town

Aycliffe were dominant in this home victory, which saw them progress to the Second Round Qualifying of the Isuzu FA Trophy. Debutant Andrew Nelson made it 1-0 in just four minutes when he fired a cool shot past Blyth's De Jesus. Nelson would get his brace in the 39th minute after Blyth Town's defenders gave the skilled forward too many touches in the box as he once again scored with a composed finish. Goal of the game, however, came in the 77th when substitute Louis Burns rocked a powerful shot from outside the box that almost no keeper could have dealt with.

10th September

Crook Town AFC 1-0 Newton Aycliffe

A poor game for the neutral on a drizzly night saw Crook Town knock Aycliffe out of the Durham Challenge Cup. It was a game where Crook's man of the match was probably goalkeeper Ryan Johnson, who made several tremendous saves towards the second half's end. The one goal came when Nathan Stephenson fired a powerful shot into the top corner in the 69th minute. Aycliffe did graft hard in the final 20 minutes, but Crook managed to see the game out and equally still apply pressure to the Aycliffe defence on counterattacks.

13th September

Newton Aycliffe 0-1 Blyth Town

Blyth Town's Adam Johnson scored the only goal of this contest in the 47th minute which saw Blyth Town record their first league win of the season and avenged their defeat from a week earlier.

Fixtures

Saturday 20th September – Heaton

Stannington (a) FA Trophy

Saturday 27th September – Ossett Utd (h)

Tuesday 30th September – Garforth Town (a)

Saturday 4th October – Consett (a)

Tuesday 7th October – Redcar Athletic (h)

Saturday 11th October – Silsden (a)

Photo by Yvonne Wood - Recent signing Tom Henson in action against Blyth Town.



Mayor Welcomes a VIP Visitor



The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Ken Robson, had the honour of meeting an amazing young author, Daisy Mathison at the Council Chamber last Tuesday.

Daisy, has published a beautiful book entitled 'Hugsy Brightheart and the Missing Star' which was written and dedicated to the memory of her dad, Daley.

The Mayor was thrilled to meet Daisy and said, "It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Daisy and her mum, Natalie, to Great Aycliffe Town Council offices. What an articulate 9-year-old. Daisy explained to me that her book was an attempt at dealing with grief, following the demise of her father."

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