

Newton News

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Looking for a New Career?

An upcoming free event is set to provide the perfect first step for those looking to start a career in the public sector.

Attendees will be able to meet teams from Durham County Council at the Public Sector Careers Fair 2025, who will be showcasing the wide range of roles on offer at the local authority.

Meanwhile, teams from County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Durham Constabulary, and North East Ambulance Service will also be there.

Whether residents are just starting out, or looking for a new direction in life, the fair will offer visitors an opportunity to explore meaningful roles that can make a real difference in their communities.

Cllr Darren Grimes, Durham County Council's deputy leader and Cabinet member for finance, said: "We are dedicated to making a difference in our communities through the vast array of services we deliver, and we are looking for people who share that vision. At this event you'll meet the teams who do just that, and you might just find a role that lets you play your part too. Whether you're starting out or ready for a change, this is a chance to put your skills to work for your own community, and to feel proud of it."

The free careers fair is being held at Durham Cricket at Banks Homes Riverside in Chester-le-Street on Wednesday 12th November, between 2pm and 7pm.

Available timeslots for the event are:

- 2pm to 3.30pm
- 3.30pm to 5pm
- 5pm to 7pm.

Anyone interested in attending can secure a place at the fair by visiting:

www.durham.gov.uk/publicsectorcareersfair



Walworth Pupils Pay Tribute to Veterans



Class 4 from Walworth Primary School recently visited The Veteran Centre in Newton Aycliffe, where they expressed heartfelt gratitude to ex-servicemen and women for their bravery and courage in defending our country.

The visit was organised to honour those who have served and to help pupils understand the importance of the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces. During the visit, children presented veterans with thank-you cards, artwork, letters, and poetry - all part of a whole-school initiative to show appreciation for the service and dedication of Britain's veterans.

Pupils also enjoyed learning about the wide range of programmes and activities offered by The Veteran Centre, which support not only veterans, but also the wider community. From woodwork and virtual reality sessions to art and modelling groups, the Centre provides a welcoming space that fosters camaraderie, creativity, and connection. The trip concluded with a visit to The Trenches Café, where children and staff enjoyed seeing the café's offerings of fresh, home-cooked meals at affordable prices.

Class teacher Mrs. Michelle Smith reflected on the experience, saying: "It has been an absolute pleasure for our children to visit this Centre and engage with the veterans. It is important that pupils have the opportunity to experience real-life learning opportunities, further developing their knowledge and skills as they prepare for adulthood. I want to thank Joanna and Chris for allowing our pupils this opportunity; all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed it and created some wonderful memories."

The visit not only strengthened the school's ties with the local community but also gave pupils a meaningful insight into the lives and experiences of those who have served our nation.



Remembrance Services 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

The Remembrance Day Parade will leave the Barnard Armoury at approximately 10.40am and proceed to St. Clare's Church, where there will be a short service including the Last Post and the Reveille with the two minutes silence at 11.00am. Wreaths will be laid, followed by a service in St. Clare's Church. After the service the Parade will reassemble outside of the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute and March Past. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury yard.

Please note that there will be road and car park closures in place for this.

AYCLIFFE VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

A Remembrance Day Service will also take place at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village on Sunday 9th November commencing at 3.00pm.

During the Service the congregation will proceed to the war memorial in the church grounds for the laying of wreaths.

ARMISTICE DAY TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

An invitation is extended to Aycliffe residents to attend a short service in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre where the Two Minutes Silence will be observed.

Anyone wishing to attend this service should assemble near the Town Clock within the Town Centre area (Beveridge Way) from 10.50am on Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Road and Car Park Closures

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

For the Annual Remembrance Day Parade, the following roads will be closed to vehicles between approximately 6.00am and 12.30pm: Greenwell Road, Macmillan Road, Stephenson Way and St. Cuthbert's Way.

The following car parks will also be closed for the same duration:

Greenwell Road / Macmillan Road (car park opposite the Phoenix Club), Stephenson Way (car park outside the Leisure Centre), Bewick Crescent (car park opposite the surgery).

Bluey Around Town

To Phillip and Andy from Aycliffe Radio, thank you so much for this morning. Both Travis and I had a lovely time. Travis is fancying himself as a Radio DJ in the future now. Travis (Alton), who is 13, is going to Sri Lanka in March 2027 for 13 days with 17 other students from Woodham Academy. They will spend their time hiking, whale watching, doing local crafts and working in an elephant sanctuary.

He has been raising funds for this trip of a lifetime by washing cars, doing odd jobs for family members and attending events and birthday parties as Bluey the Mascot. We also organised a local quiz and curry night to help with his fund-raising. If you would like to book Bluey please message him on Facebook, WhatsApp on 07746 204064 or email: fiona.collin@outlook.com Travis & Fiona Collin.



The Hoosiers Hit Ayclive 2026

Ayclive is thrilled to confirm that the million-selling Indie-Pop icons, **The Hoosiers**, will be headlining the main stage on Saturday, 25th July 2026!

Ayclive family-friendly music festival is officially BACK for 2026! We are celebrating our fourth year of bringing high-quality, affordable music and unforgettable family fun to County Durham. Building on the success of our previous years, 2026 promises to be our biggest and best event yet, and we are kicking off with a huge Saturday headliner reveal! The million selling Indie-Pop icons The Hoosiers first released their debut album 'The Trick To Life' in 2007 on RCA Records and the band achieved rapid success hitting No.1 in the UK charts and spawning countless singles including the Top 5 hits "Worried About Ray" and "Goodbye Mr A". Since then, the band's debut sold in excess of 700,000 copies in the UK alone and they've embarked on multiple sold-out tours and graced stages at the likes of Glastonbury, Isle of Wight Festival and BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend. And now, they are bringing that legendary energy straight to the Ayclive stage!

Ayclive is built on bringing top-tier talent and creating affordable, high-quality entertainment for our community. Securing a band with the energy and track record of The Hoosiers ensures that Saturday night will be one enormous singalong. They are guaranteed to deliver a spectacular show that will be remembered long after the lights go down. We can't wait to see them close out the main stage!

But the fun lasts all day! Ayclive is a genuine family-friendly music festival designed to keep everyone entertained. Our fields are filled with exciting stalls, thrilling fairground rides, and a dedicated kids' entertainment zone, ensuring non-stop fun and a welcoming atmosphere for our youngest festival-goers.

Throughout the day, you'll find an incredible range of choices from our delicious local food vendors and well-stocked bars, perfect for fueling up before the evening's iconic main event. It's a professional and high-quality music experience that supports local causes and brings the community together.

Event Details

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th July.
Where: Oakleaf Sports Complex, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 6QZ.

Get Your Tickets Today

Don't wait for the rest of the lineup! With a headliner of this calibre confirmed, early bird tickets are moving fast. Scan the QR Code to get your tickets today! Remember, Ayclive is a Community Interest Company (CIC). Every ticket purchased helps us keep this event affordable and accessible for local families. Your support allows us to continue bringing huge acts to County Durham while directly supporting local causes and projects. You're investing in community and culture!



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Parkgate, Darlington DL1 1RR
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42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7NP
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Hitachi Lead The Way



After an immensely satisfying day of volunteering at Heighington Station on 26th September for the bicentenary celebration journey of Locomotion No 1, Rotary Newton Aycliffe has joined the 'Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway' as a Corporate Member and looks forward to joining in with future events.

As the 'Friends' move forward with the restoration of Heighington Station, partnership working, as mentioned above, is key. This was evidenced again recently when Hitachi's legal team, on a visit to the region, turned out in force to assist with clearing the site of the coal cells at Heighington Station. This will allow further investigation and restoration of the area as the work continues in the goods yard. Many thanks to all those who turned out, including volunteers from the 'Friends' and Tim Hedley-Jones from the Railway Heritage Trust.

For more information on 'The Friends' access their Facebook page search: *Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway* or email: RotaryNewtonAycliffe77@outlook.com

Olivia Celebrates 90th Birthday

A well-known face in Newton Aycliffe's community, Olivia Angus, has celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Originally from Kibblesworth, Olivia moved to Newton Aycliffe in 1997 and has since become an active and cherished member of the town. A retired market researcher, she is mother to two daughters, Karen and Tracey, grandmother to two grandchildren, and a proud great-grandmother to one great-grandson.

Olivia marked her milestone birthday in style. Her granddaughter organised a special family tea to celebrate the occasion, while Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, where Olivia has attended Aquafit classes twice a week for the past 25 years, hosted a Prosecco and cake celebration after her regular session.



A lifelong lover of golf, and with a keen mind, Olivia credits her long and happy life to "keeping your mind active, being kind and helping others." She certainly lives by those words, participating in U3A activities including Scrabble, mahjong, backgammon and sudoku. A devoted reader, she often finishes a book a day and, before the pandemic, volunteered with the local library, delivering books to housebound residents and helping children with their reading in schools.

Having lived in Italy and Spain, Olivia brings a zest for life and a warm spirit that continue to inspire everyone who knows her. Her friends and family describe her as a 'spirited competitor with a love of life', and the Newton Aycliffe community joins them in wishing Olivia many more years of happiness and good health.

Fibromyalgia

This is a safe supportive space where you can connect, share and find real understanding from others attending. Refreshments will be available.

The next meeting dates:
Tuesday 18th November 2025
December dates TBC
12 noon to 2.00pm

Meetings are at the Bus Preservation Society, Langton Business Park, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6BL (behind Aycliffe Physio) - if you can afford a donation, that would be great.

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Save the Date

Sunday 14th December 2025

Newton Aycliffe Methodist Church warmly invites everyone to join us in celebrating 70 years of Methodism at Neville Parade - marking the anniversary of the opening of the first church on this site on 10th December 1955.

We will be holding a Songs of Praise service at 2.30pm, followed by refreshments and a time of fellowship.

The current Lounge (formerly known as the Small Hall) was the first of three Methodist buildings constructed on the Neville Parade site after moving from Simpasture. This was followed by the construction of the Large Hall and later the newer church building, distinguished by its curved wall. At the time of the first church's opening, the Neville Parade shops, the former Oak Tree pub, and the Bury Road flats had already been built, with houses in the surrounding streets beginning to appear. During refreshments, we will be sharing photographs and memories from events held in the Lounge/Small Hall over the years. We warmly encourage everyone to come along, reminisce, and celebrate this special milestone with us.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting us via:
Email: newaycmethodistchurch@outlook.org
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Or speak to one of our stewards on Sundays (our services are held at 11.00am, and everyone is always welcome).
We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together!

Reflexology Rotary



Last week, our guest was Angela Allison who is a qualified reflexologist. Angela brought equipment along with her, ready to demonstrate her skills and talked us through a comprehensive explanation of how reflexology can help manage the symptoms of most clinical conditions.

Two of our members volunteered for treatment and were very impressed with their resulting feelings of well-being.

Angela has a clinic set up at home in Newton Aycliffe, to book an appointment call 07799 317664 or visit: www.thereflexclinic.co.uk

European Boxing Gold Medallist



Coach and parents boarded an airplane at Gatwick airport at 6.30am on Thursday 16th October to travel to Montenegro to support their, not so little, girl in the Under 15's European Boxing Championships and the England Boxing Team.

Emily Denham, nicknamed 'Beast' by Aycliffe Boxing Club members, boxed the Spanish champion in the quarter final and won by unanimous decision and moved on to the semi final where she met the Polish champion, winning that bout unanimously.

On Saturday 25th October was the final for the Gold Medal - Emily was not going to let this one go the wrong way, after giving the Romanian champion an eight second standing count at the end of the first round, Emily started the second round the same way that she finished the first and the referee stopped the contest to save the Romanian girl from taking more punishment.

£1140 Raised



St. John's Church in Shildon hosted a wonderful night of music, featuring performances by the Aycliffe & Brancpeth Brass Band and the Northern Voices choir, with an audience of over 100 people in attendance. The evening concluded with a rousing rendition of music from 'Last Night of the Proms', featuring classics such as "Rule Britannia", "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Jerusalem" along with the National Anthem with everyone enthusiastically joining in.

A fantastic £1140.00 was raised with the entire amount going directly to the church funds, thanks to sponsorship by Paul and Lynne Arnold and their company, Fangdale Financial Ltd. Thank you to all who helped and attended and made this such a fantastic event.

Ineos Golf Club Division One Champions



After winning back to back promotions in the last two seasons, INEOS GC Seniors have won the Division 1 title for 2025. Playing against the likes of Middlesbrough GC, Billingham and Blackwell, it is a fantastic achievement for our small golf club with limited resources and small membership numbers. As well as the success in the league, the club also won the three man club championship held at Seaton Carew and finished runners up to Wilton GC in the league knock-out cup final. Well done to all 24 players who represented the club during the season and a special mention to Team Manager John Bainbridge and OakLeaf catering staff for providing pre-game refreshments.

Check out our website: ineosgolfclub.co.uk for information.

Photo: INEOS Golf Club Senior Team.

Taste the World



On Friday 3rd October, sixteen Year 10 students from Woodham Academy took part in a two-hour food tour of Newcastle's iconic Grainger Market, led by Triple A Food Tours.

Students explored a variety of international flavours, sampling everything from fresh local crab and acai smoothies to steamed dumplings and traditional French crepes.

The tour wasn't just about tasting, it also offered fascinating insights into the rich history of the market as well as meeting a variety of local businesses such as Geordie Bangers and King Baby Bagels.

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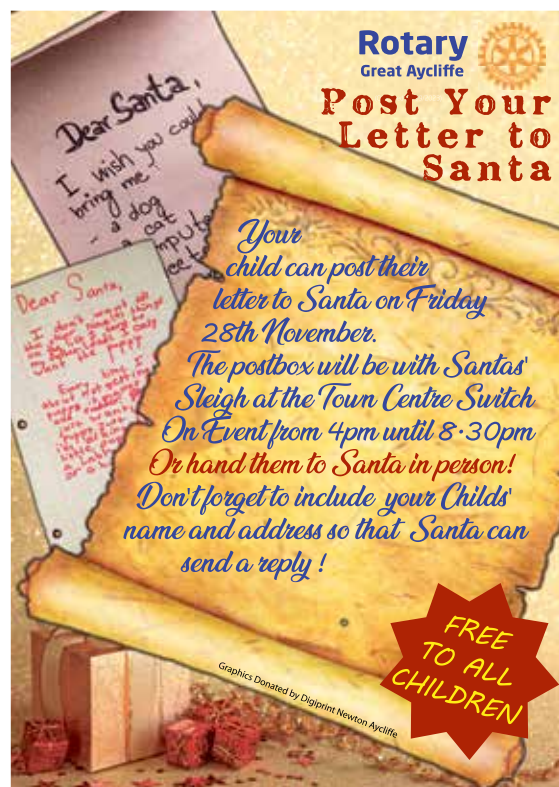


Christmas Fair

A Christmas Fair will be held at St. Michael's Church, Heighington on Saturday 29th November from 10.30am to 2.00pm. Christmas-themed stalls, refreshments, cake stall, tombola and raffle, with Santa Claus arriving at 12.30pm. Start your Christmas celebrations with us, bring your family and friends.

Celebrating 35 Years

Twinway LGV Driver Training proudly marks 35 years in business this January 2026, celebrating over three decades of helping individuals and businesses across the North East achieve their HGV/LGV licences. Based in County Durham, the family-run company has built its reputation on safety, professionalism, and community support. To mark this milestone, Twinway is launching the Twinway 35 Advantage Opportunity, offering one fully funded place (worth over £3,000) on the Twinway Advantage Programme - a complete training pathway designed to equip aspiring drivers with the skills, confidence and connections needed for a successful career in transport. Nominations are open to North East residents aged 18+ who hold a full UK car licence. Applicants can submit either a 500-word summary or a short video explaining why they deserve the opportunity. Entries close 30th November 2025, with the winner announced on 5th January 2026. In addition, Twinway is offering a £35 anniversary discount on all Advantage Programme bookings made during January 2026. For 35 years, Twinway have empowered drivers from all walks of life - from haulage and farming to the NHS and emergency services - to build secure, rewarding futures behind the wheel. Here's to the next generation of drivers and another 35 years of success. Twinway LGV Driver Training
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Rotary Great Aycliffe
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Your child can post their letter to Santa on Friday 28th November. The postbox will be with Santa's Sleigh at the Town Centre Switch On Event from 4pm until 8.30pm. Or hand them to Santa in person! Don't forget to include your Child's name and address so that Santa can send a reply!

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Who is Elizabeth?

Mini Messy Church on Saturday 15th November will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Newton Aycliffe, Woodham Village, DL5 4UE and will explore who Elizabeth was and how this humble, princess became a saint. There will be crafting, bread making, flower arranging and much more fun. So, do come along, especially if this is your local church, we are attached to the community centre near the shops and face the village green. Messy Church is FREE for all and after the crafts we share tea together. We begin at 2.00pm, so please come in good time, craft for an hour, then eat. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to meet you - this session is led by Children's Worker (another Elizabeth link), Elizabeth Brown and you can contact the team through the Facebook page: *Messy Church At St. Clare's and At Home*

Balefire Hot Sauce Celebrate 100,000 Bottles



Having only just celebrated their 4th year, the family-run business has filled it's 100,000th bottle. That is a whopping 16,000 litres of hot sauce, hand crafted by the Balefire team, cementing their place as one of the fastest growing hot sauce creators in the UK. Combining fermented chillies, craft beer, and sustainable practices, the North East producer is redefining what it means to make bold, beautiful hot sauces and condiments. Founded by food-loving brothers with a history in chieving and brewing; Pete and Jim started the business with 20 years of experience in beer and food production, with Laura, qualified in nutrition and marketing, completing the trio. Balefire crafts each condiment by hand, using chillies they ferment on site and their own small-batch craft beer as a base. The team have created a range that includes mild spice levels to tongue-tinglingly hot with flavours to suit every palate alongside a growing selection of vinegars, spice rubs and salts. "Years of passion, knowledge and artistry go into every bottle. It's an honour and a dream to make condiments for a living. When we kicked this adventure off 4 years ago, from a tiny kitchen, we never thought we'd be producing over 1000 bottles every week," said Peter Batten, founder of Balefire. "Our mission has always been about flavour, accessibility for all and looking after our environment. We want to create sauces that elevate cooking and spark conversation whilst keeping sustainability at the heart of what we do." Each bottle is finished with a distinctive wax-dipped top, giving Balefire's sauces a unique look that's a perfect treat for your home or to add to a hamper this Christmas. As no bottle leaves Balefire HQ unfinished, that's 100,000 bottles of sauce that have been created, labelled and waxed by the team right here in Newton Aycliffe. Beyond their striking design, Balefire is committed to eco-friendly packaging and locally sourced, fresh ingredients as keeping crafting as close to home as possible is key to their sustainability ethos. From drizzling in your sandwich to adding to your curry, Balefire's range invites food lovers to explore new layers of flavour and heat. Whether you're a chilli connoisseur or a home cook looking to spice up your repertoire, there's a Balefire sauce waiting for you.

ManHealth Award



Back on Aycliffe Radio again to talk about the support we offer at ManHealth, and to promote the up and coming fundraising event, 'Strictlystepbystep'. If you are a man struggling with your mental health, or you know a friend or family member who is, get in touch to see how we can help. Also, very proud and honoured to collect a Community Award from Aycliffe Radio in recognition of the impact the whole ManHealth team has in our community. Special thanks to Phillip and Andrew for championing our work and helping us spread the word about our service. Phill & Andy, Around Town, Aycliffe Radio.

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Amy's 24-hour Peru Challenge

Amy Thompson, a student at Carmel College Sixth Form, is preparing for the experience of a lifetime - a volunteer trip to Iquitos, Peru, in July 2026. As part of the college's mission project, Amy and her fellow students will help build two new classrooms and a chapel, as well as spend time volunteering at a girls' orphanage in the local community. To make this journey possible, Amy is undertaking an ambitious fundraising challenge: a 24-hour walk covering 51 miles from Bamburgh Castle to Tynemouth Castle. The challenge will test both her endurance and determination as she raises funds to support her travel and the vital work being done to help children living in deprived conditions in Peru. Amy said: "I'm really passionate about making a difference for the children in Iquitos. This project will give them access to better education and a safe place to learn and grow. I'd be so grateful for any support to help me reach my fundraising goal." Amy is asking the local community to support her by sharing her story and donating via her JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/perumission2026 Every contribution, no matter how small, will help Amy take one step closer to making a lasting impact in Peru.



Jiu Jitsu Club Win Gold



A team of Newtonians travelled to Newcastle this October to compete in the North East BJJ 24/7 Competition - and delivered outstanding performances! Representing Next Gen Jiu Jitsu, under black belt John Paul Cockerill and coach Dave Cunliffe, competitors Izzy Cockerill, Lucas Cunliffe, and Oliver Spence all brought home medals after a day of impressive displays on the mats. Izzy Cockerill stepped up to a more advanced division, securing both gold and silver with a fantastic performance that earned her a well-deserved place on the podium. Lucas Cunliffe delivered a clinical display, winning against four tough opponents and submitting three of them to take home double gold in both the Gi and No-Gi categories. Oliver Spence, competing for only the second time, put on an incredible performance - winning five matches and claiming gold in both of his divisions. The club is immensely proud of the team's achievements and is looking forward to an exciting few months ahead in the UK competition circuit. For more information, or to get involved, search Next Gen Jiu Jitsu on social media. Daily classes are available for both children and adults.



As Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, I know our police officers are often the first on the scene when tragedy strikes. Whether it's a cardiac arrest, a collision, or a sudden medical emergency, their actions in those critical first minutes can mean the difference between life and death. That's why I am delighted to report that every single response and neighbourhood policing vehicle across Durham Constabulary is now equipped with a lifesaving defibrillator - thanks to the Red Sky Foundation and OurJay Foundation, whose tireless fundraising efforts, compassion and determination have made this significant milestone possible. This £185,000 investment, launched on Restart a Heart Day, was the result of ordinary people doing extraordinary things - running, climbing, donating, volunteering and fundraising to save precious lives. 140 defibrillators and replacement pads have now been installed across the force area, giving our officers the equipment to help people and save lives. Behind this initiative are powerful personal stories that remind us of what is at stake. The Red Sky Foundation was inspired by Sergeant Terry Archbold's daughter, Beatrix, who suffered heart failure at just 16 months old. Thanks to a heart transplant in 2023, she is now thriving. The OurJay Foundation, created in memory of teenager Jay Hughes, shares the same mission - that no family should ever lose a loved one because help was not close enough. These two charities have joined forces to campaign for defibrillators to be mandatory in every police response car across the UK. Durham is only the second force in the country to achieve full coverage, and I want to see that change rolled out nationally. The impact is already being felt. In Northumbria, where Red Sky Foundation first installed defibrillators earlier this year, at least four lives have already been saved. Precious lives that might otherwise have been lost. As BlueLight Commercial Chair I have seen how this work is being driven forward nationally through BlueLight Commercial, with the previous Home Secretary's support, we were able to provide a number of defibrillators for every force fleet across England and Wales after a meeting with Jays parents. It is a powerful example of how campaigning, and collaboration between charities, communities, and policing - can deliver real, measurable change. But we cannot rely on goodwill alone. With fewer than one in ten people surviving a cardiac arrest nationally, and just one in sixteen in the North East, we must all play our part. These devices are simple to use, but they are only lifesaving if they are nearby. So today, I'm asking residents and businesses to join us.

- Support the 'Red Sky Foundation' and 'OurJay Foundation'.
- Help fund defibrillators for your local community - especially in rural areas, where seconds can make all the difference.
- Learn CPR. Know where your nearest defibrillator is. Talk about it at work, school, and in your neighbourhood.

Because, when the worst happens, you could be the person who saves a life. Our officers are ready. Our partners are committed. Now it is time for all of us to accept that challenge - to turn compassion into action and ensure no life is lost for want of a defibrillator. Together, we can build safer, stronger, and more resilient towns and villages - where every second truly counts. "Every second counts - early defibrillation more than doubles survival chances."



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An application form, job description and person specification can be downloaded from the school website at www.woodham.org.uk or please contact the reception desk. If you require an informal discussion about the role, please contact Mr. D. Coates (Business Manager).

Closing date for applications, 9.00 a.m. Monday 17th November 2025.



Middridge History Society

Speaker: Paul Davison, local author and retired GP, Dr Paul Davison will give an illustrated talk based on his book 'Service Child'. Dr. Davison chronicles his nomadic childhood, trailing his father's RAF postings, through to medical school, becoming a junior doctor and working as a GP and a Police Surgeon. Anecdotes, exhilarating travel and true-life medical stories are entwined with personal experiences. Please join us on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm in Middridge Village Hall. Everyone Welcome.

Aycliffe Youth Football News

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 on 07939 045242.



Consett v U9 Eagles - The Eagles played well against a much more physical team. After conceding two goals they did well to fight back. Elijah scored to make sure we were still in the game. We worked well throughout, but just couldn't find an equaliser. The new boys have bedded in well and the team plays better each week. The boys wore their new strips sponsored by DASS.

U8 Wildcats v Gateshead Cleveland Hall - The girls most assured performance of the season, scoring seven goals. A full squad of seven available with four different goalscorers. Chloe (3), Boe (2), Lydia and Daisy. They passed well and pressed with intensity throughout. POTM Jess. Made some brilliant saves to keep the opposition at bay.

U7 Wildcats v Chester Le Street Amazons - The girls had a bit of a Halloween hangover, presumably too many treats the night before and went two down within the first five minutes. However, four goals in a row from Erin Blackburn followed by a brace from Myla Lomax secured a convincing win.

Heighington v U7 Eagles - The lads showed great effort and teamwork in both games against Heighington, battling hard from start to finish. Despite two narrow defeats, the boys played with real determination and spirit. There were plenty of strong tackles, clever passes, and smiles all round. Arthur was chosen by the opposition as MOM.

U10 Pumas v Durham United - Fantastic team performance by the Pumas against Durham Youth FC! A comfortable win and great to see the girls taking what they've learned in training into games. 1st and 2nd club goals for Louisa, plus goals from Layla (2), Millie V (3), Eadie and Ella. Brilliant teamwork and progress all round.

Consett 2 v U17 Eagles 6 - A fantastic performance from front to back against a good side. The game started evenly matched with the scoreline being 2-2. Aycliffe, however, battled on and managed to win the game comfortably in the end with some impressive goals. Goals from Olly x 2, Noah, Harry, Ethan and Josh. MOM Olly.

U16 Angels 1 v Hetton Jnrs 4 - With just 11 players available the girls put in a big shift, but just ran out of steam in the end. They took a 1-0 lead in the first half with a great team goal. Hannah getting the assist for Georgia to finish superbly. Hetton pulled level 13 minutes into the second half and then went 2-1 up just inside the final quarter. Two goals in the final 10 sealed it for them.

Normanby 1 v U14 Eagles 2 - A tough match, with little to choose between the teams in the first half, the Eagles having most of the play leading up to Tarek Al Saleh putting the Eagles 1-0 up, with Normanby clawing one back just before half time. The second half saw the Eagles begin to assert some pressure with Sam Maddison continuing his recent run of form by notching the winner.

U11 Eagles v New Marske - Slow start from the Eagles as they struggled to get into the game during the first 10/15 minutes. However, the boys grew into the game and were largely on top. Losing 0-1 at H/T, but deserving to at least be level. The second half was almost one way traffic for the Eagles, really pushing Marske and grabbing four deserved goals.

Normanby Whites 7 v U12 Falcons 2 - A game to learn from for the Falcons. A goal in the first minute for Normanby followed by a second and the Falcons were up against it. Some good play, but Falcons were off their game and allowed Normanby to outplay them. Goals for Jayden and Leo. Opposition POM: Harry Myers / Coaches: Leo.

U15 Girls 4 v Eaglescliffe Elementis 2 - Aycliffe got off to a brilliant start scoring in the opening 5 minutes. They continued to press and were rewarded two further goals before half time, HT 3-0. The headwind made the second half more challenging, but the girls defended very well and Aycliffe scored again to put the game out of reach. POTM: Layla Bailey.

BTS Generous Donation

The Veterans Community and Enterprise Centre is delighted to announce a generous donation from BTS Facades and Fabrications, following their highly successful charity golf day.

Representatives from BTS recently presented a significant cheque to the Centre, which will go directly towards supporting and expanding the wide range of activities offered to veterans and the local community.

This magnificent contribution will help sustain existing programmes including woodworking, arts and model clubs, virtual reality and 3D printing, as well as our welcoming Trenches Café, which serves breakfasts, lunches, teas, coffees and cakes.

With the continued generosity of BTS and the companies and individuals who took part in the golf day, we are now able to expand even further - with new activities coming soon, such as origami, war gaming, and bicycle maintenance sessions.

The Veterans Community and Enterprise Centre extends heartfelt thanks to BTS Facades and Fabrications and everyone involved in making the golf day such a success. Your support enables us to continue developing opportunities for veterans and the wider community.





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One of the honours of being our Member of Parliament is the ability to give a national voice to local families, to give important issues a bigger platform and fix things that are letting local people down.

I was very fortunate to be selected for the second week running to ask a question to the Prime Minister, to do exactly that.

I spoke up for Shannon and Tyler, who tragically lost their two-year-old son Hudson in January. Hudson was diagnosed with gastroenteritis during an NHS 111 telephone consultation. In reality he was suffering from a twisted bowel. His condition quickly worsened and he was rushed to Darlington Memorial Hospital where, despite the best efforts of doctors, he sadly passed away.

Shannon and Tyler have shown extraordinary courage in the face of heartbreak. They are full of praise for the medical staff who tried so hard to save Hudson's life, but they believe an in-person appointment might have allowed for a more accurate diagnosis and quicker more effective treatment. In Hudson's memory they have launched a campaign calling for guaranteed face-to-face NHS appointments for children under five. Their petition has already gathered more than 80,000 signatures.

I raised this with the Prime Minister, asking him to ensure that Shannon and Tyler can meet with a Health Minister to make their case. The Prime Minister agreed, offered his condolences and confirmed that a meeting will take place. There was strong support and best wishes to the family from MPs across the entire House of Commons. I've since discussed this issue further with the Prime Minister following my question and am grateful for the support he's providing. Improving access to face-to-face NHS appointments and enhancing medical care for children are both priorities for the government - I'll keep pushing on this important issue of access to in-person diagnosis for under-fives.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, to Ferryhill. Bridget outlined her inspiring plans to give every young person the best possible start in life, including investment in free breakfast clubs, school-based nurseries, family hubs, higher school standards and better vocational training.

As Bridget's Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Education I'm proud to support her in delivering this vital work. We are incredibly lucky to have so many talented young people in our community and we must do all we can to help them thrive.

It was good to welcome residents to my advice surgery at the weekend. Thank you to everyone who came along to raise important local issues. My next surgery will be in Newton Aycliffe on 14th November. To book an appointment please email me at:

alan.strickland.mp@parliament.uk

This weekend we remember those who have served our country in uniform. We give special thought to those who have given their lives or been injured in the service of our nation. I will be proudly laying wreaths in a number of towns and villages across area. Please do find time to pause, reflect and give thanks to all of those who've given so much to defend our freedom.

Coffee and Chat Lumiere Bus Services

Everyone is welcome at Aycliffe Village Hall for a 'Cuppa and a Chat' on Wednesday 12th November between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing and meeting people.

Wreath Making

Dear Sir,
Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club is thrilled to invite everyone to our popular Wreath-Making Fundraising Event - back for its fourth year! This festive favourite has become a highlight of the season, bringing together community members for a fun, hands-on session of crafting beautiful wreaths. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a total beginner, it's a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit and help raise much-needed funds for our club.

Join us on Sunday 30th November at 2pm or Thursday 4th December at 7pm.

The cost is just £30 per person, which covers all materials and plenty of festive cheer and refreshments to purchase on the day.

Spaces are limited, so don't miss out - book your place today by emailing:

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Natasha Grainger

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club.

Turning Illness into Inspiration



At just 26, Newton Aycliffe's Abbie Griffiths has shown that determination and passion can shine through even the toughest challenges. Since being diagnosed with Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) in July 2023, she has faced daily battles with her health, but that hasn't stopped her from chasing her dreams. While unwell, Abbie discovered a new passion for makeup artistry and turned it into a thriving career. Her hard work and talent recently earned her national recognition at the prestigious Glamour Awards, held at The Midland Hotel in Manchester on 12th October 2025. Nominated in two categories, she proudly took home first place for the Best Full Glam Award.

Now, she hopes her journey will inspire others living with chronic illness or hidden disabilities to keep going and never give up on their goals.

She says "Your condition doesn't define your potential, never stop believing and never give up on your dreams."

Durham Lumiere is taking place on Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th November 2025. To help visitors travel to and from the event, Arriva will be running additional journeys on Service 7 between Darlington and Durham.

Additional Departures: From Darlington 6.45pm and 7.45pm.

From Durham 8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 11pm.

This provides a bus from Durham to Darlington every 30 minutes throughout the evening until 11pm, in addition to the usual 11.30pm journey to Newton Aycliffe.

Fares: From Darlington: £3.00 single. Within the Durham County area: £2.50 single. Under 22's £1.00 single.

These extra journeys are designed to make it easier for everyone to enjoy Lumiere 2025 while travelling safely and conveniently.

Happiness Hub

Up to £10,000 available from the Happiness Hubs grants for community groups and organisations

Health and wellbeing charity, Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), is calling for applications from organisations that want to offer safe spaces and activities for local people to meet, connect, and feel supported. Since the scheme began in 2020, over £894,000 has been donated to local organisations working to create a better environment for communities across County Durham.

Kelly Spence, Mental Health Co-ordinator at PCP, said: "We're delighted to offer grants ranging from £500 to £10,000 to community groups and organisations across County Durham through the Happiness Hubs grant scheme.

"We're especially interested in supporting projects that run during evenings and weekends, creating welcoming spaces where people can connect, build friendships, share conversations, and feel supported.

"We want to help people lead happier, healthier lives by focusing on mental health, wellbeing, and personal resilience."

Pelaw View Centre is just one organisation that funds were given to through the grant scheme, and they have seen it have a positive impact on the community.

A staff member from Pelaw View Centre said: "The funding has helped us provide a lifeline to this community of high deprivation by starting a very successful weekly Coffee Morning and Lunch Club, the lunch club is now self sustaining.

"We are as certain as we can be that these two groups are embedded into the fabric of the Centre and will continue to support the mental health of the community - we couldn't have started these activities without Happiness Hub funding."

To qualify for a grant, organisations must run a project or service that lasts between 12 to 18 months.

The Happiness Hubs grant scheme is brought to you by the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and North East charity PCP. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 26th November. To request an application pack you can visit: www.pcp.uk.net/happiness-hubs or email: happiness.hubs@pcp.uk.net or call 07715 204462.

Coffee Morning

The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group will hold its next Coffee Morning on Friday 14th November 2025 between 10.00am-12noon in the shop and hub in Newton Aycliffe town centre, opposite Savers.

We welcome everyone from the surrounding area to come along and enjoy a cuppa, home-made cakes and to find out how Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group supports anybody within Newton Aycliffe and surrounding towns/villages who have been affected by cancer.

This much needed local charity now has two shops open during the week in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre (opposite Savers) and in Darlington (opposite the entrance to the Cornmill Centre). Within the Aycliffe shop is an information hub for members of the community who have received a cancer diagnosis, are living with cancer or are receiving treatment for cancer.

Services provided by the charity include the following:

- Providing information on issues affecting cancer patients.
- Patient transport.
- Influencing cancer services in the future.
- Regular social activities, with others affected by cancer.
- Assistance with benefits claims.
- Day trips, social events, meals out.
- Confidential, emotional support in a safe and friendly environment.
- Use of our holiday caravans.

You can keep in touch with our future events and fundraising opportunities by visiting our Facebook page or our website: www.greataycliffecancersupportgroup.co.uk - Contact details can be found on the website or alternatively call 07442 991859.

Weird Stuff

Our thanks to Mary O'Sullivan, our guest on this week's edition of Health, Healing and other Weird Stuff. To say it was informative and entertaining would be a definite understatement, as we discussed all manner of holistic therapies and the associated techniques and modalities, from Reiki to sound bathing, connecting to nature, EFT, energy healing and much more.

Mary has agreed to return in the new year when the topic will be spirituality in its various forms, and its role in a modern day society. That's Health, Healing and other Weird Stuff, the second and fourth Sunday of the month, 10.00am to 12.00 noon on Aycliffe Radio. Phill & Karen.

ACORN Residents Association

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 13th November at the Phoenix Club, 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available.

Stunt Driver

An evening with Stunt Driver 'Paul Swift' will take place at Darlington Arena (DL2 1DL) on Friday 28th November, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry is £15 including buffet and bar open till 10.30pm. For tickets and more information visit: www.paulswift.com or call 01325 247554.

In Memoriam

Colin Kipling Emily Cook



In loving memory, we share our thoughts today. The world changes from year to year, and our lives change from day to day, but the love and memories from you both shall never pass away. Always loved, never forgotten and always missed by your loving family. You gave us so much to treasure, both are locked in our hearts forever xxx

Jackie Piggott

Dearly loved Husband of Norah, died on 16th November 2019. Greatly loved, missed and never forgotten. Lots of love, Norah Piggott

Michelle Shaw



Our Daughter, Michelle, would have been aged 60 on 4th November. She endured ill health for much of her life, but fought it with great courage. She was a friend to all who knew her, a loving Daughter, Mother to Emma and Laura and Grandma to Kacie, Joe-Michael and Jayden (she lived for them). Her loss was unexpected and has left a void impossible to fill. Always in my heart. Dad.

Ruth Weldon (nee Brodhurst)

On 23rd October 2025, Ruth passed away peacefully at home, aged 93 years. Wife of the late Ted Weldon and resident of Newton Aycliffe since 1953. Beloved Mum to Denise, Linda, Susan, Elaine, Julie, Raymond and Brenda; much loved Mother-in-Law, Nana and Great Nana; also treasured Sister to Phyllis and the late Eileen. Thanks to the carers of Perfect Care, especially Lindsay, Cara and Andrea, for their exemplary kindness and dedication; Butterwick Hospice for support in Mum's final days and the District and Community Nursing team that enabled us to keep Mum at home as she wished. Funeral on Tuesday 18th November. Family and friends please meet for a service in Wear Valley Crematorium at 12.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, to The Dogs Trust, Sadberge and the Deerness Kennels.

Peter Molyneux



Passed away peacefully, in hospital on 27th October. Peter, aged 86 years, beloved Husband to Anne; dearly loved Dad to Jane and Philip, dear Father-in-Law to Neil and Ashleigh and a proud Grandad to Luke, Dougie, Lena and Robyn. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends. Funeral on Thursday 13th November. Would friends kindly meet for Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Newton Aycliffe at 10.00am followed by interment in the West Cemetery, School Aycliffe. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu would be much appreciated in aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group. *Requiescat in pace.*

Leslie Cairns



Les passed away peacefully in his sleep on 22nd October in the loving care of Rose Lodge Care Home. He will be missed by his devoted Wife Ellen; Son Philip; Daughter Andrea; much loved Grandsons Jack, Sam and Harry and all his extended family, friends and special neighbours. Cremation on 11th November at 1.30pm at Wear Valley Crematorium. Followed by reception at Woodham Golf Club. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu, to the Dementia Charity.

Alec Symington

7/11/43-25/9/25 Beloved Husband of Marlene; Father to Marie and Zoe; Father-in-Law to Paul and Shaun; Grandad to Aaron, Kerry, Tara and Chris; Great Grandad to Adam and Axl. Greatly missed and forever in our hearts and thoughts. Sleep well.

Janet Dixon



Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on 16th October, aged 81. Wife of the late Bernard Dixon; loving Mum to Tony, Tina and Tracy; much loved Grandma to Bradley & Melissa, Rob & Lucricia, Josh & Sarah and Matthew; Great Grandma to Mason and Tommy. Family and friends are invited to a service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 13th November at 9.30am. Family flowers only, donations, in lieu, may be made to the British Heart Foundation.

Edith Gowton (Edie)



Of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Sunnybrow, passed away peacefully at home on 21st October, aged 97 years. A much loved Wife to Harry; a loving Mam to Peter and Pauline; a treasured Grandma, Aunt and friend to many. Will family and friends please meet for a service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 19th November at 1.45pm. To be followed by a private committal at Wear Valley Crematorium, Coundon. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, may be made to The Alzheimers Society.

Michael Frederick Slater (Mick)

Passed away peacefully on 26th November, aged 64 years. A much loved Dad, Grandad, Brother, Uncle and a friend to many. Family and friends please meet for a service at Durham Crematorium on Wednesday 12th November for 10am.

Congratulations

George Gray



Happy 90th Birthday 15th November 2025 Wishing you a fabulous 90th birthday. Lots of love from Maud, Julie, Terry and boys; George, Barbara and family; Jo, Andy and boys and all your family & friends.

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In Memoriam

Joyce Reine

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November Events

Community Choir held fortnightly 7.00pm to 8.30pm, £3.00 per
session including refreshments, please contact Julie on 07742 015609.
To be held on Monday 10th and 24th November.

Coffee, Cake & Stuff to be held on Thursday 27th November from
11.00am to 2.00pm - last one for 2025!

Please come and join us at our ever-popular monthly Coffee, Cake
& Stuff where we will be selling our gorgeous homemade sweet
and savoury bakes and the opportunity to catch up with friends and
neighbours. Please contact Elizabeth on 07813 523050 or Christine on
07981 992686 for details.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Chris and Elizabeth.

Christmas Quiz on Friday 12th December, book your babysitters, it will
be a night to remember - further details to follow very shortly.
Thank you for all those that attended our first Autumn Fair, which was a
success, watch this space for future events.

'Remembrance Soldiers' Art Installation

Beaumont Hill
Academy pupils create
powerful remembrance
soldier installation for
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Academy in Darlington,
a specialist school for
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educational needs,
has brought its entire
school community
together to create
a poignant tribute to display at Hopetown Darlington in honour of the
Armed Forces



Around 300 pupils, aged 2 to 19, have contributed to a striking art
installation titled 'Remembrance Soldiers', featuring 40 two-sided
silhouettes of 'Tommys' - life-size representations of WWI soldiers - to
mark this years Remembrance Day.
Each 1.2-metre-tall silhouette has been carefully designed by a different
class. One side of each soldier is painted in dark grey to represent the
sombreness and sacrifice of war. The reverse side bursts with colour,
decorated with red and pink poppies, Union Jack flags, moving poetry,
and uplifting messages, reflecting themes of hope, gratitude and peace.
Originally displayed on the school's football field, the installation is now
set to be showcased at Hopetown Darlington between Tuesday 4th
November and Sunday 16th November, covering the period before,
during and after Remembrance Day.
Hopetown's agreement to host the display means the wider community -
including national and international visitors - will now be able to engage
with this reflective and inspiring tribute.

Around Town

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Sunday 21st December will see the Around
Town radio show come to an end in its present
format. We have achieved so much in the
time Andy and I have worked together on the
show, but we feel the time is right to take an
extended break to consider how we want to
continue to promote the people, groups and
organisations in our community in 2026.
It will still be Andy and I, passionate about
the work we do, just possibly in a different
way. The Facebook page will remain as it is,
but with a name change to the Around Town
Community Page. We will continue to present
our Around Town Community Award twice a
year to worthy recipients, with the possibility
of a monthly podcast as a way of raising the
profile of groups and organisations in our
community.

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Newton Aycliffe Juniors



Week ending 29th October 2025

Under 7's faced Bishop Auckland St Mary's, scoring three great goals through Leo, Eli and Henry in a warm up for the evening Halloween party.

Under 9's Juniors hosted a well organised Leven team, in what was a tough game, with James scoring Aycliffe's goal.

Under 9's Blues travelled to Darlington Young Bulls, with Leland picking up a hat-trick. PPOTM was Jude and POTM was Isaac.

Under 10's Reds faced Darlington Spraires, with goals from Fox (4), Thomas and Michael. POTM was Jacob; PPOTM was Korben.

Under 10's Juniors hosted Bishop Auckland St. Mary's in a fantastic end to end match that saw lots of goals. Fletcher (3), Kian (2), Connor (2), Kaeson and Lincoln scored for Aycliffe. MOTM was Fletcher.

Under 11's entertained Dormanstown coming away with a positive result. Ozzy was scorer of both goals and was awarded MOTM.

Under 12's Blues faced Chester-le-Street Waldrige Park, running out deserving 6-1 winners with goals from Andrew (2), Alfie (2), Koa and Laitia.

Under 12's Reds faced Darlington RA Rockets, narrowly losing 2-1 in a tight game with Bryan scoring Aycliffe's goal. Laitia was awarded MOTM.

Under 12's Blacks travelled to face Great Ayton, coming away with a 6-2 win. Jack helped himself to five goals with JJ adding the other. MOTM was Brody M.

Under 13's Whites travelled to face Rutherford AFC swifts coming away with the victory in a 7-5 win. Goals from Oscar (3), Billy (2), Arran and MOTM was Chase.

Under 13's Blacks welcomed Darlington Mount Pleasant with goals from Levi, Riley (2) and Ethan. MOTM was Riley.

Under 14's Whites got a great 1-0 win over Jarrow Crusaders with James netting the winner. Brodie picked up MOTM (solid performance).

Under 14's Blacks welcomed Hilda Park, going down 0-2. MOTM was Toby and Ben.

Under 14's Juniors travelled to Kadar Juniors, leaving empty handed on the wrong side a 5-3 score line. Jonah scored all three goals and picked up MOTM.

Under 23's travelled to Bearpark, sharing the points in a 1-1 draw with Andrew B scoring Aycliffe's goal and picking up MOTM.

Week ending 2nd November 2025
Under 7's played against Boro Rangers with goals from Leo (3), Eli (2) and Frankie.

Under 9's Blues hosted Darlington United Vikings, with PPOTM Leland scoring an amazing 7 goals, with Carter and Nate adding the others. POTM was Reggie.

Under 9's Juniors travelled to Darlington Utd, it was a very tight game with Aycliffe showing some solid defensive work.

Under 10's Reds faced Billingham Juniors Whites in a fantastic game, with Fox grabbing both goals, which were assisted by Thomas. POTM was Orig and PPOTM was Leo.

Under 10's Juniors hosted a strong Darlington 21st Allstars, with Kian scoring Aycliffe's goal. MOTM was Connor who was a constant threat.

Under 11's played against Hardwick, putting in a good performance with James scoring the goal. POTM was Fred.

Under 11's had a tough day against Kader Athletic United, with Noah A scoring the goal. Harvey P was awarded MOTM.

Under 12's Blues a depleted squad, saw a narrow 3-2 defeat to Consett, with goals from Charlie and Miles.

Under 12's Blacks entertained Marton FC, in a tough game, it was Jack B & Riley who scored the goals. MOTM was shared between the team.

Under 12's Reds beat Eaglescliffe Elementis Whites 8-3, with Alfie grabbing his first hat-trick for the team. Charlie, Bryan (2), Yash and Koa added the other goals. Laitia was awarded MOTM.

Under 13's Whites hosted Washington Athletic Sparta, coming away with a quality 10-0 win. Charlie 3, Ollie 2, Billy, Jarrod, Chase and Oscar 2 scored the goals. MOTM was Aaron.

Under 14's Blacks travelled to Blackfyne FC, coming away with a 4-5 win. POTM was Kaylm, who scored a hat-trick, with Cody and Kai adding the other goals.

Under 14's Juniors played against Bishop St Mary's Kings, running out 6-0 winners, with goals from Lucas, Jake and another 4 for Jonah. MOTM was Sav and OMOTM was Jonah.

Under 23's travelled to Ouston Cherry Tree in the League Cup. Lewis opened the scoring to give Aycliffe the lead at half time. Ouston then equalised and Aycliffe lost 4-3 on penalties. MOTM was Logan for a great save in the second half and a good save in the shootout.



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