

Newton News

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Tidy Team Fifth Anniversary

Dear Sir,
Great Aycliffe Tidy Team has been operating around Newton Aycliffe since Wednesday 10th March 2021, working initially from the Horndale play area.



The Tidy Team works closely with Great Aycliffe Town Council, who provide the equipment and remove the rubbish we collect. We have also received support and equipment from Durham County Council, Livin and Groundwork Trust. Seven members of the team have been regular volunteers from the beginning, and we continue to welcome new people joining the group.

Over the past five years we have carried out more than 200 duties. Although we have occasionally missed planned working days due to heavy rain or snow, our main activities include litter picking and removing fly-tipped waste.

We would like to thank the Town Council staff for their continued support in removing the rubbish we collect. In the early days we often found large amounts of waste dumped in the woodland, but thankfully the situation has improved.

The team also enjoys planting trees and cutting back overhanging branches and shrubs along the Great Aycliffe Way and other walkways. We have also worked alongside several other local community groups.
Ian Gray.



Five Acres Victory...



Last Saturday we headed to the Youth Centre, Newton Aycliffe, for the Annual Model Railway Exhibition where we proudly showcased our Five Acres Farm layout alongside lots of other incredible displays.

We only went on to WIN!!!!

We were honoured to receive the 'John Henry Jones Memorial Trophy' – such a special moment for the team and a huge reward for all the effort that has gone into building it.

A big thank you to the Great Aycliffe Rotary Club for their involvement and support and a special mention to Graeme Watson and Dave Scott who helped build our layout, without their time, patience and skills our little farm railway might still be a pile of wood and wires.

Life after the burglary....

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who read about our recent break in at our site at Lime Lane, Brafferton and to those splendid folks who took the time to donate and offer assistance. This enabled us to replace fencing, damaged and stolen items.

We are so grateful to you all for supporting us in our hour of need.

Best Wishes, The Team at Five Acres Community Garden CIC.

A New Chapter for Newton News

Newton News, and its predecessor The Newtonian, has proudly served the community of Newton Aycliffe since the town's inception in 1948. Originally launched as a newsletter delivered to every home, the publication began as a monthly issue, reflecting the growth and development of the new town. As Newton Aycliffe expanded, so too did its community voice - moving to a fortnightly publication in 1969 and then to a weekly edition in 1984. Over the decades, Newton News became the trusted source for local stories, community achievements, events and business updates - a true record of the town's history and progress.

However, like many local newspapers across the country, Newton News has faced increasing challenges in recent years. The rise of social media and digital platforms has significantly changed how people access news and information. While Newton News has continued to provide reliable, community-focused journalism, the landscape for print publications has evolved dramatically.

Newton Press has worked tirelessly to support the production of a dedicated newspaper (or magazine) for Newton Aycliffe residents. Historically, the costs of producing and delivering the Newton News have been covered by valued local advertisers. Unfortunately, advertising revenue has steadily declined, reflecting broader national trends affecting print media.

With these factors in mind, alongside valuable feedback from readers who expressed a preference for a magazine-style format, Newton Press has made the difficult, but necessary, decision to bring Newton News full circle. From 1st April 2026, the publication will return to a monthly format, allowing the team to focus on producing a high-quality, engaging community magazine.

In addition, changes will be made to distribution. Delivering to every household in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding villages has become increasingly challenging, particularly as fewer young people are seeking traditional weekend delivery roles. As a result, from the 1st April edition, Newton News will no longer be delivered door-to-door. Instead, copies will be available to collect from a range of convenient pick-up points across the town, including:

Tesco, Newton Aycliffe Library, Sports Complex, Don Walker's Butchers, Café HQ, Young's Newsagents, Neville Parade Newsagents, Washington Crescent Shop Local, PCP Centre, McDonald's, Business Park Post Office, Save Garage (Business Park), Steam Machine and Newton Press Reception.

Readers can also choose to receive their copy digitally by subscribing to Newton News - simply email: paul@newtonnews.co.uk to be added to the distribution list and receive your copy on the day of publication.

Newton News remains fully committed to serving the community of Newton Aycliffe and its surrounding villages. This new chapter ensures the publication can continue to celebrate local people, businesses, schools, clubs and organisations for many years to come.

We thank our loyal readers and advertisers for their continued support as we move forward together.

Please note: Each edition will be published on the first of every month. The deadline for advertisements, notices, letters, stories, and editorials is four working days prior to the publication date. Please plan ahead to ensure residents are informed of your plans in good time.

Nominations

BBC Radio Tees is searching for outstanding community heroes for their Make a Difference Awards 2026. These awards celebrate individuals, groups and animals who go above and beyond to help others.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition - a great volunteer, young hero or even a helpful animal? You can nominate them for a Make a Difference Award 2026. Nominate and view categories, terms and the privacy notice at Make A Difference Awards. Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 31st March 2026.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/makeadifference/awards>

Thank You

Dear Sir,
While driving home, after dropping my wife in Aycliffe Village for a hairdressing appointment, my car broke down not far from Heighington Station. I left the car and started to walk home. Ben, a passing motorist, stopped, guessed it was my car he'd seen earlier and offered me a lift home. Not only that, he took me back to my car, towed me to a garage in Newton Aycliffe and then took me to the hairdressers to pick up my wife and drove us home. He gave us over two hours of his time. He even made me a cup of tea at his house while we waited for my wife's hairdo to be finished. In a world full of bad news, war and general nastiness, this is a tale of kindness that restores my faith in human nature. Thanks again to Ben and his mum.
Phil Fairclough (address supplied)

A Friday Night to Remember at Ayclive

The North East's much-loved live music festival, Ayclive, returns in 2026 with a Friday evening performance that is set to kick off the weekend with energy, excitement and unforgettable music. Taking place on the Oakleaf Sports Field, the event has become a highlight of the local cultural calendar, drawing music lovers from across the region and the country. This year's Friday programme promises something for everyone. Festival-goers will enjoy three diverse and high-energy acts on stage, each bringing their own style and flair. From emerging local talent to performers who have already begun to make a name nationally, the line-up reflects Ayclive's commitment to showcasing both the community's talent and the wider music scene. Adding to the excitement, local DJ, Nathan Abbott, will be blasting out classic dance anthems in between the acts, keeping the energy flowing and giving the crowd a chance to dance, sing along and soak up the festival atmosphere. His set promises to bridge the performances with some of the most iconic beats from past decades, making the night a true celebration of live music and club culture alike. For music fans, the timing couldn't be better. Normally, attending a venue for just one of these acts would cost £5.00, but early bird tickets offer the chance to see ALL three performances for only £7.00 - a deal organisers say is designed to make live music accessible to everyone. *Please note: Ayclive 2026 Friday evening is an over-18s event only.* Organisers describe Ayclive as 'more than just a music festival'. "It's about community, energy and celebrating live performance," they explain. "Friday night sets the tone for the weekend. It's when the festival spirit truly comes alive with music, atmosphere and people coming together to share the experience."



Attendees can expect a lively and welcoming environment, with opportunities to meet fellow music fans, explore local vendors and soak up the festival's electric atmosphere. The event has become a tradition in Newton Aycliffe and organisers are excited to see old faces returning alongside new visitors eager to experience Ayclive for the first time. Beyond the music, Ayclive continues to support local talent and creative initiatives, offering a platform for performers who might not otherwise reach large audiences. This emphasis on community engagement makes the festival more than just a night of entertainment - it's a celebration of the creativity and passion within the North East. With early bird tickets already on sale, and expected to sell fast, organisers are encouraging festival-goers to secure their spot now.

Don't miss the chance to be part of Ayclive 2026, where Friday night promises high-energy performances, classic dance anthems from DJ Nathan and memories that will last long after the final encore. Tickets and more information: www.ayclive.co.uk

THE LITTLE BUDDHA

The meaning of life is simple, it's whatever you want it to be. What you focus on, what it means to you, and what you choose to do about it are the three steps to creating it. Little Buddha.

Make a Difference Become a Town Councillor

Are you passionate about the community of Great Aycliffe and do you want to help make it a better place for all to live, work and grow up?

If this sounds like something you are interested in, then we encourage you to apply to become a Town Councillor. Great Aycliffe Town Council is currently looking for two new Councillors and the vacancies are currently being advertised via a formal Notice of Co-Option on the Council website, social media platforms and notice boards throughout the Town.

One vacant seat is for the West Ward and the other is for the Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall Ward.

The Town Council welcome applications from any interested and enthusiastic members of the public, of all backgrounds and experiences, who wish to be part of the varied work that the Town Council is involved with and help to drive the community forward.

By becoming a Councillor, you will represent the views of the people of the Parish and help shape the community by bringing new ideas forward and into fruition.

The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 13th April 2026.

Candidates will be invited to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, which will be held on Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7.00pm where they can introduce themselves, give information on their background and experience and why they wish to become a member of the Council. The successful candidates will be selected at this meeting. Please note that co-opted members are not eligible to claim the Basic Members' Allowance.

If this press release has caught your attention and you would like more details, please check the Council website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors/co-option/ or contact Dan Austin, Town Clerk at the Council Offices on 01325 300700.

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Milestone 20 Years in Business for BTS



BTS Fabrications, a leading North East-founded manufacturer of aluminium rainscreen, façade and bespoke fabrication solutions, is celebrating 20 years of delivering high-quality products to construction projects across the UK. Since its incorporation in 2006, the family-run manufacturer has grown from humble beginnings in a small Middlesbrough unit into an award-winning business recognised for precision engineering, technical expertise and industry-leading standards. Managing director Phil Atkinson, who brings more than 40 years of experience in the sector, has played a central role in shaping the company's growth and long-term vision. He said: "We really have come such a long way. I remember working long hours and missing out on valuable family time to ensure the business succeeded, and I'm incredibly proud of what it has become. "We used to talk about winning awards and securing large-scale projects, and to see that now as part of our reality is something special. None of it would have been possible without the dedication of our workforce." Over the past two decades, BTS has strengthened its manufacturing capability through significant investment in facilities, advanced machinery and product innovation. The business has delivered major projects nationwide, including its largest contract at York Place in Battersea, and has earned multiple regional and national awards across engineering, manufacturing and sustainability. Alongside commercial success, BTS has placed increasing emphasis on sustainability, operational efficiency and employee wellbeing. Initiatives such as carbon reduction strategies, enhanced employee engagement and the introduction of a four-day working week reflect a broader commitment to being not only a leading manufacturer, but also a responsible employer and community-focused business. Phil added: "I like to think of us as a forward-thinking manufacturer. While growth remains important, we now put our team at the heart of everything we do. "We've built a strong foundation over the past 20 years and, with continued investment in our people, technology and sustainable practices, we're focused on shaping the future of the aluminium rainscreen and façade sector. I'm incredibly proud of how far we've come and excited to see what the next 20 years will bring." To learn more about BTS Fabrications' 20-year journey and its range of aluminium rainscreen and façade solutions, visit: <https://btsfabrications.co.uk/blog/fabrications-facades-and-the-future-celebrating-20-years>

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PCP Rewards Dedicated Volunteers



Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) volunteers have been recognised for their valuable contributions through the Room to Reward scheme. The charitable Room to Reward scheme partners with hotels and holiday parks to gift breaks in unsold rooms to nominated volunteers as a way of saying 'thank you' for being community champions and making a difference in their local community.

Pauline Brass, Matthew Williams and Anita Pearson were nominated by PCP staff for their outstanding commitment, compassion and dedication to supporting PCP services and the local community. Each volunteer has contributed to PCP's mission of 'Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All' in the last year, as well as bringing warmth, skills and enthusiasm to everything they do.

Pauline, who volunteers at Options social club at the Pioneering

Care Centre (PCC) in Newton Aycliffe, said:

"I have been volunteering at the social club every Thursday since 2014. Social Club provides adults with learning and physical disabilities the opportunity to have fun, relax and unwind, make new friends and take part in a wide range of activities, it's fantastic.

"I also enjoy supporting other volunteers too, helping them with paperwork and settling into their role. I'm honoured to have been awarded this, thank you PCP for nominating me."

Matthew, creator of Knock Out Depression, also volunteers for the Stockton Community Wellbeing Champions (SCWC) project as a Wellbeing Champion. Matthew said: "Being a Champion and being able to spread the message about what services people can access in Stockton on Tees to support their wellbeing is important to me. I'm incredibly proud to be a part of this community.

"As a volunteer, it's never about getting something in return, but being recognised with this award gives me even more motivation to continue doing what I'm doing for SCWC and PCP."

Anita volunteers 12 to 15 hours a week over three days in the PCC Community Café. She said: "Thank you to PCP for nominating me. I've had nervous moments at the start of my volunteering journey, but I've pushed through with the support from staff, and I enjoy it so much, PCP is a great place to volunteer. I just try to be friendly to everyone and make their day that little bit better."

Vicky Browning, Operations Manager, said: "In the past year, 251 volunteers generously contributed 9,502 hours to support the communities PCP supports. Using the Real Living Wage Foundation benchmark, this represents an in kind contribution valued at £143,670.

"Pauline, Matthew and Anita are truly deserving of this recognition. I want to thank them for their hard work and commitment, everyone at PCP hopes you enjoy your well earned break through the Room to Reward scheme. The dedication of our incredible volunteers supports PCP to deliver our health, wellbeing and learning programmes across North East communities."

PCP has volunteer roles across the region, each offering opportunities to gain skills in different areas or develop new skills. For more information about volunteering at PCP, visit: www.pcp.uk.net/volunteers

Photography Exhibition



A gritty and unfiltered photography exhibition, capturing women participating in sport and being active, is open at Bishop Auckland Town Hall.

The exhibition, called 'she thrives', is part of Durham County Council's wider she thrives campaign, running throughout the month, which celebrates women across the region who are involved in physical activity in all its forms.

Capturing authentic moments of women being active in places they live, work and find joy, the exhibition is the culmination of a year-long documentation by professional photographer Lee Dobson and was commissioned by the local authority. From the edges of the region's coastline and the quiet focus of poolside training to the concrete of the skatepark and the endurance found on rural roads and community sports fields; the images aim to reveal the many ways women claim space through movement.

Lee's creativity has helped shape the exhibition into what it is and, throughout the project, he took the time to listen, understand and to build trust with each participant.

As part of the campaign, throughout March, the local authority is offering a range of free taster sessions, events and opportunities, designed to support women's health and wellbeing across the county.

Taster sessions will be delivered in partnership with local clubs and national governing bodies and organisations to support women's health and wellbeing by creating more welcoming opportunities to get active, build confidence and connect others.

These taster activities include Roller Derby, rowing, netball, football, golf, table tennis, indoor cycling, Pilates, swimming, singing and virtual on-demand exercise classes. Until the end of March, the council is also offering a free seven-day leisure pass to let people explore local leisure centre facilities like gyms, swimming and fitness classes and try different activities at no cost.

To find out more and see what's on offer from the council, visit:

www.thriveleisure.co.uk/SheThrives

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Testing Times for Scarlet Rotary Newton Aycliffe and RotaKids Visit St. Clare's Court

Newton Aycliffe based Junior Pro-kart racer Scarlet Whitaker Dunn attended her first test session of 2026 at her home circuit (Teesside Autodrome) on Saturday 7th March.



This year Scarlet will again be competing with her twin Honda engined Junior Pro-kart in the nine round Teesside Sprint Series held between March and October 2026.

- R1 - 21st-22nd March
- R2 - 25th-26th April
- R3 - 16th-17th May
- R4 - 20th-21st June
- R5/6 - 25th-26th July
- R7 - 26th-27th September
- R8/9 - 24th-25th October

All of Scarlet's races (Junior Pro-Kart no7) at Teesside, this season, will be live streamed on the circuits YouTube channel, which can be found by searching tsk-media on YouTube.

We would like to thank Amaron Racing, PHM (Peninsula Historic Motorsport), Carbon Arc Training and Consultancy, Grandad Ron and Rob Storey for their generous assistance and financial support, making this possible.

To support Scarlet in her journey please email: mail@amandawhitaker.com - every little helps!



Mrs Legge, Deputy Head at Sugar Hill Primary School, has written a few words of thanks. "We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for the generous donations of toiletries. On Tuesday afternoon, our Rota Kid Ambassadors delivered these items to St Clare's Court Care Home where they received a warm welcome from staff and residents.

"It was a pleasure to spend time with everyone at the Care Home and the children thoroughly enjoyed joining in with the afternoon bingo session. We were especially delighted when Nevaeh won the full house and proudly came away with a prize!

"Our Rota Kid Ambassadors were an absolute credit to their families and our school, showing kindness, respect and enthusiasm throughout the visit. We will be returning to St Clare's Court soon and will keep you updated in future newsletters.

"A special thank you also goes to Margaret Fenwick from Rotary Newton Aycliffe, who met us at the Care Home and thanked the children for visiting staff and residents at the home and to Sugar Hill families for generously supporting our local community. Thank you once again for your continued support, it truly makes a difference.

Mrs Legge would like to say a huge thank you to our Rota Kids Ambassadors. We will be appointing two Year Two ambassadors really soon! Watch out for more information."



Confidence Collective

Appeal for Suit and Dress Donations to Support People Back into Work.

Local organisations Lifeline Community Action, a Newton Aycliffe charity, KM Coaching and Hiyed are asking businesses in our community to help support individuals who are taking important steps back into employment.

We are seeking donations of suits, business dresses, shirts, blouses, ties and other smart workwear that are no longer needed by your organisation or employees. These items will be used to help people who are preparing for interviews or starting new roles but may not currently have access to suitable professional clothing. For many people returning to work after periods of unemployment, illness, caring responsibilities, or other life challenges, something as simple as the right outfit can make a huge difference. Feeling confident and presentable can transform how someone approaches an interview and their first days in a new job.

Your donation will directly support individuals in our local community by:

- Providing appropriate interview and work clothing
- Helping build confidence and self-esteem
- Removing a financial barrier for those entering employment
- Supporting people through the early stages of their new career

We welcome clean, good-quality professional clothing for men and women in a variety of sizes. Even a small number of items can make a meaningful difference.

If your organisation has unused clothing from staff changes, uniform updates, office clear-outs, or employees willing to donate professional clothing they no longer use, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. Together, we can help people step into interviews with confidence and begin the next chapter of their working lives.

To arrange a donation or learn more, please contact:

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Thank you for helping us create opportunities and restore confidence across our community.

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Arden Donates Special Brace Wearing, Scoliosis Bears



Children receiving a scoliosis diagnosis at The James Cook University Hospital will now be given a special teddy bear thanks to a seven-year-old from School Aycliffe.

Like many children facing a scoliosis diagnosis, Arden Borsberry found it difficult to picture what life with a brace would look like.

Determined to turn her own experience into something positive, Arden dedicated herself to fundraising for other children starting the same journey.

Her efforts raised over £760, allowing her to purchase 85 Higgy Bears from America.

Each of the bears proudly wears its own back brace, just like the one Arden and other children with scoliosis wear.

Scoliosis is a condition where the spine twists and curves.

For Arden, the discovery was accidental. At four years old, she had an x-ray for a suspected chest infection, which revealed the curvature in her spine.

To try to prevent the curve getting worse as Arden grows, she must wear a brace for up to 20 hours a day to try to prevent the need for surgery.

Her mother Celine said: "Arden had her first brace fitted just before her sixth birthday in August 2024.

"When we were told that she needed a brace, it was very emotional. No parent wants to see their children facing any sort of hardship.

"The thought of Arden having to wear a rigid brace every single day and not knowing what this will mean for her later in life is tough. But this was quickly replaced with immense pride at how she is facing her daily life with scoliosis."

The bears are intended to show children, in a simple way, what a brace looks like as well as offering support during their diagnosis.

Arden and her little sister have also put together packs of helpful leaflets, a badge and a wristband.

Cheryl Honeyman, specialist nurse, said: "We are extremely grateful to Arden and her family. We've never received anything like this before; it will be lovely to be able to give other young patients a teddy to give them some comfort when they are told they need to wear a brace."

The hospital's paediatric spinal unit has performed more than 350 scoliosis surgeries since its launch in 2010.

Zak Choudhury, consultant spinal surgeon, added: "Arden has worked so hard to put this all together, at only seven years old. It's truly humbling and an inspiration to us grown-ups too. Her dedication and kindness will help a lot of young children understand and navigate what can be a difficult time."

Arden's parents are now hoping to set up a local network of children with scoliosis for Arden to meet up with.

Photo one: Consultant spinal surgeon Zak Choudhury with Arden Borsberry and her parents Celine and Mark Borsberry.

Photo two: Higgy bear with the leaflet, badge and wristband pack.

Young Readers Meet Their MP on World Book Day

Children from Aycliffe Village Primary and Nursery School enjoyed a special visit from our local Member of Parliament, Alan Strickland, as part of their World Book Day celebrations. The pupils welcomed Mr Strickland into school to share their enthusiasm for reading and to learn more about his role as an MP. Members of the School Council and Eco Council prepared a range of thoughtful questions, giving them the opportunity to find out what it is like to represent a community in Parliament and how democracy works in the UK. Following the visit, pupils were thrilled to receive personally addressed letters of thanks from Mr Strickland, recognising their excellent questions and warm welcome. The letters were a proud moment for the children, who were excited to hear back from their MP. The school councillors are now looking forward to continuing their work to help improve their school and local community, inspired by what they learned about democracy and leadership during the visit.



Students Visit to Glasshouse

Students from Woodham Academy recently attended the Glasshouse in Gateshead, to perform as part of the 'Orchestras for All' project. The aim of the project is to provide opportunities for students to rehearse and perform in a full Orchestra, alongside other students from the North East, as well as developing musicianship skills and confidence. This is the third year that Woodham Academy have been part of this initiative, which is fully funded by the school's music department.

Students have been rehearsing weekly as part of the school's extra-curricular music programme. This was the first of two sessions at the Glasshouse where all their hard work came into fruition.

"To be able to perform as part of a 100 piece orchestra, following a professional conductor, is something which cannot be replicated in school. Our percussion players loved performing on full size orchestral timpani drums and xylophones. Students enjoyed making new friends as they came together to rehearse and perform three pieces of music, one of which was 'We are the Champions' by Freddie Mercury. Students are already looking forward to our next visit in July." Mrs Taylor (Music teacher).



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Fantastic Role Model



A talented 14-year-old cyclist from Houghton-le-Spring has secured sponsorship support for the 2026 season and will compete across both road and track disciplines.

Tom Sailes will race throughout 2026 with individual sponsorship backing, proudly representing Protech Velocissimo as he continues his development in competitive cycling. Despite his young age, Tom has already demonstrated strong potential on the national stage. He won a National Track Omnium event in Dundee and previously qualified for the National Track Finals at the Olympic Velodrome. He has also secured individual victories at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and achieved podium finishes across local circuit races. Tom has recently returned from a winter training camp in Gran Canaria, where he continued his preparation ahead of the 2026 season.

For the coming season, Tom will compete in a full programme of road and track events, focusing on continued development, consistency and performance. His approach to the sport is built on discipline, hard work and long-term progression.

Tom is supported this season by Protech, Steel & Alloy and Desco, whose backing provides essential assistance with equipment, preparation and competition opportunities.

A spokesperson for Protech said:

"Tom is a dedicated and ambitious young rider with a strong work ethic. We're proud to support his development for the 2026 season and look forward to seeing his continued progress across road and track."

Speaking about the season ahead, Tom said:

"I'm really grateful for the support I've received for 2026. Competing across both road and track will help me continue developing as a rider. I'm focused on working hard, staying consistent and making the most of every opportunity. I'll wear the jersey with pride this season and, if you see me out training on the local roads, make sure to say hello."

A spokesperson from sponsor, Steel & Alloy, Newton Aycliffe, said "Gonvarri Steel & Alloy Processing are incredibly proud to be supporting Tom as part of our commitment to championing healthy living and creating positive opportunities for young people. His work ethic, determination, and passion for cycling, are truly inspiring. Tom is a fantastic role model, and we're delighted to be part of his journey as he continues to push boundaries and encourage others to get active."

With strong backing and clear ambition, Tom now looks ahead to a busy 2026 campaign as he continues building experience and representing the North East within the sport.

For updates throughout the season, follow:

Instagram: @tomsailescyclist

Facebook: @tomsailescyclist

On the Front Line of Freedom

Reproduced from Rotary Magazine, March 2026 by Dave King.

Just days before Christmas, a Vietnamese family arrived in County Durham with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. They had been found working in a nail bar in Bournemouth, a business that, on the surface, appeared legitimate, but which concealed a darker reality below ground. The mother and her two children had been living and working under coercive conditions. One daughter was still missing, feared dead. Moved to a safe house in north-east England, the family were traumatised, disoriented and frightened. They had no belongings, no local connections and no clear understanding of what would happen next.

With the mother too afraid to disclose the full story, they could not yet be formally referred into the government's National Referral Mechanism - the system that provides victims



of modern slavery with accommodation, legal support and protection.

In that gap, between rescue and recognition, Junction 7 stepped in.

"We see these gaps all the time," explained Simon Day, the charity's founder, and a Rotarian. "If someone falls between systems, they still need feeding, to be clothed and supported. That's where we come in."

Diamond Celebration for Beloved Couple

John and Ruby Maull are celebrating an incredible milestone as they mark their diamond wedding anniversary, surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Ruby, who was born in Kirk Merrington, and John, who grew up on a farm in Trimdon, first met in the most ordinary of places - on a bus going to the Bishop Auckland cinema. That chance encounter would spark a lifelong partnership that has now spanned 60 remarkable years.

In their working lives, both John and Ruby were dedicated and hard working. Ruby was employed at the clothing factory in Ferryhill before later working at Moore Lane Play School, where she became a familiar and caring presence in the community. John began his career working on Arthur Stevenson's farm in Leasingthorne and went on to spend most of his working life at Black & Decker.

The couple settled in Newton Aycliffe in 1966, moving to their home on Christopher Walk, then Mellanby Crescent, where they have built a lifetime of memories together.

Now retired, John enjoys keeping active with golf, following football - especially supporting Sunderland - and taking walks with Stan, the family dog belonging to their daughter, Nicola. Ruby, meanwhile, enjoys spending time doing jigsaw puzzles and meeting friends for lunch, though she is best known within the family for being the one who keeps everything running smoothly.



Family remains at the heart of their lives. John and Ruby have one daughter, Nicola, son-in-law Steve and a grandson, Niall, all of whom are immensely proud to celebrate this special occasion with them.

To mark their diamond anniversary, the couple will enjoy a family meal at Woodham Golf Club, joined by extended family, including nieces and nephews, in what promises to be a joyful and memorable gathering.

Reflecting on six decades of marriage, Ruby offers simple, but heartfelt, advice for lasting love: "Have a lot of patience!" A sentiment that has clearly stood the test of time.

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Annual Santa Tours Review Underway

A review of the Town Council's Santa Tours is underway, to enhance and improve the event ahead of Christmas Eve 2026.

A Santa Tours Sub-Committee has been established to lead the review, made up of councillors, Santa Tours volunteers and members of the public, to ensure a wide range of views are considered.

The review follows changes made to the event last year due to increasing safety concerns and logistical challenges associated with the traditional touring format. These included near misses between Santa vehicles and children and local traffic, difficulty sourcing enough volunteers and vehicles, the town's growth, increased parked cars making narrow streets difficult to navigate, anti-social behaviour towards volunteers, and safety concerns about Santa travelling on the back of vehicles on public highways.

Following advice from the Council's Health and Safety Advisor and insurers, changes were required to mitigate several high risks and ensure the safety of residents and volunteers.

Last year the event was adapted into a hybrid format. Santa stopped at several fixed 'meet and greet' locations across the town at set times, allowing families to attend the location most convenient to them. This was supplemented by a limited tour with Santa remaining in the vehicle and not stopping, alongside visits to local care homes earlier on Christmas Eve.

The fixed location meet and greet events and care home visits proved popular with attendees, volunteers and host venues. However, the touring element received negative feedback, with families disappointed that Santa could not enter cul-de-sacs or stop to engage with residents.

The review will consider what worked well last year, what did not, and explore options for improving the event for 2026.

The first meeting of the Santa Tours Sub-Committee took place on 3rd March 2026. Meeting papers can be accessed via the Council website:

<https://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/meetings-diary/past-meetings/>

Two options were discussed for the 2026 event:

Running a version of the traditional tour, using Council vehicles only, spread over several nights in the run-up to Christmas Eve; or Maintaining and enhancing the fixed location meet and greet format on Christmas Eve, alongside care home visits, but with no touring element.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the fixed location meet and greet format should form the preferred core option. Work will now take place to explore ways of improving this model, including identifying additional and improved locations and working with community centres, churches and public houses to host events.

Further investigations will also be carried out into the feasibility of including some form of street tour on Christmas Eve, as close as possible to the traditional format, potentially in partnership with local organisations such as the Rotary Club.

A review of the event's resourcing will also take place as part of the Council's next budget setting process.

The Sub-Committee will meet again in April, when it is hoped firm decisions can be made on the format of the 2026 event to allow detailed planning to begin.

A public consultation will also be developed to gather residents' views on the preferred option and to invite ideas for improving the event. Details will be widely publicised through the Council's website, social media channels and local press.

Finally, the Council would like to thank all the volunteers, past and present, who have helped Santa bring joy to the town on Christmas Eve, as well as those serving on the Santa Tours Sub-Committee.



It has been another busy week both in Parliament and across our local communities.

One of the highlights was visiting Vane Road Primary School in Newton Aycliffe and Aycliffe Village Primary and Nursery School. It was a pleasure to speak with pupils about my role as a Member of Parliament and explain how Parliament works. The children asked some excellent questions and shared thoughtful suggestions about how we can continue improving our town.

It was also fantastic to welcome pupils from Elemore Hall School to Parliament last week as part of their educational visit. I had the opportunity to join them for an informative Q&A session where we discussed Parliament, democracy and the work MPs do to represent their communities. Visits like these are a brilliant way for young people to see first-hand how our democracy works.

I was also proud to speak at the Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway event at Heighington Church, celebrating the incredible success of the festival marking 200 years since the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout to recognise the historic role our region played in the birth of modern passenger railways back in 1825. My thanks go to the Friends group, local councils, Hitachi and the many volunteers and organisations who worked so hard to organise such a fantastic celebration that brought thousands of visitors to our area.

Supporting jobs and opportunities locally continues to be a key priority. Last week I visited Otrix Semiconductors in Newton Aycliffe to meet with their new CEO, Chet Babla, and to see first-hand the progress being made at the site. In 2024 I worked with Defence Secretary John Healey to help save the plant and protect around 100 jobs when the Ministry of Defence stepped in to secure the UK's supply of critical semiconductor chips. We also discussed exciting plans for the future of the facility, which has the potential to create world-class job opportunities for local people. I also raised the future of the site in Parliament this week with the Secretary of State for Defence.

I'm delighted that progress is already being made with investment from the government creating a new apprenticeship programme. It was great to meet new apprentices Sam and Evan and hear about their experiences so far.

In Parliament, I also raised concerns that many residents have contacted me about regarding delays to Royal Mail deliveries. Reliable postal services are vital for households and businesses and I will continue pressing for improvements so residents receive the service they expect and deserve.

There has also been encouraging news from the NHS this week, with the latest figures showing clear signs of improvement. Waiting lists have fallen again, ambulance response times are now the fastest they have been for half a decade and A&E waiting times are the shortest in four years despite the significant pressures the NHS faced over the winter period. While there is still much more to do, this progress is welcome and reflects the continued efforts of NHS staff working tirelessly to care for patients.

As always, if you have an issue you would like to raise, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with my office.
alan.strickland.mp@parliament.uk

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School Aycliffe Community Association

Our Community Hall is located at the bottom of Eastfields, School Aycliffe DL5 6QH (please follow the white/brown information signs).

March Events

Community Choir held every fortnight.

Our next session is on Monday 23rd March, commencing at 7.00pm until 8.30pm, £3 including light refreshments.

Please contact Julie McGarth for further information on 07742 015609.

Huntley's Fish & Chips 4.30pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 25th March.

Modern Line Dancing Free taster session on Saturday 28th March, 10.30am to 11.30am.

New beginners class starting Monday 13th April, 10.30am to 11.30am. Please contact Mandy on 07568 141542 for further information and to book a place - children are welcome with a responsible adult.

Up and Coming Events - please make a note in your diary to avoid disappointment!

April

Ladies Night held on the first Wednesday of each month, £3 including light refreshments.

Our next session will be on Wednesday 1st April, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Safer Driving As We Age

Please contact Christine for further info on 07981 992686.

Annual Duck Race Night Fundraiser.

Friday 24th April from 7.00pm onwards. Please note that no 'live' ducks or water will be used. Buy a race duck, name it and race it. The winning owner and jockey will receive a small prize.

Tickets are £5 per person, cash only on the night. Bring your own food and drink, there will be games, a fun quiz and a raffle.

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Huntley's Fish & Chips 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd April

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 17th June

Please visit our Facebook page School Aycliffe Community Centre, we're at the heart of our community and a warm, welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds to connect, learn and grow. Just a reminder, when you visit our hall, please can you be mindful when parking - thank you for supporting our events and hope to see you soon. A massive thank you to all those that supported our recently held bingo fun night, just over £500 was raised. The Committee Members.

School Aycliffe Community Association.

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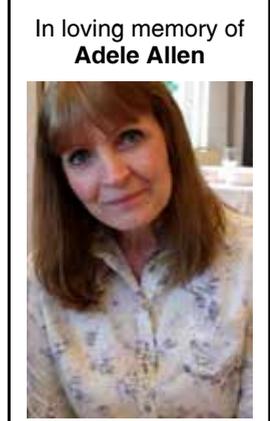
A sunny day in Bishop Auckland welcomed a lovely lunchtime jazz session from #bishopaucklandjazz. The guest artist was popular singer Paul Skerritt, more than ably supported by pianist Dean Stockdale, bassist Mick Shoulder and John Bradford on drums. They treated us to a range of jazz classics from The Great American Songbook in a delightful programme of familiar tunes from Misty, 'Let There Be Love' to 'It's Only A Paper Moon'.
 It was an entertaining hour with lots of engagement from the audience and a great sense of fun shared by the musicians. Next month's guest artist is the jazz guitarist Joe Steels who will perform tunes made famous by the great Wes Montgomery. This will be on Friday 10th April, 1pm at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church (opp. Hospital) and stay tuned for a visit later in April (date to be confirmed) by the French violinist Daniel John Martin.
 Let's Make Bishop Auckland Great Again!

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In Memoriam



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Obituary

Michael Graham
 Aged 65
 Formerly of Newton Aycliffe and known to many as 'Flap', passed away on 19th February 2026 in Stoke on Trent. He is survived by his Son Liam and his Sister Catherine. A lovely man who lost his way in life, Michael will be remembered with affection. It is hoped that he has now found the peace in rest that eluded him during his life time. A private cremation will take place in Stoke on Trent.

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Catherine Flanagan

Of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Newcastle, passed away peacefully on 9th March, aged 94 years. Beloved Wife of the late Patrick; much loved Mum of Linda; a dearly loved Grandma of Emily, Christopher, Robert, Sam and Rosie; adored Great Grandma of Oliver, Kenzie, Persephone, Guinevere, Douglas, Grace, Eddie and Molly. Will family and friends please meet for a service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 31st March at 2.30pm.

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Joyce Stevens

Sadly, Joyce, formerly of Beechfield, Newton Aycliffe, passed away on 28th February, aged 90 years. Joyce, a devoted Wife of the late Tom and a much-loved Mam of the late Michael and Carol; a cherished Grandma and Great Grandma. Funeral to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 27th March at 3.30pm. Please meet at the crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, if so desired, to Alzheimer's Research UK.

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Village W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25th at 7.00pm in Aycliffe Village Hall. The speaker will be Charlotte Spink from Durham's Oriental Museum on the subject of The Ancient Egyptians. Non members are most welcome to this very interesting evening. Refreshments are provided, so why not come along and see what we do? If anyone would like to join our WI please contact us via email on: aycliffevillage@durhamwi.co.uk

Newton Aycliffe Juniors



Week Ending 8th March 2026

Under 8's Juniors travelled to face Hartlepool Stags in a 2nd round cup game. In a tight game, the Juniors progressed on penalties. The goals were scored by Noah (2), Jacob M and Ethan, who was awarded MOTM.

Under 10's Juniors welcomed Kader FC for a Cup game. Aycliffe come out fast and played great passing football, scoring goals through Kian (2), Zeke and Lincoln. Kian was awarded MOTM.

Under 10's Reds faced Marton FC Gold, away in the Challenge Cup, Aycliffe could not progress to the next round, but Fox and Korben both went close to scoring. POTM was Korben and PPOTM was Yash.

Under 11's faced Auckland Moors Grey and scored three excellent goals in a great result, with Oscar's strike the pick of the bunch from twenty-five yards. Noah A and Oliver T scored the other goals. Oliver T was awarded MOTM.

Under 11's Whites faced Darlington Young Bulls, wanting to avenge the result from earlier in the season, Aycliffe did exactly that, putting in a wonderful performance. Dexter (2), Rowan, Jimbo and OG scored goals. OPOTM was Rowan and CPOTM was Dexter.

Under 12's Blues played Gateshead Rutherford, going down 4-2, despite dominating most of the game. Charlie scored both of Aycliffe's goals with Laitia and Miles assisting. Alfie was awarded MOTM.

Under 12's Blacks travelled to face Darlington RA, having a day to forget. Aycliffe kept their heads up and played some good football towards the end of the game.

Under 12's Reds faced Darlington RA Tornadoes in the second round of the challenge cup. An outstanding performance saw Aycliffe progress to the next round with an amazing 7-1 win. The goals were scored by Yash (3), Alife (2), Marshall and Jace. Laitia was awarded the MOTM.

Under 13's Whites hosted top of the table Durham, Aycliffe were trailing before pressure from a Billy corner forced an OG. It ended 2-2 with Oscar scoring a penalty. MOTM was Charlie H.

Under 13's Blacks hosted Linthorpe, in a game where they could not find the result they wanted. Daniel B and Riley B scored the two goals for Aycliffe, with Logan B being awarded MOTM.

Under 14's Juniors welcomed Riverside Junior Whites in a top of the table clash. Aycliffe secured a crucial 2-1 win thanks to goals from Jonah and Jake. MOTM was awarded to Olly and Shay.

Week Ending 15th March 2026

Under 9's Blues travelled to face Darlington United Vikings, putting in a dominant display. Some sublime passing led to Nate scoring (4), Harrison (2) and Leland. POTM went to Nate and PPOTM went to Harrison.

Under 9's Juniors hosted Heighington in a derby match, it was a great game with both teams creating good chances. Lee made his debut in goal, making some great saves. Cooper helped himself to a hat-trick for Aycliffe.

Under 11's faced Greatham FC in a tight game. Oliver T scored two and Noah A added another for Aycliffe. It was goalkeeper Harvey P who won MOTM with some amazing saves.

Under 11's Whites faced Aycliffe Falcons, putting in a great display in the derby. Goals from Olly (2), Dexter and Thomas. OMOTM was Olly and CMOTM was Rowan.

Under 12's Blues faced Durham Wasps, running out 6-1 winners in a wonderful team performance. Charlie (3), Koa (2) and Alfie scored the goals. Koa was awarded MOTM for two goals and two assists.

Under 12's Blacks faced Under 12's Reds, with the Reds running out winners with goals from Alfie (2), Charlie, Laitia (3), Koa (2) and Yash (2). MOMT was Laitia for a dominant display.

Under 13's Blacks hosted high flying Riverside City Juniors, putting in a great display to draw 3-3. Goals from Riley B, Kai and MOTM Lleyton.

Under 14's Whites faced high flying Spennymoor, narrowly missing out 6-4 in a ten-goal thriller. Harry (2), Oliver and Thomas scored Aycliffe's goals. MOTM was awarded to Thomas and Harry.

Under 14's Blacks hosted Ryton and Crawcrook, losing 3-5. Connor scored a hat-trick which won him PMOTM with Tommy winning MMOTM.

Under 15's travelled to Leven, with a depleted squad. They should not have worried as they put in an impressive performance to win 4-2. Oscar J (3) and Rhys scored the goals, with Rhys being awarded MOTM.

Under 23's hosted Witton Gilbert, looking to bounce back from a disappointing defeat last time out. Changes to the starting 11 saw Aycliffe run out 9-2 winners. Andrew B (4), Sam B (2), Damian L, Ethan S and Curtis L scored goals.

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Aycliffe Youth Football News

U16 Angels 7 v Hartlepool Pools Youth 4 (County Cup)

For the second round in a row, Aycliffe were drawn as the home team, but recognised the likely waterlogged Oakleaf pitches and managed to switch to the opposition 3G. This one had a calm first half and a chaotic second. With just twelve players available, they knew they would have to put in a big shift. The opening exchanges were fairly even with Aycliffe having slightly more possession and looking more threatening. After 8 minutes, a corner from Emily, met at the far post by Evie's head, 1-0. Followed four minutes later from a free kick by Evie. The third goal was welcome on 28 minutes, a throw-in from Erin to Isobel, just inside the box, saw Iz take a touch past the defender and calmly finish above the keeper's head. Then, on the stroke of half time, Emily made it 4-0 to Aycliffe and the girls were in control of the game. However, 17 minutes into the second half, Pools pulled a goal back from a corner. Then a deflected shot wrong-footed Maddi and found the net. 4-2. On 74 minutes Hartlepool scored a third. 4-3. Game on! But two minutes later Aycliffe restored a cushion. Faith drove at the Pools defence and unleashed a strike which the keeper saved well and parried out. Georgia was first to respond and finished with ease. 5-3. On 78 minutes Aycliffe seemingly put the game safe, despite the prospect of some added minutes. Another pinpoint corner from Emily headed in at the near post by Poppy. 6-3. A minute later Pools pulled back another. 6-4. and were not giving up.

But Evie scored in stoppage time for her hat trick, 7-4, to take the girls into their fourth County Cup Final in as many years. Star Players: Players - Faith; Coaches - Poppy; Parents - Evie P.

West Auckland 1 v U17's Eagles 2
Playing against a strong side sitting alongside us near the top of the table it was always going to be a tight game. The Aycliffe lads really wanted the win and you could see that in their performance. An all round outstanding team performance with Aycliffe deserving the 3 points. Goals from Olly and Adam. MOM Joel.

U14 Eagles 4 v Darlington TSC 4
A visit from the league leaders, Darlington TSC, saw the first half end 1-2 with a goal from Sam Maddison, the equaliser came early in the second half as the Eagles began to play. Darlington struck back immediately with two more, 4-2, but credit to the lads who continued to push hard and never gave up, Tarek scoring a super free kick and then tucking home his hat trick securing the draw, last kick of the match.

U12 Falcons 0 v Normanby Utd 4
Falcons started the game the much stronger team, but were unable to capitalise on their possession and shots on goal. Normanby then scored a great goal against the run of play and their confidence shot up. They scored a second and Falcons morale dropped. HT 0-2. We kept trying second half, but just couldn't get our game going. We go again next week! POM: Opposition - Jaxon; Coaches - Harry L / Harry M.

Cleveland Juniors 2 v U11 Eagles 5
A windy morning meant the boys were playing up hill into the wind for the 1st half, but despite this, the lads pressed Cleveland throughout and were unlucky not to have scored 4 or 5 in

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truth. Cleveland were the brighter at the start of the 2nd half grabbing two quick goals, but the Eagles settled down and once again took control of the match, going on to win 5-2.

U9 Eagles v Consett
Last week Consett had beaten us in a close game with a late goal. So the lads knew this week's reverse fixture was going to be close. It was an end-to-end game with some great passing moves from the Eagles. A free kick each for Luke and Elijah and a good passing move, leading to another goal for Eljah, rounded off a good win.

Redcar v U7 Eagles
The boys went to a cold and windy Redcar and returned with two great wins. In the first game, the boys played tremendously well and won a close game against a previously unbeaten opponent with Arthur, Chester (3) and Hunter scoring. The development game was won in a much more comfortable manner with the team's best display yet - it's brilliant to see how much they are coming on! Well done boys!

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