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Notable contributions were made to the success of this show by Tenor David Beall, "Dick Deadeye" David Curtis and leading lady Susan Limbert.

Congratulations to Producer Bruce Cunningham on a wonderful show and for his own personal performance on stage as Sir Joseph Porter.

George Lee, Musical Director can be pleased with his cast and the musical skill of the orchestra and resident accompanist Graham Hewitt.

Among the guests on the final night was the Chairman of the County Council. Town Mayor, President of the Rotary Club and President of NODA.

The group's next production is an Olde Tyme Music Hall at St. Clare's Church on Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st October.

Anyone interested in joining Aycliffe Musical Theatre either as singers or back stage workers should contact Trevor or Margaret Fenwick on 318968. Membership is open to all ages and you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

Rotary Fun Walk Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, completely outside the control of the Rotary Club the Rotary Fun Walk in support of McMillan Nurses is postponed.

The event will now hopefully take place in early October when it will be combined with an event taking place all over the UK and bringing environmental benefits for Newton Aycliffe.

The Rotary Club wish to extend their apologies to those who were intending to support the event on the 11th July and ask that any sponsorship monies raised be either held until the event takes place later or alternatively to hand it to the McMillan Nurses office in the Pioneering Care Centre. A further announcement will be made when the new date is confirmed.

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FABRIC EXHIBITION

The exhibiton in St Michael's Church, Heighington is the work of a small textile group!
They started as a silk painting group at the Darlington Arts Centre but have branched out into other areas of craft work including embroidery, feltmaking, beading etc.
Much of the work is for sale at reasonable prices in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer. This is such a very worthy cause raising funds for research into this disease which affects so many families. The exhibition entitiled FABRICATIONS runs throughout July and, apart from normal Service times, the church is open for visitors on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons between 2.0pm and 4.0pm.
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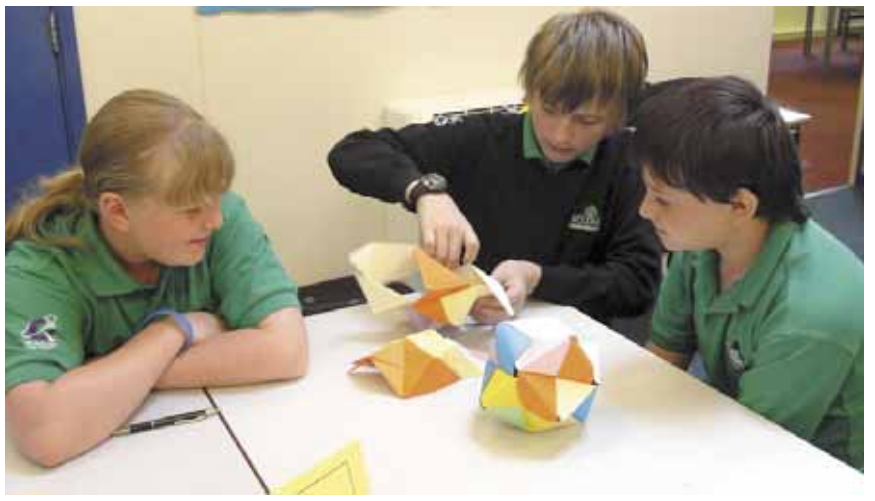
MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE WITH FORMER STAR

Youngsters will be able to enjoy a six-hour matchday experience when Sunderland come to Darlington in two weeks.
The Black Cats come to the Northern Echo Arena for a pre-season friendly on Saturday July 17.
And former Darlington player Neil Maddison, now the club's Centre of Excellence manager, has teamed up with Hummersknott School in the town to hold the big match experience for seven to 12-year-olds.
Maddison will hold the Saturday Soccer Skills Club, costing just £15 each, along with Hummersknott's football development officer Stephen Cheeseman.
The whole day involves a 90-minute coaching session followed by the big match against Premier League neighbours Sunderland at the Arena.
"It promises to be a cracking day for all the children," said Maddison, who played more than 100 games for his hometown club between 2001 and 2007.
"It's not just about playing football, either. It's a good chance for the more developed players to enhance their skills with us, but it's also an excellent opportunity for youngsters looking to start out or just have a fun day out.
"And for parents it's peace of mind knowing their children are being taken care of by qualified people in a safe environment while they give themselves a break!"
The Saturday Soccer Skills Club incorporates a 90-minute coaching session at Hummersknott School followed by the Darlington-v-Sunderland match on Saturday July 17, 3pm kick-off, enjoying a unique pitchside experience before watching the big game.
The package costs £15 each and caters for children aged 7-12. The day starts at 11am with a coaching session and finishes at 5.30pm after the game. All children can be collected from the ground and must take their own shirt, shorts, socks, trainers, warm clothes, shin pads, plenty of drinks and a packed lunch.
To book a place or for more details, call Hummersknott School on 01325 246456, or email abs@hummersknott.org.uk

MATHS CHALLENGE AT WOODHAM



In keeping with its Technology College status, Woodham Community Technology College held its annual Maths Challenge on Friday 25th June 2010. The aim of the challenge is to offer more able students in Year 6 and Year 7 the opportunity to extend their maths experience in a fun way.
Woodham Community Technology College and Sunnydale Community College, Shildon were represented by Year 7 students. They challenged Year 6 students from, Sugar Hill Primary, Vane Road Primary, Stephenson Way Primary, Timothy Hackworth, Shildon and Thornhill Primary, Shildon.
Students took part in a variety of challenges throughout the day including a World Cup Maths Quiz, Pentominoes and The Crystal Maze; all teams had either a Year 10 student or a teacher acting as their assistant for the day.
Pupils and helpers worked hard at solving the mathematical problems and all had an excellent day. Pupil comments included "this has been much better than school", "you really have to think" and "I've learnt that maths is fun".
Stephenson Way Team 1 were the overall winners. Sugar Hill Team 2 won the quiz, whilst Timothy Hackworth Team 2 built the best stellated octahedron. Well done everyone, especially Mrs. Kellett, (Assistant Area Co-ordinator of Maths at Woodham) who organised the event!!

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The new town residents were receiving free news sheets in the early 1950's from the Aycliffe Development Corporation as a means of communicating with new tenants as they arrived from all over the country to start life anew in the new town.

A Residents' committee later published "The Newtonian" monthly, selling advertising space to cover printing costs and organising free distribution to each new house as it became occupied.

Newton Press started business as the town's first printers in August 1963 and offered to take over the printing of "The Newtonian" later changing the publication to newspaper format; run on a commercial basis, yet continuing to deliver copies free of charge to each household.

In 1969 "Newton News" evolved and was distributed to a now much enlarged population by-weekly. The publication became a weekly in 1984 with a circulation of over 12000 serving the new town and surrounding villages.

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The Newton News website (www.newtonnews.co.uk) receives over 8000 hits a week from absent or past Newtonians from all over the world. The site is regularly updated and currently has images of Newton Aycliffe (old and new), information on schools, public houses, hotels, shops, town organisations, business park directory and so much more.

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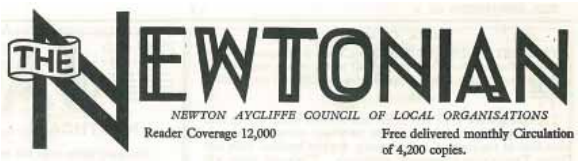

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Town Club Attends Northern Games

Members of the Wishing Well Club took part in the North East Rotary Games for the Disabled held annually at Eston Sports Centre. The town's Rotary Club transported the entrants to the venue where they competed in various sporting activities, coming back with many medals for Newton Aycliffe. Don Walker provided a packed lunch and J & C Coaches were in charge of travel arrangements. It was a very successful day and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Darts & Domino League Change

Aycliffe Darts & Dominoes League have changed the format for next season. Teams will now play 5 games of singles darts 3 games of pairs dominoes, 5 games of singles dominoes and 5 games of fives and threees singles dominoes This means that a team can now comprise of only six players.

Any Licensed Premises wishing to join the league next season should attend the EGM to be held at the Navy Club on Tuesday 20th July at 9 pm where they will be considered for election to the League. More details can obtained from the league Chairman Brian Venables on 320130.

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Aycliffe Sports Club Membership Record

Newton Aycliffe Sports Club hit a record high number of memberships this summer. Since April, when the club's membership had to be taken out or renewed, more than 300 new members have joined.

The influx has taken the total number of members to more than 1,000 for the first time in the club's history.

While treasurer Dennis Henderson admits the World Cup has played a big part, he also insists locals are starting to recognise the Sports Club is the place to be these days.

"We're delighted with the increase," he said. "In fact we still have another 50 applications going through at present which will push the number even higher, so interest in the club is at an all-time high.

"All four England games went ahead without incident, which is a credit to all members, and we hope our new members enjoyed our professional and friendly bar staff, who deserve a lot of credit for their hard work this summer, and our quality drinks and food at competitive prices.

"One of the highlights of the World Cup period was the number of people who used our beer garden, which is arguably the biggest and best in Aycliffe. It boasts a picturesque view, overlooking the Cricket pitch, and there's no traffic in sight!

"It was lovely to see dozens of people enjoy it and we hope, for the new members, that the World Cup wasn't just a fleeting visit and that they continue to come and enjoy the club."

People are enjoying the improved facilities at the Sports Club, including £50,000 spent on six widescreen TVs in three rooms supplying superb coverage of sport.

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Duncan continues; "Over two million people are living with cancer in the UK and the money raised will help Macmillan reach and improve the lives of even more of those people."

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Dear Sir,

John Clare's concise case against Proportional Representation(PR) was excellent except for one thing, it assumed that PR is what the Lib Dems were fighting for in their election campaign and in their coalition with the Tories. Any true Lib Dem must feel sold out by the fact that what is going to be put in a referendum in May next year has nothing to do with Proportional Representation. The Alternative Vote (as it is called) is exactly that, it gives the losers a second and third or even fourth vote. Not any form of proportionality at all. Its not rocket science, but it is overly complex and unfair .

In a nutshell it means that when you cast your vote at the General election you would cast as many votes as there are candidates, but list them in order of preference.

If no one candidate reaches 50% of all votes cast on first choice, then the one with the lowest votes is dropped off from the list, and their 2nd choice votes are then counted out among the remaining candidates, if no one still has reached 50% of all votes cast, then the next lowest drops out and their 2nd choice is then distributed among those remaining, and so on each time until someone reaches 50% of all votes.

If someone who drops off was someone's second choice, then 3rd choices are looked at, or fourth if their 3rd choice also dropped out, or 5th or 6th depending how many candidates stood, it is all simple really ! No wonder Mr Cameron is smiling when for this simple gimmick he has convinced the Lib Dems, to support him in government. Sorry but it has nothing to do with PR the Lib Dems were short changed on that.

Incidentally, without Proportional Representation, we have a hung Parliament, which forced coalition government, the voters are indeed wiser than their parliamentary overlords, and on the Town Council, again without PR the Parties are actually proportioned to the votes they got at the elections, so first past the post not only works at National but also local level, when the voters vote wisely, which they usually do. .... Except when lied to.

Incidentally, whilst I totally reject this Coalition Government's views on tackling the Deficit which will delay economic recovery and prevent growth, and almost certainly lead to a prolonged recession, hurting the lowest paid, and most vulnerable, whilst leaving bankers bonuses untouched, I do agree with some of the smaller detail, getting rid of the Big Brother state that Labour was creating by abolishing the unBritish ID Cards, stricter controls on CCTV, preventing Councils from abusing Anti Terror legislation to spy on people, abolishing bin taxes and preventing fortnightly bin collections, abolishing the Standards Board, basing CRB checks on common sense instead of treating every citizen as a criminal, reforming the DNA database and so forth.

If voters at the general election had the Alternative Vote then, I doubt that most Lib Dem voters would have put Conservative as their 2nd Choice ! After all did not the Lib Dems warn of the Tory VAT Bombshell in their election ads?

Gordon Brown did not make it possible for the Lib Dems to form a coalition with Labour, and after 13 years,... at some time in the life cycle of every organisation, its ability to succeed in spite of itself runs out.

As you can see from the figures below, if each loser drops out and their second or third or fourth choice is recounted for the others, it would make no difference to the outcome, this is not PR it is PE... a "Pigs Ear", simply letting losers have more votes counted.

Last Election (Sedgefield)

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SHOCKING BEHAVIOUR

Dear Sir,

May I make a comment on the Mayor's "At Home" held at the Council Offices. My husband and I were delighted to be invited and found it to be very pleasant. The afternoon was well supported and I saw the Mayor making an effort to speak to everyone throughout the duration of the event.

I would like to know why some people attended when it is known they have such a low opinion of the Mayor and why the same ones ignored the Mayor yet took bags of cream cakes home! The people in question have been involved with the Town Council for many years and their behaviour shocked us and it is no wonder Councillors have such a bad reputation.

Anyone who knows Mrs Bowman will be aware of her tireless work for the community and making her Mayor is deserved recognition of her hard work. Dorothy Supporter, Name & address supplied

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Lib Dems Meet at Cubby

The next meeting of the Great Aycliffe area Lib Dems, will be held in The Cubby, at 7.30pm, on Tuesday 13th July 2010. Both existing and prospective members are cordially invited to attend, when they will be made most welcome.

This will be the final monthly meeting, before the Summer break. Topics for discussion will include, the May 2011 referendum on whether to adopt the Alternative Vote system; details of the Lib Dem fundraising concert at The Big Club; Shafto House decision; GATC Reports; Focus update; as well as organisations to be assisted by Lib Dems re donations/support.

Refreshments will be provided. Come along and join us TOGETHER we can make a real difference.

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Heighington Boy's Football Team

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The team is run by qualified coaches and training is held at Heighington School field on a Saturday morning from 9.30am, with games on a Sunday morning. Lots of social activities, outings and things to do, so why not come along, make friends and join in the fun?

CONTACT INFORMATION

U10s - Jim Barr 07899 862 079

U11s - Selwyn Morgans 07774 624341

www.clubwebsite.co.uk/heighingtonafcboys/121273

FOOTBALL CLUB WITH GOOD ATTITUDE

Heighington Boys Club, has FA Chartered Status with sound coaching and organisational structures in place. The club has a welfare officer who ensures all coaching staff are CRB checked. The Club has been running for a number of years, and progressed through 2 seasons with the TJFA. It has been especially pleasing to see 3 players reach Darlington's Elite Academy and one former player receiving interest from Middlesbrough FC. The club tries to be a big family and to promote this we have planned social events throughout the season. Players have been mascots for Darlington FC, guest's of Middlesbrough FC, enjoyed Christmas parties etc. We have a very friendly group of players and they make all feel welcome, every child has there contribution celebrated regularly and certificates and medals are a regular feature of rewarding players and its not always down to skill, but attitude and application, humour and good manners also have an equal role to play. All players are encouraged to be the best they can and play the game as good sportsmen/women. Arguing back to refs or cheating are not accepted in our team and this is encouraged by coaches, helpers and parents, a fun and respectful atmosphere is the aim for our players. Winning is nice but not at any costs and the benefits of exercise, friendship and enjoyment has to be of equal importance.

The team has now reached a turning point as the under 11's need more players and some of our younger players are unable to play next season. This has led us to develop a further under 10's side who will play 7 a-side in the TJFA and continuation of our under 11,s who move up to 11 aside , both sides will play there games at Heighington School where they train on Saturday 9.30 till 11am.

The team ceases training on the 17th July for a summer break and resumes Saturday 21st August. So If you want your child to join a local team that develops football skills, enjoyment and time on social development then come to Heighington Boys Football Club. Players would need to be eligible to play in either the under 10's or the under 11's for next season, all abilities are welcome.

Help for Two New Town Businesses

Dave Mason a Newtonian who recently worked in the Semi Conductors industry and was worried about redundancy, decided to get ahead and start making plans for the future. After a lot of personal investment Dave contacted 'Be Enterprising' and was supported with funding to get Sureway Driver Training running.Dave said "I couldn't start without the support I got and continues to get from his Business Coach Sharmani"

Pictured with Dave is Sharmani who is also helping Dave to use Facebook as a marketing tool. Check out Dave's website www.sureway-driver-training.co.uk Dave is willing to talk to anyone who is interested in starting their own business and most importantly is looking for potential new clients who want to learn to drive.

Another great success from Be Enterprising is Debe McDonald from Newton Aycliffe. 5 months ago Debe started to think seriously about setting up her own accountancy business.

Debe is a single mum and wanted to spend more time with her daughter who is now three before she starts school. Being self employed means Debe can work on a night and have the flexibility she needs. She worked with her coach Chris Secker and feels that his support was great.

Debe says "I love working for myself and helping people save on Tax!" You can contact Debe via email dedemcdonald@sky.com

For more information please call Dawn Huntrod on 310730.

PUTTING RESIDENTS FIRST

Durham County Council has outlined its commitment to providing the best possible service to customers.

The authority's new Customer First Strategy states how the council intends to improve and build upon existing services in order to make them as modern, efficient and effective as possible.

The document, which was discussed by the council's Cabinet on Tuesday, 29 June, looks at a wide range of issues that affect residents' experience when contacting the council.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships, said: "We want to put the customer first – at the heart of everything we do.

"However, customer expectations about how they can access services are changing and there is an increasing demand for faster, easier contact at a time and a place that is convenient to them.

"This document reflects our commitment to ensuring we continue to review, update and build on our existing services in order to meet these changing demands and keep the customer at the forefront of our work."

The strategy identifies the following five themes, which will form the basis of work to build on existing services

• Customer insight – understanding and identifying customers and consulting with them in a meaningful way will ensure services meet the needs of residents.

• Organisational culture – the concept of 'putting the customer first' must be at the heart of all work carried out by the council.

• Information and access – all members of the public should have equal access to services and as many enquiries as possible should be dealt with in a single contact.

• Delivery – every effort must be made to 'get it right first time' and customers should be kept informed as to how a matter is dealt with. Comments and suggestions should be encouraged, with the authority responding to feedback and monitoring complaints.

• Quality of service – customers should be informed of target response times for all services and success in meeting these targets must be monitored.

A delivery plans has been developed to accompany the strategy and, in the near future, a customer charter and set of service standards will also be launched, with the aim of ensuring consistency of service for customers.

"Pinafore" As Good as D'Oyly Carte!

Dear Sir,

Last Saturday a group of family and friends were privileged to attend the Aycliffe Musical Theatre presentation of "HMS Pinafore" at Greenfield Arts Centre - and what a performance they gave!

We enjoyed a couple of hours of pure quality live entertainment that was second to none. This talented and dedicated local group were every bit as entertaining as the professional D'Oyly Carte Company whom I have seen on several occasions.

Their entire production was simply marvellous from every aspect: performers, musicians, costumes, scenery, backstage and front of house, even free refreshments during the interval and all for the tiny cost of £7 per ticket.

This was live theatre at its very best on our own doorstep and I will be joining my family and friends for the next production on 30/31st October an Old Tyme Music Hall. Take my advice, buy yourself a ticket and enjoy some live entertainment - you will not be disappointed.

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Margaret Carnaffin.

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On Tuesday 22nd June Kasia, a chef came into St. Joseph's RCVA Primary School to teach the children a bit about healthy eating and to let them try out their cooking skills.

Her recipes were based around using more fruit and vegetables and many of the children got to help make, salad and dressing, burgers, smoothies and a vegetable tagine.

Kasia had the children enthralled for most of the day and incorporated story telling and getting the children to do some exercises into her busy cooking schedule. The children helped and joined in when asked and everyone wanted to be a volunteer when it came to eating!

Everyone learned that it is good to try something new everyday and that your taste buds change as you get older so you like different foods. We were amazed to learn that just one teaspoon of tomato puree can count as one of your portions of fruit and veg a day.

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Customer Panel Meeting

The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on:

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The next meeting of the Customer Panel will be held on Thursday, 22nd July 2010 commencing at 6.00 p.m. The Panel meet in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

Mr. D. Thompson (Town Council - Works Manager) will be in attendance to give information and answer any questions on grounds maintenance and related items.

Further information can be obtained from Christine Walton on 01325 300700 e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Celebrating World Cup

On Friday 18th June, St. Joseph's school celebrated the start of the World Cup with their own tournament. Year 6 ran an event which tested all the children on their fitness and football skills. Everyone came dressed in football kits and sports gear and raised over £50 for school funds.

Children from each class were given a team to represent and everyone scored points for their teams. Year 6 got the children to run, jump, throw, catch and dribble with the ball. Everyone had a go at penalties and the older children did headers and keep – ups.

At the end of the day Year 6 added up the points for each team using a spread sheet and we had an assembly to present certificates and prizes.

The results were Holland 3rd place, England 2nd place and this year's winners were Brazil.

AYCLIFFE SWOOP FOR STRIKER

Newton Aycliffe have signed prolific Northern League striker Warren Byrne from Shildon for the 2010-11 season. The 27-year-old forward has signed for his hometown team after a number of years in the Northern League first division and the Unibond League with Bishop Auckland and Gateshead.

Byrne, a former Byerley Park and Greenfield student, brings a scoring reputation with him to Moore Lane Park after helping the club win promotion to the Northern League a year ago.

While registered for Shildon in the first division, the former Boro youth team player scored eight goals in Aycliffe's final five games of the 2008-09 season to help them clinch the Wearside League title.

"It's a great signing for us," said boss Allan Oliver, pictured with Byrne. "We've had a good three to four years on the field and we're making steady progress as a developing football club.

"The simple aim next season is to improve on our ninth-placed finish last year and we'd be over the moon if we could achieve that."

Byrne said: "I've always wanted to see my hometown team do well and, being an Aycliffe lad, it's great to be signing for them. I'm looking forward to the new season. I want to do well and hopefully it'll be a good season for us."

Byrne is hoping to be fit for Aycliffe's second pre-season friendly at home to Bishop Auckland this Saturday (July 10). Kick-off is 3pm at Moore Lane Park, and admission is £4 adults and £2 concessions.

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Coast to Coast Completed

Newtonian Martin Haigh, Johnny and Gareth Wright recently completed a Coast to Coast bike ride from Whitehaven to Roker. Although Johnny had completed the ride before this was a completely new experience for the other two.

The ride took 2½ days and included the climb over Hartside Summitt at 1903ft. Martin raised £600 for Help for Heroes and would like to thank family and friends for sponsoring him with a special thank you to the landlady from the Huntsman Pub, Michaela gave great support. Thanks also to all who donated. Johnny and Martin will also be doing the Great North Bike Ride, Sunday 29 August covering 50 miles from Seahouses to Tynemouth.

COUNTY CRIME DOWN 11%

Crime in County Durham fell by 11 per cent during 2009/10 and was below the national and regional average.

The figures are included in a review of the Safe Durham Partnership's work to tackle crime and disorder during its first year.

The report, which was discussed by members of Durham County Council's Cabinet when they met on Tuesday, 29 June, also highlights the partnership's success in tackling specific issues.

The year saw an 18 per cent reduction in criminal damage, a 13 per cent drop in house burglaries and a 10 per cent fall in assaults with less serious injury.

In addition, during 2009/2010 the partnership also helped reduce serious acquisitive crime, including burglary, theft and theft from vehicles, by seven per cent.

Rachael Shimmin, Durham County Council's Corporate Director for Adults, Wellbeing and Health, said: "The Safe Durham Partnership brought together six former district-based partnerships following the formation of the unitary authority in April 2009.

"The key challenge in our first 12 months has been ensuring minimal disruption to services while also continuing to provide improved results.

"I am pleased to say that our overall performance during 2009/10 demonstrates that we have successfully risen to this challenge and are well placed to continue our work in the future."

The report also outlines key areas for improvement during the current year, including work to enhance the sharing and use of data, better joint working between partners and stronger communication.

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Most popular of all is the opportunity to meet new friends. Nine members have just returned from a very successful holiday in the Isle of Wight. The bus driver on their coach and the hotel manager at their hotel thanked them all for their wonderful sense of humour,livening up everyone's holidays and being a pleasure to meet.

Some of our ladies attended The Mayors 'At Home' and had a wonderful time. We are going on a Tyne Cruise and a trip to see the Tall Ships. Six of our members are going to Germany in September to visit a similar group and exchange views.

Starting next week we are visiting nursing homes in our area to entertain the residents with groups of 8/9 people. We are also going to have a Senior Meeting group once a month where people who do not want to join our group can come and have a cup of tea and discuss their problems regarding benefits etc. with professional people from Welfare Rights and Home Safety attending.

Today we had a raffle for the residents fund at Lindisfarne Nursing home and raised £29. Most of the people who have joined our club had never met each other and they all say how much the club has changed their lives. We welcome new members and further is available from Dorothy on 308094.

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Consumers can now access information online about the food safety performance of restaurants, cafes and takeaways across County Durham.

Durham County Council launched its 'scores on the doors' scheme this week which promotes food safety awareness.

From July 2, residents will be able to check the details of local food businesses on a national website. Research, based on information from other local authorities already operating the scheme, shows publishing this information also encourages local businesses to improve their hygiene standards.

Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection for Durham County Council, said, "We will eventually score over 4,000 food businesses in the area, and publish the results of the inspections on the national website.

"Five stars demonstrate excellent levels of compliance with food safety legislation, and no stars indicate that considerable improvements are still required of the business.

"It is reassuring to see that over 80 per cent of the businesses included in the scheme are achieving ratings of at least two stars, which represents basic compliance with food legislation."

Cabinet member for strategic environment, Cllr Bob Young, said: "Many councils across the UK have recognised the value of this scheme, and I am really pleased that we have signed up.

"Publishing the food safety performance of eating establishments and takeaways online is a great idea because it's an easy way for consumers to make decisions about where they choose to eat locally."

Businesses scoring three, four or five stars, following their most recent assessment, will be awarded with a certificate, and encouraged to display it at their premises.

One five star winner is the catering business at Durham's University Hospital North Durham. Operations Manager for Balfour Beatty Workplace, Terry Brymer said:" The ratings inspections help us progress with continuous improvements. We are delighted to receive our five star rating. It demonstrates we are providing a safe service for customers and patients and that's what we are here for."

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In reply Aycliffe's David Turgoose bowled well taking 4 for 34 from his 12 overs, but the visitors still reached their improbable target with 3 wickets and 12 balls in hand.

The club's second team had a tough 3 wicket win in their third divison match away at Belmont. The homeside were asked to bat first and found the young Aycliffe bowling attack in good form. 15 year olds Dan Weldon and Sam Telford bowled superby taking 3 for 23 and 2 for 13 respectively to help dismiss the home side for just 127.

In reply all rounder Sam Telford got Aycliffe's innings off to a flyer with an aggressive 42, but they were thankful to opener Adam Gittins who carried his bat for a gutsy unbeaten 53, which helped take his side to victory with just 2 overs in hand.

The under 15's home match with Tudhoe was abandoned at the start of the second innings because of heavy rain with Newton Aycliffe chasing 82 for victory. The under 11's were unluckily defeated away at Wolviston by just 9 runs. Both the under 18's and under 13's matches were cancelled due to bad weather.

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I would be interested what Newtonians think.

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In Memoriam

Paul Clark
DIED 8th JULY 2009
A year has passed without you and life is not the same. It's hard to hide the heartache when someone speaks your name. I think about you always, I talk about you too, I have a million memories, but I wish I still had you. There were plans to do together, but alas it's not to be, I just want to tell you, you meant the world to me.
Your loving Wife forever, Carole xxx

Paul Clark
DIED 8th JULY 2009
A year has passed, life still feels strange, you are not here when we call your name. Fond memories we share, like a place we once drank, as for the men we've become, there's a Dad we can thank. There's a day when we'll meet, when we hope you'll say aloud, I love you dear Son's . . .
You've made me so proud!
Love always, Adam and Matthew xxx

EDITH FROST 10-7-2004. My darling Ed, it's 6 years since you left me, but you are the first thing I think about each morning as I open my eyes. I'll always love you. Till we meet again. Your loving partner, Tom xxxxxxx

JEFF & PAUL CLARK Never more than a moment from our thoughts and forever in our hearts. Michael, Wendy and Sam

VERA ARMSTRONG Died 12th July 2005. In loving memory of a dear Wife and Mother. A special Nan to Michael and Susan, Great Nan to Holly and Sam. Forever in heart and mind, sadly missed by all. Ray, Carol, Family, Brother Jack and Friends

PATRICIA FISK (Pat), 24/3/36-07/07/00. Ten years have passed since you left us so soon. We never had time to say goodbye. You left us shattered and broken, how tears filled our eyes. Your laugh, your smile will never fade, like our love for you every day. Loved always, Tony, Susan, Michael, Bob, Debbie and family xxx

EDITH FROST 10th July 2004. Miss you and always in our thoughts! Lots of love, Leigh, Kelly and Harvey Sol xxx

FLO ATKINS 13th July 1988. Missing you Mam so much, you are always in my thoughts and forever in my heart. You and Dad together forever. Till we meet again, your loving Daughter, Karen. We love you and miss you Nana, from Danielle and John xxx

PETER WHARTON God bless Dad. Love, Vikki (Little Princess) xxx

PETER WHARTON Died 9th July 1983. Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten. I miss you, Mam xxx

WILLIAM BODDY (Bill) Died 11th July 1998. Happy memories always remembered with love. Jean and family

Congratulations

JEMMA POLLOCK Well done Jem on achieving a 1st Class Degree in Law from Warwick University. Love, Nan and Grandad
PAM SEAMAN Happy 60th Birthday Mam. Lots of love Amanda, Chris xx
PAM SEAMAN Happy 60th Nanna. Love Kennedy, Holly and Lilli xx
PAM SEAMAN Happy 60th Birthday Daughter, love you, Dad xx
PAM SEAMAN, Happy 60th Birthday Mam, hope you have a lovely day. All my love Tracey xx
PAM SEAMAN, Happy Birthday Nanna lots of love Luke and Gillisa xx
TO OUR BAR-BAR We love you lots. Hollie, Lucy and Ruby
DAD Happy birthday, have a good one, Steven, Elaine, Darren and Tierney
TO THE one I love - B
TO THE best brother in the world, hope you have a brilliant birthday. Lots of love from James and Gary
ROBYN MOLLOY Happy 18th birthday. Enjoy your party. Love from Nanas and Aunty Lynne
ROBYN MOLLOY Happy 18th birthday. Love, Uncle Peter, Aunty Yoli and Ricky xxx
ROBYN MOLLOY Happy 18th birthday. Have a great party Bobalicious. Love from Aunty Ally and Uncle Andrew xx
ROBYN MOLLOY Happy 18th birthday. Hope you have a great party. Love from Uncle Ian, Aunty Karen, Curt, Brad, Megan and Charlie xxxxxxx
JULIE PALMER Congratulations on your 1st years Anniversary. Lots of love, Craig xxx
MAM & CRAIG Happy anniversary, lots of love from your loving Daughter, Charley xxx
MAMMY & DADDY Congratulations to you both from Lexi xxx
PALMER Congratulations Craig and Julie on your first anniversary. Lots of love, Mam and Dad Palmer
PALMER Congratulations Craig and Julie on your first anniversary. From Mam, Dad, Gav and Lauren
CRAIG PALMER Happy 1st Wedding Anniversary on 11th July. Lots of love, Julie xxx
LAUREN PODMORE Happy 18th birthday for 11th July. Enjoy your holiday to Turkey. Lots of love from Mam, Dad, Joe, Grandads and Grans, your Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends xxxx
SIAN BOULTWOOD, Congratulations on your SATS results, well done for all your hard work. With all our love, Mum, Dad, Lucas, Harrison, Tilly, Livi, Grandma and Grandad xxx
JOHN TUMILTY Happy 30th birthday, enjoy your party. Lots of love from Hayley xxx
JOHN TUMILTY Happy 30th birthday, enjoy your day. Love, Nana Maggie, Sandra and John
JOHN TUMILTY Happy 30th birthday. Have a great day. Love, Trevor, Sue, Amy, Laura and Matthew
BECKY MINNES Happy 13th birthday. Lots of love, Gran and Grandad.
BECKY MINNES Best wishes on your 13th birthday. Lots of love, Nana and Trevor
CHARLOTTE HODGSON Congratulations on achieving a First Class Honours Degree in Law. Good luck at BPP Law School in September. Aunty Kath, Uncle Keith, Nathan and Callum

Jack Jose

Happy 1st Birthday
14th July 2009
Happy 1st birthday - can't believe you are 1 already! Lots of love, Mammy and Daddy
To my gorgeous Grandson on your first birthday. Love you loads. Nana

Becky Adams

Congratulations
on passing your Diploma in Animal Management with a triple distinction. All my love, Chris x
We are so proud of you. Love, Pam, Ken, Dan, Matt, Charly and Amber. Well done Becky. Love, Auntie Eva and Uncle Brian

Gemma Donnan

Happy 18th Birthday
7th July 2010
Hope you had a wonderful day! Lots of love Mam, Dad, Jake and Jodi.

GEMMA DOONAN 7-7-92 Happly 18th birthday. Legal at last! Love you loads Flower, have a lovely day, don't get too drunk. Love, Auntie Lorraine, Uncle Sean and the boys xxx
GEMMA DOONAN - Happy 18th Birthday Mummy, lots of love from Evie xxx
SOL CAMERON Happy 9th birthday to our special soldier. Love, Mam and Dad
SOL CAMERON Happy 9th birthday Bro. Love, Bekah and Jamie
SOL CAMERON Happy birthday. Love, Carrie, Cazzy and Ben
SOL CAMERON Happy birthday. Love, Angela and kids
JOANNE HUNT Happy 32nd birthday. Love from Mam and Keith xx
NEIL ROBINSON To a great Husband on his 50th birthday. Love, Linda xxx
NEIL ROBINSON Happy 50th birthday Dad. Lots of love, Shaun and Josh xx

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Zach Mavin

Happy 3rd Birthday
to our special little Boy on 9th July Lots of love and kisses from Mammy and Daddy xxx
Happy birthday to our darling Grandson Zach who is 3 on 9th July. You fill our lives with love and laughter. All our love to a special little boy. Nanny and Grandad Chape xxx
Happy birthday to a special little Boy, Zach, on his 3rd birthday. Lots of love and kisses from Aunty Sharon xxx
Happy 3rd birthday to my darling Great Grandson Zach. Lots of love from Nanny Iceton xxx
Happy 3rd birthday to my Godson Zach. A special little boy. Lots of love from Uncle Stephen xxx
Happy 3rd birthday Zach, 9th July. Lots of love from Aunty Margaret and Uncle Norman xxx

Romie Beanna Cowens

WELL DONE
to our little Street Dancer, only 5 years old and danced with the big girls and boys, qualifying for Blackpool to represent the North East in Solo 6 to 8 years and Under 9 Pairs with Amy Dolan. Also gaining 2nd place in Under 9 Street Team. You make us so proud Babe. Love you millions, Mammy and Daddy x
WELL DONE
to everyone at Lee Green Dance Centre and a big thank you to Caroline Race for all your hard work, you are an amazing dance teacher. Love, Joann, Wayne & Romie Beanna x
Congratulations on qualifying for Blackpool in your Street, you were amazing darling, you made us very proud. Also well done to all that took part at Lee Green. Nana Vera and Grandad Trevor xx
Congratulations on qualifying Babes, you danced amazingly and I am very proud of my gorgeous Niece. Love you loads, Auntie Chez and Dolci xxx

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Rob Howarth

IT'S THE BIG 40!!! - Monday 12th July 2010
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Happy Birthday Dad, 40 on Monday
Happy birthday with loads of love from Gemma and Jack
Happy 40th Birthday Rob
From all the Press Gang !!

Niall Irwin

HAPPY 4th BIRTHDAY
to our gorgeous big boy Niall on 12th July. Enjoy your party and meeting Buzz Lightyear on your holiday. All our love, Mammy, Daddy, Gran, Grandads and Nana xxxxxxx

Sophie Marie Bush

Happy Birthday
Lots and lots of love from Dad xxxxx
Happy birthday from Nana and Granda xx
Happy birthday Princess. Love from Mam and Gary xxx
Happy birthday. Love from Nan and Granda xxx

Obituary

BRODIE on July 3rd, peacefully at home, Jim, aged 80 years. Formerly of Hexham, Northumberland. Much loved Husband of Sheila, loving Father to Mirrana and Marvyn, devoted Grandma of Marc, Sarah and Grace and Gramps to Ethan and Lucas. Funeral private

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Denise Curtis-Haigh
(nee Wheadon)

Happy 40th Birthday
15th July 2010
Hope you are having a great year. Lots of love, Mam and Dad xxx

Denise Curtis-Haigh

Happy 40th Birthday
Have a great weekend. Lots of love from Andrew and James xxxx

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Rob and Brenda Hutchison

Ruby Wedding Anniversary
11.7.10
Congratulations to a very special Mam and Dad. 40 years as man and wife, you have proved love lasts for life. Lots of love Michelle and Chris xx
To Mam and Dad, 40 years of marital bliss and never a cross word. Have a great day. All our love Lee and Shellie xx
Congratulations Nan and Grandad big hugs and kisses from Jack and Joe, Morgan and Callum xxxx

Dolci Llerenna Cowens

Happy 7th Birthday
12th July
Hope you have a lovely day, you have grown up so quick. Don't know where the time has gone. Hoep you enjoy your party darling. Love you millions. Love, Mammy xxx
Happy 7th birthday sweetheart, you make us so proud, you are thriving with everything you do at school and dancing. You are just a perfect little girl in every way. Love you millions, Nana Vera and Granda Trevor xxx
Happy 7th birthday on 12-7-10 to my Dancing Queen and good luck on Sunday at your first competition back after being on a ban. Rock that floor babie. Love you lots, Auntie Julie and Andrew xxx
Happy 7th birthday to my best Cuz. Love you lots, Romie - Enjoy your party xx
Happy 7th birthday darling. My little Great Granddaughter, have a lovely day. Nana Edith xxx
Happy 7th birthday little Dolly Dancer, we love you all the world, enjoy your party. Love, Sam, Rachel and Jake xx
Happy 7th birthday to my precious little Niece who we love very much. Hope you enjoy your party. Love, Auntie Brenda and Wayne xx
Happy 7th birthday Baba, you are special to us, hope you have a great birthday party and good luck for Sunday. Dance your socks off babe. Love, Auntie Joanne, Uncle Wayne and Romie Beanna Cowens

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Beckie Minnes

Teenager at Last
Happy Birthday
Love you loads, Mam, Dad, Heidi and Tigger

Mark & Jackie Watson

Silver Wedding Anniversary
13th July 2010
To my wonderful Husband Mark, looking forward to the next 25!
All my love, Jackie xxx

Robyn Molloy

Happy 18th Birthday
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Labour Group Vote to Close Shafto House

Dear Sir,
Although it may not come as a shock or surprise to all your very concerned readers who were fighting desperately to keep Shafto House open, Durham, Labour County Councillors held a group meeting to discuss the closure of Shafto House and other care homes. At this meeting, which, 43 County Councillors attended, a vote was taken on the proposed closures. The outcome was 33 voted for closures, including councillors from Newton Aycliffe Mike Dixon, Enid Paylor, Joan Gray and Dorothy Bowman. 10 voted not to close the homes, including John Moran from Newton Aycliffe. There was 1 abstention from Sarah Iveson. The Cabinet will make the final decision later this month.

There will be a meeting at County Hall which includes the rest of the Council members, Liberal Democrat, Independent, and Conservative members, however logic and past experience leads us to believe there will be a Labour whip on all of its members at this meeting.
The feelings we have of this disgraceful Labour dominated Council are probably no greater than those of the residents of Shafto House and their families and our thoughts and support are with them.
We are also concerned that the human rights of the residents have not been taken into consideration when setting down the path of closing Shafto House.
Kenneth Stubbs (Secretary – Great Aycliffe Independents)

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England may be out of the World Cup but football fans could still be celebrating victory this month.
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To be entered into the draw, lenders simply need to borrow one book from the HealthZone section of their local library.
HealthZones are located within libraries across the county, offering books and information on subjects ranging from diet and fitness to specialist medical conditions.
Visitors can also find out more about physical exercise, food and nutrition, diet and issues such as alcohol awareness and giving up smoking.
The competition closes on Sunday, 11 July. Winners will be notified as soon as possible.

GREENFIELD ARTS CENTRE CELEBRATE 10th YEAR

Greenfield Community and Arts Centre celebrate their 10 year anniversary in 2010. We have celebrated in style with the high profile Norman Cornish Exhibition, 10 year birthday holiday activities and lots more! Former Head Teacher Mike Thornton and the Mayor Dorothy Bowman with her Consort were among the guests invited to a Reception last week.
Over the past ten years we have had over 20 live professional performances, managed over 300 projects, we've curated over 120 exhibitions and offered over 200 free holiday workshops. We are looking forward to all the exciting projects that are coming up in the future.
Keep your eyes peeled for our Summer Holiday Programme, the interactive Check It Out performance this summer and more! For more information contact the arts centre on 01325 379 048 or email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk

AYCLIFFE SINGING CONTEST

Following the success of last year's 'A' Factor singing competition, the contest will be held again this year, with a first prize of £250 to be awarded to the winner.
Organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council, the competition will take place at Great Aycliffe Show on 28 and 29 August 2010 and will be judged, in the Playhouse Marquee, by a panel of official judges.
This free competition is open to soloists or groups of singers of any age group and from anywhere in the region. If a backing CD is required, we may be able to provide this if notified in advance. Entrants under the age of 18 must have the consent of a parent or guardian before applying and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the Show.
Application forms are available from all schools in Newton Aycliffe, the Oakleaf Sports Complex, from Great Aycliffe Town Council on 01325 300700 or download a form from www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk The closing date for applications is 23 August 2010.

18 Finals & 9 Medals for Town Swimmers

Three swimmers from Sedgefield 75 Swimming Club recently returned from the North Eastern Regional Swimming Championships in Sheffield. The club were celebrating after the swimmers made a total of 18 finals between them and came away with 9 medals.
The three swimmers had been training hard for the competition and all their hard work paid off.
Matthew Bradley (12) came away with 2 gold medals in the 100m breaststroke and 200m backstroke, two silver medals in the 200m breaststroke and 100m backstroke and a bronze medal in the 200m Individual Medley.
Sam Dixon (12) won four medals at the championships, gold in the 100m butterfly and bronze in the 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 400m Individual Medley.
Hannah Featherstone (11) made five finals and narrowly missed out on a medal in the 100m freestyle where she finished in fourth place.
Matthew is now preparing for the British National Age Group Championships which will be held at the end of July. Philip Hodgson is representing the club at the National Youth Championships and Caroline Saxby will be swimming at the Open Age Group championships which will be held at Sunderland in August.

Run & Raffle for Charity

Nathan Abbot General Manager of the DL5 Pub in the town centre is once again on the Great North Run to raise cash for charity which this year is Help for Heroes. He is also organising a raffle for a 32" LCD TV. The draw is on 1st August at 6pm. Tickets cost £1.00 each and all money raised will go to the charity. Last year Nathan raised £513 for Barnado's and he hopes to break that record this year. He thanks everyone for their support.

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