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A major sporting event in the North East is being staged in Newton Aycliffe next Sunday 15th November.

The First Annual North East Open Karate Championship is to be held all day in the Leisure Centre from 9.30 am. This mammoth event is the brainchild of Newtonian Alistair Walker of Biscop Crescent whose 11 year old son, Timothy, is a Karate Champion.

Ali enters his son in competitions all over the country and saw there was no Northern Championships, so he decided to inaugurate the first and got the support of Newton Aycliffe and Kobukan Clubs to run it in aid of "Help the Aged". He has worked tirelessly to promote the event and it has paid off with over 500 competitors from all over Gt. Britain coming to Newton Aycliffe to compete.

A normal championship event would attract about 400, but Ali has been inundated with entries and believes this will be one of the biggest in the country.

Getting the first one underway has been time consuming, and particularly difficult in attracting sponsors, but the following businesses have ensured its success and Alistair wishes to express his appreciation to each: Darlington Scooter Club, John Birmingham Windows, Cash & Carry Glass, Linear Ltd. Newton Press, Cumby Arms, Woodside Pneumatics, Perstorp, Boddy Thomas & Paccitto, 3M's, Teesside Valve & Fitting, Tyne Tees Packaging, Bonar Yarns, B & M Plastic Supplies, Martial Arts Partnership, Magnet, Gregg Little Testing, Great Lakes, Linden Group, Black & Decker.

Spectators are welcome at the event, admission £3 for Adults and £1.50 for Children and Senior Citizens. Bar and refreshments available.

Discussion on Latest Developments at Horndale House

A Public Meeting has been called to discuss the latest development on the future use of Horndale House.

This follows the announcement last week by the Trustees of the Alpha Project that they intend to use the premises primarily to accommodate under 18 year old youngsters from Newton Aycliffe and district, who become homeless. This age group falls outside the Housing Authority responsibility and Horndale House will provide a safe and caring environment in emergencies, so that professional agencies can be brought in to deal with individual situations as they occur.

It would be a valuable facility within Newton Aycliffe for youngsters, some as young as 14, who suddenly find they have no shelter for the night.

The Meeting will be attended by the Trustees who will give details of their future plans which have been largely influenced by the public concern over the type of person to be accommodated.

Whilst the national objectives of the "Alpha Project" allow for a wider use of these type of hostels, the Trustees of Horndale House recognise their premises need to be restricted to satisfy the fears of the local community.

Although it is true to say they have always stated they would never accommodate anyone who would be a risk.

Syd Howarth, Editor of "Newton News" who has taken the role of arbitrator in the confrontation, and who has helped the Trustees in their decision, will attend the meeting to explain the need for a hostel for homeless youngsters.

He is hoping to get the agreement and co-operation of the residents of Horndale for the new aims of the Trustees, Counc. Tony Moore has called the meeting for Tuesday 10th November at 6pm in Greenfield School. Everyone is welcome, including those who have a particular interest in helping homeless youngsters in our town.

Tony Blair Visits Town Under Strict Security

Today, Friday 6th November, Prime Minister Blair, our M.P., visited the town on two official engagements.

The visit was kept quiet, for security reasons, and only those involved knew he was coming.

He first officiated at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony at the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall.

This £2.5 million Centre is being built by Sedgefield Borough Council and when completed, in the Spring, will help many thousands of local people with disabilities with a wide range of services.

After this short 25 minute visit he moved

on quickly to officially open the £30 million extension at Tallents on the Industrial Estate.

We admit to still being baffled by the need for such strict security when the Prime Minister visits his own constituency.

He must know he is disappointing a lot of Newtonians, who would want to see and greet the man they elected to represent them in Parliament. Could he not ask for special arrangements for these home visits?

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SUE LOST 3 STONES IN 3 MONTHS!

For most slimmers the challenge of working in a Macdonalds restaurant and losing weight would seem an impossible task, but for Sue Curran of Newton Aycliffe her dream of being slim did become possible.

Sue, a 46 year old mother of three, actually lost an amazing 3 stones in only 3 1/2 months at her local slim fit class in Aycliffe and has gone down 4 dress sizes from a size 18 to a size 10/12. The turning point for sue was when she saw a video of herself on holiday last year in Turkey wearing a pink bikini, the family poked fun at her and she laughed it off at the time but Sue felt totally disgusted at what she saw and decided something needed to be done as it was making her feel so depressed.

Sue had always been sceptical of slimming clubs and what they had to offer but knew she couldn't do it on her own. She joined Slimfit in May of this year and, on meeting the consultants, started to feel that she could do it, the help and support was there for her and that nobody was going to judge her if she needed any extra help. The Slimfit classes were

particularly beneficial in helping Sue learn and understand what she needs to do to enable her to be 'SlimFor Life'. Sue says that she has learned so much from the classes but the one thing that has particularly helped her is when she learned how to listen to her body.

Eating healthily has now become a way of life for Sue and she still includes the odd MacDonaldis treat and Gin and Bitter lemon! Without having to feel guilty as she knows she is in full control. With her new found confidence Sue is now looking forward to her daughters wedding in December and has already treated herself to a new slim-fitting outfit, she looks and feels like a different person, as you can see from the photographs.

She is proud to be able to wear trousers as part of her uniform at work and to feel slim and comfortable in them. She can now squeeze between the tables in Macdonaldis - instead of walking around them - and says it is a lovely feeling. For details of classes tel: Slimfit 01325 260060 or 0780 1494181



Race Night at Navy Club

The Local Youth Football Club have organised a 'Race Night' to be held on Wednesday 11th November at the Navy Club.

The Paddock will be open from 7.30pm with the 1st Race at 8pm - and the highlight will be the Auction Race when the winning owner will receive 2 VIP tickets for the Middlesbrough v Liverpool game on Boxing Day, courtesy of the club sponsor Tyne Tees Leyland DAF.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



REMEMBRANCE DAY Sunday 8th November 1998

Remembrance Day parade will assemble in the Barnard Armoury Yard at approximately 10.35am and proceed via Greenwell Road and Central Avenue to St Clares Church.

The Parade will halt outside the Church and the Last Post and Reveille will be sounded. Followed by the silence at 11.00am.

The wreaths will be laid followed by a short service in St Clares Church.

At the conclusion of the service the Parade will reassemble outside the Church and proceed down Stephenson Way for the Salute. The Parade will be dismissed in the Barnard Armoury Yard.

Fitness Suite Opens

Now is a good time to sign up at the Lifestyle Fitness Suite, Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. People joining between now and the end of December have the chance to win an annual membership worth over two hundred and eighty pounds. Saturday, 7th November will see the opening of the Fitness Suite, a £250,000 investment and the third partnership between Sedgfield Borough Leisure Services and private sector partner, Competition Line.

Rowers, Joggers, Steppers, Bikes and resistance machines equip the 70 piece suite which has full air conditioning and cardio theatre satellite TV. The suite is believed to be one of the largest in the outside London and people using the facilities may want to make use of adjacent sauna, which is being refurbished. The Lifestyle Fitness Suite in Newton Aycliffe is the first in Sedgfield Borough and follows the successful completion of similar facilities at Spennymoor and Shildon. A fourth fitness suite is being built at Ferry Leisure Centre and is due for completion in early 1999. For further information please contact Phil Ball, Sedgfield Borough Council on 01388 816166.

GREAT AYCLIFFE



TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY Sunday 8th November 1998

Notice is given that the car parks opposite the Royal British Legion and near Isherwood Close will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12 noon in connection with the above Parade and Service.

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In addition, we would like to thank you for the advertisement, Dave Carr, for a splendid show, Flymo, Boyes, Black and Decker, Brian Venebles, Hackett & Baines, Swallow Hotels and all of those kind Newtonians who donated prizes on the night.

Finally we would like to thank Steve Ibinson and the Royal British Legion who at one of their busiest times found time to support our worthy cause by hosting the cabaret.

We are most grateful for such a warm-hearted response. With best wishes
Brian Wilson

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NEWTON NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON LOCAL HEALTH GROUP

County Durham Health Authority is looking for community minded citizens to represent the public on six new Primary Care Groups to be established across County Durham and Darlington.

The Government has decided to establish Primary Care Groups to improve the health of local communities. In County Durham and Darlington there will be six PCGs covering the Dales (Dar Valley and Teesdale), Darlington, Derwentside, Durham (Chester-le-Street, Easington and Sedgefield).

Each PCG will have a governing board and County Durham Health Authority is responsible for appointing a lay member to join GPs, community Nurses, Social Service representatives and others to the Board. Each board potentially responsible for a budget of about £50 million a year.

Andrew Young, Director of Primary Care at County Durham Health Authority said "Each Primary Care Group board needs an enthusiastic member of the public whose prime responsibility will be to represent the interests of his/her community. These individuals will be involved in the decision making process and will help to shape plans for the health of people in their community".

Mr. Young continued: "We need six people from these different areas of County Durham and Darlington who will feel confident representing the views of their local communities, comfortable in contributing to a public Board meeting and who are committed to the NHS and its values of accountability and openness".

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE

Applications are welcome from any member of the public - except NHS staff - to join a local Primary Care Group. Applicants will need to be available at Primary Care Group meetings during the day and in the evening.

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Anyone interested in this opportunity to represent his/her local community should apply for an application pack to the Human Resources Department, County Durham Health Authority, Appleton House, Lanchester Road, Durham, DH1 5XZ. Telephone 0191 333 3327. All application must be received by 20 November 1998.

COMMENTS ON THE NEWS

Dear Sir,
I have just received this week's edition of the Newton News and have, for the first time ever, been prompted to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper but then, I have never read so much ill-informed opinions in so few pages.

There are no fewer than three subjects in your paper which I would like to comment upon.

1) The subject of Horndale House seems no nearer resolution now than when it first came to the public's attention. Whilst applauding the efforts of Mr. Sid Lowarth to resolve the local anxiety as to the use of the premises, NOTHING in the reply from the trustees does anything to allay those fears.

All that the residents in the Horndale, and now other areas of our town, ask of the trustees is a categorical assurance, in writing, that no intended residents will be either active or ex-drug addicts, alcoholics or criminals. Their cleverly worded reply to your reasonable request ignores these points and even allows them to include these classes of resident without contravening their assurances to you.

The student writing on this subject implies that this is just a NIMBY response by those living in the Horndale area. Surely the NIMBY attitude is that of the Horndale House trustees who are associated with the Woodham area. We do not want the present proposals to be transferred to Woodham or any other part of Newton Aycliffe.

2) Tony Blair and the Town Centre. Will Mr. Green and your other correspondents please note that the Town Centre is privately owned,

this being more the result of the previous governments policies than anything else. Neither our Town Council nor the Prime Minister can do much to improve the facilities on offer which I do agree are far below those expected in a town of this size. However, if you want to complain, continue to express opinions in the Newton News, but direct your complaints to the correct quarter - the owners of the Town Centre.

3) Halloween. I do not want to raise the religious objections to Halloween, valid though they are, but to point out to 'Barbara' that the current practices of Halloween are not one of our old traditions but are imported from the U.S.A. where children have been injured by adults placing objects such as nails in the sweets "traditionally" given to the "trick or treat" visitors. There are sufficient dangers facing our children today without encouraging them to go round the streets, knocking on strangers doors, and begging. If Carol Singing is to be used to raise money for charity let it be properly organised by the churches so that we shall at least hear something of the Christmas message and not just a quick line from "We wish you a Merry Christmas".

4) Your photograph of the S.B.C. van illegally parked on Burn Lane also asks the question, "Where were the claspers or traffic warden on Saturday morning when so many vehicles were parked on the pavement at Neville Parade that it was almost impossible to drive down the road and visibility was definitely impaired?"

Yours sincerely

G M Dutch

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GIRLS FROM CHERNOBYL STAY AT LOCAL HOTEL



Natasha (12) and Katya (14) Moiseyeva from Chernobyl were given a warm welcome to Co. Durham and to the Eden Arms Swallow Hotel in Rushyford by new General Manager, James Wilson with gifts of teddy bears and chocolates.

The hotel provided free accommodation for the sisters and Henry and Anne Leigh during a visit to the North East over half term.

Henry and Anne Leigh are looking after Natasha and Katya during their stay in Britain. The North East is Henry's home region and he took the opportunity to introduce the two girls to many of the sites in the area including Beamish Museum, the Angel of the North. Typically for teenagers, their favourite place was the MetroCentre.

The two girls have been brought to Britain for six months by the Chernobyl Children Life Line which aims to offer respite care for children suffering from the after effects of the Chernobyl disaster. It is said that a month spent in Britain eating uncontaminated food and breathing clean air extends their life expectancy by two years. The sisters come from Belarus where the fallout from the Chernobyl reactor contaminated 90 per cent of the land for the next 1000 years. Seen here (from L to R) are Natasha, James Wilson and Katya.

Peterlee Town Centre to Get £24million Facelift

We looked enviously this week at the news that our sister town Peterlee is to have their Town Centre revamped creating 500 new jobs to service big shops and recreational facilities.

Like Newton Aycliffe they have private landlords who are to spend £24 million in improvements including an 85,000sq ft Asda, Bus Station, Open Market, McDonalds, Leisure Centre, 6 Screen Cinema, Bars and Restaurants.

If our landlords had the same vision they could buy the ex Avenue site and create a covered, modern showpiece Town Centre for Newton Aycliffe

All we need is a big injection of capital and an all out effort to compete with Darlington.

For too long they have grown fat from the support of Newtonians forced to travel out of town for larger choice.

And wouldn't it be nice if we started to attract people to visit our Town Centre?

PUBLIC NOTICE REMEMBRANCE DAY SILENCE

The Royal British Legion extends a cordial invitation to all parishioners to attend a Service of Two Minutes Silence which will be held on Wednesday 11th November, 1998 at 11.00am in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre.

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J.D. Farquhar
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RUGBY NEWS

Newton Aycliffe - 17
Darlington 3rds - 27

Robbed of several key players Newton Aycliffe took to the field knowing that they would be up against a strong Darlington side who are unbeaten so far this season. They would almost certainly be out to avenge the heavy defeat inflicted by Aycliffe on Darlington 4th team several weeks ago.

However they weren't to have it all their own way with R Gilyeat and M Nolan totally dominating the line-out and coach M Hill and captain B Malvern punching huge holes in the visitors defence. Aycliffe showed they weren't to be taken lightly.

Two unanswered Darlington tries in the first half were soon pulled back as the Aycliffe forwards drove up the pitch to their 22. The resulting try was a scintillating 25 yard run by captain B Malvern, which left the Darlington defence mesmerised by his pace, touched down under the posts. He converted for the extra 2 points.

The second try came late into the second half with the ball being transferred through the quick hands of all the Aycliffe back division with G Parsonage looping and touching down in the far left corner. The attempted conversion just shaved the upright.

After the break the backs were again in action with P McCormack being held up over the line, from the resulting ruck R Gilyeat broke clear through some weak tackling to dive over the line.

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AYCLIFFE NEEDS A HOSTEL FOR HOMELESS

Dear Editor,
It was a great shame when those responsible for the closing down of Horndale House got their own way, as usual - despite 95% plus of the local public objections to this move. The ex-residents from Aycliffe Hospital were very happy living there. Now I am so pleased that a Christian Trust such as the Alpha Project has

decided to put Horndale House to such a worthy cause by housing and looking after the welfare of young homeless and sometimes deprived young people. It's just what Newton Aycliffe requires, a needy service like this. I wish them, like others, every success in their fine endeavours.
J. Lawler

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John Upex graciously agreed to supply the required tools at cost price, and also to include several other items within the allocated spending. The Staff, Governors and Pupils would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to John Upex and to Mr. Barry Harland, General Manager of Lacegold/Upex, for co-operation and presenting the tools to Mrs. Perry, Acting Headteacher and Ralph Harbron, Caretaker on Tuesday 3rd November in the school hall.

HOSPICE APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN

St. Teresa's Hospice has announced the appointment of local business leader Alasdair MacConachie as their new chairman.

He takes over from Dr. Roger James who previously occupied the position for four years.

Mr. MacConachie becomes chairman after serving for over ten years as a Trustee of the Hospice. He is Managing Director of Sherwoods of Darlington, a company he has led since 1981.

Mr. MacConachie, who lives in Darlington, is a prominent businessman in the region.

Having worked previously for Ford Motor Credit Co. Ltd. and Lloyds Bank Plc., he is currently the Deputy Lieutenant for County Durham and a Director of the Durham and Darlington TEC.

The appointment comes after a series of announcements that have seen the Hospice move to a new location on Woodland Road which will provide improved facilities for the care of terminally ill patients. Mr. MacConachie said, "I am very much looking forward to my term as Chairman. The hospice provides an invaluable service and I intend to see the strength and diversity of its services continue to improve." He added, "Myself and the staff at St. Teresa's are looking forward to attaining even higher standards in care for the terminally ill. The recent move to Woodland Road will go some way to doing this."

FLOWER DEMOS

Shildon and District Flower Club are holding a Christmas Open Evening "Just Christmas" - a flower arranging demonstration by Janet James, National Demonstrator from Solihull - at Shildon Civic Hall on Monday 7th December 1998 at 7.30pm. (Doors open at 6.30pm). Admission is £5 and all are welcome. Licensed bar available and access for people with a disability. For tickets contact 01325 315103

The Ladies Section of Woodham Golf and Country Club are presenting a demonstration of festive floral arrangements - The Night Before Christmas by Mildred Stafford, at the club on Monday Nov. 23 at 7.30pm in aid of funds. Tickets at £3 can be obtained from members of the Ladies Section or by telephoning 01325 314079.

NATURE PARK GROUP INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The Aycliffe Nature Park Association is a voluntary / charitable organisation which was formed by the Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club to manage the Aycliffe Nature Park. It's members are actively involved in keeping the site clean, surveying the wildlife, and introducing the public to various aspects of Natural History in and around Newton Aycliffe. We are available to talk to individuals or groups on various topics related to the Aycliffe Nature Park. The Aycliffe Nature Park itself is the Town's first nature reserve, and is situated adjacent to the A167 at the eastern end of the old railway line (Nature Walk) which divides the Town from the Industrial Park. It is about 10 acres in extent and shows a remarkable diversity in flora for its size.

NEWTON AYCLIFFE YOUNG ORNITHOLOGISTS CLUB
The Newton Aycliffe Y.O.C. are a rapidly expanding self-financing group of youngsters who are part of the junior section of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (R.S.P.B.), who's main aim is to promote an interest and understanding of birds and their natural surroundings, to protect and conserve wildlife in general, and to have fun in the process.

Membership is currently at about 50, with 12 youth leaders who help with the running of the club. For more information on the above contact: Dave Curran - Secretary, Aycliffe Nature Park Association 01325 312491; Alan Warburton - Chair, Aycliffe Nature Park Association & Y.O.C. 01325 315182; Tom Spowart - Treasurer, Aycliffe Nature Park Association 01325 318984; Les Carr, Y.O.C. 01325 301653

HELPING THE ELDERLY CLAIM THEIR BENEFITS

A campaign gets under way in County Durham this week to help pensioners claim all their benefit entitlements.

Durham County Council's Welfare Rights unit will be working closely with Housing Benefit and Social Services teams to help pensioners claim Income Support.

"There are many benefits for pensioners who qualify for Income Support, including full rebate on rent or Council Tax, and an extra £50 fuel allowance," said John Salisbury, principal welfare rights officer.

"We will also be contacting voluntary agencies throughout the County asking them to display our leaflets and explaining how they can help make this a successful campaign."

"I'd especially like to thank the Housing Benefit

sections and their managers for the help and support they have given to the campaign. Through their records, they are in a position to be able to identify pensioners who would qualify for Income Support," he said.

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childrens begging at peoples
doors, but after examination
of her letter, it can be seen as
lame excuses for pestering
people.
It is certainly not a tradition
to beg from people, it is a
tradition for some people to
celebrate the eve of all saint
day and they do so without
detrimental impact on others.
Your correspondent should
be aware that many of us
belong to charitable
organisations and contribute
to them and others, without
making a song and dance
about it.
There is no registered charity
which attaches itself to
Halloween begging.
Encouraging children to
collect money without
official permission for street
collecting is negligent.
What we have now learned
is to be wary of children who
beg under the guise of
charity collectors.
Yours
Still observing.

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For application forms and further details please contact the Oak Leaf Sports Complex on 01325 300600.

Xmas Fayre

Newton Aycliffe Scout Supporters Association is holding a Christmas Fayre/ Table top Sale on Sat. 14th Nov, between 11am and 3pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. The event is to raise funds for the running of the Scout Centre and also to go towards the Children's Christmas party and outings. There are still a few tables left at £5 each, if you require any further information please contact Sue Beadle on 01325 313349 or any member of the committee.

LOST BET MEANT HEAD SHAVED FOR CHARITY

Dear Sir,
In the last week in August this year, a few mates were drinking in the Oak Tree, when a bet, aided by drink, was proposed.

The bet was that Kenny Dalglish would not be manager of Newcastle United after the end of October. The bet was taken up by a Newcastle fan, who said if they were going to sack him they would not have let him start the season.

Well we all know what happened - Kenny was kicked out - and a lad called Keven Bowman lost the bet. It was heard by everybody in the bar and - wait for it - he even signed a declaration that he would have his head shaved for charity!

This event will take place in the Oak Tree on Sunday Nov 15th, at 2pm. We also intend to run a domino and pool handicap, with part of the proceeds to go to the Marie Curie Cancer Fund. Keven is being sponsored in this event and all the money will go to the same charity. He has had shoulder length hair for as long as he can remember - and we all think he is a great sport to carry out this event. His only proviso was that the hair dresser who was going to cut the hair had to be a Newcastle supporter. Jackie from J & A HeadStart has offered to do the dastardly deed.

We will, however, have other people there, who are willing

to shave the heads of people that would like to accompany Keven in this well deserved charity event.

Pictures of before and after will be included, hopefully, in the Newton News the following week. Please turn up and join the afternoon and help us with any donations you can make.

RACE NIGHT

Sunderland AFC Supporters Club, Newton Aycliffe Branch, are holding a 'Race Night' on Saturday 21st November at the Locomotion, 8pm start. For further information please ring Stan Hall on 01325 313172

MAYOR'S CHARITY

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LOTTERY MONEY TO HELP POVERTY AND DISADVANTAGED

The National Lottery Charities Board today opens the application line for its new grants programme - Poverty and Disadvantage.

Under this programme the Board wishes to improve the quality of life of people and communities who face poverty and disadvantage or who are at risk of poverty.

The Board wants to fund charities and voluntary group working with low income families and individuals, particularly in deprived areas. It will ensure that the programme targets rural as well as urban poverty. It particularly wants to encourage applications for projects which benefit older people and those which help prevent the causes of poverty and the effects of disadvantage.

Schemes the Board will consider include education and training initiatives, advice centres, basic skills programmes and parenting classes.

The Board is currently running a grants programme called Community involvement, which will run alongside the Poverty and Disadvantage programme. Under community involvement the Board funds projects which enable people to become involved in activities which improve the quality of life for the whole community.

Community involvement and Poverty and Disadvantage are continuous grants programmes. Applicants will receive a generic application pack. This means that they can decide which of the programmes is most suitable for them and fill in a common application form. This will make the application process simpler.

Gerald Oppenheim, Director for UK and Corporate Planning, National Lottery Charities Board, said: 'The Board's first-ever grants programme had the theme of Poverty. Grants were announced in Autumn 1995 totalling £159million. Under that programme we received over 15,000 applications requesting over £2.4 billion.

'This indicated a huge demand from the voluntary sector for money to help tackle poverty. Subsequent consultations with the sector have shown that initiatives helping those in poverty and Disadvantage are considered to be a high priority. The theme of Poverty and Disadvantage will enable the Board to focus the spread of applications on an area of particular concern but will also enable a diverse range of small and large groups to apply.'

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