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Val Brydon of the SW

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Letter to the Editor ENVIRONMENT SPOILT BY THOUGHTLESS, SELFISH PEOPLE

Dear Sir,

Further to the Front Page Letter regarding the litter and dog mess problem in Woodham.

Last year, after 10 years in Norway, my husband, son and I returned to live in England, as my husband had received an appointment at his original place of work in Newton Aycliffe. Although delighted to return to our homeland, I was far from excited at the prospect of living in Newton Aycliffe. About eighteen months before emigrating to Norway we had moved from Derbyshire to Co. Durham and the firm had found us temporary accommodation in a particularly grim part of Newton Aycliffe and until the day we moved into our own home in a nearby village I was miserable.

Less than two weeks before my husband would commence his new job in England we were still undecided where we would live and where my son would go to school. However due to practicalities we decided on Newton Aycliffe for a school, so we had a flying visit one weekend to arrange schooling, and to find temporary rented accommodation.

There was little rented property available at that time, but at the last moment a house was found in Woodham. We immediately went to view and were so amazed at the pleasant district, which had barley existed when we lived in Newton Aycliffe previously. We said 'yes' to the house (and subsequently bought it).

We moved over about ten days later in May 1995 and as I am a very keen walker, I soon had found all the local paths, bridleways, etc., and soon I was saddened, sickened and angry. In a seemingly pleasant suburban area, I've seen more litter, filth and dog mess than in many

run-down urban dumps.

Who are the guilty people? Although not all litter is dropped by children, I'm sure the majority is, as it's evident along the paths between the school and shops and so often I've actually seen the throwing of cans, crisp packets etc., first-hand. (At one time I would have said something - not now - I'm likely to get a load of verbal abuse or worse). So whose children are these? Who are the parents that have never taken the time and patience to teach their kids to be clean, thoughtful, decent humans? Are they the same people who take their dogs for walks and allow them to foul anywhere and everywhere? Great stinking heaps everywhere - in the middle of footpaths, on the grass verges, in the middle of anywhere you're likely to put your feet, even in the middle of the newly emerging daffodils.

In fact, just after arriving in Woodham last April, I had a walk locally and was delighted to see a lovely hedgerow full of dog roses. Now I know why they're called dog roses - there was no perfume of a native wild rose, but the sickening stench of dog muck the whole length of the grass by the hedge.

I'm happy living here - it's central for so many beautiful areas, and I've met many kind and friendly people. But just who are these selfish, thoughtless, filthy people (and there must be quite a few judging by the amount of rubbish and dog dirt) who are destroying my good thoughts for my homeland and are ruining the environment for all those of us who do care? I agree with the correspondent last week that the Council can help, but first and foremost the responsibility lies with some extremely selfish and thoughtless residents.

Name & Address supplied

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Letter Social Services Have Made Mistakes Before!

I attended the Town Council meeting where Horndale House was discussed. The debate was interesting and I doubt that any reasonable person would disagree with most of what was said. However, the needs and expectations of other residents were largely ignored or implied to be in some way immoral.

I have lived immediately next to families with mentally handicapped people on two occasions and I have been happy to do so. This does not mean that I want Social Services as a neighbour. I do not.

I moved into my home on the basis that homes on the estate were to be used for 'single private dwelling'. The estate was designed and built to this criteria. The front lawn is shared and I have two young children. Am I not entitled to express any concern for the well being of my children and their friends? Social Services have made mistakes in the past and they will again. The people who are moved out of Horndale House are unlikely to stay at one residence permanently and the Social Services may decide to house different people at any time. They say that there will be 24 hour supervision. Comforting this may be, but it also highlights the needs of the people on whom they are forcing independence.

Should I not be concerned if the value of my property falls or if it becomes impossible to sell? Does anyone really believe that living next to a Social Services establishment is preferable to not. What will they decide to use the property for next, and who actually cares if a few unfortunate householders pay for their firm moral stance - blinkered though it may be. Where will be the community support if local residents, of any area, feel that Social Services have disadvantaged their own lives. Care in the community can only succeed if undertaken with consideration and intelligence. Surely this is not too much to expect, and is not a question of being unkind - it is just common sense.

Yes, we all care, and all want the residents of Horndale House to be happy. Equally, all others in the community are entitled to consideration when Social Services go house hunting. No one's officially told me that Social Services are buying the house next to me. Perhaps it is, but perhaps its next to you. Either way my concerns and views remain - homes like Horndale are invaluable to our community.

These views are personal and I have now resigned from the Horndale House Action Committee to avoid any misunderstanding of my motives. I fully support the views of the Action Committee and wish Councillor Moore and the rest of the Committee success in their campaign.

Peter Kirtton
Greenfields

Horndale House Patients Happier To be Left Where They are . . .

Dear Sir,

In reply to John Clare (Horndale) we feel that we have been "touched" by this problem. We live in a "much sought after" residential area built over 30 years ago.

A house in the corner became empty and 3 people with "learning difficulties" were quickly installed despite numerous letters of protest.

They themselves are not the problem - it is the "caring" associated with them.

We have had total disruption for months and months with building alterations, "necessary conversions?"

To add insult to injury the bungalow next door to "them" was also taken over and the same thing is happening all over again.

One cannot believe how many different kinds of wagons, trucks, vans etc., there are - we have had them all.

Also we have never-ending cars with "busy looking" people emerging from them with loads of paperwork. Also

a never ending stream of weird looking people whom we assume are "carers". It is a case of "care in the community" gone mad! I dread to think what all this is costing!

What was once a sleepy peaceful grove is now a busy thorough fare to an industrial yard.

I, personally, speak from experience that these patients are happier left where they are, not let out into the cruel community. We only have to see what happens to the mentally sick sleeping out on the streets but we have gone to the other extreme here.

This last paragraph was a digression from the facts that we are trying to put over to householders who may find themselves in our situation. - Protest as much as you can but in the end you can't win against bureaucracy.

Also to point out to John Clare that there is another side to this problem. - "Our" world has been turned upside down. Name & Address supplied

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But now I lie beneath the earth, above me is a mound.
And all around me are my friends, with whom I used to play,
For we were slaughtered, whilst at school, on that cold and wintry day.
My spirit sees my Mam and Dad, as tears course down their face,
My mother clutches my wee dress, on which she'd sewn pink lace.
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Selection Committee and claim the £100 Land Rover Training Bursary on offer to the winner at each event.

From the results of these initial trials, Emma, 18 and 19 year old Jamie, will aim to be among 30 riders chosen to go forward to the National Young Rider Championships at Bramham Park, West Yorkshire (06-09 June). The winner at this popular Yorkshire event will be presented with the Land Rover Trophy and a £250 Training Bursary.

SUPPORTERS FOR SCHOOL EXTENSION

Tony Moore has received a letter from County Education Officer J. Banks which denies accusations that no account has been taken of neighbouring residents concerns over the proposed extension of Greenfield School.

He states that as a result of meetings the scheme has been moved 140 metres away from houses and will be screened by a Sports Hall.

Outline planning permission was obtained over 6 years ago. A meeting of local residents followed, but was stopped when people refused to listen to the presentation.

A number of plan changes were made to meet residents objections - all at additional cost.

The idea to relocate the facility at the Oak Leaf Complex is not possible as the main benefit to the 650 children would be lost. At the

moment they have to travel off-site for P.E. lessons involving lost time and extra costs for hiring facilities and transport.

Residents still have the opportunity to object to the planning authority when the scheme comes up for approval.

- 269 people in the Greenfield area have signed a petition in SUPPORT of the school extension.

AYCLIFFE ATHLETICS

On Saturday at South Shields in the 10k road race the Newton Aycliffe Ladies team of Sue Milburn, Sue Thirlbeck and Julia finished first. Sue Milburn took 48 mins, Pete Milburn finished 25th in the gale force conditions in 34 mins 30 secs.

ACCIDENT UNITS TO BE RETAINED AT HOSPITALS

Following recent reports in the media about the future of A & E services, County Durham Health Commission would like to re-state its commitment to ensuring the existence of three A & E Departments in the County.

Tony Jameson, Chief Executive said: "We want to ensure as many services as possible are available locally. We still plan to sustain three A & E Departments in the County, at Dryburn Hospital in Durham City, at Darlington Memorial Hospital and at Bishop Auckland General Hospital.

"We have recently completed consultations on future hospital services in South Durham, part of which included proposals for A & E services. Part way through the consultation we were pleased to confirm that doctors would continue to run a service at Bishop Auckland General Hospital and we have no plans to review this."

The issues raised by the Audit Commission have been addressed in detail in County Durham.

Letter to the Editor

I AM PROUD TO BE A NEWTONIAN

Dear Editor,
I feel compelled to write to you following a letter in last weeks issue entitled 'Is the Name Good Enough To Use?' I find it saddening that Mrs. TC (does this stand for Town Clown?) and others are prepared to knock Newton Aycliffe so badly. I won't deny that the town has its share of problems but where doesn't these days. I am 27 years old and I am in the fortunate position of having been in full time employment for the last ten years. As part of my job I travel both this and other regions extensively and can assure this Lady that Newton Aycliffe is far better than most places I visit. I know that the Town Centre could be improved but surely this blame lies with the landlords in London who choose to charge such high rent that it is virtually impossible for anybody not running a Bank, Building Society or Charity Shop to make a living or with the Town Planners who allowed the construction of the horrible dark brick Fine Fare and Thames Centre. As for the Joyriders you

mentioned, I have yet to see real 'Joyriders' tearing around the town (have a night up at Wallsend - then you'll see what the term 'Joyrider' means!!!) as for vandalism - which town doesn't have it?

I think you are being grossly unfair with your comments. Maybe you should re-title yourself 'Mrs. Bouquet' of Snobsville, Woodham Village.
Yours sincerely,
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Letter to the Editor COUNC. MOORE STICKS HIS NECK OUT!

Dear Sir,

I write to you in support of Councillor Moore's letter from the other week, I consider he is quite right in what he said, Woodham is an integral part of this town, (namely Newton Aycliffe) and that it does come under the parish of Great Aycliffe, whether certain people in Woodham like it or not, I know Council Taxes are high, but I would say that as long as Central Government keep cutting back every year on what they allow local authorities, then this is a fact of life, lets also be fair about this, whenever Councillor Moore gets wind of any, of what he considers to be squandering on behalf of the Council, he is the first to let us all know, through the medium of the "Newton News", he is in fact, one of the few Councillors to stick his neck out.

The 3 letters in the Newton News from last week, from John Upton, Mrs. T.C. and W. W. Thompson, seemed to me to be full of arrogance, an insular attitude, sarcasm, and just plain burying your head in the sand.

Some of the people who live in Woodham may presumably live in an ideal model village, - bully for them. However a good few of the rest of us, live in other parts of the town, and I for one am still proud to be part of Newton Aycliffe, "warts and all", I have lived in several parts of England and I consider Newton Aycliffe compares very favourably with most places I've resided in. Of course there's Joyriders, there is in most towns, the problem is police resources are limited and the law is inadequate. The same applies with vandalism etc., unless things improve in this direction, we're stuck with it.

The town centre is privately owned and I believe one of the main reasons we have a poor range of shops is due to the high rents and service charges.

Incidentally Mrs. T.C. it's not Councillor Moore's town centre. But he, in part, works on behalf of it, I consider Councillor Moore tries his best on behalf of the whole town, he obviously considers all area of the town to be important.

I would say that if it's the attitude of some residents of Woodham, not wishing to put Newton Aycliffe down as part of their postal address, then this seems to me, to be both, childish and churlish, we all live in Newton Aycliffe, we should be pulling together as a community, not isolating ourselves, - that doesn't improve things. I would say however, there are some people on this town who bring with them some of their bad social habits i.e. vandalism, dropping litter and everything else that is detrimental to a town, however I would suggest that the rest of us, who care for and want to still have a pride in our town, should support our Councillors, by showing our strength, perhaps by attending meetings writing letters, petitioning, through constructive ideas perhaps then Councillors such as Mr. Moore would feel they have some moral support, this surely is better than seemingly adopting an arrogant, stand offish attitude.

So come on some of you residents who live in Woodham, under what appears to be a glass bubble. - A town is as good as we all try to make it.

Yours Hopefully

A resident of Newton Aycliffe

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A new music and drama group "The Acorn Players" has been formed whose aim is to bring amateur light

entertainment to the town at an affordable price.

Chairman, Ann Harland (Elliot's Shoe Shop), came up with the idea and quickly drew support from like-minded people. They now have a very lively and enthusiastic group who are preparing for their first production, the pantomime "Cinderella"

which will be performed in November.

Neville Parade Church has kindly offered rehearsal rooms at a nominal charge and their hall will be used to stage the first show.

The new group is raising funds through raffles, coffee evenings and other events to purchase and hire necessary costumes, equipment etc. They would welcome any help or support from Newton News readers.

They need a pianist and someone willing to "produce" Cinderella.

If you wish to be part of the Acorn Players give Ann a call on 316956. She is particularly looking for youngsters 15 and over, who like to act and sing. Backstage personnel are also very important, so if you can give your time to help this new group you will be most welcome.

Palm Sunday

There will be the Blessing of the Palm Crosses at St. Clare's Church on Palm Sunday, commencing in the Church Hall at 9.30am.

There will then be a procession into Church for the Parish Eucharist. All are welcome to join us.

In the evening at 6.00pm the choir will be presenting a selection of music and readings for Palm Sunday. There will also be an opportunity for the congregation to join in the singing of well-known seasonal hymns. Everyone is welcome.

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I've spent 24 years on this town and I was of the belief that the local practitioner was here for the local people and that their presence would stem the non-serious cases from being referred to an already under funded NHS.

Instead the opposite is happening - Judgements are having to be made by the likes of you and me, these judgements lack professionalism and therefore minor cases will be sent to flood the hospitals and the possibility of taking up an ambulance which could be attending a more

important incident. On the other side of the coin - what if we (the unqualified) decide that the illness may not be life threatening (so don't call for help) and it turns out to be just that.

I would like to know who decided to stop the doctors night call-outs as their actions will certainly, (whether directly or indirectly) cost lives.

L. Thompson
Guthrum Place

Library Demo

A week of demonstrations at Newton Aycliffe Library will take place for Visual Arts Week from Monday 25th March 1996 2pm to 4pm when Geoff Mackey will show his Glass Engraving skills. Then on Tuesday 2pm - 4pm there will be painting by Newton Aycliffe Arts Society. On Thursday at 10am - 12noon Decoupage by Margery Fulbrook, 2pm - 4pm Card Embossing by Liz Jenkins. And on Friday 10am - 12noon Needlework by Margaret Smith and Carol Cooper, 2pm - 4pm Pottery by Ray Jenkins.

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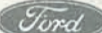
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LABOUR LEADER LAUNCHES FESTIVAL OF LIFE

On Friday, 22nd March, Labour leader and Sedgefield MP, Tony Blair will launch "The Festival of Life" in Sedgefield District, when he connects Spennymoor Training Centre to the Internet. "The Festival of Life" brings together a series of cultural, sporting, educational and religious events from March to July '96 and celebrates the diversity of life in the District. It caters for a huge range of interests and there should be plenty for everyone.

Barbara Graham, Chairman of Sedgefield District Council said "In spite of the trials and tribulations of the past twenty years, we have much to celebrate. "The Festival of Life" provides a focus for a great many exciting events. I hope it will provide an opportunity for people to join together to enhance community life in Sedgefield District".

Accessing the Internet is part of "The Festival of Life" and means local people and small

businesses will be able to use its enormous database, for work or pleasure, from the computer network at Spennymoor Training Centre. Computer literacy has been promoted by Tony Blair as an essential tool for future success. The Training Centre is running an out of school computer project for young people from Spennymoor and Tudoe Grange Comprehensive Schools. The projects has proved very popular and the young people have started to produce their own magazine "Freedom", generated entirely on the computer. They will be presenting the first edition to Tony Blair during his visit.

From 22nd March there will be access to the Internet at Spennymoor Training Centre on Monday to Friday between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and Saturdays 9.30 to 12 noon. For more information on "The Festival of Life" contact the Festival Office on 01388 816166.

Oak Leaf Squash League Winners

Rob Thomson won his third Premier League Title in a row in the Upex Squash Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. Fourth team player Mick Anderson finished second with some good results, including a 3 - 2 win over Rob Thomson and Peter Ramsay finished third. Dave Lyons and John Cardy were relegated to be replaced by Richard Vitty, Derreck Pinkney and Steve Heslop.

In the Upex sponsored league draw the following players were all winners:- Alan McPhee, John Lamert, Andy Knapton, Neil Collinson, Steve Mears, Steve Farlow, Marg Wood, Chris Kennedy, Bernard Borsberry, Bill Powton, John Brooks, John Cardy, Malcolm Webster, Ron Soderman and Carolyn Maxey.

There are over 100 players in the leagues ranging in ability from beginners to county players and anyone interested in joining can contact Richard Vitty or Sheila Pinkney at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. (Tel. 300600).

Aycliffe Book Commended

Dear Sir,
may I pass on international compliments to the Children, Teachers, Library staff and residents who contributed to produce the ALL ABOUT AYCLIFFE booklet in 1994. I sent copies to Clan Fraser Societies in America, Australia, Canada and New Zealand when asked about Great Aycliffe.

All have written to say how impressed they were on the high quality and excellence of the project.

"Wonderful, Charming, Splendid, and Excellent example of Schools and Community recording their local history". "A Highly Commendable joint-venture with the children", are among compliments paid.

That good example will be passed on, taken note of abroad. I'm sure all who contributed will be pleased to hear of that appreciation of their good work for our community.

Given that internationally good impression created, might we not develop on that good example of community achievement?

Why not a Civic lead, encouragement, support, for an Annual Festival of Aycliffe Achievements, where all achievement in our community could be praised, noted and celebrated? Special guests could be invited to publicise and promote the good work done.

I do NOT mean competitions, with winners and losers, but positive public encouragement, recognition of effort and achievements in

all spheres of community life: Churches, industry, schools, civic, voluntary bodies, recreation, the environment and entertainment.

Our entire community would surely support the recognition and celebration of all the good things we wish to promote in improving the quality of life in our town?

Why not seek to promote active and positive civic pride in all community achievement?

Don Fraser, Woodham & Aycliffe North.

Horrible Smell at Boating Lake

Dear Editor,
I have lived on the Town for a few years now, and I have always thought the Town as dirty. But you shouldn't blame the Council, because it's people who cause the dirt, I just wonder what some peoples houses look like inside. Do they throw all their rubbish on the floors of their homes?

I blame the Council for the Boating Lake and the horrible smell, especially from the top part near a

shop.
We only get it when it is empty, so I suppose we should be grateful for something.

I would like to see the Woodham resident and Councillors having a good smell, especially in summer time, when the flies are buzzing round. I have to pass it every day, and I usually cover my nose and ask why they don't fill it in?

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this street were most upset and
felt that we were left out in the
cold.

Councillor Frank Robson who
lives in the village, but does
not represent it, classed us as
kill-joys. This was a very
unfair comment as, after all,
the cricketers have played
here for 12 years and it's the
building on conservation land
we object to, not the
cricketers.

As for comments made at the
meeting by Councillor Cliff
Hutchinson about people
changing in open air, he ought
to come and have a look at the
present facility, and then he
will know what he is talking
about.

Mr. Paul Ainslee

Mother's Day Greetings

Newton News apologises to the family of Jenny Tarvit for the error in last weeks Newton News, when we inadvertently placed their Mother's Day greeting under the wrong classification.

JENNY TARVIT

There is so much to thank you for, such happy times to recall, and those two simple words "with love" somehow say it all.

All our love always from
Billy, Gail, Kathleen, Jenny, Joan,
Karen, Robert, Daphne and Lilly XXX

In Memory

JIM HOLDSWORTH 26-3-95. Treasured memories of a Dad and Grandad. Miss you, Margaret and Mark

TINA LOUISE ALLAN 21-3-83. May the love and longing in my heart, reach out to you through the miles of time, may it wrap itself around you and hold you tight, keeping you safe until we are together again. Loved and remembered always - a precious daughter and sister, love Mum and Christopher XX
TINA LOUISE ALLAN 21-3-83. A special sister, a special friend, missed today as always, "This world was never meant for one as beautiful as you" with love Jacquie XX

MICHAEL JOHN BONAS 21-3-92. Aged 43 years. Silently we weep for those we've loved and lost, Maureen, Lee, Julie, Sarah and granddaughter Rhianna Louise XXX

KEITH SEAMAN 22-3-87. You left us suddenly, your thoughts unknown, but you left us memories we are proud to own. Love and miss you, Pam, Amanda and Gareth X
KEITH SEAMAN 22-3-87. Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered every day. Love Tracey. Gentle Jesus up above please give Grandad a great big hug, love Luke and Gillisa X
KEITH SEAMAN 22-3-87. Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, to love and cherish and never forget. Sadly missed, Stan, Lyn, Paul, Leanne, Mam and Dad XXX

JOE TODD 29-3-94. Loved and missed every day by Kathleen, Avril, Stephen, Katie and Joseph. We cannot see you, but we know you are only a whisper away

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friends, as well as my
sister, love Dorothy XX
WENDY BOWTELL 16-
3-64, Binnie, love and miss
you so much, today and
always Kay XXX

EDGAR GRANT Our
brother on his 28th
birthday, 27th March.
Memories of you are a gift
to treasure, ours of you will
last forever, a special smile
a special face, of a brother
we cannot replace. Loved
and remembered always,
Lee and Andrew XXX

EDGAR GRANT A
darling son his 28th
birthday, 27th March. I
know your shining down
from Heaven, and
eventually we will be
together, our love for you
will never die, always in
our thoughts and in our
hearts. Love you now and
forever until we meet
again, we love you son
Mam and Paul XXXX

MAURICE CRAGGS
Thinking of you today on
your 66th birthday, forever
loved, sadly missed, love
always Nell
MAURICE CRAGGS
Thinking of you on your
birthday Dad and Grandad.
Miss you loads, always in
our thoughts, love always
Karen and Claire
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66th birthday Dad and
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ease the pain, love from
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Thanks for teaching me
how to garden and do
woodwork, best wishes,
good luck in your
retirement, from GT and
Ernie

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It's about time members of the Council got their thumbs out to pin the unruly down, who leave their houses, and gardens

in a disgusting state, and let their dogs foul the pavements. Perhaps they should rename the place 'Dog Dirt Alley'.

I would like to have bought my house, but looking at the surrounding areas, Elmfield Place, Rowan Place, they all just look like a rubbish tip - not to mention having to put up with unruly neighbours.

I have to apologise for not leaving my name and address as I fear the graffiti artists and window breakers.

Non Members Welcome on Walks

The Ramblers Association have produced their guided spring/summer walks programme.

Non-members are welcome to join any of a range of walks in the region giving opportunities for those of different abilities over distances from 5 - 13 miles. For insomniacs a Solstice Mystery Walk takes place on Midsummer Day when the sunrise can be observed from a suitable vantage point at 3.27am.

Details are in the Library, The Oakleaf Sports Complex and the town centre Leisure Centre.

For further information contact - Alan Hutchinson (sec.) 1 Caithness Way, Darlington DL1 3QS. 01325 482164.

SDC REQUEST FOR "PARK" NOT "ESTATE"

Aycliffe businesses are encouraged to use the word "Park" instead of Estate on all their printed stationery in future.

A 2 year consultancy exercise concluded a change of name is called for to help promote Aycliffe.

Whilst not mandatory, the S.D.C. would prefer the new address "Aycliffe Industrial Park" be used in all literature.

The Post Office have been informed and will accept both Estate and Park, for the foreseeable future - just as they still accept the first name of 'Aycliffe

"Trading" Estate.

The new name is part of the overall "regeneration" of Aycliffe and a determined effort to heighten its profile and attract industrialists to take factories and bring more jobs.

S.D.C. Director of Planning John Litherland told "Newton News" - We will start to see evidence of the new impetus. The old Moores and Toothills factories are to be demolished and the 30 acre site developed in co-operation with government agencies which build advanced factories.

In partnership with S.A.S.D.A. and other services a new Business Centre is due to be opened at the entrance to the Industrial Park offering a range of services to new and existing industrialists. The one-stop Business Centre will have the facilities, personnel and information to help with everything pertaining to Aycliffe Industrial Park. New signs will be erected at the entrance to Aycliffe Industrial Park incorporating the new logo (pictured below).



The old Acorn logo, introduced by the former Development Corporation, is to be phased out.

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Inspired by their participation in an International Summer School organised by the integrated dance company Candoco at Stoke Mandeville, able-bodied Kevin Alderson of Wyrd Arts Cumbria, and Lindsay Carter a wheelchair user from Durham have been working together on an integrated dance project at Bishop Auckland College.

Funded by the Northern Arts Council and using facilities provided by the College, the pair have been training and rehearsing for two months. Initially they explored ideas and devised material before rehearsing intensively to produce a short performance piece entitled "The Dream Of Man Is Just An Illusion".

The couple made their debut at a performance for staff and students in the College's large hall at the beginning of March.

They were assisted by choreographer Tricia Durdey and their costumes were made by Alex Zvi.

Kevin is an experienced performer and stilt walker, but this was the first time Lindsay had danced in front of a live audience. Kevin envisages that this project will offer opportunities for other interested mixed ability groups to become involved in workshop or training sessions.

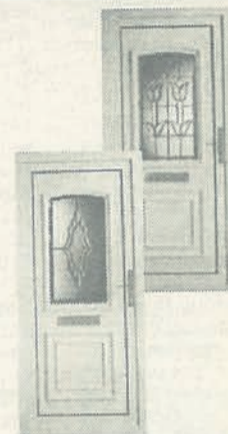
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