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A number of people adopted flower tubs and planted displays in their gardens to catch the judges eye who twice visited Heighington.

"It was a real community effort and considering we were entered in the "small town" category, we did extremely well" said Peter.

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The youngsters are will served by their Careers Teachers, exhibitions and newspaper supplements detailing the various options available, however, one important group may well be largely in the dark - their parents. Leading North East Business and Information Technology training provider, ITEC North East has taken steps to provide parents with the knowledge they need to help advise their offspring, with an informal Open Evening for parents. The Open Evening will be held at ITEC North East at Technology Court, Bradbury Road on Aycliffe Industrial Park and will an opportunity for parents to inspect a modern training suite as well as find out about the various courses

ITEC North East Managing Director, David Baker explains "Young people coming to ITEC North East in September will be well

aware of the various options open to them through their careers teachers and through the information we, and other training providers send to schools. We've noticed in years past, however, that parents can register blank looks when some of the newer programmes are mentioned."

"Parents can play a major role in advising and supporting their sons and daughters through further education, and it's only fair that they are completely in the picture. We took the decision to hold our Open Evening to provide parents with all the information they need to help their kids make an informed choice." Visitors to ITEC North East on the 8th August will hear professional trainers outline modern training programmes like Higher National Certificate (HNC) and the Modern Apprentice Programme. Qualifications will be explained since these have mostly changed out of all recognition since parents were at school. BTEC and NVQ qualifications, common today, were unheard of twenty years ago.
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themselves as "honest brokers" providing information rather than promoting their own HNC and Modern Apprentice Programmes. The firm will, however, explain their policy of training "Knowledge Workers", that is, someone with the flexibility and confidence to handle whatever new situation today's fast moving business world throws at them. It's a policy which has seen an unprecedented 94% of ITEC North East tra nees walk straight into a job on completion of their course. At a time when no-one can expect a job for life, ITEC North East trainees will explain to parents how their sons and daughters can achieve what they call "Career Resilience" by planning to update their core skills throughout their careers, to be ready for changing labour market

Any parents wishing to attend the Parent's Open Evening can simply turn up at Technology Court, Bradbury Road, Aycliffe Industrial Park at 5.45pm for 6.00pm start. The Open Evening is free of charge and light refreshments will be provided. Alternatively, parents can obtain more information by calling Barbara or Ann at ITEC North East on 01325

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Aycliffe **Athletics**

Aycliffe athlete Paul Upton, represented the town in the Harrogate 10k Race in Yorkshire. On a hilly course Paul ran a tremendous race finishing well up the field in a time of 42 minutes 23.

On the same weekend two Aycliffe athletes competed in the Hamsterley Forest Duathlon.

This consisted of a 3 mile run and a 14 mile mountain bike ride along the rough terrain of the forest. Pete Milburn finished a magnificent 7th and Kevin Greenall a very creditable 17th.

FREE DISCO FOR **EENAGERS AT**

A FREE DISCO for teenagers aged 14-15 will be held at the Great Aycliffe Show. The Disco starts at 6.00pm and finishes at 8.00pm. For those aged 16+ the disco then carries on until 11.00pm. There be performances by local bands "Queerfish", "Slamdown" and "Twosheds" as well as Paul Gittins Roadshow disco - Entry will be restricted to 200.

A limited number of tickets are now on sale for the Country Music and Barbecue Nite sponsored by Alexander le Skerne Ltd. It will be held in the Playhouse marquee

on the Showfield on Sunday 25th starting 7.00pm.

Peter Bergg will present part of his A1 Country Show on A1FM 103.2 from the Marquee and there will be live performances from the Texakana Country Band.

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POSTER TO SHOCK DRINK **DRIVERS**

Harrowing images of a severely disabled young man maimed in a road accident are to confront potential drink drivers in County Durham

The lolling head of the victim being fed from a feeding cup will feature on 4000 posters to be distributed throughout the County spelling out the drink and driving wrecks lives message.

The posters will go to factories, shops, garages and other organisations in a bid to get the message across - especially to drivers aged 18-24 - that pressuring someone to have just one more can have tragic and fatal consequences.

The summer drink drive campaign is part of a national reminder launched recently by Road Safety Minister, Steven Norris, which builds on the success of the Christmas TV advertising in which the victim is spoon fed by his mother.

In the background, voices of his so-called friends urge him to have another drink before driving home to dinner.

"Although more and more people are leaving the car at home when they go out drinking, there are unfortunately, still some stupid people who pressure their friends to have another drink when they know very well they are going to drive" said David Holland, Durham County Council's senior road safety officer. With fine summer evenings, more people are likely to stop off at a pub for a drink and the temptation to have "just one more" is at its greatest.

"Encouraging anyone to drink when they are driving is idiotic. They could be condemning the driver, passengers and innocent victims to death - or a living death in a wheelchair" he said.

National research shows attitudes have changed leading to a fall in the number of deaths and fewer people believing it is difficult to avoid drinking and driving.

But there are still 500 people killed and 14,600 injured nationally each year in drink related accidents.

"The most appalling thing is that half of those killed are totally innocent victims of drivers who had been drinking" said Mr. Holland.

The campaign aims to persuade people not to tempt drivers with drink, urges drivers not to succumb to the pressure and focuses on alternative ways of getting

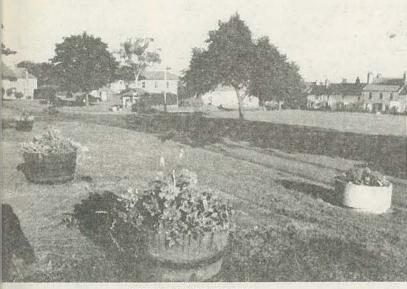
"If drivers do end up drinking, they should get a taxi home and collect the car the next day" said Mr. Holland.

"Groups going out for the night should elect a nondrinker, and if you are organising a party, you should provide alcohol free drinks."

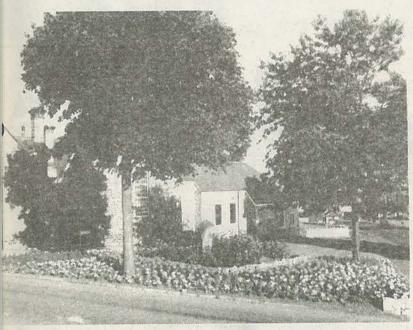
Passengers should never, ever accept a lift from someone who has been drinking."

"The images of the disabled young man are heartrending but the saddest thing of all is that there will be more like him - those who fail to heed the warning not to have just one more" he added.

EIGHINGTON VILLAGE HIRD IN NORTHUMBRIA N BLOOM CONTEST



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3M WIN "INVESTORS IN PEOPLE"

received week recognition from the Durham County Training and Enterprise Council (TEC) for it's on-going commitment to it's employees.

At a ceremony held at the Hallgarth Hotel, David Heath, Site Manager was presented with the Investors in People Award by David Hall, Chief Executive of County Durham TEC.

Investors in People is a government initiative, run in conjunction with regional TEC's which encourages businesses to public make a commitment to the training development of their staff. The initiative benefits both employees employers.

Employees are helped to achieve their full potential and improve the quality of their lives, and employers have a better trained and motivated workforce.

David hall of County Durham TEC said "We are delighted that 3M Aycliffe has gained recognition as an "Investor in People" employer. The decision of the panel was unanimous and this achievement demonstrates 3M's commitment developing the full potential of all their poeple."

David Heath of 3M Aycliffe said "We have worked hard to encourage the training and development of our employees and we are very pleased to have received this award."

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WINDLESTONE SCHOOL GET TOP MARKS

Windlestone Hall School at Rushyford has again praised inspectors.

The residential school, which caters for pupils with emotional and behavioural difficulties throughout County Durham, is the first special school in the region to be inspected twice by teams from OFSTED.

In the latest inspection the school was found to be good with some very good features.

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relationships was singled out as a major strength of the school. Inspectors found high expectations and a firm framework for behaviour. At the same time pupils knew all

adults were there to support and help them. Inspectors found all staff working hard and effectively to maintain the schools positive and

distinctive ethos. Teaching in over half of all lessons was judged good or better. Teachers were praised for their strengths in planning and

assessment. However inspectors warned the school to continue to work to improve attendance.

Headteacher Pete Jonson said: "the good report reflects the commitment of pupils and staff and the high support from parents, governors and the L.E.A. Windlestone Hall School is not this historic building, but the adults and young people in it."

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9 out of 11 **Employees** Found to be on Benefit!

DSS Fraud Investigators in the Darlington area are stepping up their action to crack down on cheats claiming Social Security benefits they are not entitled to.

As well as investigating the hundreds of allegations being made by members of the public phoning 0800 854 440, the Fraud Officers are taking the initiative to catch the unreported fraudsters in action.

Additional activity for the 'Spotlight" campaign

Investigators accompanied the police in spot check traffic stops in Darlington and Newton Aycliffe. The exercises have given benefit savings of around £30,000.

* Working with the local authority, investigators have visited more than 20 bedsit properties. Twelve claims to benefit are currently under question.

* Investigators, visiting a building conversion in Newton Aycliffe saw 4 men leave the site in a hurry, one leaving behind his Motability car. They are to be interviewed about their benefit claims. Two others

were also found to be signing on.

* At a Darlington company, 9 out of 11 employees were found to be working and claiming benefit fraudulently. The cases are currently being considered for prosecution.

* 5000 reviews of benefit claims are being carried out across the area by interview and by post. Of the 1000 completed so far, a significant number have returned payment books or reported changes which reduces their benefit

Margaret Kirby of the Benefits Agency says "The success of these operations shows the fruits of our own initiatives. It is often a report about one individual made by a member of the public that leads us to consider these initiatives and we are always grateful for the information we

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ARTS AWARD DOUBLES SPONSORSHIP MONEY

The recent Autumn Season sponsorship deal between Darlington Building Society and Darlington Civic Theatre has been granted an award under the Governments Pairing Scheme (National heritage of the Arts Sponsorship Scheme). The award effectively doubles Darlington Building Society's sponsorship of the Civic Theatre bringing the total to £26,000 per year for three years.

Keeping Kids Busy in the Holidays

Are you aged 5-11 years old? Do you want something exciting to do in the holidays? Why not come along to "Chattabox" at Neville Parade Methodist Church starting Monday 19th August until Friday 21st August.

Chattabox starts at 1pm and finishes at 4.00pm and only costs 50p per day The pairing Scheme is a £5 million arts sponsorship initiative administered by ABSA (Association of Business Sponsorship of the Arts) on behalf of the Secretary of State for National Heritage and is designed to encourage new businesses to sponsor the arts.

Darlington Building Society's sponsorship of the Civic Theatre and both organisations are thrilled that their application to the Pairing Scheme has been successful.

On hearing the news Ruth Eastwood, Head of Theatre and Arts said "We are very pleased, the award is a welcome boost to the start of a long term and mutually beneficial partnership with Darlington Building Society."

Peter Rowley, Chief Executive at Darlington building Society said "We couldn't have got off to a better start. We are delighted with our agreement with the Civic Theatre and look forward to building upon the relationship."

The Civic Theatre Autumn Season opens to the public on Wednesday 24th July. New brochures with full details of the programme are available from the Box Office.

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Week running this November, they will be rewarding Neighbourhood Watchers with £1000 cash to spend on their own community along with a special gold medal. Only 9 medals are on offer nationally - to recognise outstanding individual commitment - and one of the 9 winners also receives the accolade of "National neighbourhood Watcher for 1996"

Ansell, Trevor neighbourhood Watch Manager for General Accident said "As more and more people recognise that they want to rekindle the spirit of the community, so increasing numbers do just that by joining Neighbourhood Watch. For the third year running, general Accident has decided to reward the efforts of ordinary people, who, day-in-day-out do extraordinary work in their community. We urge people to put their Neighbours forward for a

medal". In addition to the 9 medals there will be a special Home Secretary's Medal-for Neighbourhood Watch members who have given direct assistance to the police and a whole host of Certificates for runners-up. All the winners will be invited to the National Neighbourhood Watch Conference to receive their awards.

The closing date for applications is 10th September, so there is plenty of time to get hold of an entry form by phoning the National neighbourhood Watch Association on 0171 772 3349. Forms may also be available from your local

police station.



TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTED TO IMPROVING

OUR YOUNGSTERS SPORTS SKILLS

SPORTS COACHING COURSES START

Great Aycliffe Town Council's Super Sports Skills Coaching Courses for many different types of sport are now underway at various venues throughout the Parish.

Many of the Courses are already fully booked, but places are still available for Junior netball, Badminton, Improvers Tennis, Cricket, Squash and Archery. There are also places available on the advanced beginners day course which is designed for children who have already mastered a controlled "snowplough" turn. The picture shows the Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Mrs. M. Moran.

Top: After the presentation of certificates to the children who participated in the Beginners Tennis

Bottom: With the two "most improved" players from the Junior Golf Coaching Course.

There are still places left for the Junior Netball Course which starts on Monday

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The finalists are Colburn Cricket Club and Heighington's 2nd

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Come along and enjoy a typical English Cricket match on a Sunday afternoon. Admission is free and refreshments available all day.

CARE SERVICE **IMPROVING**

Community Care services in County Durham are reaching more people than ever before.

New statistics issued by the Department of health show that between 1994 and 1995, the progress made by Durham County Council was significant compared to many other local authorities.

The Department's annual bulletin shows that the number of home care hours in the County increased by 26% from 23,553 hours per week in 1994 to 29,742 in

This compares with a national increase of only 8% and just 5% across the Shire counties.

County Durham, now provides 1082 hours of home care for every 1000 people aged over 75 compared to the national average of 1030 hours. There were similar

improvements in the meal service provision in the County

"Over the same period, the number of meals increased by 6% from 8938 to 9516 each week, which compares more than favourably with the national average increase of 3%" said John Wilson, strategic planning and development manager.

"In the county, 118 out of every 1000 people aged 75 and over receive a meal either purchased from or provided by the County Council.'

"Nationally, this figure is 77 per 1000 while in the Shire counties, it is only 72 per 1000" he said.

More people are also attending day centres in the county - despite there being fewer places available as a result of refurbishments.

Attendance has increased in line with the national average of 3% from 3989 to 5115 per week.

"The Department of Health report suggest that for people aged 18 to 64 day centres are the most important of these services.'

"We provide 11 day centre places for every 1000 people in this age group while the national average is 10 places per 1000" he

TALENTED SPORTSPEOPLE **CAN APPLY FOR** DEVELOPMENT CASH

The 1997 Newcastle Airport Sports Award has been launched this week, following the success of last year's scheme.

Prize money has been increased to £11,400 towards helping promising individuals realise their sporting potential and to assist clubs, associations and schools improve their coaching or facilities for young people.

Young people between 12 and 21 years living within the airport's seven shareholding local authority areas are eligible to apply. Last year, the scheme attracted 300 entries representing 45 different sports.

Applications are invited from individuals who are already achieving at regional or county level in their chosen sport and who have the talent for achieving future success. There are four individual

awards; Gold (£2,000), Silver (£1.500), Bronze (£1,000) and Commended (£500). Winners of these first four awards can gain their club, association or school Sports Development Award of up to £1,250.

New for this year are our 7 improvement awards. These are aimed at individuals who can demonstrate their potential by recent improvements, but who may not have achieved a national standard yet. One winner will be chosen from each local authority area.

As in year 1, the Newcastle Airport Sports Award is endorsed by Jonathan Edwards, Triple Jump World Record Holder, who said "The outstanding quality of applications in year one illustrates the range of young sporting talent in the region. I am sure that in year 2, we can continue to make a significant contribution to sport in the region".

The Newcastle Airport Sport Award is a three year scheme, being run in partnership with the Airport's seven shareholding local authorities, the Sports Aid

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	Certificates - To be awarded as 1st, 2nd and 3rd for each Class Rules of Entry - Are available upon request.
Class 1 - 1 Jar Home Made Jam - any variety Class 3 - 1 Jar Home Made Chutney (any) Class 5 - 1 Swiss Roll Class 7 - Four Assorted Fancy Cakes Class 9 - 1 Round of Shortbread Class 11 - Four Jam Tarts Class 13 - Edible Cake Iced for effect (not to be Class 14 - Four Fruit Scones, oven baked Class 16 - 1 lb White Loaf Class 18 - Four Sausage Rolls (puff pastry) Class 20 - Egg and Bacon Pie (Shortcrust past Class 21 - Summer Tea Tray - any three items 16" in diameter. Accessories allowe	Class 2 - 1 Jar Home Made Lemon Curd Class 4 - 1 Jar Home Made Marmalade (not jelly) Class 6 - Decorated Victoria Sandwich Class 8 - Ginger Cake (not loaf) Class 10 - 1/2 lb Fruit Cake (½lb flour/½lb sugar etc Class 12 - Plate Apple Pie - Shortcrust Pastry be cut, not run out or sugar painted) Class 15 - 4 Savoury Scones, (e.g. cheese, herb) Class 17 - Four Tea Cakes (approx. 5" in diameter) Class 19 - 9" Savoury Quiche ry top and bottom a 9"plate) of home produce, displayed on a tray not to exceed 20"x16" or
CRAFT SECTION - No Soiled or Laundered Wor	
Crochet	ia ricoopied
Class 22 - Any Article in Wool	Class 23 - Any Article in Cotton
Coloured Embroidery - pictures not to exceed 30	
Class 24 - Embroidered Picture using any stitu	ch Class 25 - Embroidered Picture in Cross Stitch
Class 26 - Embroidered Picture in wool (frame	1. [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1]
Class 28 - Canvas Work - Any Article	Class 29 - Embroidered Cushion Cover any stitch
Decoupage - not to exceed 30" high by 30" wide	Class 27 Embloded Cashon Cover any sales
	azed)
Class 30 - An Original Picture (framed and gl	Patchwork
Quilting	Clas 32 - Any Article
Class 31 - Any Article, Durham Quilting	Clas 32 - Any Patient
Dressmaking	
Class 33 - Child's Garment (machine sewn)	
Soft Toys	Class 35 - Any Toy Machine Sewn
Class 34 - Any Toy Hand Sewn	
Class 36 - Any Toy all knitted	
Class 38 - Any Doll Dressed (any size) garme	nts all sewn
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KNITTING SECTION	
Hand Knitting	Class 40 Causatas in Double Unitting
Class 39 - Picture Sweater	Class 40 - Sweater in Double Knitting
Class 41 - Aran Garment (Aran wool, Aran pa	attern) Class 42 - Baby's 20" cardigan ('V' necked)
Class 43 - Any Article in 3 ply	
WOMEN AND WINE OF CETON	
HOME MADE WINE SECTION	Mada Dad Wine Day
Class 44 - 1 Bottle of Home Made White or H	iome wade ked wine, Dry

WOOD SECTION (not painted or decorated, please leave in natural form)
Class 46 - Any Article in Wood (under 16 years)

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

All exhibits to be mounted on card, but NOT FRAMED. Overall size of entry including mount not to exceed 12" x 10". Photographs must be firmly fixed to mounts. Exhibits may be 'pinned' ve tically to display boards.

Class 48 - Black and White print Class 49 - Colour print - People

Class 50 - Colour print - Animals Class 51 - Colour print - Landscape

Class 52 - Colour print taken by person under 16 years

Photographers - please note that there will be an additional class in 1997 - Aycliffe Show 1996'

1 Bottle of Home Made White or Home Made Red Wine, Sweet

PAINTING SECTION
Class 53 - An Oil Painting (framed) Class 54 - A Water Colour Painting (framed/glazed)
Hydro Polymers Trophy - Awarded to best entry in class 53 - 54

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SECTION - under 16 years (See also Classes 101 & 102 in Horticulture Section). Please ensure that the age of the child is stated on all exhibits. (no names on exhibits please) NO KITS ALLOWED Age 4 - 6 years

A decorated paper plate An original picture (no bigger 10"x12") Class 56 -Class 55 A decorated egg (hard boiled in shell) Funny Face Biscuit (e.g. iced digestive) Class 58 Class 57 Age 7 - 10 years A figure or animal from a kitchen roll An original picture (no bigger 10"x12") Class 60 Class 59 An edible necklace or bracelet Funny Face Biscuit (e.g. iced digestive) Class 62 Class 61 Age II - 13 years Class 64 An original piece of craft work Class 63 An original picture (no bigger 10"x12") Embroidery, any article Class 66 Four cheese scones Class 65 Age 14 - 16 years

Class 67 - Original Board Game for 2 or more players aged 8 or over (not to exceed 18" x 18" or 17" diameter)

Class 68 - An original piece of craft work Class 69 - Embroidery, any article

Class 70 - Four Plain Butterfly Cakes (butter icing filled) in paper cases

HYDRO POLYMERS TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO BEST ENTRY IN EACH CLASS

ENTRY FORM - ENTRY FREE

Class No	Class Description	No. of Entries in Class
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Completed entries should be sent to: Mrs M Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council,
Council Offices, PO Box 2, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO ENTER YOUR HANDCRAFTS



The Closing Date for entries for the Handcraft Exhibition has been brought forward this year to allow organisers extra time to cope with the huge amount of entries received. Last year, a staggering 700 entries were received in the last two days before the closing date.

The last day for entries to be received at the Council Offices is THURSDAY

15th AUGUST - less than two weeks away.

There are 70 classes in the Handcraft Section ranging from sausage rolls to embroided pictures and the number of exhibits grows each year. There are many different categories for children's entries including a figure or an animal made from a kitchen roll tube.

Full Handcraft Horticultural Schedules (including rules of entry) are available now from Hardings Toy Show, Gateway, Boyes, Halls Fabrics, Stevens Newsagents in Beveridge Way, The Post Office at Neville Parade, Simpasture, Horndale and Aycliffe Village.

Further information can be obtained from Marie Robinson, Great Aycliffe Town Council, PO Box 2, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham - Tel 300700

GREENPEACE MEETING ON FISH AT DARLINGTON

During the past 40 years a huge "industrial" fishing industry has grown up largely unnoticed by the public. It involves catching fish not for the table, but to be ground up into industrial products such as fish meal and oil.

Many consumers will be surprised to learn that they are eating industrial fishery products either indirectly in livestock food or directly as "animal fat" in cakes, biscuits and margarine.

Industrial fishing lands over a million tonnes of fish each year, more than half of all from the north Sea. These "Industrial" fish, such as tiny sand eels are food that many other marine species depend upon. The rapid and poorly regulated growth of this industry, and it's potential for major ecological damage, gives cause for

The Greenpeace ship SIRIUS is currently campaigning in the north Sea to stop Danish ships from "Factory Fishing". The public can make a difference by attending the Darlington Support Group, "New Members" night on Wednesday 7th August at 8pm in the Tap & Spile, Bondgate

Letter to the Editor

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Dear Sir

In the Newton News, 18th May a resident called for 1995-96 attendances of Sedgefield District Councillors to be published along with allowances paid. Residents elsewhere should ask for that information from those that represent them on that Council, perhaps?

As to Aycliffe District members, I have published mine, and, of the twelve, ten are dual councillors who voted that their Town Council attendances 1995-96 be published, recently.

Bearing that in mind, enclosed are attendance records of Aycliffe District Members, as supplied to me. Allowances are as published in "Inform", in alphabetical order

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Name	Possible	Actual	Basic	+ Responsibility
E. Elmer	140	116	£1956.74p	
J. Fleming	127	88	£1956-74p	+ £405.72p
RS Fleming	131	100	£1839.61p	+ £405.72p
DM Fraser	123	97	£1956.74p	
C Gowton	154	105	£1956.74p	+£1040.99p
A Graham	125	100	£1839.61p	
C Gray	127	119	£1839.61p	
M Iveson	119	26	£1839.61p	II
MD Locklin	120	93	£1839.61p	
T Moore	122	23	£1956.74p	-
JP Moran	124	88	£1839.61p	
JR Tomlinson	n 123	18	£1738.10p	
			Cllr D. N	M. Fraser, Woodham Ward