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We do not accept there is noise or dust at Middridge, and the petitioners should get their facts correct.

A recent tour, in your company, to all areas around our plant, including Middridge and Redworth, proved there was no noise from Direct Worktops.

We inspected roof tops and window sills for

evidence of dust and found none. We even looked down drains, as any dust would float on surface water, but they were all clear.

As for noise in Middridge there was more noise from the Bay Horse Pub extractor fan, sheep in the field and a passing tractor, than anything coming from our plant. Do not put Direct Worktops in the same category as the Egger plant in Hexham. There are five similar plants in Britain and not one of them comes up to our standard.

We have the most modern manufacturing unit in Europe, and I can confidently boast no other factory in this area is as clean and efficient as Direct Worktops. Some food factories are not as clean as ours! You will remember standing with me outside the Turbine House at Direct Worktops, which is the noisiest part of the plant, finding very little noise coming from that area. You agreed there was more noise from passing traffic and an aircraft coming in to land

at Teesside.

We insist on these high standards in the spirit of thoughtfulness and friendliness towards our neighbours.

The builders of residential property in the vicinity of our plant knew full well they were near to industry - in fact it was worse a few years ago as you had mines, quarries, railway workshop, chemical works and a big forge hammer pounding day and night.

We pay £250,000 a year in rates and if we closed, that figure would have to be made up by householders. You would also create unemployment and bring further harm to the local economy.

Other industries who rely on us would also close and the domino effect would be disastrous - probably leading to the Council tax being doubled!

Perstorp Waverite, one of our customers work hard with us to keep British industry alive attempting to stop foreign imports putting us out of work. I estimate 2,748 people would be put out of work if we closed. There is no gain in this for me - I am not short of money. I am a millionaire and I am expanding this plant for the security of my employees and their families.

They have watched this Company grow from nothing, and which, at a later date, I will hand over to them.

I am disgusted with anybody that interferes with this or does anything which might cause unemployment in this area.

Sedgefield District Council have done a good job and tried very hard to please everyone. Most Councils would not be as patient. They set up SASDA to bring employment into

the area and I played a minor part in this by inserting 200,000 leaflets with every worktop and it received a great response.

The lady with the petition against our expansion should also ask residents if they would prefer to see a lot of people put on the dole and whether they would accept an increase in their rate bill, to cover the huge amount we contribute, if we closed. I challenge anyone to visit my factory site where I can prove beyond doubt that whatever I do is thorough, methodical, tidy and extremely clean. I would go as far as to say my factory is cleaner than some homes I know!

Yours sincerely
George Reynolds
Managing Director & Chairman

Ed: I did visit the site and can honestly say, for the type of raw material used, I was more than impressed by the standard of cleanliness and efficiency at Direct Worktops.

Inside there was not a speck of dust on any floor or part of machinery and the outside yard and storage areas were amazingly tidy and debris free.

We spoke to the District Council Environment Department and they insist, from their surveys, there is evidence of both noise and dust, but only just over the limit. Mr. Reynolds is completing his own survey and negotiations are continuing to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of everyone. "There is no doubt the plant is kept immaculately clean, and a balance has to be drawn against vital jobs and the enjoyment of the environment" said an SDC spokesman.

"WILL WE EVER BECOME A REAL TOWN?"

Dear Sir

I have now been a resident of Newton Aycliffe for some 35 years, watching our town develop slowly over this time, yet still I find that we have:

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- 2 - No Theatre
- 3 - No Hospital
- 4 - No Registrar
- 5 - No Crematorium
- 6 - No Bus Station
- 7 - No proper Bingo Club

Also we have hopelessly inadequate policing, car parking and shopping facilities.

We have lost our Gas Showroom and numerous good shops, due to excessive rents in the Town Centre. We have now lost our Volunteer Bureau and our G.P.O. is now under threat etc. etc.

May I ask if there is any prospects of our town ever becoming a REAL TOWN? With even a few amenities.

May I also ask why in view of ALL the above, I pay more Council Tax than other parts of the Sedgefield District pay?

Perhaps some of our locally elected Councillors may care to comment on my remarks, or even (dare we hope) take some action to make Aycliffe into a real town, or do we have to continue to travel to Darlington, where all the amenities are provided? I am a very disillusioned senior citizen of 70.

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Championships at
Stanley on March 25/
26th, Sedgefield 75
Swimmers continued
their success.

Craig Thompson 14,
increases his
championship success
coming third in the 100m
Freestyle and 4th in the
400m Freestyle.

Kathleen Mohan had a
very busy weekend and
added to her previous
successes, she took
bronze in the girls 14
years 100m Backstroke,
4th place in the womens
50m Backstroke and
100m Butterfly, 5th
place in the 200m
Freestyle and was
reserve finalist for the
womens 50m Freestyle.

Carol Mohan took 6th
place in the girls 10 years
200m Freestyle.

Martin Whitfield took
the bronze medal in the
100m Junior Freestyle
Open Event.

Congratulations to all
who attended the event,
which produced twenty
four personal best times:
Carl Barker, Lindsey
Atkinson, Iain Cairns,
Barrie Walker, Laura
Sayers, Mark Surtees,
Matthew Bowden, Luke
Southgate, Sarah Kelly,
Mark Richardson, Adam
Burton and Tony Weed.
Coach John Moore was
delighted with the
performance of all his
swimmers and suggested
that Jimmy Nail should
make a new record
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words, avoiding
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Amazing Response to Article

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tion featuring International
Star Danny La Rue, to be
staged at the Tyne Theatre,
Newcastle in October.

All those that rang are hop-
ing they pass the auditions
being held this weekend in
Newcastle.

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ton News" he was amazed at
the response from our news-
paper, and was delighted
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Ward that I have been
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This means there will be
no election for the sea-
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Yours sincerely
Ernest Elmer

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The Association under their able Chairman Ben Hardaker, have continued to develop the Nature Parks potential and they feel they are going in the right direction.

Anyone interested in the environment generally, nature and conservation is invited to attend the AGM and join the Association. It has an active Youth Group and some exciting projects are being planned for this year.

Further details from the Chairman on 314442.

Letter to the Editor

PETROL PRICES BACK UP AGAIN

Dear Sir,
With regard to your newspaper's success in getting the price of petrol reduced at Newton Aycliffe in line with Darlington.

The price has risen again! According to staff the price of petrol has nothing to do with the Manager at the Station - it is the Petrol Company's decision.

Why then has no mention been made of the Petrol Filling Station which always sells

the cheapest fuel in town, namely the "Thrust" garage at Bluebell.

Apart from this the staff are very helpful and courteous and I hope you will point this out to readers.

Maybe after a few days the larger National Companies will start to compete again and reduce their prices for a longer period this time.

Yours sincerely,
T. R. McCormack
Finchale Road

Police Sell alarms for Shed and Garage

Over recent weeks, in Newton Aycliffe there has been a marked increase in thefts from sheds, outbuildings and private garages. Property stolen includes lawnmowers, trimmers, garden furniture and tools.

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Anybody interested should contact PC Broughton at Newton Aycliffe Police Office on 314401 extension 2607 between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. The alarms can be left for collection at the enquiry desk if these times are not convenient.

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Dear Sir,
May I publish my Council Accounts to Residents Woodham, Aycliffe North Wards

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D.D.C.	£3,027.20
TOTAL	£4,173.20

Tax	£781.80
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Balance to myself £996.84p - All Council work done for £2.73p per day.

I also visit homes for elderly, childrens units, disabled adult training units etc., throughout the County monthly, for petrol only. I have attended all Civil Remembrance Services etc in my own time on behalf of the Ward.

I have not been on any Conferences, Trips Abroad etc at the Public Expense ever.

I look forward to ALL Aycliffe Councillors publishing their Accounts in full from 1987, as I have - the Labour can sling mud.

Yours faithfully
Don Fraser, Woodham

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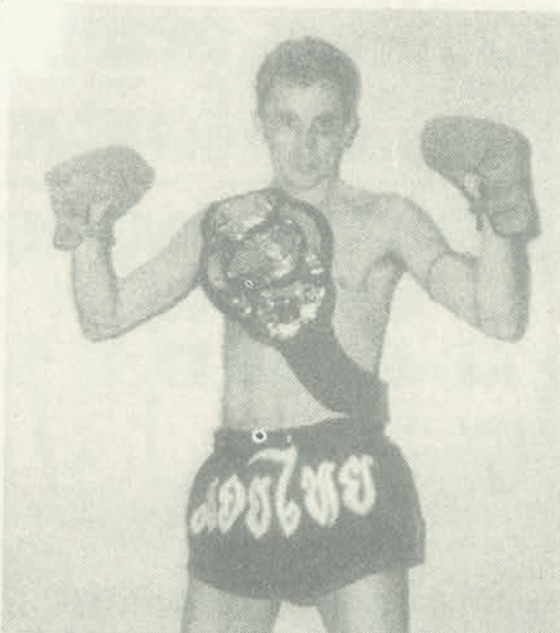
A small group in Newton Aycliffe have arranged a trip to Manchester to see "Phantom of the Opera" and a few seats are available at very good prices.

The cost including coach from Aycliffe and tickets to the Show is just £20 for Adults, £17 for O.A.P.'s, Students and UB40, and Children £15.

The price is excellent value as the tickets themselves are worth £17.50p.

The trip is on Saturday 20th May and the deadline is 28th April so hurry and ring A. Hancock on 321567 or call at 7 Dent Walk.

TOWN'S THAI CHAMPION FIGHTS AT WAKEFIELD



Last weekend former British Champion Barry Scott, chief instructor at the Sit-Sirisompan Thai Boxing Camp, represented his country yet again. Earlier this year Barry fought in Holland and was victorious. He hopes to repeat that this weekend in Wakefield, his club and supporters wish Barry all the best and will be there to urge him on. Barry is hoping to regain his British Title in June. All his friends send their regards and wish him every success.

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Letter to the Editor

AM I TOO OLD AT 54?

Dear Sir
For the past four years I have been unemployed and have on numerous occasions applied for jobs which I am well qualified and have been told at the job centre that I cannot apply for certain jobs as there is an age limit of 35-40.

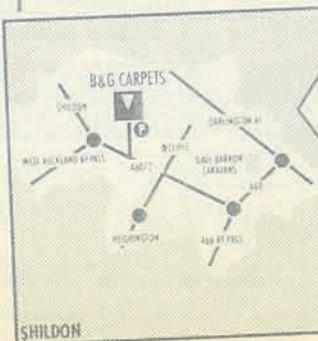
People talk about discrimination against colour and religion, well what about discrimination against age, just because we are over the age of 40 or 50

does not mean we are ready for the scrap heap. There is a lot of valuable experience going to waste just in our area without the rest of country. When are employers going to come to their senses and realise this? At the grand old age of 54 I am now classed as unemployable because of my age. Here is a good saying "Too old for a paper round, too young for a pension". Sadly this is the case for many people like me. Name and address supplied

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Letter to the Editor

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Dear Sir
Isn't politics a strange game of shifting principles?

Last week, Councillor Cockfield wrote to the Newton News attacking (presumably my) "moral

standards". To attack me in this way, apparently, is morally OK. The week before, he had advised Mr. Clare by name to stick to teaching History, as his Maths was so poor. This, presumably, was

also acceptable.

My letter to the Newton News proving that Mr. Cockfield had got his sums wrong, however, is apparently morally unacceptable.

Councillor Cockfield is a nice man. Nobody has anything personal against him at all. But he chose to become a Councillor and surely we have a right to point out when he has made a mistake?

Councillor Cockfield would have us believe that all his facts "are checked by senior officers" before he puts pen to paper. On 1st April, he wrote that Sedgefield District Council had raised its budget by 14%. In his letter of 8th April he stated that SDC had increased its budget by 16%. Not much checking going on there, I think!

In fact, as I stated clearly in my last letter, the District rate increase this year was 1/2 a per cent. This fact is beyond dispute, and I am afraid that it is just not true that our local Councils are "the highest Taxing Councils in the Country".

As Mr. Clare pointed out last week, the only person attacking Councillor Cockfield is Councillor Cockfield.

Yours faithfully
Martyn D Locklin

COUNTY WIN AWARD FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING

SOCIAL Work Training given by Durham County Council has won a double national seal of approval.

The Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work (CCETSW) has awarded the County Council's Social Services Department agency approval and training provider status.

Training provider status is given only to those training providers who meet the quality assurance requirements of CCETSW's validation process.

"This kite-marking of our training operation allows us to use the CCETSW seal of approval for all our courses and can also be used in any marketing of our training programmes in the voluntary sector" said Peter Kemp, Social Services director.

Agency approval

recognises the quality of practice learning opportunities for Diploma in Social Work students and also involves setting up appropriate support systems for staff who teach and guide students learning in the department.

"The award recognises the work that many practice teachers undertake and it also means that Diploma in Social Work students will be further attracted to learning in the department" said Councillor Charles Magee, Chairman of the Social Services Committee.

"As we have employed over 50% of the students we have given learning opportunities to over the last two years, this award will be an added ingredient in attracting the best of the student group and therefore give County Durham the first opportunity to secure their services" he said.

PUBLIC MEETING AT HEIGHINGTON ON HOUSING

Heighington and Redworth Parish Council are holding a "Public Meeting" on Monday 24th April from 8.00pm at Heighington Village Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pensioners and other people, suffering from disabilities, who have equity in their own property or capital in excess of £50,000, being excluded from the waiting list for Council owned sheltered accommodation.

Darlington Borough Council's Chairman of

the Housing Committee, Councillor B Dixon will be in attendance



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Wednesday 6pm & 7.30pm, Thursday 11.45am & 1pm
Friday 5.30pm, Saturday 9am - Sunday 2.30pm
White Horse Hotel, Harrowgate Hill - Monday 6.30pm
FERRYHILL
Town Hall - Wednesday 9.30am & 6pm
SEDFIELD
Ceddesfeld Hall - Wednesday 5.30pm & 7pm
SHILDON
Methodist Church Hall, Main Street - Monday 6.15pm
SPENNYMOOR
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The Vicar, Reverend Piers Davey conducted the Memorial Service and he commented on the high regard in which Billy was held.

This was much in evidence by the large number in attendance; his colleagues from Permoids where he worked,

and also the many friends who had journeyed from long distances to attend the Service.

Bill had been active in community life and was a past member of Newton Aycliffe Round Table and a current member of the Town's Rotary Club.

The President of the Rotary Club, Terry Crowe, who also knew Bill as a Round Tabler, said he was a quiet, likeable man, well respected and it was very sad to lose him.

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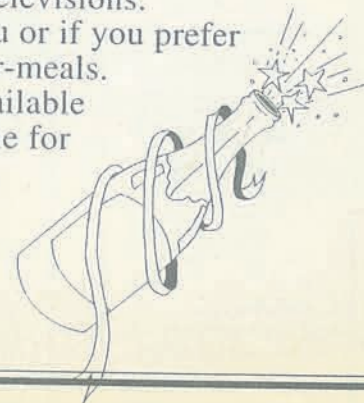
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birthday. All our love is sent
to you with all our kisses too,
and this we tell you darling
son, we will never forget you
- love Mummy and Daddy
WOODHEAD, RYAN
ANDREW. We may not have
a birthday cake, with a
candle to blow out, but you
will always be my baby
brother of that there is no
doubt - Love Craig XX
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26th April 1978. For a much
loved Granddaughter and
niece, Sam on your 17th
birthday. Memories are the
loveliest thing, they last from
day to day, they cannot get
lost, they don't wear out and
can't be given away. Sadly
missed always loved Nana,
Grandad and John
SAMANTHA MADDISON
26th April 1978 - age 17
years. We want to say so
many things, we don't know
where to start, we want to
capture and describe the
feelings in our heart, but
words are so inadequate and
deep inside, we know our
love for you is something we
will never out grow. Today,
tomorrow our whole life
through, we will always love
and remember you.
Especially on your birthday,
our love for always Mam and
Dad

SAMANTHA MADDISON
26th April 1978 - 17 years.
To my dearest Samantha, all
my love on your birthday and
forever more, you are in my
thoughts all the time, miss
you so much, all my love
forever Steven XX
SAMANTHA MADDISON
26th April 1978. To a dear
sister on her 17th birthday,
we wish you were here to
celebrate, Sam. We miss and
love you so much, deeply
missed Nicola and Robert
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26th April 1978. All our love
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Samantha - Aunt Eleanor,
Uncle Barrie, Shaun and
Sahra
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26th April 1978. We miss
you more each passing day,
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FRANKS, ELIZABETH
Died 14th April, 1989. How
can I write on paper the way
I feel inside, when broken
hearted memories are all you
left behind. You were so very
special what more is there to
say, I only wish with all my
heart that you were here
today. Miss you sister Jean,
brother Harry, brother-in-law
Leslie

FRANKS, ELIZABETH
Died 14th April, 1989. My
heart still aches with sadness,
secret tears still flow, just
how much we miss you, no
one will ever know. Sadly
missed nephews Gary and
John

FLOWERS, KEVIN 23rd
April, 1994. A year has
passed since you went away.
But memories of you dear
son will always stay.
Remembered and thought of
everday with love Mam,
George and family

FLOWERS, NORMAN
died 24th April 1983.
Remembered by all his
family

WILSON, EDWARD
(Eddie) died 25th April,
1992. Special thoughts for
you today, we send our love
in every way, forever in our
hearts you'll stay, loved and
remembered every day - God
bless - Loving wife Miriam
and family

GRAINGER, EDITH
ELLEN died 24-4-91.
Treasured memories of a
dear wife. The years go by,
but still you stay, as near and
dear as yesterday, sadly
missed but not forgotten.
From loving husband Ron
(Titch)

GRAINGER, EDITH
ELLEN died 24-4-91.
Treasured memories of a
dear Mam, loved and missed
every day. Your loving
daughter Doreen, son-in-law
John

GRAINGER, EDITH
ELLEN 24-4-91. A very
loved and missed Nana,
thinking of you always, love
from Viv and Chris

HUTCHINSON, RONALD
25-4-93. I had a Dad in a
million. I loved till the end,
I lost two precious things in
my life, my Dad and my best
friend, your loving son
Ronnie X

HUTCHINSON, RONALD
(Ron) died 25th April, 1993.
To us you were special, what
more is there to say, except
we wish with all our hearts
that you were here today.
Love you forever, as always
your loving wife Cora

HUTCHINSON, RONALD
(Ron) died 25th April, 1993.
Treasured memories of a
dear Dad and Grandad, love
from Liz, Steve and family
WOODHEAD, RYAN
ANDREW, 25-4-94 - 5-5-
94. A year has passed but
still we cry, always asking,
wondering why. Thoughts
and prayers the only way. To
say we miss you more each
day. Baby Ryan, baby
brother, we love you like we
love no other - In our
thoughts forever Charly and
Tony

FOSTER, ARNOLD late of
Newton Aycliffe. Passed
away peacefully after long
illness. Will always be
remembered by his loving
wife Maureen (Nola and
family) also (Linda and
Stephen) Funeral Friday 21st
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MEHAFFY, FRANCES a
dear Mam, died April 19th,
1993. Sadly missed, always
remembered by son Adrian,
Sue and family

MEHAFFY, FRANCES
19th April 1993. Loving
memories of a dear wife,
hearts that have loved can
never forget, for memories
are a golden chain, it links
hearts above to hearts below,
until they meet again. Sadly
missed by husband Dave.

MEHAFFY, FRANCES
19th April, 1993. Precious
memories of a dear Mum and
Nana. Forget you Mum, we
never will, for in our hearts
you linger still, behind our
smiles there is many a tear,
for the one we lost and loved
so dear. Loved and missed
everyday Julie, Ray, Emma,
Stacy and Amy

MEHAFFY, FRANCES
19th April, 1993. Treasured
memories of a much loved
Mam and Nana. Her memory
is a keep-sake, which we will
never part. God has her in his
keeping, we have her in our
hearts. Loved and missed by
Lynne, David and Anthony

GILLHAM, RAYMOND
Treasured memories of my
dear husband, died 22-4-94.
Silently the tears fall, that
others do not see, for a kind
and loving husband who
meant the world to me. My
love is always with you, your
place no one can fill, in life I
loved you dearly, in death I
love you still. God bless you
- your loving wife Phyllis

GILLHAM, RAYMOND
Died 22nd April, 1994. A
loving Grandad. Memories
are the loveliest things, they
last from day to day, they
can't get lost, they don't
wear out and can't be given
away. Remembered always
Sarah, Richard and Andrew
GILLHAM, RAYMOND
Entered into rest 22-4-94.
Our hearts are full of
memories with pride we
speak your name, life goes
on without you Dad, but
nothing is the same. Loved
and missed always.

GILLHAM, RAYMOND
Gentle Jesus up above,
please give our Grandad a
great big hug, with love
Richard and Charlotte

GILLHAM, RAYMOND
died 22nd April, 1994. So
you left us and rose like a
bird on the wing and sailed
to Heaven to gain your
wings. Your knowing smile
and sparkling eyes, your
infectious laughter the most
precious prize. All the love
you have given of your own
free will is with us forever in
our hearts so still. So its bye
for now DA, till we meet
again. Miss you always.
Julie, Ed and loving
grandchildren Rhiannon,
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Bishop Auckland College hold a 'Guide to Qualifications' Evening

Bishop Auckland College are holding a "Guide to Qualifications" evening which is intended to provide employers in the region with an opportunity to find out more about the national targets for education and training, the qualifications available and how they related to an organisations training needs.

Various qualifications will be explained such as NVQ's, GNVQ's, GCSE's and A Levels - how do they all relate?

The evening will enable people to find out about the range of qualifications available at the College and how they can help organisations to assess the skills of staff and upgrade qualifications to meet the national training targets.

For further information please contact Nick Brewster or Clare Harley at Bishop Auckland College on (01388) 603052.

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SEMINAR ON USE OF VILLAGE GREENS

A one day seminar aimed at unravelling the complexities of historic legislation governing the use and protection of that most English of features - the village green - is being held by Durham County Council next week.

And the opportunity to brush up on the do's and don'ts involved in their ownership and management has been welcomed by local authorities from throughout the North.

Entitled "Village Greens - Asset or Liability?" the seminar will set the historical and legal background to village greens, outline the role and work of the village green registration authorities, examine some of the day to day problems which can arise and consider village greens from a Parish Council viewpoint.

Cllr. Len James, Chairman of Durham County Council's Environment Committee, said the event would be useful to those who had an interest in village greens, whether from a management or amenity point of view or as users, owners or planners.

"Village greens are an important, yet often underestimated resource, frequently providing a focus for village life" he added.

"However, the pressures of modern life - motor cars, larger agricultural vehicles, tourism, increased leisure and recreation pursuits - are all exerting demands on village greens in ways that could not have been foreseen in the 19th century when the legislation that still protects them was enacted.

"As the title of the seminar suggests, village greens can certainly be an asset to those communities which have them, but because much of the legislation which governs their use is somewhat shrouded in the mists of time, they can also be a cause of problems and frustration.

"By looking at the laws which surround them, examining a number of case histories and providing an opportunity for the exchange of information, we hope our seminar will improve and develop practical knowledge which can be applied in the future".

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The UK's largest manufacturers storage systems catalogue, Storage Direct, is now available from Spectra Systems Northern of Aycliffe.

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The comprehensive catalogue is crammed with thousands of items for all applications, which can be ordered by telephone or fax and delivered to the customer within seven days.

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For further information or to request a catalogue, please contact Dave King, Spectra Systems Northern on 321821

EASY TO FOLLOW SLIM & TRIM

Slim & Trim is the exciting new programme launched by Weight Watchers for 1995. In what must surely be, the best ever programme from Weight Watchers television advertising. Also Lorraine Kelly, the GMTV personality, who is currently losing the weight with Weight

Watchers she gained after the birth of her baby Rosie.

Both Sam and Lorraine have been surprised by how easy it is to follow the Slim & Trim programme and lose weight. The neat, mini-ring binder will fit into your bag so that wherever you are, healthy eating hints, food selection guides or even tips on what to wear as you lose weight, will be on hand.

As well as these inspirational real life stories, this edition of Slim & Trim Magazine has details of the fantastic offer "Lose 6lbs in your first 2 weeks or get a week free".

The first 250,000 who attend a Weight Watchers meeting between April 17th and May 13th 1995 will get fabulous additional goodies including a £1.00 Boots Shapers token, a free Mill's and Boon novel, two for the price of one Supasnap films, 10% off Champion sportswear and lots lots more.

The magazine is all to explain how this Summer can be a Slim & Trim one for everybody. All that's needed is for you to visit your local Weight Watchers meeting. To find out more call (01628) 777077 about your nearest meeting.

Letter Support For Bus Owner

Dear Sir

In reply to Mrs Allans letter, we as neighbours of K&J Travel, all live in the cul-de-sac, perhaps our views can be expressed, we also have lived here for some time, Kenny Shaw has been self employed for about 5 years. We have no complaints in reference to parking his vehicles nor do we have any noise or disturbance from him. As for saying he has parked buses etc in the cul-de-sac for 23 years we think this is exaggerated a little as Mr Shaw was a male nurse at Aycliffe hospital for about 20 years.

Mr Shaw has helped us all at some time or other and he is willing to move his minibuses if it is in anyone's way.

Names and addresses supplied

Letter to the Editor IS IT NOT A VOTE LOSER TO SUPPORT CONSERVATIVE POLICY?

Dear Sir

Councillor Fraser never ceases to amaze me! I realise that we are in an election period, and that all the Councillors writing to the Newton News trying to recommend themselves to the public.

What amazes me is that, in his letter last week, Councillor Fraser chose to do this by publicly supporting the Conservative government. In the present climate, I would have thought that it was a massive vote-loser to

"out" oneself as a closet Conservative.

As far as I could understand it, the substance of Councillor Fraser's letter was that he was furious because the Labour controlled District Council had restored the Housing office in Aycliffe Town Centre, and that was what everyone wanted. Then he asks "What does Mr. Clare have to say about that?"

You win, Councillor Fraser, I am speechless!!

Yours faithfully
John D Clare

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