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DISTRICT COUNCIL ACCUSED OF VANDALISM

Last weekend the large Willow Tree by the Town Centre Roundabout, opposite St. Clares Church, was hewn down without notification to anyone.

The Town Council staff knew nothing about its removal and it surprised a number of Councillors. Town Clerk John Farquhar was even contacted at home over what one caller called "pure vandalism".

"Newton News" has received many calls from irate conservationists enquiring why it was felt necessary to fell this beautiful tree which was part of the Town Centre environment, and was older than the town itself.

We discovered the tree was removed by Sedgfield District Council on the recommendation of their Tree Specialist. The tree has been watched for two years, and as it was tilting dangerously towards the road, it was decided to chop it down before it caused an accident.

A very reasonable explanation which most people would accept, but might it not have been better explained before the act?

After all the SDC had 2 years to warn people the tree might have to be destroyed. Why wait for an outcry before giving reasons?

They have our newspaper, their own publication "Inform" yet fail to exercise good public relations in this matter. Come on SDC, introduce a policy which ensures all departments report sensitive issues which are likely to cause public concern, so that they may be published.

FRONT PAGE LETTER

Shafto House Refurbishment

Dear Sir

Erroneous statements were made in Aycliffe Town Council as to the future of Shafto House residential Home, which I refuted.

County Durham Care Sub-Committee has agreed finances for rewiring and complete refurbishment costing nearly £500,000 and I am assured there will be no staff cut-backs either. Residents will be fully catered for elsewhere while that essential work is done, then return to an enhanced modernised home environment. Residents, staff and relatives will be kept fully informed.

I hope this may relieve any anxiety that might have been created by any erroneous statements made. I have delivered the petition to D.C.C., signed by 341 Ward Residents, calling for urgent action about traffic problems on Agnew/Woodham Way and I'll report on responses. Our gratitude to the Organiser and all concerned residents petitioning for that.

As to petitions for an access path to the rear of Woodham Comprehensive School, bogged down in political mud since May 1989? Town Labour members insist the county Council must first put in a high security fence and internal paths BEFORE they will give way leave for the burnside path. They also insist that the path MUST be to adoptable standards and the County Council then to adopt it!

members prohibitive conditions for wayleave over a bit of muddy grass they accepted on behalf of Aycliffe residents.

Is new Labour any different from Old Labour? Is old infighting between Labour groups preventing progress in Aycliffe?

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It will be on November 11th from 10am until 2pm. This year because it's the Church's 40th birthday it will be a Ruby Christmas Fair and all the stalls will be decorated accordingly. We will be selling Christmas stationary, flower arrangements, toiletries, handicrafts, games, records, jigsaws, jewellery, cakes (remember to go to this stall first because we can never keep up with the demand), bric-a-brac, plants, bulbs, groceries, books, sweets and toys.

If you would like to give your family "home made" Christmas food but haven't got time to spend in the kitchen then you will be interested in the Christmas provisions stall where we supply cakes, pies, pickles, mincemeat, preserves etc. There will also be some craft stalls - pottery, needlecraft, silk painting and pyrography with some

of the stall holders demonstrating their skills. Refreshments will be served all day in the Coffee Lounge and Small Hall where entertainment will also be provided.

Admission is only 20p so do go along, join in the fun, have lunch, buy your Christmas presents, cards and food all in the space of a couple of hours. Wonderful! It's a housewife's dream.

Xmas Concert

The **Carol Andrew Singers** Christmas Concert will be held at 7.30pm., Saturday, 16th December 1995, in the **Throne Room, Auckand Castle, Bishop Auckand**, the home of the Bishop of Durham.

Tickets £4.00 (light refreshment served) obtainable from: **Mrs. J. Raine 01388 605632**, **Mrs. P. Alderson (Choir Secretary) 01325 377436**. All proceedings in aid of **Save The Children Fund**.

Lesley Swims for England in Geneva

Lesley Bowman has been selected to represent England at Geneva, Switzerland, in the International Gateway Olympic swimming events, which are to be held on the weekend 28th-29th of this month.

Lesley is a regular attendee at the Wishing Well Club which meets at St. Clare's, Newton Aycliffe, and which is part of the Gateway organisation for adults with learning difficulties.

Lesley trains regularly at Aycliffe Leisure Centre and was chosen for the English team after competing in a national swimming gala which was held at Sheffield during the summer of this year when she won Silver medal for her style.

She will be travelling down to London this week to meet up with the rest of those selected to swim for their country.

COUNTY'S SLIM CHAMPION LOST OVER 14 STONES



BEFORE



AFTER

FEW ENTRIES IN QUEST TO FIND BRITAIN'S BEST SMILE

The search for Britain's Brightest Smile, launched last month by the British Safety Council to

spearhead its Smile for Safe Week, has prompted the question: are there any happy people left in Britain?

Jane Tye, Director General says: "I am astonished by the lack of entries.

This time last year we were inundated by photos of radiant, smiling faces. I had no idea the British had become so shy and gloomy.

"Amazingly for this type of competition there has been little response from attractive young women who are usually the first to have something to smile about and have the ability to make others smile with them."

The closing date is approaching and the BSC wants to see more happy faces. If you are over 18 years of age and think you have a winning smile, or have a friend who fits the bill, send a stamped addressed envelope for an entry form to: Britain's Brightest Smile, British Safety Council, 70 Chancellor's Road, Ldn W6 9RS.

Completed forms and a recent photograph, with name and address on the back, must be returned to the BSC by November 20th.

The winner will be announced on Monday December 11th and receive their prize of an all-expenses-paid weekend in the capital.

Slimming World in Newton Aycliffe announce their County Durham winner, Diane Thompson, who has lost an amazing 14 stones 6 pounds.

Diane's weight had soared to over 26 stones. She tried endless diets to no avail and then she heard of the success of Slimming World's classes in the town and how friendly and down to earth were the caring consultants.

She and her husband Nigel joined and they were amazed at the choices offered and how the plans consisted of normal foods. Nigel reached his target very quickly losing over 6 stones and Diane is now down from a size 30 plus to a trim size 12!

Her tip for success is to join a class and set yourself a mini target e.g. a stone in 5 weeks or 2 in 10 weeks (just in time for Xmas). Diane says she would have been even bigger if she hadn't joined a class so don't put it off until tomorrow!

"I am so pleased I joined Slimming World it has changed my life and I want everyone to know this plan really does work", said

Diane.

If you wish to join a class in Newton Aycliffe ring any of the following numbers: 300615, 365838, 720165, 318072, 282051. Part of Diane's prize was a "makeover" with Beautiful Images in Darlington (Tel: 381055). "I felt like a model and would recommend it to anyone" said Diane.

Village Celebrate Award

A presentation of an award for County Durham's Tidiest Village will be made to Aycliffe on Saturday 28th October.

The Deputy Mayor will hand over the trophy to the Village Hall Association during a Celebration Evening which will include live entertainment, bingo, raffle and a bar. Everyone is invited from 7p.m. to 11p.m. and admission is free.

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On Monday 30th October at 7.15pm, in the Town Library, local author, Vera Chapman launches her new book "Around Newton Aycliffe". The 128 page paperback is a photographic record of Aycliffe and the growth of the new town since its designation in 1947. Most of the photographs have been contributed by residents and the author has also enjoyed the full co-operation of our Town Council and other authorities. Older residents will enjoy seeing the town as it was and, in some cases, be embarrassed how they looked all those years ago. The book is published by Chalford and will be available in bookshops at a recommended price of £8.99p.



A picture from the book showing the approach to the Town Centre in 1968 during a storm when lightning took the paint off a car. The large tree on the left is the subject of this week's front page story.

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HISTORICAL ARMY PARADE IN TOWN AS UNITS AMALGAMATE

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cover for the Armed Forces
of this country.

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the welfare of the fighting
forces and also to their
morale.

Well to the forefront of
these providers, from the
Boer Wars to the Gulf
Conflict, have been the
part-time Territorial Army
'medics' of 201 (Northern)
General Hospital, RAMC
(V) and 223 (Durham)
Field Ambulance RAMC
(V) based at Greenwell
Road, Newton Aycliffe.

Now, in a changing world
with different demands and
priorities it has been
decided that, in order to
provide continuing cover

for the reorganised Modern
Army, the two units are to
amalgamate into one under
the banner of '201 Field
Hospital (V)'.

This does not mean that the
Officers and soldiers of
223 are to cease to
function, rather, they now
become Alpha Squadron of
the new Field Hospital.

To commemorate this
important event the two
units are to hold an
Amalgamation and
Celebration Parade
on Tuesday 31st October at
8 p.m. which will take the
following form:

All personnel of 223 Field
Ambulance will assemble
and parade for the last time
under this title and then
ceremonially march out of
the barracks under their
Commanding Officer.
Once outside the gates the
troops will be welcomed
by their new Commanding
Officer who will be handed
the ceremonial key to the
barracks. The unit will
then be marched back to
their new title.

The men and women on
parade will also be under
the close scrutiny of all
former Commanding
Officers of 223 who are
able to attend.

As both units are very
much a part of their local
communities the evening
is planned as a family
celebration and will prove
to be of some considerable
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Eaton Re-union at "Carpies"

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calling together all
current and ex
employees, with their
partners to a Re-union.

This special event will
be held on Friday 3rd
November in their old
Social Club premises
now known as
"Carpies Club".
The re-union starts at
7.30 p.m.

Mayor to Unveil Plaque

Following the
announcement that
Aycliffe Village has
been awarded first
place in the Tidy
Village Competition,
the Mayor, Jim
Rodwell will unveil the
official winner's
plaque this Saturday at
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Meet leader Lynn Charlton at the Health Centre at 10 a.m. or in the car park behind the Spar shop in Lanchester at 10.45 for 7½ miles in a fairly new walking area.

The Lancaster Valley Walk

Lanchester, along the old railway, then to Burnhope, returning through the woods.

FRIDAY 10th NOV.

Group meeting

Bennet House, Darlington, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY 12th NOV.

Jaws of Borrowdale

Rosthwaite, Joppley How, Watendlath, Dock Tarn, Stonethwaite. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Health Centre. 8 miles and 1900 feet of ascent. Keith Johnson. 01325-281439.

FRIDAY 17th NOV.

"Take the High Road"

A spectacular audio-visual walking tour of Scotland, presented by Secretary Alan Hutchinson for WEA. The lounge of Bennet House, Market Place, D'ton, 7.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 19th NOV.

Welcome Walk

Flatts Lane, Eston Moor, Eston Nab, Ten Acre Bank. 5 miles of incredible views throughout this exciting exploration of Teeside's hills. Easy with one steep climb.

The Eston Hills

Meet Alan Hutchinson at the Health Centre, at 10.30 a.m., or phone 01325-482164.

SATURDAY 25th NOV.

Welcome Walk

Auckland Deer Park, Bellburn wood, Newfield. 8 easy miles with Lorna Withers.

A Bishop Auckland Amble

Assemble at the Health Centre at 11.15 a.m. to share lifts then rendezvous with walk leader in Bishop Auckland Market Place at 12 noon.

Ring 01740-656228.

SUNDAY 26th NOV.

Astride the Trees

Stapleton, The Coniscliffes, Piercebridge, Cleansby. 13 miles, including part of the Teesdale Way. Meet Liz & Duncan at the Health Centre, 8.45 a.m. 01325-488762.

Letter More Dancers Wanted

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Heighington Sequence Dance Club. I would like to thank you for printing my letter advertising for new members.

We had a good response to the advert, but we still have room for more members, so if anyone else is interested our next dance is on Nov. 2nd.

You will be made very welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you at 7-30 p.m. Enquiries Ayc.313248.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. Thorogood
Organiser.

ONE WORLD

22nd-29th October

There will be a **Celebration of One World Week**, organised by the Great Aycliffe Council of Churches, at St. Mary's Church, on Monday 23rd October, beginning at 7 p.m.

All are welcome.

£35 MILLION TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES

Calls made by Stephen Hughes Durham's Euro MP three years ago for special Euro aid to help small businesses cope with E.C. law have lead to the creation of a £35m Fund.

The Fund will specifically help small and medium sized companies understand and put into effect the seventeen major E.C. Directives on Health and Safety in Work Places introduced over the last six years. These cover a wide range of subjects such as Personal Protective Equipment, Working with Computers and Word Processors, Construction Site Safety and organising Work Places for Safety. Stephen Hughes called for the creation of the Fund -- and even named it: SAFE (Safe Actions for Europe)-- to provide practical help on training, information, guidance and assistance on best practice. His meetings with senior European Commission figures in each of the last two budget rounds have now borne fruit. The

European Commission has published a four year Action Programme on Health and Safety which includes an extensive SAFE Programme with an initial budget of £35m for the next four years.

Commenting today Stephen Hughes said:- "The E.U. is often accused of legislating without regard for the difficulties which businesses might have in coping with that legislation. This is a practical example of how Europe does care. This money will be available to management or unions or both working in partnership to help them put the basic requirements of E.U. Health and Safety Law into practice in the work places. I could not be more confident that the £35m cost of this Fund will be paid for many times over in reduced costs in deaths and injuries in small and medium sized companies all over Europe that meeting the requirements of this legislation will bring about.

OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX SQUASH RESULTS

Robert Thompson has won his first Premier League in the UPEX Squash Leagues at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex.

Fellow first team players, Dave Lyons and Gary Hall finished second and third respectively whilst Richard Vitty, Peter Ramsay and John Ward were relegated to be replaced by John Cardy, Derreck Pinkney and Peter Morris.

In the UPEX sponsored Squash ball draw this month's winners were:- Peter Runciman, Peter Morris, Dennis Noble, David Knight, Lee Herridge, Morris Race, Sue McTague, Richard

Vitty, John Ward, Tony Butt, Dave Atkinson, Terry Bowater, Margo Wood, John Herdman, Alan Mcphee, Bill Powton and Michael Laverick.

There are over 100 participants in the UPEX Squash leagues with standards ranging from beginners up to team players.

The pyramid system means the organisers can usually fit players in at their approximate standard.

Anyone interested in joining the league should telephone the Oak Leaf Sports Complex (01325-300600) and speak to Sheila Pinkney or Richard Vitty.

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CHARITY SHOP APPEALS FOR UNWANTED GOODS

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is calling upon the people of Newton Aycliffe this week to clear out their cupboards and donate unwanted items to their charity shop in Beveridge Way.

"Please think of us and let us have anything you might otherwise throw out - we could turn it into money vitally needed to fight heart disease which is Britain's biggest killer!" pleads manager, Sandra Toward. "Our shop has

proved to be very popular since it opened so we are always in need of more good quality stock. If there's anything you no longer want - whether it's unwanted presents or forgotten clothing - we can raise a good price for it all."

The charity shop would be grateful for ANY good quality items. Sandra says, "Local people have always been really generous in bringing in what they no longer need but more clothes, bric-a-brac, toys and books are always appreciated."

The Newton Aycliffe shop is part of an expanding chain of over 250 British Heart Foundation shops nationwide. The Foundation, Britain's largest heart research charity, spent over £28 million on heart research last year alone.

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TRADE MISSION FROM N.E. TO FLORIDA

North-East companies will have the opportunity to develop trade and business links with Florida, USA when a mission sets off from the region next March.

Up to 18 companies from the region will take part in the County Durham Development Company-organised mission between 20th and 27th March 1996. Its director of marketing, Phil Eadon, said the mission would build on the strong links that already exists between County Durham and Florida.

"This mission follows a visit to County Durham by Florida-based companies and economic development organisations earlier this year," he said.

"We are sure to receive the red carpet treatment as our friends of Florida are very keen to develop links with UK-based companies. There are tremendous opportunities for trade and business development. The UK is seen as the gateway to Europe. Likewise, we see Florida as a gateway to the huge North and South American and Caribbean markets for North-East companies." Florida is the fourth most populous State and one of the fastest growing. The mission will be centred on Tampa and Polk County. Tampa on the west coast is one of America's fastest growing cities and the wealthiest State with a flourishing technological base. Polk County has had to regenerate its economy away from citrus and phosphate industries to a more diverse base.

To give North-East companies a taste of what Florida has to offer the

State's Department of Commerce in London, Mark Diaz, will give a presentation at Durham Rugby Club on Wednesday, 8th November. On the previous day, interested companies can also take advantage of the North America Now showcase organised by DTI's Overseas Trade Service being held at the Holiday Inn, Seaton Burn. County Durham-based companies will receive financial support from CDDC towards the cost of the mission. Companies interested in attending the presentation on 8th November or taking part in the Florida trade mission should contact Alison Best at CDDC, telephone (0191) 383 2000.

LOCAL STORE HELPS CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

Staff at your local YP store in Newton Aycliffe have been busy fundraising again.

The event was held in stores nationwide on Saturday 14th October. The store raised £95.80 and the total raised by the Company, was £7,000.

Staff dressing up in fancy dress set the scene for a successful days fundraising and tombolas, raffle draws and cake stalls were among some of the activities arranged by the store staff.

All proceedings will be donated to the Foundation for Children for

Leukaemia and the Macmillan Children's Fund.

YP has supported a number of charities, donating £25,000 to both the Macmillan Appeal and more recently, raising £14,000 for the NSPCC in June 1995.



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ANNE GOODE Happy birthday Mammy, lots of love and cuddles from Josh

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KIRSTY MACMILLAN 1st November, Happy 18th birthday to a great friend, lots of love Emma and Jill

LAND To my darling wife, Marlene on our Silver Wedding Anniversary, October 31st 1995. Thanks for 25 wonderful years, all my love Stuart.

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SASHA on your 1st birthday, love Nana, Graeme and Uncle Paul

MORTON Agnes and Richard Congratulations Mam and Dad on your 40th Wedding Anniversary 29-10-95, lots of love from Christine, George, Carol, Grant, Steve, Lynn, John, Gail, Kevin, Peter, Debbie

MORTON Agnes and Richard Lots of love Nanna and Grandad on your 40th Wedding Anniversary from all your grandchildren.

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In Memoriam

ELIZABETH PRICE (Betty) Died 31st October, 1992. You brightened the lives of everyone you met. Now that you are gone, the world is a colder place. I miss you Mam, and I always will, all my love Suzanne

ELIZABETH PRICE (Betty) Died 31st October, 1992. Thank you for the years we shared, the love you gave, the way you cared, to me you were so precious, what more can I say, I only wish with all my heart, that you were here today. Your loving husband Barry

MUSGRAVE Marjorie (Nee Atess) October 29th 1994. A dearly loved sister and Aunt. In our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered every day Ken, Audrey and family

MACKENZIE Isobell. Died 27th October, 1983. Treasured memories of our dearly loved daughter and sister forever in our thoughts Mam and Dad

MACKENZIE Isobell, October 27th 1983. Treasured memories of a dear sister in law, always in my thoughts Margaret

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HOWLETT, Thomas, 28-10-94, love and miss you Grandad, Marty and Reece

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FRED SLACK Died 31st October 1991. The years have gone by Fred, but our love for you will never die, always remembered by your loving wife, Dorothy and family

DICKINSON, Elsie. 31-10-92. In loving memory of a dear Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. You have not gone, just slipped away, we still feel your presence every day, so until we all meet again, God take care of our Mam and let her know we love her so. From all your loved ones XX

DICKINSON, Elsie 31-10-92. Three years have gone since you went away, but in our hearts you will always stay, much loved and missed Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother - Christine, Jeff and family XX

DICKINSON, Elsie 31-10-92. Much loved and missed Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. You may have gone but you will never be forgotten, for our love for you is still as strong. Love you always, Denise, Tony, Walter, Craige and Clarissa.

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hooker, and Paul Stonehouse is in for Darren Dawson on the wing. The game was static to say the least and the first half saw little progress from either side. They say its a game of two halves and this game was no exception, with Jarrovians getting the only points in the first half through two successful penalties.

The second half saw fly half Pete Ryans level the scores with two well executed penalties, and the rest of the game was hard fought forward display. It turned out to be a very bruising encounter with little or no flowing rugby. The game finished level at 6 all.

The second team travelled away to Durham Constabulary, the team captained by Gary Bowers following his exclusion from the first team. The Durham side far outweighed Aycliffe's pack and were comfortable winners 32 - 17. Aycliffe's points were a try each for Ray Randall and Gary Bowers, and both were converted by fullback, Tommy Cooper who also added a penalty to his tally. This weeks game is away to Washington. Kick off 2.30. Tim Sellock.

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Once Again we draw to the end of another season and the Sales Hut will close after closing time on Sunday 29th October. For those members wishing to make an early start for next season the hut will open on 2 Sundays in January.

Annual Autumn Fair

St. Clare's Church are holding their annual Autumn Fair on Saturday, 4th November in the Church Halls, starting at 2.00pm, (entrance in St. Cuthbert's Way).

There will be lots of stalls, including Home-made cakes, Rainbow, Kitchen & Bathroom, Books, Crafts, Tuck-shop, Traidcraft, Tombola, Bottles, Tins, Bric-a-Brac, Games, Raffle, and much more. Delicious home-made Afternoon Teas will also be served.

There is something for everyone - bring the family - admission is FREE. Proceeds are for Church Funds.

Harvest Giving

On Wednesday 18th October parents and friends attended a Harvest Festival Service at Elmfield School. After the service the generous offerings of produce were distributed by children and helpers to eighty four homes of elderly people in the community.

Open Evening

Woodham Comprehensive School is holding an Open Evening for parents and students who are considering further education in the sixth form on Tuesday 31st October 1995 from 7-9pm. All are very welcome.

Athletics

On Sunday in the Hamsterley Marathon organised by Chris White of Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club Charles Stead was a convincing winner over the very demanding 5 lap course. In the North East Harrier League at Wallsend on Saturday Pete Milburn, Colin Gibson, Chris White and Dave Middleton from Newton Aycliffe Athletics Club all ran well. First to finish for Aycliffe was Ian Williams (Slow Pack) 33m 48s followed by Dave Middleton (Slow Pack) 33m 50s, Colin Gibson 129th in 31m 52s, Pete Milburn (Fast Pack) 30m 32s and Chris White 212th in 36m 14s.

As Aycliffe only had 5 runners they did not have a complete team and therefore finished joint last in the 2nd Division.

£30,000 FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NURSE LED BED SCHEME AT COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

£30,000 has been given to continue the Nurse Led Bed scheme at Sedgefield Community Hospital. The funding has been provided jointly by County Durham Health Commission, Social Services and Sedgefield District Council and a local GP fundholding practice, Dr. Jones and partner in Sedgefield. Sedgefield is one of ten areas in the county chosen by the Department of Health to trial the scheme which will hopefully be expanded in the future to include more areas.

The scheme is unique in allowing nursing staff rather than doctors, to admit patients who need short term hospital care for ailments such as pressure sores. The scheme acts as an important half way measure for patients needing respite care, rather than full time hospital care. There are three teams totalling eight nurses who can admit patients into two new beds at the hospital. In the six months it has been running the scheme has treated 12 patients. The main benefits of the scheme are that it provides

patients with continuity of nursing staff and locally based care. By treating patients promptly their conditions are often prevented from deteriorating and needing more long term health care.

Paul Irving, the Commission's acting locality director for Sedgefield said: "There is real potential for broadening the scheme in the future, and we are very pleased that together we could offer the vital funding needed to continue the scheme for another year. There is a real partnership between the different parties to help prevent people from becoming more seriously ill."

Colin Miller, practice manager, Dr. Jones and Partner said: "This is a very worthwhile scheme and we wish to see the community hospital flourish by providing such beneficial services. The scheme provides important easy access to health care for local people. We have found that we were using the facility a lot for our patients and are glad to help it continue by

providing funding." Julia Gilroy, facilitator of the Nurse Led Bed Scheme said: "The scheme's success is still being evaluated with questionnaires going to all patients who have used the service and staff to see whether it is promising for the future. So far the feedback is encouraging, and patients have really benefited."

The Nurse Led Bed scheme also frees up Community hospital beds for use by other patients, and can also admit patients recommended by District Nurses, GP's or Social Services.

Letters to the Editor

Would the person who sent an anonymous letter concerning humiliation of an elderly man by a Town Shopkeeper contact the Editor.

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