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Newton Press announce their expansion plans, after 52 years with 38 years on St Cuthberts Way. We are letting our current premises and moving to the Blue Bridge Centre, next to the town's iconic landmark, a refurbished office block offering a cleaner environment, more suitable for the digital print processes now used by the company.

Over the years Newton Press has adopted a very "green" approach to its print manufacture. The company has ISO14001 (environmental Standard) & ISO9001 (Management Standard) only using FSC & PEFC paper from sustainable sources - All paper and card is carbon neutral to offset its CO2 footprint. There are no pre-press film or plate making processes as their printing machines are mostly digital.

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The 8,300 square foot facility is bigger than our current premises and incorporates three floors of open space and offices. The property is easily accessible by car, with parking available in our private car park just outside.

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Apprentice Mechanic

In 2013 Woodham Academy secured a bid through the Improving Progression of Young People Team which was to fund an initiative to support young people at the school to successfully move on into Education, Employment or Training post 16. The school has worked with 6 students on the programme and many of them have had huge success. When Paul Bradshaw was invited to become part of the cohort in June 2013, he had his heart set on becoming a



mechanic. Over the past two academic years Paul has been employed by Gregg Little Testing Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

This company has helped Paul realise his true potential and calling. Over the past two years Paul has learnt how to work well in a team, communicate effectively with colleagues and listen to others. By the time he had reached the end of his first year, he was responsible for the 'summer deals'. He has impressed the company so much that they have offered him an apprenticeship with them when he leaves Woodham Academy in June 2015. In 5 years time he sees himself as a fully-fledged member of the Gregg Little Testing Company team. His ultimate career goal is to own his own business.

SCHOOL PHYSICIST OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



Greenfield Community College and Sunnydale Campus, is proud to have nominated Kieran Wilkinson, a student in year 10 attending the school,

for the 'Schools Physicist of the Year' celebration. The event will include engaging demonstrations and interactive activities, and will be held at Durham University on 16th June 2015. It will celebrate the talent of exceptional school students and highlight the excitement and opportunities of studying physics. Kieran was nominated for his love and enthusiasm of science as well as his continued progress and excellent attitude to learning. He often impresses teachers with his extensive

knowledge and keen enthusiasm for physics. He is keen to share his findings and hopes to advance in this field.

The event is sponsored by the Ogden trust and guest speaker, Prof Carlos Frenk, Ogden Professor of Fundamental Physics and winner of the Royal Astronomical Society Gold Medal, will be presenting the awards. Nominated students will receive a certificate, prize and the opportunity to apply for Ogden Scholarships. Good luck to Keiran from all of us at Greenfield!

SENIOR CITIZENS' DAY OUT

Can we say a very big thank you to Aycliffe Council for providing us with a really great day out on the Senior Citizens' Outing to Hexham. We were picked up on time from Aycliffe Village by Lee's Executive Coaches. Good start and free WiFi so we were able to send photos direct to friends and family in Switzerland. No sooner were we on the coach, we had a good hour's stop at Boundary Mill where it was full of goodies for those who enjoy a bargain or two! Our onward journey was to Langley Castle set in magnificent grounds with a peacock or two to add to the ambience. We were served a 3 course lunch with coffee. The dining room was sumptuous and the staff were very attentive. Next lap, onwards to Hexham where we spent a couple of hours taking in the sites, the shops and cafes. 4pm prompt we headed for the Derwent Manor Hotel, yet another superb location with stunning views where we were served tea/coffee and biscuits. We then headed home and were dropped on our doorstep at

Aycliffe Village at around 6pm.

Our guide for the day had a great sense of humour and handed round sweets and we even had a prize draw - I won! A box of chocolates! The driver was excellent and together with the guide they made a good team.

So, thank you so much for our first ever Senior Citizens' Outing. We will certainly be going again next year and the added bonus is IT'S FREE to over 60s!

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Foster Care Fortnight is an annual awareness raising campaign which hopes to encourage more people to

think about fostering. This year's campaign began at the start of June and ends on Sunday 14 June.

Florence Coulter, fostering manager with Durham County Council, said: "Foster carers make a real difference to the lives of children and young people by offering them a stable family when they have had lots of change in their life."

"Many people don't realise they have the skills to care for a child or young person. You

will need to be a good listener, have plenty of patience, a commitment to helping the young person have a positive future, and a sense of humour helps too!

"Foster Care Fortnight is a great opportunity for anyone who enjoys the company of children or young people to find out more."

Durham County Council offers extensive training and support from a wide range of professionals, including therapeutic services.

Anyone interested in finding out about fostering is invited along to an information session to meet workers, foster carers and find out about the different types of support that's available. More information can also be found here <http://www.durham.gov.uk/fostering>

A number of Information sessions are being held:
Monday 15th June, County Hall, Durham, any time between 4.30pm and 6.30pm
Friday 26th June, Durham Town Hall, any time between 10am and noon.

Charity Tea Party in aid of Marie Curie



All are invited to a 'Blooming Great Tea Party' and partake of delicious cream teas at The Manor House, West Auckland on Sunday 7th June from 11.00am - 4.00pm in support of Marie Curie Care.

A Tombola, Grand Hamper Raffle, Bookstall and the opportunity to be photographed as The Mad Hatter or Alice in Wonderland promise this a tea party not to be missed! Free entry- All welcome - Come along and support this worthy cause. All monies raised will go towards providing 'end of life care' in the area.

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"Best in the World" at Greenfield



Greenfield Arts were thrilled to bring Unfolding Theatre and their show "Best in the World" to Greenfield recently. The show is an uplifting, funny and motivational performance about being yourself and being the best version of you you can be. It was filled with stories of athletes and sports personalities and included a section where everyone was encouraged to share their own golden moments and then go bananas. It was fantastic to have over 185 young people see the performance from Greenfield Aycliffe campus, Sunnydale campus and Woodham Academy. The audience also enjoyed an inspirational talk from health and nutritional coach and entrepreneur, Laura Agar Wilson. This performance is part of a

larger project that Greenfield Arts are developing with funding from the public health team to bring a wide range of opportunities to our young people. Alongside the show we have been refurbishing Studio 2 so we can do more creative work that encourages self-awareness and choices. A group of young people from Greenfield have been working with artist Nicola Golightly on designs and ideas for studio 2, including a "Manifesto of Kindness." As part of this project and our Summer holiday programme we have some summer tasters planned including hula hooping and summer snacks before more regular sessions begin in September. To find out more or get involved visit our website www.greenfield-arts.co.uk.

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encourage other young harpists to champion the harp in a chamber music setting, they have founded the British Harp Chamber Music Competition, the only one of its kind in the UK. Tickets for this third concert in Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2015 season, are available from Brotherton's Music and by contacting Brian Varley on (01388) 606075. Tickets at £12.50 (free to under 18's) may also be purchased on the door.

Turkish Barbershop Opens at Blue Bridge Centre



Turkish born Emre Sahin (27) moved to Newton Aycliffe after marrying Nicola in 2006 whom he met while she was on holiday in his country. The couple have a 7 year old boy Emrehan and a 2 year old daughter Alara who had the honour of cutting the ribbon to open the new Barbershop. Nicola was born in Newton Aycliffe and attended Woodham Comprehensive School. The popular traditional barber has worked in the town since 2007 and has just moved into new premises at the Blue Bridge Centre as a tenant of Newton Press.



Alara cuts the ribbon of the new Barbershop helped by Daddy Emre and her Mother Nicola. Looking on is Nicola's parents Carol and Terry Fothergill.



Emre trained as a barber in Turkey from being a young boy when he worked in the family business. His sister also runs a ladies hairdressing business in his home town Adana. "My Grandfather taught and inspired me and I have a passion to bring traditional Turkish barbering to Newton Aycliffe" said Emre. He has a very well equipped and comfortable barbershop designed in vintage style wood with upholstered leather seating. Gary Hudson of Aycliffe a time served joiner was asked to get involved in preparing Emre's new shop and was honoured to help. "Emre gave me a few ideas and we have transformed the premises. I would like to wish Emre the best of luck with his new barbershop" said Gary. The Barbershop offers men's image grooming, designing and traditional haircutting along with Emre's speciality - a Turkish wet shave!

Film Show

St Clare's Church FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW on Tuesday 9th June will feature "SEND ME NO FLOWERS" Doris Day and Rock Hudson star as a perky housewife and her hypochondriac husband in this, their third and final film together. Tony Randall and Clint Walker co-star in this feel-good comedy farce. Tea and coffee served at 1pm, included in the £2. The film starts at 1-15pm. A variety of chairs are set out for your comfort, and tables too so you can bring a spot of lunch to eat. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME to join us and watch the film in friendly company. Further details from Ric Hargreaves 01325 316755

Woodham Academy Cycling Skills

Students at Woodham Academy are about to develop their cycling skills. The school has recently acquired ten state-of-the-art mountain bikes, funded through Woodham Sports Academy's partnership with the Tony Blair Sports Foundation. Currently the bikes are being used exclusively by members of the school's Leadership Academy who are training with Bike4Health. There will be around 18 students taking part in an event in July, riding to Hamsterley Forest from Woodham Academy. The bikes will create exciting opportunities for students of all ages to engage in cycling activities during their PE curriculum as well as extra-curricular clubs.



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NASUWT Riverside Concert Band will entertain the crowds on Sunday, 7 June, followed by The Gala Big Band on Sunday, 14 June and Pitlington Brass on Sunday, 21 June.

It's the turn of Craghead Colliery Band on Sunday, 19 July, with Bearpark and Esh Colliery Band performing on Sunday, 26 July.

All performances start at 2pm. However, there will also be a full day of brass music on Sunday, 5 July, when the museum's grounds play host to the Durham County Brass Band Association Contest.

The music starts at about 10am, with performances throughout the day until around 4pm.

The DLI Café will be open during all of the concerts, serving ice creams and other refreshments.

Visitors can take a stroll around the grounds or visit the museum. Normal admission charges for the museum apply.

MINI MICROBIOLOGISTS AT GREENFIELD



Over the last few weeks, three year 8 pupils from the Greenfield Community College Sunnydale Campus in Shildon, have been taking part in the GlaxoSmithKline Germ Control Challenge 2015. Its aim is to encourage wider thinking about disease and infection control.

Their ideas about bacterial transfer through washing up sponges has managed to get them into the final twenty from a national field of over 150 other teams.

Abigail Charlton, Emma Lee and Mason Milburn are hoping their current investigation will see them through to the final six which will involve a trip to the National Science Museum in London where they will present their findings and be given a VIP tour.

Their GSK germ squad mentor seemed encouraged by their enthusiasm and early results yesterday saying their work was on a par with older

students from other schools in the same competition. Science teacher Mr Derek McKee-Brown says "It's great that the students are showing such a key interest in an area that's very topical at the moment. I'm hoping these three talented young scientists get a taste for the subject early and go on to study it further later in their academic careers."

Village Heritage Centre



Once again St. Andrew's Church in Aycliffe Village opens its door each Thursday from 2 - 4pm to exhibit the Heritage Centre antiquities.

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Dear Sir,
Counc Bob Fleming in last week's front page letter stated he arranged a meeting between senior members of the Town Council with the County Council on their plans to remove lighting on the A167.

This showed the Council was listening to the people and as a result a Service Level Agreement with the County Council will save the lights around Aycliffe. Counc. Fleming was confident the agreement would be accepted by the Town Council.

What about the cost to the ratepayer as it has been reported we have to put up £46,000. Can we afford it and should this not go out for consultation?

The County Council say they can't afford the lights to stay on yet it has also been documented the Labour Leader receives an allowance of £1000 a week and his Cabinet colleagues get £500 a week while ordinary members receive around £255 a week.

It is clear from this that none of our County Councillors will fall below the "poverty line" unlike a lot of the ratepayers.

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Town Called to Mark Armed Forces Week

To mark the beginning of 'Armed Forces Week' the Mayor Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton will be raising the Armed Forces Flag at St. Clare's Church on Monday, 22nd June 2015 at 11 a.m. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. The Mayor will be assisted at this annual event by Officers from 102 Battalion (REME) together with Standards from both the REME Association and the Royal British Legion.

Armed Forces week was first held in 2009 when it was an opportunity for local communities to be able to show their appreciation to the men and women of the Armed Forces from serving personnel to service families and from recruits and veterans. Members and ex-members of the Armed Forces wearing their medals would be especially welcome at this ceremony.

Good Day for Aycliffe Juniors at All Stars Tournament

Newton Aycliffe Juniors sent two sides to the Darlington All Stars tournament held at Longfield School this weekend.

The Under 11's played 5 games, lost 3, drew 1 and won 1. Goals were scored by Curtis, Adam and Zack. Two of the games lost were very close and could have gone either way. In the third we held our own against a team who play 4 divisions above us in the league.

A good day was had by all and it was great to welcome Addi and Wayne as our new manager and coach. Aycliffe's 'Player of the Tournament' was Curtis for his all-round contribution.

The Under 9's had a fantastic day. In the group they played 5, won 4, drew 1, conceding only one goal and topping the table. This was achieved with victories over TIBS 4-0, Leven 3-1, All Stars 1-0, Middleton Rangers 1-0 with a perfect record being stopped by Greatham who held us to a 0-0 draw.

They progressed to a quarter final against Bishop Auckland St Mary's which was won 1-0 thanks to a great finish by Taylor after good build up play from Lucas. On to the semi-final and a dominant display and goals from Jacob, Jake, Charlie and Lucas led to a 4-0 win. The final saw this season's League Cup winners from TJFA North riding and TJFA Durham leagues face each other in what was always going to be a close encounter



for Aycliffe against Marton. Aaron's fine strike after a lovely pass from Charlie looked to have sealed a 1-0 win. However Marton managed to equalise with the last kick of the game to take the game to extra time. No further goals in this period despite some great play so we had penalties to decide the winner. Marton won the shot out and claimed the win, a cruel way to lose for our squad who had been great all day.

Well done to Thomas who was named player of the match in the final, all the squad were superb including Aaron, Taylor, Jake, Jacob, Lucas, Charlie and Zack and thanks as always to the great coaching support from Adrian and Neil.

Association Name Change

Williamfield Residents Association. Meet on Wednesday 10th June 6pm at Western Area Community Centre, Silverdale House. At the last meeting it was decided unanimously to change the name from LADRA R.A to Williamfield R.A.

The area covered will be the same but we hope that more people will become involved using the old familiar name. We must try and bring this area back to its tidier looked after state that it was several years ago.

We would also like to have trips away Bingo, Coffee Mornings etc. Every one welcome. A cup of tea and a biscuit will be available Ring 011325 308094 / 07967 901477

Town Council Thanked for Listening

Dear Sir,
I would like through your publication to commend your story in last week's Newton News and those Councillors and officers of GATC for their sterling work in negotiating a deal with Durham County Council over the saving of lights on the A167.

Having been disappointed by the intransigence of our County Council over the issue, despite the protestations of the electorate and their elected representatives.

It was refreshing to read that our Town Council, led by Council Leader Bob Fleming, Deputy Leader Malcolm Iveson supported by Town Clerk Andrew Bailey had listened to concerns of residents of Great Aycliffe and our business community before taking up the perceived safety issue with DCC officers and negotiating a solution.

Current news sources are reporting an incident in which a lady died whilst walking home on the road in the south of England after road lights had been switched off to save money due to

Conservative austerity cuts. Although a large portion of the running cost of the lights will have to be paid through local rates it will be worth it for making the highway safe. Where I do have a problem is in the perceived double taxation; whereby we pay both councils for the service. I feel that on this issue my wholehearted support and congratulations must go to those involved and thank them for listening.

Ken Robson
Vice Chairman GARA

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AMATEUR ARTIST FEATURED ON T.V.

Watch out for documentary on BBC 2 on 13th June at 7pm when local builder cum amateur artist, Bill Lowery, is featured during his experience and excitement hoping his work would be accepted for a London Exhibition. His painting did not get through for the final selection, but it is an interesting programme explaining the competition and the highs and lows of the selection process.

CHARITY EVENT FOR LATE MOTHER'S 50th



Ellice with her Mam Dawn

A charity event will be held on Friday 19th June 2015 at Newton Aycliffe Working Men's Club (The Big Club). This event is in memory of Ellice Elliott's Mam Dawn to celebrate her 50th birthday. Dawn was an amazing lady, so friendly and loving and she touched the lives and hearts of so many people. She was remembered by all for her big smile with bright red lipstick. Sadly she passed away quickly on 6th February 2014 at the age of 48 after a very short illness lasting 5 weeks. Dawn had been feeling poorly for a few months then on Friday 3rd

January the family were told it was terminal, as cancer had spread to her liver. Dawn spent two weeks at St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington before being moved to St Cuthbert's Hospice for a week in Durham where she sadly passed away. She left behind three children aged 28, 21 and 17. All money raised will be shared between St. Teresa's Hospice in Darlington and St. Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham. Tickets are on sale now and available from Ellice on 07875 331891 or email elliceao16@hotmail.com

Councillors' Surgeries

Neville, Shafto, St Mary Ward

Councillors Sarah Iveson and Jed Hillary will be in attendance at St. Mary's Meeting Room, Burn Lane on Saturday 13 June from 11am - 12 noon.

UK INDEPENDENCE PARTY MEETING

UKIP are pleased to announce that they are establishing a new Constituency association for the Sedgfield area. All members and interested people are welcome to attend this meeting to have a drink and socialise with other likeminded people. At this meeting we will be establishing a committee that will steer the group for the coming year. Please do consider attending the event as set out below.
Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.30pm in The Turbinia, Sid Chaplin Drive, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7PA

ST ELIZABETH'S CHURCH PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

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by TEN electors for the said Parish (Ward), an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will take place not later than 24th August, 2015.

Dated 2nd June, 2015

Andrew Bailey
Clerk to the Parish
Great Aycliffe Parish

NO THEFT OF PLANTS UNDER 10's ARE DIVISON 1 WINNERS

Dear Sir,
Twice every year the bedding plants are replaced by the council as it is more cost effective for new plants to be purchased than to look after old plants. Most are removed and composted.
Along with several other ordinary Newtonians we take the old flowers from beds using our wheelbarrows and vans and it would have been lovely if more could have been saved.
I do not condone theft and if

you check with Mr. Curry at Durham County Council he will confirm the removal of old plants is allowed.
The article in the paper could have been avoided if the sleuth had asked why the plants were being taken in daylight or if Newton News had researched the information.
An apology from the person who wrote the letter would be nice. Mrs. P.
Name & address supplied.
Editor: Newton News

received several letters on this subject and we did speak to a County Councillor who asked Steve Johnson, DCC Clean & Green Supervisor to contact Newton News who confirmed the individual had taken the plants with consent from Council employees. It would appear no council employee was around when the plants were taken so the lady who reported the incident jumped to the wrong conclusion. On her behalf we apologise.

Tree Vandalism at West Park



A recent spate of vandalism has resulted in 16 trees planted as part of West Parks enhancement scheme been destroyed over recent days.

The 16 semi mature standard trees were planted in West Park as an avenue to provide much needed spring and autumn colour to the open space.

The trees which were planted by local schools, volunteers and members of the Friends of West Park were first targeted on the evening of Tuesday 26th May and again on the Sunday 31st May.

The total cost of the vandalism is approximately £1600. Any information regarding these acts of vandalism should be reported to the police.



Newton Aycliffe Youth Under 10's were again at the TJFA league presentation ceremony in Middlesbrough. After the league secretary

made a very complimentary speech about the team's achievements during the season he announced the Under 10's to be the Division

ACORN Residents' Association Meeting

Thursday 11th June sees the monthly meeting of ACORN Residents Association, incorporating little ACORNS and Woodham Burn Neighbourhood watch. Proceedings commence with a meeting of the junior section at 5.30pm during which our young people make plans for summer events, express any concerns they may have and meet their friends.

At 6pm the main ACORN meeting convenes with local issues being discussed and Police reports revealed by our PCSO. With the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta almost upon us we will be completing plans for our celebratory Liberteas event where we are inviting residents to come along and have a cup of tea and a cream scone with us. Games are being planned to entertain the children for the afternoon and displays telling the story of Magna Carta available. How much do you know about our liberty? Why not partake in our quiz for the chance to win a small prize. Many thanks to our friends at livin housing for their help and financial support which will make a huge difference to our Magna Carta event and also to Vince Crosby of Youth and Community Centre for the loan of tables. ACORN outings itineraries coordinators will be announcing and giving details of the next Coach trip out to York and relaying comments on the May outing to Cragside house.

Typically ACORN meetings are attended by town and county councillors who are available to answer your questions and give advice if they can. Other organisations are welcome to attend with the aim of sharing expertise and information with the community.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

5th June 2015

Foreword by the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Mrs Wendy Hillary

It was a great honour for me to represent the Town Council of Great Aycliffe in my role as Mayor. As well as the formal civic duties I attended a further 158 engagements. It has been my pleasure to meet so many residents of the town many of whom were celebrating special occasions. I wanted to mention a few memorable moments from my year in office which was so difficult because I enjoyed it all. However, in no particular order here are a few –



meeting two Royal Visitors, HRH Countess of Wessex at the opening of the North East Autism Centre and HRH Duke of Gloucester at the 30th Anniversary of DISC ... the Remembrance Day Parade and tree planting ...presenting Councillor Robert Fleming with his Freedom of the Town Scrollvisiting the schools Woodham Academy and Vane Road in particular, I could go on and on.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me raise £4840.00 for my nominated charities, Cruise Bereavement Care and County Durham School Benevolent Fund, this included the generous donation from Barclays Bank.

The Town Council always endeavours to rise to any challenges whilst focussing on the community's needs and continuing to improve our services. However, this is becoming increasingly challenging during these current economic times and there may be some difficult decision to be made in the future.

Following the town wide questionnaire undertaken as part of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan process the Council will undertake a full review of our aims and targets. We are committed to providing the best and most appropriate services for our residents.

This annual report provides a brief summary of some key achievements from the past year and an overview of financial information.

A message from the new Mayor, Councillor Mrs Mary Dalton

It was an honour to once again be appointed as Mayor for the Town Council of Great Aycliffe at the Annual General Meeting held in May. This will be my fourth time as Mayor of Great Aycliffe and I am as dedicated, as always, to undertaking the role to the very best of my ability. I am looking forward to another year of civic events and public engagements. If you would like me to attend an event or special occasion please contact Christine Ryder on 01325 300700.

The Town Council has been working very hard to find



cost savings, yet still deliver the high level of services the residents of Great Aycliffe have become accustomed to. Due to careful management of the Town Council finances we have continued to make savings without the need to make cuts to front line services or staffing levels. We are starting the year in a healthy financial position but the Council faces some significant financial challenges over the next few years. The Town Council continues to support the preparation of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan and is committed to delivering the best plan possible to address the needs and comments that residents have made.

We encourage the residents of Great Aycliffe to engage with the Town Council and make their views known. We have a customer panel where residents can be actively involved in Town Council business and we are always looking for new members. Please contact the Town Council Offices 01325 300700 for further details. Or, why not attend one of our Council or committee meetings to see for yourself what goes on. Everyone is welcome.

SOME KEY THINGS WE DID LAST YEAR

- ✓ Achieved £235,000 savings across all service areas which have been added to council balances, this will enable us to continue to deliver all of our services to you without the need to make cuts
- ✓ Once again achieved a clean bill of health with our finances and received an unqualified audit making this the eighth year in a row
- ✓ Even with difficult financial times we still managed to assist 15 different local organisations by giving over £2800 in grants



- ✓ Installed a MUGA in Horndale Park which was done in partnership with Horndale Residents Association, Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership and Aycliffe Youth Council
- ✓ Completed a town wide survey as part of the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan consultation process
- ✓ Committed to undertaking a soft retail needs assessment to gain an independent view of the retail position and future retail prospects for the Town, this is in response to the comments made by resident during the consultation. We cannot force retailers to come to Aycliffe but we are hoping to gather some definitive information on retail
- ✓ Completed a successful funding bid for the Neighbourhood Plan receiving a grant for £7521
- ✓ Provided and manage a wide range of special community events Fun-in-the-Parks, Santa Tours, Senior Citizens' Excursions and Christmas Lights
- ✓ Assisted and support other event organisers – 10k race, 3k Fun Run, Remembrance Parade, Junior Cross Country, Annual Indoor Bowls Competition, Vintage Vehicles Event and Community Enhancement Awards

- ✓ Held another successful 'go run for fun' event with over 300 young people taking part.
- ✓ Held our last ever Great Aycliffe Show which is being replaced by Aycliffe Festival. The Town Council are encouraging and helping groups and organisations to hold 10 days of community events across the whole of the parish area
- ✓ Reinstated a very successful Firework Show after health and safety concerns were addressed
- ✓ Continued to encourage interest in the environment of Great Aycliffe through the Environment Officer who works with the community and schools by holding 68 public environmental events and delivering 32 school environmental sessions

We also continue to provide our usual services such as:-

- ✓ Continue to provide an environmental centre at Moore Lane
- ✓ Held another successful Town Pride Environment Week working with the Youth Council, local schools and volunteers
- ✓ Manage 9 parks, all with play equipment and provide additional play areas at Scott Place, School Aycliffe and the Oak Leaf Sport Complex
- ✓ Continue to provide 6 football pitches, Mini-soccer and six-a-side pitches
- ✓ Continue to run the Oak Leaf Sports Complex - indoor bowls, sports hall, squash courts, bar and catering, children's holidays courses, indoor/outdoor sports activities
- ✓ Continue to run the Oak Leaf Golf Complex – 18 hole golf course and an 18 bay floodlit driving range
- ✓ Continue to provide a limited supply of free dog poo bags
- ✓ Continue our partnership working with Durham County Council
- ✓ Worked with a range of partners to deliver a variety of events and services
- ✓ Manage Stephenson Way Cemetery and West Cemetery and provide grounds maintenance and burial service at St Andrew's Churchyard
- ✓ Provision and maintenance of Aycliffe Angels Memorial Garden
- ✓ Maintenance of war memorial and flagpole
- ✓ Run 2 pre-school play settings – with 'good' Ofsted ratings
- ✓ Provide a range of civic events
- ✓ Provide 212 allotment plots in 5 different locations. Including 2 allotment sites with pigeon or poultry facilities
- ✓ Employ a Town Pride Team and a team of Park Patrol Operatives
- ✓ Provide public seats in many locations
- ✓ Provide bus shelters with litter bins (not the ones with adverts)
- ✓ Grounds maintenance and environmental management at a number of key sites
- ✓ Assist Aycliffe Youth Council
- ✓ Provide a lorry park
- ✓ Encourage Community Empowerment through Customer Panel, Consultation and Open Days
- ✓ Provide small grants to local voluntary organisations
- ✓ Comment on planning applications

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING



Consultation began on the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan in June 2014 with 15000 questionnaires being circulated across the Town and officers attending a large number of community meetings and events in order to gain as many views as possible. Questionnaire

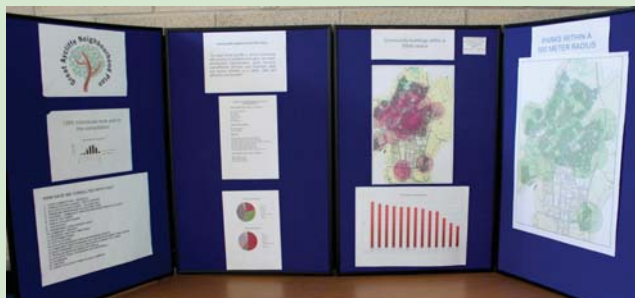
responses have set the priorities for the plan which are retail, environment, protecting our important greens from development and housing - with older persons' accommodation being a key topic for further analysis.

A vision for the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan was developed from the comments made by residents and subsequently consulted on. The following vision was chosen by residents - *"To make Great Aycliffe a vibrant community, the Neighbourhood Plan will seek to enhance the natural environment, support and encourage high quality housing, local jobs and improved retail and leisure facilities in a healthy, green and attractive town"*



Working groups have been established to address the issues and consider the options. The environment and housing groups have met on a number of occasions to review residents' comments and compare these against the national and local planning policies to see if there is anything the Neighbourhood Plan can add to the existing planning framework which is specific to our area and needs.

£7521 of grant funding has been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government to help provide planning expertise, soft market testing for future retail needs, publicity and printing costs.



Retail Update

Retail is the biggest priority for residents. Respondents like the appearance of the town centre since its redevelopment but still have concerns about the amount of vacant units and lack of choice. There is support for restaurants and bars within the town centre although, the clear priority is to improve the retail offer, widen the choice of shops and attract the bigger brands. However, before options can be explored it is essential to ascertain whether national retailers are interested in investing anywhere on the Town.

As a direct result of the consultation, the Town Council has secured funding to commission a commercial agent to undertake some independent soft market testing. The brief is to approach retailers and the leisure industry (bars and restaurants) to determine whether they would be interested in setting up business anywhere in Newton Aycliffe. If the answer is 'no' they will ask the reasons 'why'. This research will run over a 6 week period and the outcome will be reported in the local press, social media and through local community meetings.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a statutory planning document which makes allocations for land and business use. The plan is not a delivery mechanism; therefore it must be made clear that as much as the residents want the major brands to come to Aycliffe, retailers will only make a decision on a sound commercial basis.

Environment Update

Green spaces are key to our identity and residents told us they want them protecting. The working group has been plotting and prioritising the green spaces, which has been a mammoth task. We will be undertaking a character assessment and when this has been complete this will help us plan the next step to protect the key greens and wildlife corridors.

Aycliffe Village residents are keen to keep their 'village' feel and we are working with the planners to find the best way to achieve this within the planning boundaries and restrictions.



Housing Update

We have been gathering statistical data to help support any future housing needs for residents and were amazed to find a predicted growth of 82% for residents aged 85+. There was a large amount of support for older persons' accommodation which may not necessarily be bungalows but could be sheltered accommodation, apartments or life-time homes.

Business update

Aycliffe Business Park have been undertaking work on a 'Shaping the Future' project and we have been working with the business community on this and have the Chairman of the Business Park Steering Group on the main Neighbourhood Plan working group. Whilst it may appear that we have overlooked the business sector, we do not want to overlap or repeat the work already undertaken and plan to incorporate any suitable business planning items into the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan.

The information from the working groups will be collated and developed into an issues and options paper where residents will have the opportunity to vote on their preferred option. This work is expected to be completed in the next few months. We are aiming to have a draft Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan completed around Christmas, giving sufficient time for consultation, independent assessment and planning review, prior to going to referendum in May 2016.

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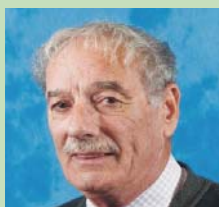
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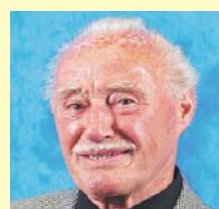
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CHAIRMAN / VICE-CHAIRMAN

Number of Members

COUNCIL (*All Members*) **Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton (Mayor), Councillor Jed Hillary (Deputy Mayor)**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (*27 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler (1 Vacancy).

RECREATION COMMITTEE (*27 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler (1 Vacancy).

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (*24 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C. Wheeler (1 Vacancy).

SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS from the Policy and Resources Committee

SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP (*9 Members*)

Councillors J. Atkinson, W. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, M. Iveson and C. Wheeler.

GENERAL APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (*Members chosen as necessary*)

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE (*10 Members + Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, Mrs. B.A. Clare, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Mrs. W. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. V.M. Raw.

APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (*9 Members + Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors E. Adam, A.M. Chandran, J.D. Clare, M.A. Dalton, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad and C. Wheeler.

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE (*7 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors A.M. Chandran, M. Dalton, Mrs. M. Dalton, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson and Mrs. S.J. Iveson.

ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP (*10 Members*)

Councillors D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, A.M. Chandran, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, K. Henderson, M. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and C. Wheeler.

CHARGES WORKING GROUP (*Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environment, Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor*)

Councillors J. Atkinson, A. Chandran, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary and M. Iveson.

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE (*9 Members + Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio*)

Councillors J. Atkinson, W. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and C. Wheeler.

WORKING GROUPS from the Recreation Committee

GOLF COURSE WORKING GROUP (*4 Members + Chair and Vice of Recreation*)

Councillors D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, R.S. Fleming, B. Hall, J.P. Hillary and M. Iveson.

SPORTS COMPLEX WORKING GROUP (*Members chosen as necessary*)

FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP (*4 Members + Chairman & Vice-Chair of Recreation*)

Councillors J. Atkinson, J. Clark, M.A. Dalton, Mrs. M. Dalton, B. Hall and J.P. Hillary.

GRANTS / DONATIONS

The Council considered applications for Grants and the following were agreed and paid out over the year 2014/15.

• Oakleaf Golf Club Junior Team	£300	• Oakleaf Golf Club	£ 20
• Aycliffe & District Bus Preservation Soc	£100	• Great Aycliffe Cancer Support	£200
• Neville Community Centre	£ 20	• Lifeline Community Action	£300
• Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe	£100	• Holocaust Memorial Event	£100
• Get Kids Going	£ 50	• Durham County School Benevolent Fund	£100
• The Soccer Factory	£125	• Education Centre for Children with	
• Kate Avery	£200	Down Syndrome	£200
• Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe	£ 20	• St. Clare's Foodbank	£1,000

MAYOR'S ANNUAL EVENTS

Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton has been appointed as Mayor of Great Aycliffe for 2015/16. The Mayor's chosen charities for her year in office will be:- The Renal Unit at James Cook Hospital, Neville Parade Community Centre and Scout / Guide Organisations of Great Aycliffe.

MAYOR'S "AT HOME"

Thursday, 9th July 2015 - Council Offices - (2.00 p.m.)

MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

Sunday, 13th September 2015 – St. Clare's Church - (10 a.m.)

MAYOR'S CIVIC CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 20th December 2015 – St. Clare's Church - (6 p.m.)

MAYOR'S CIVIC BALL

Friday, 19 February 2016 – Redworth Hall Hotel

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT (Provisional)

Friday, 4 September 2015 at the Oakleaf Golf Complex



REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/16

- (a) **Youth Council - Two + Corporate & Policy Officer**
Councillor D.G. Atkinson, Councillor J. Atkinson, Corporate & Policy Officer
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils - Two Members only at AGM + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor M. Iveson, Town Clerk
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association - One**
Councillor C. Wheeler
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association - Two**
Councillor N. Collinson, Councillor K. Henderson
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Council's Committee - Two + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor B. Hall, Town Clerk
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum - Two + Town Clerk**
Councillor R.S. Fleming, Councillor M. Iveson, Town Clerk
- (g) **Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre - One**
Councillor C. Wheeler
- (h) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society - One**
Councillor I. Gray
- (i) **Friends of Byerley Park Local Nature Reserve - One**
Councillor I. Gray
- (j) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway - One**
Councillor J. Atkinson
- (k) **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group - Five**
Councillor J. Atkinson, Councillor M.A. Dalton, Councillor I. Gray, Councillor B. Hall, Councillor C. Wheeler

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

27th May 2015	Environment		25th Nov. 2015	Environment
27th May 2015	Recreation	*	25th Nov. 2015	Recreation
3rd June 2015	Policy & Resources		2nd Dec. 2015	Policy & Resources
10th June 2015	Full Council		9th Dec. 2015	Full Council
1st July 2015	Environment		13th Jan. 2016	Environment
1st July 2015	Recreation	*	13th Jan. 2016	Recreation
8th July 2015	Policy & Resources		20th Jan. 2016	Policy & Resources
15th July 2015	Full Council		27th Jan. 2016	Full Council
2nd Sept. 2015	Environment		24th Feb. 2016	Environment
2nd Sept. 2015	Recreation	*	24th Feb. 2016	Recreation
9th Sept. 2015	Policy & Resources		2nd Mar. 2016	Policy & Resources
16th Sept. 2015	Full Council		9th Mar. 2016	Full Council
14th Oct. 2015	Environment		6th Apr. 2016	Environment
14th Oct. 2015	Recreation	*	6th Apr. 2016	Recreation
21st Oct. 2015	Policy & Resources		13th Apr. 2016	Policy & Resources
28th Oct. 2015	Full Council		20th Apr. 2016	Full Council
All meetings commence at 7.15 p.m.				

* The **Recreation Committee** will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

11th MAY, 2016 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 p.m.

18th MAY, 2016 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 p.m. (*)**

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings".

COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

Personnel Sub-Committee - This Sub-Committee will be held as and when required.

Audit Sub-Committee - This Sub-Committee will meet, as a minimum, on a quarterly basis. (Dates as appropriate)

Appeals Sub-Committee - This Sub-Committee will be held as and when required.

General Appeals Sub-Committee - Will be held as and when required.

The following Working Groups will meet as and when required.

Charges Working Group	Asset Management Member Working Group
Golf Working Group	Sports Complex Working Group
Show Working Group	Service Review Working Group
Personnel Member Appeal Panel	

(***) (*N.B. - this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700.*)

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Listed below for public disclosure is the allowances and other expenses claimed by the Council's Elected Members during the financial year 2014/15 in line with statutory requirements as set out in the Local Authority (Members Allowances) Regulations 2004.

Surname	Forenames	Title	Total Payment	Allowance	Subsistence	Mileage Claim
Adam	Eddy	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Atkinson	Derek	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Atkinson	Jim	Mr	£1,105.73	£1,059.60		£46.13
Blenkinsopp	William M.	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Bowman	Raymond T	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Chandran	Arun M	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clare	Barbara Anne	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clare	John D	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Clark	John	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Collinson	Neil	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Dalton	Michael A	Mr	0	0		
Dalton	Mary	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Fleming	Robert S	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	George C	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Gray	Ian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Haigh	Sandra	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hall	Brian	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Henderson	Keith	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hewitson	Irene	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hillary	Jeremy P	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Hillary	Wendy P	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	Malcolm	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	Sarah J	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Iveson	William	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Kjenstad	Paul	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Palmer	Alison	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Raw	Valerie M	Mrs	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Summers	Dan	Mr	£529.80	£529.80		
Twissell	Tom	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		
Wheeler	Chris	Mr	£1,059.60	£1,059.60		

Any subsistence figures are for Conferences – As per approved Members Allowance Scheme

Annual Report on the Council's Finances 2014/15

1. Introduction

Welcome to the annual report on the Council's finances which we hope you will find informative and of interest.

This report sets out the Council's spending plans for this year; 2015/16, whilst also providing a summary of the Council's financial performance over the last year; 2014/15, including the outcome of the annual audit inspection.

2. The Council Budget

The Council Budget is an estimate of the resources that the Council will require to be raised from council tax to fund all of the services it provides for the year ahead.

The Budget covers the financial year which runs from 1st April to 31st March.

The Council needs to set a Revenue Budget and a Capital Budget each year.

The **Revenue Budget** funds the day to day running costs of the Council's services such as salaries and supplies and the net cost, after deducting any income receivable from fees and charges and grants, is met from the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill.

The **Capital Budget** funds major one off investment in the Council's fixed assets such as its buildings, vehicles and play areas and is funded from the Council's Balances and Reserves and any external grants that may be available.

3. 2015/16 Revenue Budget

The 2015/16 Revenue Budget was developed on the principle of maintaining services whilst keeping the required increase in council tax as low as possible.

Additional budget provision needed to be made for the following:-

- A 2.2% officer pay award and implementation of a minimum hourly rate of £7 per hour for the lowest paid Council staff;
- A £27,000 cut to the Council Tax Support Grant funding;
- A significant fall in pre-school funding income following a fall in numbers attending and a cut to the funding rate; and
- Other unavoidable increases in running costs.

Service Area	2015/16 Budget £
Members and Civic Expenses	69,850
Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	456,700
Neighbourhood Plan	37,500
Capital Financing Charges	30,900
Pre Schools	234,400
Community Events	134,450
Sports Complex	758,250
Golf Course and Driving Range	277,900
Environment and Open Spaces	140,150
Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	326,200
Works and Depot	173,450
Street Equipment	14,400
Cemeteries	79,800
Allotments	18,850
Contingency Sum	27,500
Total Cost of Running Town Council Services	2,780,300
Capital Programme Investment in Council Assets	378,250
Contribution to Capital Reserves	25,000
Removal of Depreciation	(347,500)
Total Planned Revenue and Capital Spending	2,836,050
Less Income	
LCTSS Grant	(228,900)
Pre-Schools Funding and Fees	(168,000)
Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(439,000)
Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(185,000)
Cemeteries and Allotments Fees and Charges	(26,800)
Feed In Tariff Income from Solar Panels	(10,500)
Other Income	(8,050)
Investment Income	(5,500)
Total Income	(1,071,750)
Less Use of Council Balances - Capital Programme	(378,250)
Less Use of Council Balances - Neighbourhood Plan	(37,500)
Net Budget Requirement / Council Precept	1,348,550

However, these increases were largely offset by savings and budget reductions, assisted by the positive financial situation in the current year.

Savings included:-

- Significant savings in pension costs as a result of opt outs by staff following the implementation of automatic enrolment;
- Further savings in staffing costs from reduced overtime, reduced catering staffing hours, flexible retirement and the end of the golf apprenticeship;
- Significantly increased golf membership income;
- Savings on the re-tendered play equipment inspection contract;
- The replacement of the Aycliffe Show with the Aycliffe Festival;
- Various other budget reductions and efficiency savings.

In overall terms, the Council's 2015/16 Precept increased by £31,950 or 2.4% from £1,316,600 to £1,348,550.

This small increase in the Precept will ensure that all services can continue to be provided to the standard expected by the residents of Great Aycliffe next year, whilst continuing to provide a

firm foundation, and some surplus resources, to meet the challenges, spending commitments and funding cuts that lie further ahead.

4. 2015/16 Council Tax

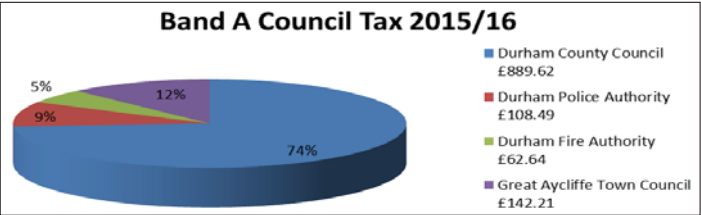
The 2015/16 Band D Town Council Tax is £213.32 per year.

This represented an increase of 1.98% on the 2014/15 Council Tax.

However, it is important to note that more than half of the properties in Great Aycliffe fall within Council Tax Band A and therefore pay only two thirds of the Band D Council Tax.

The 2015/16 Band A Council Tax is £142.21 per year which equates to £11.85 per month or £2.73 per week. This equates to an increase of £2.76 per year.

A breakdown of the 2015/16 Council Tax is shown below demonstrating that only 12p in every £1 of the total Council Tax comes to the Town Council:-



5. 2015/16 Capital Programme Budget

The Council will continue to make capital investment in order to deliver the Council's Asset Management Plan and invest in community assets.

The **Capital Programme Budget for 2015/16** has been **set at £378,250** and includes provision for various building works, replacement vehicles and machinery, computer hardware, replacement play equipment, a new multi-use games area, footpath repairs and a possible new park development.

The Capital Programme Budget **will be funded from the Council's Earmarked Capital Reserves and external capital grants and contributions.**

6. Council Balances and Earmarked Reserves

The Council's Balances and Earmarked Reserves stood at £1.1 million at the end of March 2015. This is better than anticipated and is as a result of the savings delivered on the Council's Revenue Budget last year as well as the lower than expected spending on the Capital Programme Budget.

The current level of reserves held will enable the Council to continue to meet its capital spending commitments for the foreseeable future and provide some protection against funding cuts and revenue budget pressures.

7. 2013/14 and 2014/15 Actual Revenue Spending

A summary of the Council's actual expenditure in 2013/14 and 2014/15 in running its various services, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed below:-

2013/14 £	Service Area	2014/15 £
62,953	Members and Civic Expenses	66,075
429,612	Corporate Management, Finance and Administration	425,663
-	Neighbourhood Plan	28,354
29,958	Capital Financing Charges	29,842
249,930	Pre Schools	236,715
129,785	Community Events	146,513
709,089	Sports Complex	725,989
276,303	Golf Course and Driving Range	266,740
316,644	Parks, Sports Pitches and Play Areas	312,529
304,759	Environment, Works and Street Equipment	280,214
77,302	Cemeteries	77,832
19,222	Allotments	18,190
842	Contingency Sum	-
14,956	Elections	-
2,621,355	Total Cost of Running Council Services	2,614,656
	Less Income	
(296,146)	Council Tax Support Grant	(255,847)
(226,232)	Pre Schools Funding and Fees	(196,562)
(441,905)	Sports Complex Fees and Charges	(436,140)
(186,026)	Golf Course and Driving Range Fees and Charges	(202,440)
(19,362)	Cemeteries Fees	(26,575)
(6,603)	Allotments Rents	(6,413)
(40,207)	Other Fees and Charges	(44,785)
(14,956)	Use of Balances (Elections and Neighbourhood Plan)	(28,354)
(5,896)	Investment Income	(6,370)
(1,237,333)	Total Income	(1,203,486)
(347,410)	Exclusion of Depreciation Charges	(329,898)
1,036,612	Actual Net Cost of Council Services	1,081,272
234,988	Contribution to Council Balances / Savings	235,328
1,271,600	Council Precept / Council Tax	1,316,600

8. 2013/14 and 2014/15 Actual Capital Investment

A summary of the Council's capital investment in Council and community assets in 2013/14 and 2014/15, and how this expenditure was funded is detailed below:-

2013/14 £	Investment Area	2014/15 £
16,775	Council Building Works and Improvements	83,078
19,037	Replacement Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment	30,190
32,048	Information Technology and Office Equipment	10,745
-	Parks and Play Area Improvements	55,426
28,683	Infrastructure Works (Drainage, Bridges, Footpaths)	11,896
8,648	Street Equipment (Bus Shelters, Bins, Fencing)	-
105,191	Total Capital Investment	191,335
	Funded by:-	
-	Capital Contributions	39,307
105,191	Use of Council Balances	152,028
105,191	Funding of Capital Investment	191,335

1. Statement of Accounts
2. Annual Governance Statement
3. Value for Money Assessment

The Council is pleased to report that it has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the audit inspection.

This means that the external auditors consider that:-

- The Council's Statement of Accounts presents fairly its financial position;
- The Council is well managed and governed with sound strategies, policies, procedures, systems and internal controls;
- The Council's finances are in good order and it is well placed to meet the challenges that lie ahead;
- The Council secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public money and delivers value for money services to the local community.

This was a very positive Audit Report for the Council and has been achieved as a result of the hard work and commitment of all councillors, management and staff.

The financial position and spending of the Council is continuously monitored and controlled in order to help achieve the most efficient use of public resources and this prudent management of the Council's spending has resulted in significant savings in both years, with spending in 2014/15 £235,000 under the level of Precept.

This was made up of the planned £25,000 contribution to Earmarked Capital Reserves, as well as efficiency savings, unused and under-utilised budgets, and increased income across all service areas of £210,000.

All savings achieved on the Revenue Budget have been set aside in the Council's Earmarked Reserves to provide for further investment in Council and community assets for the benefit of the tax payers of Great Aycliffe over the coming years.

9. Annual Audit Report

The Council is subject to an annual inspection by its external auditors and the overall opinion on the financial standing of the Council is set out in an Annual Audit Letter.

The auditors looked at three main areas in 2013/14:-

Too Expensive and Not Fit for Purpose

Dear Sir,
I was appalled to read in a previous issue of the Newton News that a charity was seeking volunteers to teach literacy to DCC primary school leavers, 5,000 of whom had failed to achieve the national standard of literacy! If this is indeed the case, there is something fundamentally wrong with education under DCC and I would have thought that the Cabinet should be conducting a thorough review of its Education Committee and staff and clearing out those who are failing our primary school leavers. However, it is more likely we are going to witness a re-run of the Sepp Blatter/FIFA farce, with nobody willing to accept responsibility for catastrophic failure. It is very unlikely that pupils, who cannot read properly on leaving primary school, are going to achieve anything like their full potential and they are most likely destined to join the growing army of unemployed and unemployable youths. Further, Deerbolt Young Offenders Institution is full of teenagers who cannot read or write! In the last issue of the Newton News we were informed that the GATC was applying to take over

the cost of running the A167 street lights. We the people of Great Aycliffe already pay for the street lighting via one of the highest Council Tax rates in the country. I trust that when GATC start paying we will get a commensurate rebate on our Durham County Council Tax. (However, don't hold your breath). If as DCC say, the street lighting is not required now, why have we, the DCC tax payers, been paying for it since it was installed? Indeed, why was it installed in the first place? It would appear that the future under the Labour controlled DCC is to continue to pay top dollar for a failing education system, pay twice for street lights which DCC say are not required and pay twice for the garden waste bins, and twice for household waste collection (no saving was passed on for the change from weekly collections to fortnightly collections!). It time for DCC to stop wasting time and money in trying to lead a North East super council and instead concentrate on providing a fit-for-purpose education system, street lighting system and waste collection system, and to charge only once for each. Alastair P.G. Welsh

ATC LADIES TAKE ON THE OUTLAW HALF



At 7am on a wet and windy morning in Nottingham four of Aycliffe Tri Clubs intrepid ladies stepped into the lake to start the massive challenge ahead of them. The venue was the National Water Sports Centre Holme Pierrpoint Nottingham - the event The Outlaw Half Iron Distance Race a 1.2 mile

swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run. Our heroines Andrea Jones, Julie Hodds, Penny Johnson and Diane Savage were in for a challenging day with weather conditions that would have seen the toughest stay in bed that Sunday morning. However there was no stopping the ladies after months of training they weren't going to let the weather stop them! First home for the club was Penny Johnson in 6hrs 39 mins, followed by Julie Hodds in 6hrs 50mins next was Diane Savage with a huge smile and high fiving the crowd and to complete the set Andrea Jones ran down the red carpet to a fantastic reception from the crowd. For Penny Johnson this is the half way point of a massive challenge she has undertaken

this year comprising of the London Marathon, The Outlaw Half and riding the Coast to Coast so no relaxing for Penny just yet! The club are very proud of its four new Half Outlaw Ladies and for all the hard and work and training they have put in to complete this huge challenge.

AYCLIFFE WI NEWS

We have been very busy over the last few months. In April we had Adam from Wildon Grange speaking to us about how he makes his Dressings and Relishes. We had samples to try and we really enjoyed the tasting's that evening. In May our speaker Grant Holland, Community Training Officer from North East Ambulance Service, enlightened us on how to use a defibrillator, if we should ever have to use on anyone suffering cardiac arrest, and also explained what to do if one was not available. The NEAS are still installing this life saving equipment all around the area at a great cost! Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 7.15 in St Clare's Church Hall, for more information please contact Lyn on 01325 314 805.

Rotary Club Community Fair to Launch Aycliffe Festival

Free Stalls for Town Organisations



The Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe are delighted to announce and respond to popular demand that once again the Community Fair will be held in the Leisure Centre in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre on Saturday 4th July, 10am - 4pm. This will be at the very start of the Celebrations that are replacing the Great Aycliffe Show. If you run or belong to any type of Social, Charitable,

Sporting or Community Group whatsoever this is the opportunity to showcase your cause. At the last event there were nearly 80 different stands. There is nowhere else where you can promote and demonstrate your activity to the public at absolutely NO COST to you, your Club or Organisation. On top of that the Club will give a prize of £50.00 to the best stand on

the day. The last Fair had around 800 visitors during the day long event and enabled many of the stallholders to attract new members to their Clubs and volunteers to their organisations. So whatever your interest, your Club or Organisation do not miss out and register on the attached application form or email r224curtis@btinternet.com to secure your free stand.

West Park Friends Monthly Meeting

Friends of West Park will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday 9th June at the Royal British Legion Club upstairs lounge from 7pm. On the agenda of the meeting will be updates of progress made, future plans, and a

report on the condition of the park. As expected following the enhanced public profile of the park, more Newtonians are visiting to ascertain for themselves how beautiful and special a place this is.

Great Aycliffe Town Council staff have been busy working in the park alongside volunteers to make improvements and the Friends group have been looking at ways to raise capital for improved facilities. Anyone with ideas or suggestions to improve the park or even wanting to join a group interested in making a difference, please feel free to come along for a coffee and a biscuit. Further details of the Friends of West Park group can be obtained from details below. Council members, officers, police and wardens are welcome to attend duties permitting. Looking forward to seeing you. Ken Robson Chairman Tel 01325 321471 Secretary Arun Chandran 01325 313224

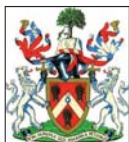
AYCLIFFE RUNNING CLUB

Presents

The 3M 10K & Fun Run
Sunday 21st June 2015

Sponsored by

3M UK PLC, INEOS
AND GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL



10k Run 10.00 am
3k Run 9.15 am

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RON HOGG CALLS ON COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND TO THE RURAL CRIME SURVEY



The largest ever survey into crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in rural areas has been launched in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The survey, launched by the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), is being backed by Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Ron is encouraging people who work or live in rural areas to come forward and

give their views on policing in their community, the impact crime and Anti-Social Behaviour has on them and their neighbours. This will ultimately help shape the future of crime prevention and rural policing. He said: "The National Rural Crime Network have launched the survey to make sure our rural communities are getting the service they need. This is an excellent opportunity for residents and businesses

across County Durham and Darlington to have a say on rural crime and make local voices heard.

"You don't need to have been a victim of crime to have a view on how the police work. You may be concerned about police visibility or response, see incidents that go unreported, or you may have

a local officer who is engaged and proactive. Your opinion matters so please take a few minutes to give your views."

The survey has been made available on Ron's website: www.durham-pcc.gov.uk, and on his Facebook and Twitter pages. Views must be given before the survey closes on 24th June 2015.

Aycliffe FC Prepare for New Season



Norman Smith of Shildon FC winners of the Northern League Cup with Yvonne Wood of runners up Newton Aycliffe FC

The curtain officially came down on Newton Aycliffe FC's season with the Ebac Northern League's Annual Presentation Dinner at Ramside Hall last week. Local rivalries were set aside as Aycliffe shared a table with Shildon who beat them 2-0 in the League Cup Final on 5 May. Aycliffe had reached the final for the first time in their history & although the silverware evaded them on this occasion the £250 presented to them as runners up was very welcome. The cheque was presented by John Elliott of league sponsor, Ebac.

Not surprisingly the stars of the Annual Dinner were FA Vase winners North Shields, fresh from their Wembley triumph. In amongst the celebrations there were wise words from former Labour MP & president of the Football Foundation, Lord Pendry, who noted that the millions involved in the

latest FIFA scandal could be better spent on grassroots football.

While the end of one season is celebrated the next is already in preparation. Volunteers from Newton Aycliffe FC have been working hard to get the pitch & ground ready for next season while Newton Aycliffe Sports Club have engaged a contractor to carry out much needed pitch renovations.

his work was completed last week, giving the pitch several weeks recovery time before the pre season friendlies come round. Meanwhile work will continue to spruce up the Moore Lane ground. It may be close season for the players but not the hardworking volunteers.

Next season's league fixtures will be released at the League AGM on Saturday 6 June & will be added to the club website www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk as soon as possible.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team team sponsored by Franks The Flooring Store lost a very tight game by just three wickets away at Marske 2nd team in the NYSD second division.

Asked to bat first Aycliffe were dismissed for a below par 120 after 36.3 overs despite decent innings from Colin Myers (34 not out), Michael Howe (24 runs) and John Cavanagh (16 runs).

Aycliffe bowled and fielded well but the homeside eventually reached their winning target after 31.2 overs with all rounder John Cavanagh (sponsored by CVO Fire) the pick of the Aycliffe bowlers taking 4 for 29.

The second team also lost, when they went down by five wickets at home to Preston 1st XI in their NYSD 3rd division match. Aycliffe were put into bat and were bowled out after 43.3 overs for just 99 runs with only Adam Gittins - sponsored by Phoenix Energy (41 runs), Tom Wickins (11 runs) and Trevor Shingler (11 runs) reaching double figures.

Preston hurried to their winning target in the 22nd over despite two wickets from both Tom Wickins and Patrick Howe.

The under 18s team lost a high scoring game away at title favourites Willington by 62 runs. Chasing an unlikely 173 for victory in 20 overs, Aycliffe opener Tom Wickins hit a brilliant 60 and was given good support from fellow opener James Skerrett who scored 15. However Aycliffe found the total too much and were bowled out for a very respectable 110. The under 15's team travelled to near neighbours Shildon and had the home team in trouble at 17 for 4 after 7 overs, but heavy rain forced the match to be abandoned and the game declared a draw.

The club's under 13's team fielded several of the under 11's and also had two lads making their debuts and unsurprisingly lost heavily at home to Stockton. However there was good performances with the ball from Lucas Pilling and Kieran Shingler, who each took two wickets during Stockton's innings.

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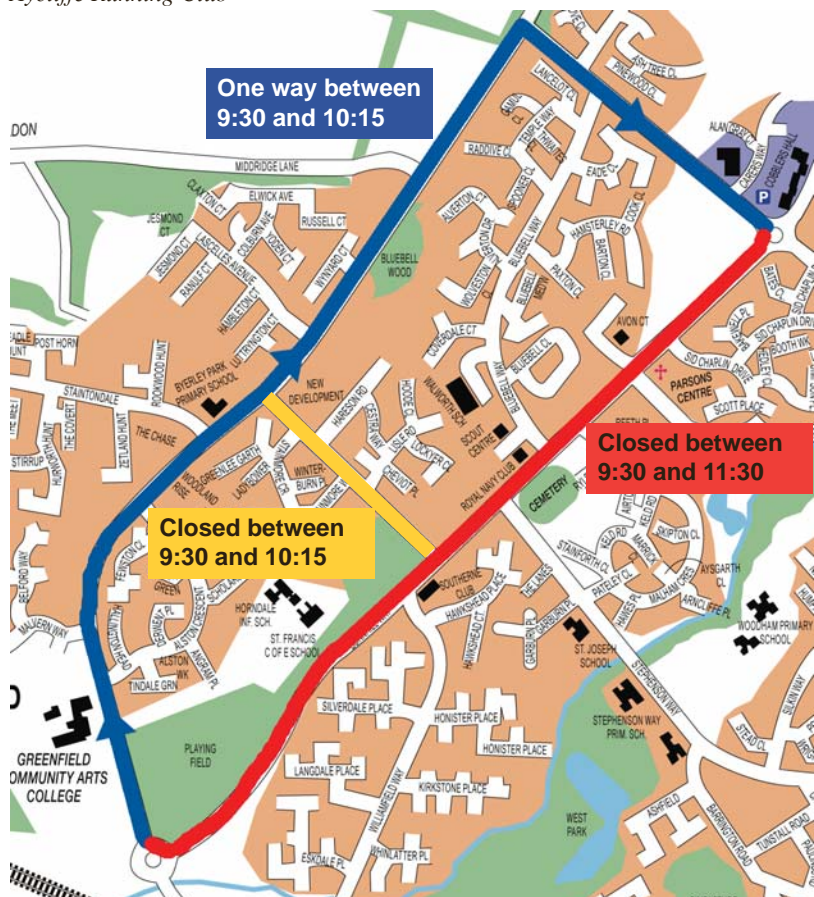
Sunday 21st June - Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run

From 9:30 to 11:30 Burnhill Way in both directions is closed with no access, Burn Lane from Cobblers Hall to the junction with Greenfield Way is one way West-East towards the town centre, Greenfield Way from Burn Lane to the roundabout with Burnhill Way is one way South-North towards Rope Moor. Meadowfield Way is totally closed in both direction for the first lap 9:30 to 10:15.

Aycliffe Running Club are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, the road closures are a requirement of the race risk assessment agreed with Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary. We hope you will join others in cheering the competitors on their way.

This is the 18th annual Aycliffe 10K and Fun Run with over 600 competitors taking part. If you wish to take part you can enter online at ayclifferunningclub.org.uk, you can enter on the day with a £2 administration charge, alternatively post a SAE to Aycliffe Running Club c/o Anne Kellett, 5 Woodham Gate, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UB the Closing Date for Entries **Sunday 7th June 2015.**

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HEIGHINGTON AFC BOYS WEEKLY MATCH REPORTS

Heighington AFC Boys are recruiting a new U14 team for next season and are starting to train now. Contact Mark Stapleton, on 07443 621876 if you are interested in becoming involved.

Under 7's: travelled to the Darlington 21st All Stars Tournament on Sunday hoping to replicate their previous week's tournament success.

Unfortunately for Heighington they were drawn in the "group of death" including eventual finalists Seaton Carew Lions and Boro Rangers. The boys battled hard in every game as usual and can be proud of their efforts.

They lost 3 games and won the final game 1-0 thanks to a Goal from 'Player of the Tournament' Layton Collier. There were a lot of positives including debuts for Harry Surman and Rhys Harcus. Under 7's now look forward to the Seaton Carew Tournament next weekend.

Under 9's: played away to Wynyard Juniors in their first game together as a new group. The boys played 2 good games of football for first game as a team. They panicked in front of goal and nerves set in a little, but overall lads did well and we are proud of them all. Game 1: lost 3 - 0, Man of the Match was Kai Demby, our goalkeeper

Game 2: lost 4 - 1. Man of the Match was our goal scorer Jack Milner

We had a lot of chances to score in both games but lads were unlucky at times.

Under 14s: welcomed

Division 5 Champions Hardwick Youth, for a home friendly. Although dominating the majority of the first half, the home side could only register a 1-0 advantage, thanks to Captain Jamie Stapleton's low strike.

In the second half shooting down hill and with the wind, the home team stepped up a gear, firstly Adam Scott finishing neatly after a killer ball from Roman Alves. In control of the match, and

with injured Bailey Howarth, who went on and scored 3 in quick succession. James Le Poidevin, grabbed the goal of the game, with a 25 yard strike, to make it 6-0, so a pleasing result and team performance

All age groups are always looking for new players, so If you would like to get involved with any of our teams please contact David Brassell on: 07870 777779 or david.brassell@hotmail.co.uk

Greenfield College Football Success



Well done to Greenfield Community College's Year 8 boys football team, who reached the final of their cup recently.

They played St Johns in the quarter final, winning 5-1 in challenging weather conditions. The semi final against Durham Johnston was a great advert for youth football. It was a hard game played by two very committed teams. Both teams

attacked from the start with Durham Johnston hitting the wood work, however, it was Greenfield had a 1.0 lead at half time. In the second half Durham Johnston started very strongly and looked the more likely to score. Greenfield weathered the storm and eventually won the game 3.0 with goals from Josh Richardson (2) and Harri Lynch.

The final against Whitworth School was played at Parkside recently. After a slow first half against a strong team, Greenfield came out fighting in the 2nd half and clawed a goal back but it was too big a mountain to climb and eventually went down 7.1 to Whitworth who were the better team on the day. Well done to the Greenfield boys for their hard work and training to reach the final, this is a great achievement!

Landlords Advised to Sign for New Scheme

Private landlords are being encouraged to sign up to a new accreditation scheme which offers them advice and support as well as peace of mind for tenants.

Having proven successful during a six month pilot in areas of Stanley, Durham County Council's voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme is now being rolled out across County Durham. The scheme requires landlords to meet a code of practice meaning tenants, or those looking to rent, know their landlord offers good quality and well managed accommodation.

Landlords who sign up to the scheme will get guidance on best practice as well as access to a tenant referencing service and assistance in cases of anti-social behaviour, among many other benefits. Those that meet the code of practice will also be added to the council's Durham Key

Options website, the main gateway for people seeking social housing, and be made aware of tenants looking for rental properties in the county.

Cllr Eddie Tomlinson, Cabinet member for housing, said: "The Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme is a win/win situation for the rental market in County Durham. It provides help and support to landlords and also reassures tenants and those looking for somewhere to rent that accommodation is well managed and of a good standard."

Landlords who are interested in the scheme can find out more and download an application pack at www.durham.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation. Tenants and prospective tenants can find out more about the scheme by contacting privatesectorhousing@durham.gov.uk

COUNTY HONOURS FOR GREENFIELD ROWER



Big congratulations to Will Kennington, a year 7 student at Greenfield Community College, who has been competing for the area in rowing. Will represented Greenfield in Rowing at the start of the year, performing very well and gaining a place on the Sedgfield Area team. Whilst representing

Sedgfield in the County finals he finished in the top 4 and was awarded a place on the County team. Before half term he travelled to Maiden Castle to represent County Durham in the Regional finals, where he rowed a personal best and was ranked 7th in the Region. Well done Will!

Aycliffe Under 8's Team Win "Fair Play Award"

The Under 8's Eagles represented Newton Aycliffe Youth on Tuesday 26th May at the TJFA Presentation Night to receive the 2014-2015 Manager "Fair Play Award".

This was a fabulous reward for the tremendous effort and hard work the team have put in all season.

The U8 league is non-competitive but the team carry an exceptional record this season only losing 2 games in their league, scoring over 120 goals and conceding just over 20.

A fantastic achievement. Congratulations to Aaron, Andrew, Ashton, Daniel, Jack, Jaydon, Joe, Josh, Owen, Noah and Will from your coaches, Saul, Steve, Scott and all your parents, we are all exceptionally



proud. Good Luck to you and the new team members joining the squad for 2015-2016. The team will be playing in Division 1 of the TJFA league next season. The Eagles currently train at the Oakleaf Sports Complex

on a Thursday evening between 6pm-7pm. If you have a child currently in year 3 going into year 4 who would be interested in joining the team, please come along or visit the Club's website: www.naycafc.co.uk

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED FOR AGNEW

Public Consultation 9th June

Durham County Council is holding a consultation event at the Pioneering Care Centre about the proposed outline planning application for residential development at Agnew 5, Newton Aycliffe. The event will take place between 2:30 and 6:30 on Tuesday 9th June 2015.

The event is a "drop in" which will allow the community to examine the potential development of the site and make comments on the proposals. Representatives will be present to discuss the proposals.

After the event the designs

for the site will be finalised and all responses will be included in the planning application in the Statement of Community Involvement. If you have any queries prior to the event please contact: richard.roddam@durham.gov.uk

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