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Brazen £210,000 Theft from Aycliffe Steel Firm

construction firm is calling on businesses to be vigilant after a "brazen" £210,000 theft in Newton Aycliffe.

Around 60 tonnes of fabricated steel was taken from Finley Structures' premises on Aycliffe premises on Aycliffe Business Park in the early evening of Saturday January

The thieves used specialist equipment to take the fully-loaded trailers, one belonging to Finley and three belonging to SCH Site Services, from the same

yard. CCTV footage shows a truck arriving on the park and passing by ROF 59 activity centre at 6.14pm – it takes thieves just 13 minutes to break the locks and gain entry to Finley's land, hitch the first trailer containing 15 tonnes of steel and make off. Steel worth £90,000 and four trailers each worth £30,000 were taken during the twohour operation.

joint Finley's joint managing Julie Raistrick director calling on police to install better security around its premises - and is urging other businesses to be





Ironically, the theft comes at a time when Julie has moved to reassure staff and clients that the firm has not been "adversely affected" by the collapse of construction

giant Carillion.
Julie said: "The irony is we have luckily avoided being



Julie Raistrick

hit by Carillion, but then we suffer from a brazen theft.

"The culprits who did it are clearly part of a professional outfit – they had all the gear and they had the brass neck to come back four times over

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a two-hour period.
"We have CCTV footage

of the theft commencing at 6.14pm following the trailers to Faverdale Business Park,



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Families Invited to Take Part | Council Approve First Foster Carer for 2018 in Food Waste Challenge

Families fed up of throwing away food are being invited to take part in a national campaign to tackle waste and help save money.

Households are being asked to register their interest in the 'Zero Waste Kitchen Challenge', which is part of the national 'Waste Less, Save ' campaign run by Sainsbury's and delivered Durham County Council in partnership

with Durham University. REfUSE and The County Durham Food Partnership. The ten chosen families will be given £50 worth of vouchers to buy kitchen products such as blenders and storage devices which they can use to help them

during the challenge. They will then be asked to think up innovative ways to reduce waste and to monitor how much they throw away.

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To register interest for the challenge, email wasteaware@durham. gov.uk by Sunday, 4th February 2018. (Newton News again received this information from the County Council too late to go in last week's issue.) Other activities are also taking place over the next 12 months to encourage positive behavioural towards change food

Local businesses will be offered the opportunity to donate any unwanted food to local community projects, while three community fridges will also be set up where people can donate their leftovers

Vicki Burrell, waste strategy team manager at Durham County Council, said: "Every year, UK households throw away 15 million tonnes of food and drink, nearly half of which could have been eaten.

"Activities such as the

www.durham.gov. uk/wastelesssavemore for more information.

an initial visit from a member of staff from the council's strategic waste discuss current food habits and which tools might be most useful to their daily

throughout and families will also be given a handbook full of top tools and tips as well as a free

Upon completion of the challenge, which will last for four weeks, participants will be given an additional £20 Sainsbury's voucher to spend in store.

to be used by others.

Kitchen Waste Challenge are a great way to raise awareness of the issue and we would encourage everyone to visit our website for top tips on how to reduce waste and save themselves money.'



A foster carer's son is following in his mum's footsteps after becoming Durham's first newly approved carer in 2018.

Paint supervisor Andrew Dinsley saw what an incredible effect foster carers can have on a young person's life, watching mum Dorothy look after 15 children, including his most recent foster brother, who stayed with the family for 11 years.

Now, with wife Lindsey, a care assistant, the 47-year-old is looking forward to welcoming children into their home.

"I have seen the benefits of fostering first hand," said Andrew, who works for Tor Coatings in Birtley. "My mum is a foster carer and I saw many children whose lives have dramatically changed thanks to foster care.

"That is one of the main things that has encouraged us to get involved, we really want to make a difference."

After thinking about it for a number of years the couple initially enquired about fostering with the council in March 2017 and submitted their application to begin the formal process of becoming carers in August.

"I wish we had done it earlier," said Andrew who, just five months after applying, hopes to soon welcome a sibling group into his terraced house on a quiet street in the village of Chilton, near Bishop Auckland.

'We're just normal people but we have the room and the time to offer but hopefully we can make

a difference to a child or brothers and sisters - We can't wait to be able to do

Andrew's mum Dorothy, also from Chilton, said: "I am really really proud of Andrew and Lindsey. They are both fantastic with kids and I know that whoever comes to live with them will have a lovely home life.
"The fact that Andrew is

following in my footsteps is fantastic and I look forward to seeing them become a family."

Durham County Council currently has more than children in its care but, like all areas of the country, does not have enough foster carers – particularly for teenagers and sibling groups - to help look after them. Andrew said: "My advice

to anyone thinking of exploring the idea of fostering would be to get in touch with the team, have that chat and ask all the questions you're thinking about."

Helen Fergusson, Durham County Council's head of looked after children, said: "Our foster carers tell us that nothing gives the

same feeling of love and warmth as fostering and by working with us you could make an enormous difference to a child's life.

"We know that there are many myths that surround fostering and so we would encourage people to find out the facts before they rule themselves out.

don't need special qualifications - just a genuine interest in caring for young people, patience, understanding and a sense of humour - and we can offer you training and specialised support along the way."

As part of the fostering process. process, Andrew and Lindsey received extensive and support,

including opportunities to meet existing foster carers and others on the same journey.

"The preparation session was incredibly useful and well presented," said 42-year-old Dale Care carer Lindsay. "Of course we were nervous but so

was everyone else there.
"We met other couples in the same position as us and we've now become friends, which has been a great help as we have someone we can chat to about our experience and can share this process with.'

Anyone who is interested in fostering can find out more by visiting out more by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/ fostering or coming along to an informal drop-in information session, the next of which takes place at Durham County Hall this Saturday, 27th January, from 10am to 1.30pm.

Fostering information events also take place from 4.30pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday 21st February, at the Fostering and Adoption Resource Centre at the in Langley Moor (DH7 8ET); and from 11am to 1pm on Friday February 9, at Durham Town Hall.

£210,000 Steel Theft from Aycliffe Firm

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the trailers were dropped there and then collected during the night in to the early hours of Sunday.
"We have since found out

that a further 12 trailers have been stolen from different fabricators so appears to be a nationwide problem."

Meanwhile, writing in the company's latest newsletter which is circulated to staff and clients, Julie says: "The current climate of has been industry brought to the fore recently with the high-profile news surrounding Carillion.

'We have worked numerous contracts with the construction arm of Carillion over the years, so we know them very well, and it goes without saying it has been incredibly sad and disheartening to see what has happened.

But we'd like to reassure our staff and clients that we've been lucky enough not to have been adversely affected

A spokesperson for Durham Police said: "This was a sophisticated, high-value theft and we are carrying out enquiries to identify the suspects.

"Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



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Saturday 3rd February 2018 - "Uncle Gilbert"

Riffs Online Review: "An excellent night with some classic rock covers done by mainstay of our rock fraternity both Bill and Gary gave the thumbs up to the performance, as did all the other punters in the venue that night. For a band to stay together for that long you just know they're doing something right and this band have just earned themselves a promotion into the premiere league". Covering tracks by: Bad Company, Billy Idol, Bon Jovi, Cult, Deep Purple, Garry Moore, Hendrix, Satriani, Pink Floyd, Rory Gallagher, Santana, U.F.O., ZZ Top and much more.

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Activities include building and coding robots and then partaking in a robot wars type challenge. Attendees will also learn how to play music on a computer via fruit and even build their

at Newton Aycliffe Leisure

The aim of the event is to encourage more men to access the Wellbeing for Life service to improve their health, happiness and overall quality of life.

own heart monitor!

Wellbeing for Life is not just about improving diet and fitness, social activities are also vital in improving people's health wellbeing.
Marnie Ramsey, Wellbeing
for Life Co-ordinator said

"This event is aimed at men because we just do not get to meet enough of you! Women and children are more than welcome too, but we ask you to try and bring a man with you, it could save their life! We will be promoting the health and wellbeing of men by offering advice to live well by addressing the risk factors which influence their health. We can show you





how to make small changes to improve how you feel, develop a healthier lifestyle and live a longer, happier life. Or you can just come along and play with the robots!"

Wellbeing for Life Health Trainers support people on a 1-1 basis to achieve goals that you set together. You can also join free group activities in your local community and if there is enough interest at the 'Mean

Machines' event there will be a free 6 week programme

sign up for the event contact Allison on 07747640204. For details of all activities and services freephone: 0800 8766 887 email: cddatr.WBFL@nhs.net. Or visit: www.wellbeingforlife.

For further information or to

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Middridge History Society

ROBOT WARS AT AYCLIFFE On Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm at Middridge Village Hall Alison Hodgson will give an illustrated description of how poor people have been treated from the Middle Ages through to the establishment of the Welfare State.

The talk entitled "Poverty Through the Ages in Britain" will include the Elizabethan Poor Law, the Irish potato famine, Highland clearances, 19th century philanthropists and the New Poor Law. Refreshments will be served and everyone is most welcome.

Nice to be Appreciated

County Hall last week, when he was approached by one of the opposition councillors - the member representing Framwellgate Moor, who is a very active and prominent

councillor. He met John specifically to tell him that the Newton News, is the best newspaper in the county for carrying news about local council issues, and he wished there was something like it in his area of the county.

"I agree, and we are so lucky to have in our town a local paper which - yes tells us about local residents responsibly keeps us informed about the wider political and community context ... and does so for free! Thank you to the Howarth family - You are much appreciated and keep up the good work!" said

John Clare himself found someone who appreciates his good work and while doing his regular litter-picking in his ward found a £5 note left by a resident in a pile of rubbish. John donated the cash to the Foodbank hoping it would provide a meal for a resident in need.



FLOWER DEMO **MAYOR'S CHARITY CIVIC DINNER 2018**

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Shildon and District Flower Club on Monday 5th February in Shildon Civic Hall at 7.30pm,Area the Great Aycliffe Town Council Mayor's Charity Ńicola Demonstrator, Civic Dinner to be held at the Hallgarth Hotel, Davies-Murray from York will present an evening of flower arranging entitled Coatham Darlington on Friday 2nd March 2018.

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The event starts at 7pm with music for the evening provided by John Melvin. Plus there will be a raffle and tombola with proceeds to be donated to the Mayor's chosen charity the MRI Scanner Appeal for Darlington Memorial Hospital and Bishop Auckland Hospital. Dr. Elizabeth Loney, Care

Group Director for Clinical Services. Specialist and Darlington
Foundation Trust, NHS said. "MRI scans are particularly good at looking at soft tissues and tremendous advances in technology over recent years mean they can be enormously helpful in diagnosing cancer, heart conditions, strokes and many other health issues.

Scans can also give doctors information that previously required the patient to undergo surgery or another invasive procedure as part of the investigation of their symptoms. Crucially, MRI scanners don't use radiation, unlike x-rays.

"We're very grateful to the Mayor for choosing our appeal as her charity."

Tickets are £30.00 each and include a 3 course dinner

with wine, for details of how to reserve your place for this popular event please telephone 01325 300700 or e-mail: sharna.stretch@ great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

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Dated: 2 February 2018



Helen Lynch Head of Legal & Democratic Services County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL



Durham Leads the Way in Plastic Water Bottle Usage

People will be able to refill water bottles for free in tens of thousands of places in England in future following the announcement of a new national scheme by the water industry on Thursday 25th January 2018.

The launch of the new initiative comes after forward-thinking work by Northumbrian Water saw businesses in Durham sign up to the battle to reduce plastic waste by opening their doors to environmentally conscious members of the public.

It's estimated that the new scheme will cut plastic bottle use by tens of millions each year as well as substantially increasing the

availability of high quality drinking water.

In an ambitious drive to help fight plastic waste, water companies will join forces with the Refill campaign to create a national network of high street retailers, coffee shops, businesses and local authorities offering new refill stations for the public to top-up their water bottles for free in every major city and town in England by 2021.

People will be able to use an app on their phone to find out where the nearest refill point is, or look out for special signs in shop windows. As well as being able to get drinking water from shops, cafes and businesses, some water companies are looking historical ones which have fallen into disuse.

Northumbrian Water's Chief Executive, Heidi Mottram,

said: "The BBC's latest series, Blue Planet II, brought home to everyone the devastating impact plastic waste has on our environment, oceans and marine life, and the appetite from the

public to reduce their plastic waste has grown significantly. "Business has a responsibility to play a critical role in helping people to tackle this problem at the grass roots, reducing the use of plastics at source wherever possible. As an ethical company, Northumbrian Water is committed to leading the charge on this initiative and we're trying to make it as easy as possible for people to stay hydrated on the move, without adding to the disposable plastics problem.

"We're encouraging everyone to get behind the Refill campaign, which encourages people to drink our clean, clear and great tasting tap water, and also helps reduce the amount of plastic

"We've signed up our main office in Pity Me as a Refill station and are asking other businesses, like Whitbread with their many high street brands like Costa, to sign up too. We need everyone across the North East to really get behind the Refill campaign so we can make it as easy as possible for everyone to get great tasting fresh tap water, using sports bottles to Refill and rejecting those single-use bottles.

The first business to join the national drinking water scheme is Whitbread plc, which has pledged today to offer free drinking water for customers and passers-by in each of its 3000 Costa Coffee and Premier Inn locations from March 2018.

Launching the new scheme, Water UK Chief Executive Michael Roberts said: "As an industry with a strong focus on the environment we are passionate about tackling the problems caused by plastic bottles, which clog up rivers and drains, and pollute our seas. By refilling water bottles, we can all help turn this harmful tide of plastic waste. This country has some of the best drinking water in the world and we want everyone to benefit from it.

This scheme will do that by making it easier for people to refill

their bottles wherever they work, rest, shop or play."
As an example of what could be achieved nationally by the new initiative, the Refill Bristol scheme which launched in September 2015 now has more than 200 refill points across Bristol's city centre. Refill Bristol has estimated that if every Bristolian refilled a bottle once a week instead of buying a single-use plastic bottle, the city would reduce its plastic bottle consumption by 22.3 million a year. If replicated around the country, it could lead to a reduction in plastic bottle use in the hundreds of millions.

The current Refill scheme, now happening in 13 towns and cities in England, encourages participating cafes, bars, restaurants, banks, galleries, museums and other businesses to sign up to a

banks, galleries, museums and other businesses to sign up to a free app and put a sticker in their window alerting passers-by to the fact they're welcome to fill up their bottle for free.

Natalie Fee, founder of City to Sea, the organisation behind the Refill scheme, said: "We've seen a huge appetite for our Refill campaign across England, from individuals wanting to make a difference in their community to national chains keen to offer free refills to their customers. Our Refill app puts the power to stop plastic pollution in people's hands - and now thanks to the water industry we'll be able to help everyone, from local

communities to airports, to provide free refills on the go." There are money-saving benefits for customers too. A half-litre bottle of still water typically costs around 30p in shops, compared to a twelfth of a penny for the equivalent volume of tap water - meaning water for customers who fill up bottles from a tap in their own home is 360 times cheaper than if they get it from a supermarket. The cost if they get it from one of the

get it from a supermarket. The cost if they get it from one of the new refill points will be zero. The first stage in delivering the nationwide scheme is for water companies to work with Refill to develop local action plans by September 2018, setting out steps they will take - working with local partners - to drive up access to drinking water locally. This will include the number of refill stations to be available. Plans will cover specific initiatives tailored to local circumstances, which may also include projects like new outdoor drinking fountains and re-usable bottles.

The next stage will be to put in place a network of community refill points and a national app to enable the public to find their nearest refill station. This will build on the Refill model of community organisers and the Refill app to ensure country-wide coverage by 2021.

Single-use plastic bottles are expensive to produce, use up

mountains of waste once they've been used and discarded. So far, recycling does not appear to be adequately dealing with problem, as it's estimated that only around half of the 38.5 million plastic bottles used in the UK every day are recycled, with around 16 million ending up in landfill, being burnt, or entering the environment and waterways.

The supply of public drinking water has a long history, with evidence of examples of water fountains dating back to around 3000 BC in Mesopotamia. The drinking water fountain consisted of basins which made use of the natural spring water, a system which was originally developed in Greek and Roman times. Mechanically operated water fountains only became familiar during the 15th century in Italy.

The drive to improve public health in the UK in Victorian

times saw the introduction of more modern drinking water fountains, particularly in London following the 'Great Stink' of 1858. Victorian philanthropists gained support for a plan to provide clean drinking water in poor areas, and the first fountain was opened on 21st April 1859 in a corner of Holy Sepulchre churchyard in Snow Hill in London's Holborn area. Many further drinking fountains were placed close to churches or churchyards, but later drinking fountains were often placed near pubs to give the thirsty public an alternative to drinking

Vandalism, cost of upkeep, and the increasing provision of water into homes led to the decline of public drinking fountains in England, although many classic examples survive today. Water fountains are resurfacing - Bristol, London and Hull (provided by Yorkshire Water) added new ones just last year.



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In addition to circulating homes and businesses in Aycliffe, quantities of Newton News are available at various public outlets every Friday.

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DURHAM POLICE LAUNCH VOLUNTEERING SCHEME

Constabulary recruiting Police Community Support Volunteers (PCSVs) to provide a new uniformed presence to patrol in presence to patrol in communities and focus on local priorities.

This is a brand new role which will see successful volunteers support frontline policing in neighbourhoods across County Durham and Darlington, where they will be mentored by full time

officers.

PCSVs will take part in foot patrol, help solve basic crime enquiries, assist in local incidents and get to the heart of neighbourhood issues.

A key part of their role will be to build positive relationships with the local community and support local initiatives, like Community Speed Watch and PACT priorities (Police and Communities Together).

They will also support police during planned operations, local events and other initiatives, and will work with victims and witnesses where appropriate.

Inspector Kevin Tuck, from Durham Constabulary, Durham Constabulary, said: "This is a brand new volunteering role which will give ordinary people the chance to do something extraordinary in their

communities.
"We're looking for positive, public-spirited people to public-spirited people to volunteer in the heart of their local communities and build relationships with those who



live and work there

'Successful candidates will be given support and training within neighbourhood teams to strengthen community links, providing additional links, providing additional visibility, reassurance and familiarity.

'This non-confrontational role is a great opportunity for people to give something back to their community, while making friends and developing life skills."

Applicants must be able to

commit a minimum of four hours a week for at least 18 months. Candidates will also be subject to a selection vetting procedure and

process.
The Force is particularly keen to recruit volunteers in the rural areas of County Durham and Darlington, including the Weardale, Teesdale, Barnard Castle and Sedgefield areas. Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington, said: "I am very excited about this innovative initiative. It will give people the opportunity to make a real difference by working alongside front line officers and providing valuable reassurance and visibility within our communities."

Successful volunteers will be based within a neighbourhood beat team and will be supported by fulltime officers.

Travel expenses, uniform and

training is provided.
For more information, visit durham.police.uk, or call 101 and ask to speak to a neighbourhood inspector or ask for Sarah Jones in the HR department.



Village History Society will hold a talk on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm in Aycliffe Village Hall when David Butler will speak on Gibside in the Derwent Valley.

All welcome members £1 non-members £3 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Details on 01325 301093.

ACORN **Residents Association** Meeting

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday 8th in the Phoenix Club at 6pm. As usual Little Acorns will meet at 5.30pm.

Our first outings for the year will be announced and names taken for anyone wishing to book and pay on the night. Local Councillors usually attend and will answer any queries if at all possible.

Our speaker for the evening will be George Barber who will give a talk on "Beat the Scammers". Everyone is welcome to

come along. Tea, coffee and friendly chat available. We look forward to seeing you

NORTH GETS £2,555 LESS PER PERSON FOR TRANSPORT THAN LONDON

Independent analysis of government figures finds London is set to receive £4,155 per person, 2.6 times more than the North, and almost five times more than Yorkshire and the Humber, and the North Fast

• Yorkshire and the Humber is set to receive £844 per person, the North East will receive £855, and the North West will see £2,439 for transport.

• Government figures designed to rebalance the books exclude Transport for London spending and all plans after 2020/21.

• Situation set to get worse after Transport secretary agrees business rates deal with the Mayor of London.

New analysis released today by the leading think-tank for the North of England, IPPR North, has found that London will receive £4,155 per person, compared to £1,600 in the North. A gap of £2,555 per person.

This means that planned transport investment London is almost 2.6 times higher per person than in the North. Yorkshire and the Humber and the North East are the English regions set to receive the least planned transport spending.

The new independent analysis government comes after

published its own regional London is still set to receive breakdown before Christmas and wrote to MPs claiming it had reversed the historical trend.
IPPR North has commended

the government for sharing new data and producing its own "official analysis" of national infrastructure pipeline but it claims many will find government figures misleading as less than half of planned spending is included. Crucially, the government analysis excludes all spending which takes place after 2020/21 despite the infrastructure pipeline being a long-term planning tool.

Nearly £12 billion Transport for London spending is also excluded following a deal between the Transport secretary, Chris Grayling, and London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, allowing London to keep its own business rates to spend on transport. The deal means that London will no longer contribute to transport spending in the rest of the country and stands to benefit by £240 million next year and more in the years after.

Senior Research Fellow at IPPR North, Luke Raikes, Transport "Despite the

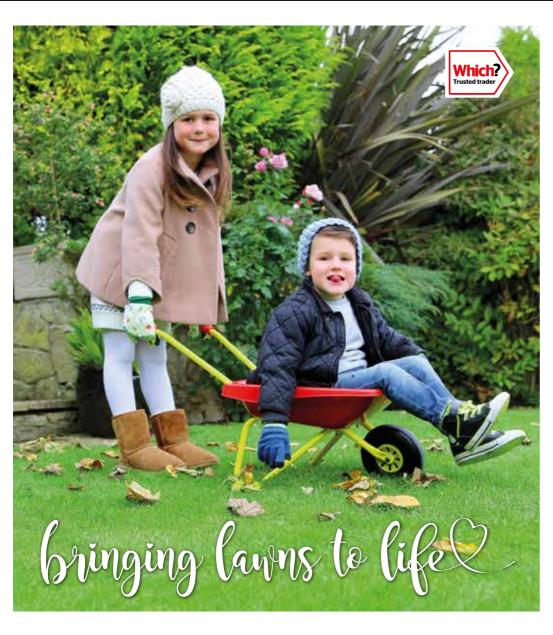
Secretary's recent statements,

almost three times more transport investment person than the North. This is ndefensible.

North has 'The underfunded in comparison to London for decades, and our figures demonstrate that ministers have failed to redress this imbalance. This failure will continue to hold back the North and the country until the government

"The government has improved their analysis of these figures but they have then excluded almost half of the spending for which they are responsible. A disproportionate amount of that excluded money is for

"Instead of disputing the figures figures the government needs to invest in the big, the transformative projects being developed in the North such as Northern Powerhouse Rail. "The government is making Transport for the North a statutory body but it must give it similar powers to Transport for London so that it can encourage business investment and borrow for its own infrastructure instead of going cap in hand to central



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Lib Dems Propose Council Work to Reduce Plastic Use

Durham County Council aims to become biggest UK Council to target the end of single use plastic. Councillors in the North East's largest Council will debate measures to scrap Council use of single use plastics (SUPs) on Wednesday

A motion put forward by Liberal Democrat councillor Mark Wilkes (Framwellgate & Newton Hall) also includes proposals to work with businesses and residents to cut their plastic waste. This could include bringing in rules which could see all businesses with council contracts having to show they have an SUP

Councillor Wilkes commented "The impact of SUPs on our environment is immense. Oceans around the world now have up to 50,000 pieces of plastic on the surface per square mile.

"So much of our culture

has become throwaway and it is simply unsustainable. Council is using over 70,000 disposable cups alone each vear - which are not biodegradable. This cannot continue."

The Councillor's motion also proposes that contracts for outdoor events across County Durham could require companies to provide reusable or biodegradable containers for fast food.

A working group would look at how the Council can assist the public and businesses in cutting their plastic use.

The Councillor adds. "If everyone in the County makes just one small change it will add up to a big impact. With the Council leading the way on this, there is an opportunity to really achieve something

good."
Fellow Lib Dem Councillor Liz Brown (Neville's Cross) says that everyone in the

County can make a difference "Every resident has the contribute opportunity to towards a change in attitudes. Take a look at vour everyday life, and see where there are plastics which end up in the bin, or potentially out there in the wider environment.

"It's stunning just how much year we currently recover only 5% of the plastics we produce." we are throwing away. Every

"However we can all make a difference. For example if just a few of us complain at supermarkets about plastic bags for loose veg instead of paper, or tell managers our views about ridiculous packaging on fruit, perhaps something will be done."

The motion will be debated Wednesday at County Hall in Durham. The full council meeting is open to all members of the public to



Two masked robbers who tied up a shop worker at a Spennymoor jewellers are being sought by police.

The robbery took place at B&H Jewellers on the High Street at around 4.45pm-5pm yesterday (January 25).

Two men punched a shop worker in the face and head before tying the victim up in a back room.

The offenders stole a large amount of jewellery and cash. spokesperson from South Durham CID said: "This was clearly a distressing incident. The offenders made off on foot but it is unclear whether they then got into a car after fleeing from the shop.

"Extensive enquiries are being made. Anyone with information should get in touch."

Anyone with information should call Durham Constabulary on 101 quoting reference 310 of January 25.

Residents Back County Council's Savings Plans

Councillors will next week hear how the region's largest authority plans to make savings over the next four years through plans backed by the majority of residents.

Durham County Council invited members of the public to give their views on its spending plans during a consultation at the end of last year, with more than three quarters backing the authority's approach.

The council needs to make further forecasted savings from its revenue budget of £43.7 million over the next four years. This includes savings of £15.3 million for 2018/19 and is in addition to the £209 million of savings it has achieved since 2011/12.

More than 3,300 people attended events to hear about how the authority plans to make the required savings,

the railway vehicles and the

experience of visitors. To pledge your support in 2018

please visit

More than 78 per cent of those who took part in the consultation felt that the authority's approach to making future savings is a reasonable way to go forward in 2018/19.

Their comments have helped inform the council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), which outlines its long-term funding outlook and spending priorities for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "The financial outlook for the council and the whole of local government remains extremely challenging and unless something changes we still have significant savings to make.

"While we have to continue to reduce our revenue expenditure because of government funding cuts, in this budget we are investing in our children and adult social care services, reflecting residents priorities.
"It is essential that our

spending proposals reflect the priorities of the public so, once again, we have sought the views of residents on our plans and are pleased that the majority continue to support our approach to savings.

The report, which will be presented to the council's Cabinet week, recommends that councillors agree a 2.99 per cent increase in Band D Council Tax for 2018/19 in line with the Government's own projections for council tax increases – with an additional 2 per cent additional 2 per cent increase to the Adult Social Care Precept. This equates to a £1.38 per week rise for Band D properties and 92p per week for the majority of council tax pavers, who live in Band A properties.

Council tax will be used to support a number of areas prioritised by the public,

including £3.9 million to support looked-after children, £1 million to support special Guardianship arrangements, a £375,000 investment in

the authority's social work academy and £500,000 to cover rising energy prices. The council will also be providing funding to address budget pressures in adult

The authority is also proposing a £117 million investment in capital projects, including significant funding for highways maintenance building on investments made in previous years.

Cllr Alan Napier, Deputy and Leader Cabinet member for finance, said: "We continue our work to protect frontline services. specifically those prioritised by the public, and the most vulnerable in our county but this is becoming increasingly difficult as financial pressures increase. "It is also imperative that we continue to invest in our capital infrastructure as it is our key route to boosting the local economy, retaining existing jobs and supporting



"CHOCOLAT"

The "FEEL GOOD FILM SHOW" at St Clare's Church on TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY features the 2000 British-American romantic comedu 1 "CHOCOLAT" Starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench and Johnny Depp. Mysterious Vianne and her daughter arrive in a tranquil. old fashioned French town and open a chocolate shop. Their chocolate has a mysterious effect on the townspeople and the Mayor declares war. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Tea and coffee are served at 1pm, included in the £2, and the film starts at 1.15pm. A variety of chairs are provided for your comfort, and tables so that you can bring a spot of lunch to eat while you enjoy a great film in friendly company.
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Thank you from North Yorkshire Moors Railway



Yorkshire Moors Railway is on track to raise £2,500,000 with more than £200,000 than £200,000 pledged since NYMR's Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey campaign launched last October.

North Yorkshire Moors Historical Railway Trust Chairman, John Bailey, "We're extremely proud of how much money has already been raised and we would like to say huge thank you to everyone who has donated, no matter how big or small. "The railway has been one

of Yorkshire's much loved attractions for the last five decades, with a history of creating long lasting family memories. Now, as we look to secure our future, these funds will be invaluable."

To give a little bit more insight in to NYMR and to let the public know why these funds are needed, the attraction has shared its Top 5 Yorkshire's Magnificent Journey Facts:

• The award-winning visitor

attraction steams across the North York Moors bringing delight to more than 350,000

passengers every year. Our carriage fleet has appeared in Downton Abbey, Harry Potter and the new film, Phantom Thread

with Daniel Day Lewis.

• Bridges 24, 25 & 27 have had over 7.5 million tonnes of steam locomotive travelling over them since they were installed in 1908.

• Over 17.500 school children have visited the railway in the past five years, since the learning centre was built at Pickering in 2011. With a new facility at Goathland the railway could educate a further 6,000!

• If every passenger donated £1.48 over the next five years, we would reach our goal!

Owned and operated by an independent charitable trust with no public funding, day to day operation of the railway is carried out by volunteers who work steadily to improve the quality of the infrastructure, nymr.co.uk/YMJ **Furniture Factory Outlet**



AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK ATTRACTS MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AT FOREST PARK

business park is on course for further expansion after it was revealed the outline planning permission for a major new development is close to being submitted.

Durham County Council has already started the next phase of work to expand Aycliffe Business Park – already the largest site of its kind in the region – onto the 55-hectare Forrest Park site.

The site, for which the Local Enterprise Partnership has provided £13m funding, is hoped will be the subject of a £140m private sector investment with the potential to accommodate a rail freight interchange.

It is estimated Forrest Park could see the creation of 3,200 jobs across 1.75 million square feet of development floor space and deliver a Gross Value Added (GVA) boost of £495m over the next 10-15 years.

During a meeting of the Aycliffe Business Park Community, held at Hitachi Rail Europe's rail assembling facility, local businesses were told planning consultants have now been commissioned and the proposal is expected to be submitted early this year.

Andy Palmer, the council's head of transformation and chair of the joint venture company behind the Forrest



attendees: "A lot of the groundwork has already been undertaken and we're close to submitted." planning application for the development.

"We already have a lot of interest in the site, because it is very visual, people can see the preparatory works that have already been undertaken, and we've already held discussions with development partners and we expect things to happen fairly

"Aycliffe Business Park's reputation is getting stronger all the time as an area for advanced engineering and manufacturing.
"When completed it will

mean Aycliffe Business Park will be the largest business

park in the North-East, which will be a major feather in the cap for County Durham."

Aycliffe Business Park is already home to around 500 companies and an estimated 10,000 employees.

The Forrest Park proposal will see the creation of three types of development units – business, general industrial and storage or distribution.

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Preparatory groundworks began in late 2016, and the enabling works are continuing with the creation of a new traffic light controlled junction on the A167 – for better access to both the new site and the business park.

To find out more about Aycliffe Business Park and future events, go to aycliffebusinesspark.co.uk

GARAGE **THEFTS** ON THE **INCREASE**

Police are reminding people to lock their garages after a spate of motorcycle thefts. Durham Constabulary urging homeowners to not make themselves an easy target for thieves and use simple security measures to avoid crime.

PC Kate Price from Consett Police Office said: "There has been at least two thefts of off-road motorcycles in Consett recently and more across the force area.

"It is important that residents make sure their vehicle is not an easy target for criminals. "Double check that your garage is locked. Offenders will often try every garage in a street before finding one that is easy pickings."

Durham Police s

said if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area please contact 101 or if you witness a crime in progress contact 999.

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Week of Skiing in Italy for Greenfield Students



A group of 43 students and staff from Greenfield Community College (both Sunnvdale campus and Aycliffe site) enjoyed brilliant time in Italy's Aosta Valley when they took part in the annual ski residential travelling with Mansfield based Interski. Greenfield has visited Pila, a superb Italian ski resort boasting stunning views of Monte Bianco, for 17 years and hundreds of students have benefitted from the first class tuition provided by the Italian and British instructors. This year we had many students gaining the highly respected 5*

award, proving them to be proficient skiers and able to navigate even the toughest of terrain. The group were also fortunate enough to benefit from fantastic conditions. Locals described the resort of Pila to have the best snow in over 27 years.

Learning outside vitally classroom important in enhancing the education of every child, and at Greenfield we aim to offer a range of opportunities to engage, enthuse and broaden aspirations. The ski residential is one such opportunity where pupils develop life-long learning, both on and off the slopes.

Pupils learn a new craft but also realise a life changing educational experience. They are up early, into lessons all day, follow a comprehensive après ski programme and complete a full programme of school work on an evening. They work extremely hard and each and every one 'grows' during their week away; learning about themselves, the people around them and what it's like to do things for themselves!

Assemblies have already taken place at both campuses to launch Ski Pila 2018. Follow us on Twitter: @ GreenfieldSki.



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to Future Paramedics

Doctors and paramedics from the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS) this week delivered trauma training to the paramedics of tomorrow.

Approximately 50 second year paramedic students from Teesside University got a taste of the challenging scenarios faced by the GNAAS aircrew on a regular basis.
The training was held at County Durham and

The training was neight at County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service's training centre in Bowburn and gave students the opportunity to gain some practical hands-on experience. Paul Burnage, GNAAS paramedic, said: "What we are trying to do is increase the critical thinking skills of the student paramedics and educate them on how to take educate them on how to take

care of a trauma patient.
"We've got a vast array of knowledge and experience within GNAAS and a number of subject matter experts so we can pass that knowledge on to future paramedics and that's great.

A range of different scenarios were set up for the students

including extrication of a patient from a vehicle involved in a road traffic patients brain i collision. patients with catastrophic haemorrhage and paediatric patients.

Speaking at the training day, Chris Brown, a student paramedic said: "Today's been real insight into the trauma that we might potentially have to go to as a newly qualified paramedic. It's illustrated the key importance of forward thinking, and how that affects care of patients that we're going to see."

Another student paramedic,

Danielle Bestford, said: "The scenarios are really realistic so it's obviously going to benefit us when we go out in the future. It reinforces everything we've learning as well."

This was the third trauma training day ran by GNAAS and there are already plans in place to run another one next

GNAAS wished to thank the fire service for its support in running the training sessions.



GNAAS Give Training Holiday Activities at Greenfield Arts



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Activities are suitable for all ages and families, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Bookings are now open, please use the enrolment form found on our website to secure your place: www.

greenfield-arts.co.uk. For further information please contact our friendly team on 01325 379048 or info@greenfield-arts.co.uk they are always happy to

UNDER 7's CLOSE IN ON TITLE

Heighington Under 7s took another huge step towards winning the League this Week with two emphatic wins away from home.

Across the 2 games goals from Kyleo (9) Kenzi (8) Maddix (6) Tyler (3) Zane, Archie, Kieran and Alex one

There were also fantastic performances from Liam and Louie. The Under 7's have been invited to Sunderland to face Sunderland Academy next week and will also get a tour after the game, which will be a great experience for

Darlington

The legendary That'll Be The Day stage show returns to Darlington Hippodrome Tuesday Wednesday 14 February. That'll Be The Day is all

about recreating nostalgia with live entertainment, reflecting the music and tone of an era that changed the course of music history and youth culture forever. Incredibly the show is now in its 30th year of touring, and the birthday party is coming to Darlington Civic Theatre.

Having delighted audiences throughout the UK for over three decades, That'll Be The Day is back on the road entertaining audiences with classic gold hits from the 1950's, 60's, 70's and with more side-splitting comedy! Originally established on the cabaret circuit in the late 1980's, the show began playing regional theatres in the early 1990's. Now it performs over 200 shows a year to capacity audiences across the UK. Trevor Payne (who first created the show) still directs, produces and stars in the production today. Trevor rewrites all the material for the show for each year, and over six months is taken in planning and preparation.

That'll Be The Day is at Darlington Hippodrome on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February. Tickets* are priced from £24.50. *Includes £2 restoration levy. To book contact the Box Office on 01325 405405 or visit www. darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

HORNDALE RESIDENTS **FEBRUARY MEETING**

Happy New Year to you all and hope you had a wonderful and peaceful festive season.

Our next meeting is February 7th at Greenfield Arts Centre starting at 6pm with refreshments at 5.45.

We will be discussing exciting plans for the coming year with trips a bigger and better Fun Day plus lots more.

We have secured more funding £500 from DCC Civic Pride Team to plant more Crocus bulbs to brighten up our underpasses, we are planning a litter pick as part of the Big Spring Clean Up involving local school pupils. We have submitted a bid to the Big Lottery for funding to help us deliver the events we

know you enjoy. Local Councillors, Livin and local Police Beat team should be in attendance and look forward to meeting local residents to discuss any issues that are important to vou.

Please join us and help make our good neighbourhoods better places to live. Philip Clark, Chairman

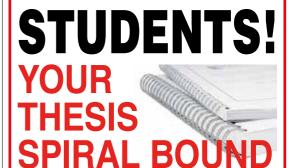
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Lifeline Community Action's "Children's Blessings" project would like to thank the staff of Aldi for letting us know they were holding a Baby and Toddler event and managed to obtain 20 safety gates, 100 bottles of Baby Shampoo and 100 Bottles of Baby Bath at a much reduced price. This will be an enormous help and enable us to assist more needy families in and around Newton Aycliffe.

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Another Murderous Night at Heighington



Back left to right: Rev. Ruth Dawson, Anne Linton, Tony Kay, Chris Enzor, Joan Johnson and Linda Lawrence Front: Rev Lissa Scott and Andrew Maxwell

Heighington continued to grow its reputation as the Midsomer of the North East last Saturday night at the annual Murder Mystery event in the Village Hall.

The two murders were quickly solved by Inspector Nohope of the local constabulary and various teams came close despite the numerous red herrings with the "SparTen" successfully solved the mystery.

The event was a fundraiser to help upgrade the Church facilities to make the building more community friendly and the £805 raised was supported by Barclays Bank with a further £750 donation from its Community Fund. A profitable and enjoyable night was had by all.

Many thanks to all the helpers, actors and to Barclays Bank, but especially to our audience for their generosity and for fully entering into the spirit of the evening.

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GACAP Meeting

Mitchie GACAP (Great Aycliffe Community Aid Partnership) was flying the flag for GACAP and Western Area Regeneration Project last week, firstly ioining with other agencies he joined in litter picking and tree planting at the rear of Silverdale Place.

Western Area Regeneration Project have consulted with residents both sides of Williamfield Way in respect of possible significant improvements in that area. Both Ron and his wife Joan are Champions of the scheme which has extensively sort the opinion of local residents as to how the area might be improved.

Ron was later joined by GACAP Secretary Joan Mitchie who had been busy with other voluntary work. They both went to CDFHS at Chilton for their Open & Networking Day.

There were an encouraging number of people dropping in throughout the day, each adding to the white board which was full of names and organisations directly or indirectly were involved in offering help and support to people who found themselves in need.

GACAP hold their next meeting at DISC offices by the Blue Bridge on Monday 5th February at 3.45 pm with networking and



The meeting will commence at 4pm. Further networking is also possible at the end of

the meeting.
Please feel free to come along and see for yourself what GACAP is about and decide for yourself if you or your organisation could become a partner or a friend of GACAP.

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TUESDAY 6-8pm - Sponsored by Honest John: Join Darren Lowe and Lee Weldon as they give a run down on the latest LOCAL sports news? They will be joined by the Rugby Club representative Bob Malvern on Tuesday 6th February. On Tuesday **13th February** (TBC) will local girl Anna Young, Sunderland Footballer. Ben Potts will also give his weekly report on Newton Aycliffe FC's latest game. Text your sport question for Darren. Lee or their guest(s) to 07512 253333

FRIDAY 8-10pm: On Friday 9th February, Andy Little, an Ex-Newtonian, who runs CentralFM in Spain will start his monthly show. "Mardi Gras" time comes to Avcliffe Radio on **Friday 16th February** with local DJ Martin Norris who worked at D'ton Mardi Gras Night Club in the 1990's. The following week Friday 23rd February sees the return of Pauly Mac from Australia.

SUNDAY 6-8pm: The Xcel Centre are now up and running with a pre-recorded show from a church session. Join the lively congregation with a sermon, songs and prayers.

NEW SCHEDULE: Check our website and the schedule opposite for the latest update to the scheduling. Lots more new shows covering many genres and different decades ... something to suit everyone.

MONDAY 8-10pm: Aycliffe Radio will be playing tracks from local band Izengard's debut album "Angel Heart". The following week will be Aycliffe Village Primary **School's** rehearsal for "Snappy Opera" to be performed at the Gala Theatre,

AYCLIFFE RADIO

A selection of the coming week's highlights:

MONDAY

TUESDAY 6-8pm

Sports Round Up - Darren & Lee Sponsored by Honest John 6th Feb - Bob Malvern (Rugby) 13th Feb - Anna Young (Football - TBC)

Kent Collective - Daz Kent + We Alternative Avcliffe - Garv & Albv

THURSDAY

PVR Studio House Mix Guest Presenter Session Friday 2nd Feb - Owen's Political Debate (due to illness this has been postponed) Friday 9th Feb - Andy Little (Spain)

School Disco Dance Anthems - The Docco. Dance Mix - OZ-DJ a Garage/Indie/Drum 'n' Bass - MC Supa

SUNDAY

Sports Round Up with Daz & Lee Church Service (from the Xcel Centre) Rhythm 'n' Soul Show - Jack Hall

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Transparent Accounting?

Reference two articles in last week's edition of Newton News:

a) Carillion Question

The big question is how was Carillion allowed to get into a situation of being £900 million in debt before it was noticed?" I think we are all aware that this figure is understated and at one time was said to have had their accounts signed off by an accredited firm of accountants.

I believe the general public were amazed to learn of the breadth of this enterprise and their involvement with our local and regional hospitals. Surely the NHS could be responsible for staff employed on their premises instead of subcontracting these services

b) Our MEP's article

Though Jude Kirton-Darling made interesting reading, once again references were made to "a lot of progress has

been made in recent years in terms of transparency and democracy.

It appears the general public are still waiting for answers to the following-

1) How many years since the EU's finances were signed off by accredited auditors?

2) Will they be signed off, or even published this financial vear and not behind closed doors?

3) Is the EU considered exempt from publishing their records?

4) What are the chances of publication of audited records being published before Brexit?

I believe this subject was raised last year and questions posed in a similar manner without any response. I do consider this issue as a very serious matter as the 'powers that be" appear to consider themselves as being unaccountable to the general public.

New CCTV System Speeds Police Investigations

the new process which began

in October following a close

partnership between the force and Durham County Council.

Acting Inspector Adam

Norris who is leading the

common misconception is

said:

Time and money is being saved thanks to a new system which gives police quicker access to CCTV, speeding up investigations. Previously when Durham Constabulary needed CCTV footage as part of an investigation, an officer would drive to the Durham County Council 24/7 CCTV monitored control room in County Durham to obtain the footage on a disk.

SentrySIS, a secure cloud based software system, has been set up to allow the CCTV to be sent in a digital transfer which has so far saved 160 hours in travelling time, thousands of pounds in fuel and enabled officers progress investigations quicker as they can generally receive the footage the same day they have requested it.

More than 260 clips have been

downloaded since the start of

that the police own CCTV cameras. In fact, cameras are predominantly owned by local authorities and private businesses, meaning that the police have to request access to the footage which can take time. technology "Any intelligence recovers from video footage is a for development police's evidencein the

gathering capabilities. Such

advanced technology will

free up officers, allowing

investigation teams to be

more effective at solving

crimes. 'Surveillance cameras crucial to investigations. This footage has become a gamechanger in our pursuit of

justice for victims of crimes. The cameras can record and capture a crime as it unfolds and create valuable evidence for court trials."

CCTV has many including tracking the movements of criminals, locating victims of crime, identifying potential suspects witnesses, proving or disproving alibis and monitoring public order Head of transport and contract services at Durham County Council, Adrian White, said: 'We know CCTV is vital for the police and we have worked closely with our colleagues at Durham Constabulary to help speed up the transfer process. We are always keen to use technology where it helps make efficiencies and so far the system is proving beneficial for all involved.'

Durham Constabulary was the first force in the country to issue all frontline police officers, special constables, police community support officers and staff with bodyworn video cameras in order to capture evidence during the course of their duties.

Speaking about the bodyworn cameras, A/Insp Norris "The cameras have proved invaluable. They are being used to support early charging decisions by the Crown Prosecution Service as their staff can now often view the scene of an incident, hear the initial account of the victim and see any injuries

This helps to bring offenders to justice at the earliest opportunity which reduces overall costs to the criminal justice system.

He added: "We hope this fast access to CCTV footage will bolster the prosecution of crimes and lead to savings which have already been seen

• February History Walk:

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MP Calls for Debate on Bank Closures

constituents have contacted me by email, telephone and social media to raise their concerns about decisions of NatWest and Santander to close their branches in Newton Aycliffe. I can understand the concerns raised. That is why I recently met with representatives from NatWest and Santander to discuss the closures.

The banks said the decision close their branches in Newton Aycliffe was driven by local data which showed the way customers in Newton Aycliffe were choosing to bank changing with the majority of their customers already banking in other ways.

online This included banking, use of Mobile Banking apps or over the phone. As a result, according to the banks, transactions in their respective branches had fallen dramatically recently.

With the closures, customers will now need to rely on the local post office to access banking services such as balance enquiries, cash withdrawals and cash and cheque deposits.

NatWest and Santander both assured me they are committed to supporting customers ahead of the branch closure and assisting them to use alternative ways of banking.

The loss of local bank branches is not just a reality facing Newton Aycliffe. In my constituency alone, 4 bank branches will close by the end of June 2018. As well as the closure of the branches in Newton Aycliffe, NatWest will also close a branch in Ferryhill and Barclays will be closing their branch in Sedgefield village.

This is part of a wider national picture where the big banks closed 650 branches between 2015 and 2016, which is leaving more and more towns without a local branch as more and more people find other ways to bank.

I still believe there is a role for bank branches in our communities. That is why, with Ruth Smeeth, the MP for Stoke on Trent North. I am calling for a debate in the House of Commons on community banking.

If you have any comments on the bank closure in Ferryhill, please let me know by emailing me at phil. wilson.mp@parliament.uk or write to me 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL5 4EE. Phil Wilson, M.P.

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COUNCIL ITEMS

- DCC Full Council eeting, Wednesday 24 meeting, January
- DCC Retail Review Group,
- Thursday 25 January.
 GAMP Board meeting,
- Tuesday 30 January. Getting a salt bin.
- A visit to NETPark.
- Forrest business park expansion going according to plan.
- Latest local roadworks information for the Newton Aycliffe area.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Durham Constabulary has launched a Police Community Support Volunteer scheme.
- Aycliffe Anti-Social Behaviour Group Meeting, Thursday 25 January.
- Read how Anita Rani discovered the beauty of Durham in her film: Stiles, Steeds and Stars.
- · Plans to convert former Newton Avcliffe factory into business centre.

THINGS TO DO

Women at War: Beamish Museum, 10-18 February





Burns Night Party for Rose Lodge Residents



Aycliffe care home as it hosted a Burns Night party for residents, families and guests from the local community.

Catrina Dulston of the Newton Aycliffe Pipe Band visited the home in traditional Highland dress to play bagpipes as party-goers enjoyed tucking into haggis, neeps and tatties and a selection of cakes and refreshments.

After performing she met with residents who were keen to congratulate her on her playing. She said: "It's been lovely playing at Rose Lodge and meeting the residents. I was made to feel very welcome. Any of them are welcome to join the band

anytime they like!" Every year the life and work of poet Robert Burn is celebrated around the globe on the Bards birthday, January 25th. Nicola Wheatley, Home

Manager at Rose Lodge, said: "We've had a brilliant time at our Burns Night party. It's become a bit of a tradition here at Rose Lodge after a party we held last year proved popular with residents and their families.'

Rose Lodge care home, operated by care home provider Countrywide Care Homes, provides residential care and dementia care and was awarded Home of the Year in the 2017 MMCG and Countrywide Care Awards.

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We have a drink and biscuit break [enjoyed by the children and adults] half way through the afternoon. We really look

forward to meeting you. For further info ring Norma Wise on 01325 312930.

Juniors Football Report

The heavy snowfall led to no outdoor games last weekend so it was good to see the Avcliffe Juniors teams back in action this week

The Under 7's played Sunnydale against Leven and put in a great performance against a strong team. Leven started well and scored three quick goals before Logan pulled one back. Leven's fourth goal was immediately replied to with a neat finish from Sam to make it 4-2. This exciting first half ended with the score at 6-4 after Alex chipped in and Harry scored. Alex's second goal came after the break and the match ended 7-5 to Leven.

The Under 8's travelled to Norton & Stockton Ancients 'Amber' and were 5-3 winners. Man of the match Thomas scored a hat trick. Kenyon and Dylan then completed the Aycliffe scoring. The second game was played as seven a side instead of the normal five and Zeke, Dylan and Finley scored in a 5-3 defeat.

The Under 9's hosted Stranton AFC who had won the reverse fixture 7-1 earlier in the season. Aycliffe's improvement was evident from the start as they went ahead through Kai's goal. A great second half goal from Jayden didn't prove enough as Stranton came back and won the match 3-2. Man of the match in the first game was Harry with Max winning that award in the second game for his part in

a fine team performance. The Under 10's 'White' played away at Billingham Synthonia and man of the match Jayden scored in a game that ended in a 1-1 draw. The second



game ended in a 7-0 win for Aycliffe with Aidan (3), Will, Jack and man of the match Oliver (2) the scorers. The Under 10's 'Black' played at home against Eaglescliffe Elementis, after going behind 1-0 Jake Smith scored from the penalty spot to equalise. Jade Ferry then added the second Aycliffe goal and Jake Smith completed the scoring in this great 3-1 win. Jack Lowis was named as man of the match for a great game in the Aycliffe goal. The development game was played as nine a side and man of the match Jake scored four goals with Jayden also on target in a

The Under 11's were away at Saxon Juniors and were sporting a new away kit kindly sponsored by SE Landscaping, many thanks to them for their support. On the pitch Charlie opened the scoring before Thomas doubled the lead from a Jake corner. Zac scored twice in the second half to secure a 4-2 win with the whole team named as men of the match

for their great attitude. Under 12's TJFA League team visited Boro Rangers 'Blue' they went a goal down but Charlie D's penalty made it 1-1 at half time. Six second half goals

scored by Kayne (3), Jake P, Charlie B and Lucas secured a 7-2 win.

The Under 13's at Sunnydale playing Greatham FC but illness and injury reduced them to only 10 men. They managed to hold their visitors to a 1-0 lead for most of the game but in the last fifteen minutes they tired and more goals were conceded with the game ending in a 7-0 loss. Great commitment was shown from the ten available players.

Under 16's were also at home facing bottom of league Leven AFC. It was a frustrating game and goals from Boddy (2) and Pattison were needed to bring Aycliffe level on three occasions making the score 3-3 in the dying minutes. However the visitors scored in the last minute to win

The Under 23's travelled to high flying Whinney Banks and a fiery game ended 4-3 to the home team.

Aycliffe FC Draw with Northumbria University

Aycliffe travelled to Northumbria University and came away with a 1-1 draw. Aycliffe started the game well, but went behind against the run of play on 12 minutes when a fine shot from the students' centre forward Ardelean gave keeper James Winter no chance.

Marc Costello was the victim of a bad tackle on 30 minutes and had to go off, being replaced by Jamie Davis. On 32 minutes man-of-the match Winter pulled off a superb save in a one-on-one situation. Half time 1-0.

The first twenty minutes of the second half were an equal contest, but then Aycliffe pushed further forward and dominated the remainder of the half. On 67 minutes, Jordan Roberts went on a mazy run down the right and shot into the side netting. Seven minutes later he repeated the feat, but this time he hit a low cross into the 6-yard box and substitute Glen Lane turned it in for the equaliser. On 84 minutes, recent signing Jordan Jewson hit a fine shot, only for home keeper Purvis to pull off a great save. Aycliffe had a let-off in injury time when the students broke out of defence and headed a cross against the post. Full time 1-1.

Next match is at home to local rivals Shildon on Saturday 3rd February at 3pm. Please come along to Moore Lane and support the lads. Kick off 3pm







(L-R) Susan Milburn, Trish Kay, Ray Todd, Donna Campbell, Richard Campbell, Peter Milburn

Seven members of Avcliffe Running Club took part in the annual 5k Wynyard Trail Race on Sunday 28 January. The race is part of the Stockton trail series which run during the summer and

On Saturday the organisers altered the route so that the race was run in reverse difficult uphill section. First home for the club Peter Milburn

making the second mile a

20:33, followed by Richard Campbell in 21:35, Dave Blewitt in 24:23, Susan Milburn in 25:56, Trish Kay in 27:02, Donna Campbell in 34:03 and finally Ray Todd



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and percussive techniques. sometimes playing the guitar on his lap, sometimes detuning mid-song. His shows have brought crowds to pin-drop silence and rapturous applause. After playing in the pubs of Liverpool while at college, Smith first made his name on the folk circuit opening for acts including Davy Graham and has since released five records. most recently Headlong in 2017.

variety of open tunings

Tickets for the show, which starts at 7.30pm, cost £15 and are available from www. galadurham.co.uk or by calling the box office on 03000 266600.

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The 7a Arriva Bus from Town Centre or Woodham stops two minutes away. Ring Dorothy Bowman on 308094 or Mobile: 07967 901477 for further details.

WESTERN AREA RESIDENTS' MEETING Wednesday 7th February. 2pm. At The Western Area Community House, Silverdale Place. There will be a PACT MEETING meeting prior to the residents meeting. Ring 308094 / 07967901477.

VALENTINE'S DISCO for children aged up to 10 years with Professor Nincompoon on Friday 9th February from 5pm until 8pm. Admission £2 for everyone - Babies free! Burnhill Methodist Church Hall/Burnhill Community Centre next to The Turbinia. Tel:07967 901477 for more details.

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Revival of Great Aycliffe Show Denied for 2018

The Town Council met this Wednesday to ratify the Recreation Committee's decision to reject the proposal by Russ Gibson to bring back the Great Aycliffe Show. This was backed by the Leader of the Council Bob Fleming in his front page letter in Newton News last week.

. Councillor Independent Arun Chandran thought the applicants had a good case and supported them in an amendment to the motion: "That Minute 93 be referred back for reconsideration regarding the Great Aycliffe Show, and that we invite the applicants to that meeting a detailed discussion This was seconded by Cllr Ken Robson. We believe the Recreation Committee should meet with the organisers to discuss in any questions, reservations, public, doubts. concerns it has with their proposals.

If the proposal is workable, has merit or if it was not viable, with every doubt or question answered or not, the meeting of minds to overcome obstacles would achieve something of use to our community.
There should be no party

political issue on this as it wasn't in any manifesto or election leaflet, so no mandate. Indeed our M.P. is also requesting we support this reconsideration.

We are not committing anyone to anything, but we are keeping an open mind and will be seen to have examined every possibility of the return of the Great Aycliffe Show, with or without the Council giving any form of assistance. It may not happen this year, but we should not close our minds to the possibilities.

We owe it to the residents of our Town, to try to make things happen, especially if it serves the public interest and is of low or no cost to the Council. From the Town Council's point of view the question should be what can we do to help.

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Council in a cross party vote decided to reject the proposal by 13 votes to 9.

The applicant Russ Gibson told Newton News: "Of course we are disappointed with the outcome, and thank Councillor Arun Chandran and his Independent colleagues for supporting us. But it's even more disappointing, and alarming, that this decision made was effectively made by a handful of Labour councillors behind closed doors during their Aycliffe Labour Group meetings, without giving any thought to their residents. What is also really concerning Andrew Bailey's appraisal – and Jed Hilary's subsequent report during Wednesday night's meeting which was riddled with inaccuracies and factual errors.

'We sat down with Andrew Bailey on 2nd October, away from the Recreation Committee, and discussed in great detail the potential show, and what we'd need to do. We recognised then that our inexperience of organising large-scale events would be a major concern, which is why we employed a reputable events management company to produce a safety report for

"Yet the majority of the issues raised in his appraisal came as news to me - he never highlighted many of these concerns before we submitted our application or during our discussions. 'Andrew Bailey has also known since day one that he was dealing with a limited company – not once did he raise this as a concern, and not once did he tell me this would mean the press and public (including myself) would be exempt from its discussions in the committee meeting.

"Overall the general handling of this has not been good. We're volunteers, we have put hundreds of hours of our own voluntary time into this project - but not once does Andrew Bailey. as a very well-paid council officer, make any reference to this or give us any credit

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Bob Fleming told Newton News it was a fair hearing and this subject had brought the issue of the Great Aycliffe Show to the fore and at the next AGM the Council will be appointing a new Committee to review Council activities including the possibility of the Council itself bringing back the Show.

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interviewed under caution, Mr Abdullah, of Avonmouth

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knew it was against the law

to refuse an assistance dog

but denied saying he had an

exemption certificate. The 35-year-old, who has

been a taxi driver for over

five years, also produced a letter from his doctor in

the interview but this was

insufficient to confirm he

In his interview, Mr Khan, from Hillhead Drive in

Newcastle, who has been a

taxi driver for nearly three years, stated he had never

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in Pakistan showed the

39-year-old is allergic

to parrots, dogs and cats since his interview

he has applied for and

been granted a medical exemption certificate.
Peterlee Magistrates' Court

heard that both men had

apologised to the local

authority and had believed

had an allergy.

reaction to dogs.

not have them with them.

cars as they were allergic.

refused to take passengers with assistance dogs have been ordered to pay more than £500 each.

Abdullah and Goran Shafqat Ullah Khan were both parked at the rank at Prince Bishops in Durham officer.

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Steve Smith

they had exemptions due to officer asked the taxi drivers their medical evidence.

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Joanne Waller, Durham County Council's head of environment, health and consumer protection, said: "While we know the vast majority of the drivers we license comply with all relevant legislation, a minority refuse to take passengers with assistance dogs.

This practice is an offence under the Equalities Act, unless a driver has a valid exemption certificate, and we will not tolerate it in County Durham.

"We hope that the financial penalties and the criminal convictions these two men find themselves with will serve as a deterrent to other drivers who may be minded to follow their example and show that we are serious about taking appropriate action where offences like this occur.'

Birthday Remembrance

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Passed away suddenly on 22nd January, aged 89 years.

Beloved Wife of the late Dennis, loving Mother of Ann

and Tom; Mother-in-Law of

Alan and Iris; also a treasured

Grandma of Angela, Heather, George and Anja; a Great

Grandma to Eloise, Funeral

details to follow in next week's

British Heart Foundation.

meet at the church

Phoebe and Teddie.

treasured Grandma to

Robert (Bob) Etherington Wilson

Passed away in Defoe Court Care Home on 20th January, aged 88 years. Dearly beloved Husband to Edna; a much loved Dad, Grandad Bobby, Great Grandad, Fatherin-Law and a much loved character to all. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Avcliffe on Tuesday 6th February for 12.15pm. Followed by Cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium (Coundon) Family flowers donations in lieu, if so desired, to Dementia Care.

Audrey Kilpatrick

22nd January, aged 90 years. Beloved Wife of the late Vincent: much loved Mum of Kevin and the late Julie; devoted Nana of Laura. Will family and friends please meet for a Service at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 7th February at 10.00am.

Jono **Bartlett**

4th May 1986 to 24th January 2018. It is with deepest regret to announce the uage sudden passing of Jono Postlatt on Wednesday announce the tragic and Bartlett on 24th January 2018. Jono was loved and cherished by so many, and a shining light in many people's lives. Everyone who knew him have been left devastated by the tragic news, but special condolences go to Anva. Jono's Sister who has been so brave; Scovon. Cathy, Karen, Kev, Mick, Toni, Tom, Ann, Lee, Liam and Jade, as well as the rest of Jono's Family and Friends, of which Jono had so many The Funeral date will be announced in due course. Family Flowers only, however if you wish to make a donation, the Charity of choice is "Mind". Good night, God Bless, Jono, until we all meet again, R.I.P. you are with your Mam now, Angels Together, Fly

High xxx



Saturday 3rd February "Fantastic at 50" very happy birthday Jacquie. Lots and lots of love from all the family xxx



5th February 2018 Congratulations on your 70th. Lots of love, Sandra and all of your family

Tommy Johnson



Happy 90th Birthday 5th February 1928
To a very special Dad,
Grandad and Great

Grandad and Great Grandad. Wishing you a happy 90th birthday. With of love and best wishes today and always xxxxx

DON FRASER Happy 90th birthday. Lots of love, Fiona, Dave, Ian, Leanne, Kelly, Aimee, Katy, James, Aiden and Jenny

SPENSLEY Vic and Sylvia Wishing my wonderful Mammy and Daddy a lovely wonderful day on Friday, for their Wedding Anniversary. Love you loads, Julie, Den and

family xxx

JACQUELINE MAUGHAN Happy 50th on the 7th. Have a wonderful Day. Lots of love from Robert, Leanne, Colin, Laurie and Nelson xxxxx

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Youthy Football Round Up

North East Sports Roma 1 - 1 Newton Aycliffe Youth

A good game of football on an extremely windy day against a team above us in the league unbeaten in their last 5 games. The conditions made it difficult for the team but they tried their best battling hard against it. Roma were attacking from the whistle however the Eagles kept them at bay for most of the first half with some excellent defending from Ollie and Nathan with Liam having to make some brilliant saves in goal.

Adam, Will and Kai in midfield with Max upfront trying to pass the ball as best they could whilst getting closed down very quickly and battling against the wind. Roma managed to squeeze past our defence and their striker was one on one with Liam and buried the ball in the back of the net, good goal for them and nothing Liam could do about it after making some fantastic saves.

Hamza came on to give Kai a rest and did himself proud finding great space and applying pressure. It was end to end football but we went into half time 1-0 down. Second half saw Ollie take over in goal with Liam taking his place in defence and Hamza upfront for Max with Kai back in midfield. There were some excellent runs by Adam, Kai and Will but they couldn't get past their defence. Adam found himself in space and tried to volley the ball into the goal but the wind held it up and it was a comfortable save for their keeper in the end. Hamza also found himself in front of goal and was unlucky not to score. After a couple of tackles on Adam he had to come off injured so Max



stepped up and replaced him. Will got the ball and ran down the line with it quickly closed down by Roma's defence, Hamza then made a crucial tackle and Will picked up the ball and was one on one with the keeper, cool as you like blasting the ball into the goal. Great goal Will, well done. Roma were going for the win and were attacking hard.

Just before the final whistle Ollie made an outstanding save keeping the Eagles from a defeat. Final score 1-1. Today's man of the match was Will, not only for his goal but for the effort he put in all over the pitch. Will didn't stop running for the whole match making tackles, taking on players, applying great strength and getting the goal. Well done Will and to all the Eagles today. You kept going even when we were a goal down and it paid off.

Newton Aycliffe U10's Girls 8 – 0 St. Cuthbert's.

On Saturday morning the girls

travelled to a blustery Peterlee for their first game in 7 weeks to play the final game of the winter league. The girls were asked to carry on where they left off in 2017 and to also take the opposition seriously. The game started scrappy and the strong winds didn't help for entertaining football either. St Cuthbert's defended

resiliently with all girls behind

the ball and looked to catch us

on the break. Luckily Imogen Paterson in goal along with Jasmin & Grace in defence stood firm and stopped any opposition attack in its tracks. Playing into the wind Ebony, Aishia, Fearne & Sophie kept trying to break the opposition defence down but regularly struggled to find a way through. It looked like it was going to be a scoreless first half heading towards half time until a St Cuthbert's clearance found Fearne well outside the box who struck a shot first time to open the scoring. HT 1 - 0.

Second half saw the introduction of Imogen Milburn & Gracie and a slight reshuffle of positions. The girls were told to continue where they left off and kicking with the wind second half we knew our pace would prove too strong for St Cuthbert's. Imogen didn't take long to make her mark on the game scoring within a couple of

minutes of coming on. Ebony & Sophie soon got a goal apiece too before Imogen got her 2nd of the game.

Ebony was determined to

Ebony was determined to get her 2nd of the game too only to be denied by the post twice. Aishia then got on the scoresheet before Imogen rounded things off with a further 2 goals. Another excellent team performance!! Our debut season ended with a second place finish in the league and promotion to the Premier Division for the spring cup. Our record was an impressive Played 12, Won 9, Drew 2 and losing only 1 game whilst scoring an impressive 52 goals in the process. All of the girls should be extremely proud of their achievements in such a short space of time!

Newton Aycliffe Youth U11's

Newton Aycliffe Youth U11's Falcons 3 - 2 Boro Rangers

Sunday saw the Falcons play a quality Boro Rangers team in a top of the league clash which did not disappoint. Both team started well and played some nice football. It was the Falcons who took the lead with some great football transitioning from defence to attack, finishing off with some nice passing and a great finish. The players had a good grip on the game and were unlucky to concede the equaliser just before half time.

2nd half the lads went out and

took control of the opening spells of the half and we soon found ourselves 3-1 ahead with more great play from our attacking players who gave the opposing defenders problems all game with their pace and strength on the ball. The game started to get scrappier though in the closing spells and we conceded a second goal but managed to hold on for the vital win. Great win for the lads. Every player should be proud, great attitude, great commitment and some great football. Keep it up lads.

If you are interested in playing football and being part of our club, visit our website where there is lots of information and also links to league tables for competitive football age groups www.navfc.com.

GREENFIELD ATHLETES SHOW THE WAY

The P.E. Department at Greenfield Community College has been making the news for all the best reasons. There has been both outstanding individual achievements and positive recognition for sportsmanship and continued commitment. Adam Ord has again been leading the way in middle distance running and was recently invited to attend an Open Night Event at DWSport Metro Centre where a group of north east elite ranking athletes had

continued commitment.
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Director of Sport Mrs Barbara Davis has also been thrilled with the uptake for out of school activities since September which has no doubt given a boost to the individual and team performances

in all areas. Their commitment is shown as they train for events and Greenfield students can often be seen in the local area as they complete their cross-country run. A recent outing led to a member of the public coming in to the school to offer praise for their conduct. It had made her day when the student ran passed saying to each other "keep to the side" to let members of the public past.

Headteacher Executive Priestley David delighted the progress students are making, "It is wonderful to celebrate our sporting achievements and see recognition for the hard work of our staff and students but I am also proud to see that their consideration for others within the community has also led to such positive comments." Well done and keep up the good work!







Junior Squash Champ Talks to Aycliffe Radio



Young Joseph Billany, Newton Aycliffe's Under 11 County Squash Champion this week talked to Darren and Lee on Aycliffe Radio's sports round up show.

Aycliffe Radio's sports round up show.
The show took place on Tuesday 30th January, but if you missed it, you can catch it again on Sunday 4th February at 12noon.

Joseph and his father Patrick both visited the studio and gave a summary of life as a squash player.

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Joseph has just competed in the 2018 British Junior Open and is in training for county and national games in the coming months.

To hear more about Joseph's squash accolades tune in to Aycliffe Radio on Sunday at 12noon.

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