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## AYCLIFFE ANGEL TO CELEBRATE 106th BIRTHDAY

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Renee Glover, a former Aycliffe Angel will be celebrating her 106th birthday on Sunday 21st June. The family have put out an appeal via the home where Renee lives, for 106 birthday cards from well wishers to commemorate this fantastic milestone.

However, a group of local organisations are hoping to do much better than that and would like to encourage residents in Newton Aycliffe to drop a birthday card for Renee into the special collection bin in Tesco's entrance.

As a start to the celebration for Renee's birthday, ROF59 and Aycliffe Radio are presenting an afternoon of musical performances from the 1940s to today, via Facebook live as well as the station online feed which will take place on Saturday 13th June (which is also the Queen's birthday).

The Facebook live performance will go live at 1.00pm and will include performances from Jenna Highfield, Neville Jones and Jay Murray (from the Cavern Club, Liverpool) and can be viewed on the Aycliffe Radio Facebook Page and listened via any device with the TuneIn radio app.

The following Saturday, 20th June, will see a special event for Renee as Aycliffe Bike Club members will meet outside ROF59 to join in the celebration and deliver the, hopefully, large sack of birthday cards to Renee at her home in Darlington at Wilton House care home.

Renee worked at the Royal Ordnance Factory as an inspector during the war years making bombs and ammunition for the front line, helping the war efforts like so many other women, while the men were away.

Please help make this a great birthday for Renee and one for her family to remember, please drop a card in our collection bin at Tesco, before Friday 19th June.



*Renee, standing on the right, with her elder Sister Nancy*

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## Hippodrome Celebrates Pride Month 2020

To celebrate Pride Month 2020, Darlington Hippodrome will be lit up in rainbow colours throughout the month. Councillor Andy Keir says "Lighting up Darlington Hippodrome in rainbow colours is a fun and eye-catching way of celebrating the diversity of Darlington's community." Programming and Development Director Heather Tarran-Jones says, "When the theatre closed in March, we were ready to announce some colourful events to celebrate Pride Month. Lighting up the venue in the rainbow of the Pride flag signals our commitment to inclusivity and diversity. I'm really excited that

our Sales and Marketing Manager, Rebecca Howarth, has been accepted as a fellow on the Arts Marketing Association's Audience Diversity Academy, a programme that was due to start in May." Darlington Hippodrome encourages equity and equality in everything they do including training and developing employees and constantly monitoring and reviewing work practices. For full information on Darlington Hippodrome and future productions visit [www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk](http://www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk) Photo: Darlington Hippodrome lit up in Rainbow colours throughout June.

## Public Consultation Results in Extension of Dog Control Measures



Measures to enforce responsible dog ownership in public spaces will be set in place for another three years, following overwhelming support during a public consultation. Durham County Council introduced the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) on dog control in June 2017, which was valid for three years. The following were deemed an offence under the order:

- Failing to pick up dog mess
- Allowing a dog to stray

- Failing to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
- Allowing a dog into any fenced-off play area named in the PSPO

From June 2017 to May 2020, there was a 32 per cent reduction in stray dog reports, a 45 per cent reduction in dog fouling, and an 18 per cent reduction in dog fouling warden investigations. Earlier this year, the local authority opened a consultation on the extension of the PSPO to address issues of dog fouling, public safety and strays. This came back with 98 per cent of respondents thinking an extension was a good idea. Town and parish councils were also consulted on the extension, with a small number asking for a variation for their locality to include fenced off play areas which were not included in the PSPO.

The PSPO measures having been extended until May 2023. Ian Hoult, neighbourhood protection manager at Durham County Council said: "More of us are walking in our neighbourhoods as we stay local during the coronavirus outbreak. Whilst discovering new walks is a great joy, discovering someone's dog mess is not. Now, more than ever, we all recognise the value of our local communities and the ways in which we need to look out for and respect one another. The great support for the extension of the PSPO really reflects that. "Taking responsibility for our four-legged companions protects our shared environment, such as play areas, to create clean, safe places to live and enjoy." Anyone caught flouting the rules can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice by council neighbourhood wardens and police community support officers. Find out more, including advice for dog owners, penalty information, and more about the council's #FollowOurLead campaign, at: [www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol](http://www.durham.gov.uk/dogcontrol)

## Sara Davies Joins First Virtual Happy Place Festival

Sara Davies is taking part in this year's Happy Place Festival, which is returning as a free virtual experience running over a month. Taking place from 12th June until 12th July, the virtual festival will continue to promote the Happy Place ethos for everyone to enjoy online. By curating an inclusive vast array of content, a varied line-up of talented and knowledgeable speakers, creators, and teachers, we have created a supportive hub for the Happy Place community. Sara is doing a total of three craft tutorials which people can sign up for:

- 20th June - Paper flowers
- 24th June - String spheres
- 8th July Watercolour card with free graphic download

Sara Davies said: "This year has reminded me how important it is to do things that make us happy and for me, making time for myself, crafting and feeling part of a community all fall under that list. So, when I was asked if I would like to be involved with the first virtual Happy Place Festival, which combines all of these things, I jumped at the chance. "The festival has a fantastically diverse, month-long schedule of classes, talks and tutorials from some amazing people that you can access for free. Regardless of whether you want to try an activity for the first time or revisit an old passion, by yourself or with your little ones, there's something for everyone. "I'm thrilled to be taking part in this event and I really hope that it brings people some happiness." [www.happyplacefestival.com](http://www.happyplacefestival.com)

## Opening The Conversation

Dear sir,  
My article in Newton News (2 May) – 'Looking to a Post-Covid Future', discussing the (uncertain) opportunities and the (very real) dangers facing the County's climate emergency response – has been published in Durham University Energy Institute's journal: Perspectives. This is, of course, a huge honour ... but also an opportunity. As we stagger out of the crisis which is Covid, how do we sustain our ambition to make a green, carbon-neutral world? How do we retain the lessons of lockdown? What would a climate-aware recovery leap-forward look like? What realistically might we wish the County Council and the DEI to be doing? You can read the journal article, and join the conversation, here: [bit.ly/LTAPCF](http://bit.ly/LTAPCF) **Clr John D Clare**  
DCC Climate Champion

## Local Marketing Expert to Deliver Keynote Speech at National Event

The managing director of a North East PR and marketing agency has been invited to be a keynote speaker at a national online marketing showcase. Charlotte Nichols, founder of Harvey & Hugo, will be delivering a session on how to manage PR through the Covid-19 pandemic to hundreds of delegates during the virtual event, which takes place on Thursday, June 11th. The Marketing Showcase is designed to share industry knowledge and expertise, presenting engaging keynote seminars and an opportunity to view and test the latest marketing tools and solutions. This year, the event is focusing heavily on how businesses can adapt their strategies as we navigate the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ashley Jones, event director, said: "This is now our fourth virtual Marketing Showcase event, with around 200 people registering on each. "Now that we know the format works well, we wanted to expand our offering to include an expert in PR and marketing and thought Charlotte fit the bill brilliantly. Harvey & Hugo has a great, national reputation in the industry, so we're delighted to have her on board." Based in County Durham, but operating throughout the UK, Harvey & Hugo builds lovable and memorable brands, offering flexible PR and marketing solutions through not only monthly campaign management but also its award-winning Pay-as-Hugo packages. Speaking about the Marketing Showcase, Charlotte Nichols said: "My session will discuss the importance of sharing your brand's story through



the crisis, with examples from both those who are enhancing their reputation and those who are damaging it. "We're delighted to have the opportunity to share our knowledge and guide people through PR and marketing during these strange times and feel it's important to embrace virtual events as this will be the future." As well as Charlotte's 10am speaking slot, members of The Pack Leadership Team will be manning the Harvey & Hugo virtual stand across the whole event to take questions and offer expertise. Harvey & Hugo offers public relations, social media and content marketing services delivered in three flexible ways; monthly retainers, Pay-as-Hugo and as training courses. It specialises in a range of sectors including professional services, built environment, education and food. The Marketing Showcase is a free, online event taking place on Thursday, June 11th from 10am to 2pm. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.mktgshowcase.co.uk/event/june/?MarketingSource=harveyandhugo>





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## HELPING HAND FOR THOSE IN CRISIS



Money awarded to community groups at work during the coronavirus pandemic is helping those experiencing crisis.

£1.4 million in funding was made available by Durham County Council to its 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) to allocate to groups who are working hard to provide support at a grass roots level across the county. Amongst the AAPs benefitting from the funding, Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership (GAMP) has used some of its allocated £100,000 to support 13 projects, including a variety of projects such as foodbanks, resident support packages, transport schemes and youth support.

Junction 7 is one such group to gain valuable monetary support from the GAMP pot. Based in Newton Aycliffe, the group provides crisis support for those who may be experiencing poverty. Its work includes emergency food, preloved school uniform, furniture scheme, credit union, preloved clothing and one to one advice for people in crisis.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, Junction 7 has operated a referral system for food packages out of its base in The ARK at Silverdale Place, where a team of volunteers put packs together and organise their safe distribution and collection.

Junction 7 was successful in applying for and securing £4,810 through the GAMP coronavirus fund, allowing the continued provision of much-needed food and essentials to families across Newton Aycliffe.

The service has also been successful in obtaining support from local county councillors Cllr Kate Hopper and Cllr Eddy Adam, through their Small Grants fund, to provide advertisement for the

organisation in the form of two pop-up banners, placed outside the building.

Brian Riley, GAMP coordinator said: "Junction 7 has provided an invaluable service to Newton Aycliffe residents during the pandemic crisis. Volunteers connected to Junction 7 have been faultless in their dedication to helping our community's most vulnerable residents, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Great Aycliffe and Middridge Partnership Board." Simon Day, volunteer at Junction 7, said: "We have seen an increase in demand for our service since the outbreak, receiving more referrals each week. The funding received will help us greatly in supporting these additional families, that find themselves in need during this difficult time."

"We felt it was also important that people know where we are, which was why we approached councillors for funding to help purchase some advertising banners."

"I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers who have given their time each week to help support the scheme, without this support we would struggle to cope with the demand."

Some of the other organisations funded include Newton Aycliffe Play Café, Great Aycliffe Cancer Support, Newton Aycliffe Workingmen's Club, Newton News and Roc Solid.

For further information on support available in the area please check [www.durhamlocate.org.uk](http://www.durhamlocate.org.uk) or call 03000 260 260.

Funding is still available, and applicants are encouraged to contact the GAMP team to discuss project proposals and/or request further information and guidance on applying. Email [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk)

## Funding Available!

### Holiday Activities with Healthy Food – Summer 2020

HAHF funding is to ensure that as many children & young people as possible, whose parents and guardians struggle to feed them during school holidays, have access to food, alongside enriching activities.

This fund will provide the opportunity for groups and organisations to apply for a small grant to help them deliver projects locally.

Applicants must confirm that Government guidelines regarding COVID-19 will be followed when delivering this project.

#### Aim of the Scheme

The scheme aims to support local community groups and organisations based in the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area to deliver Holiday Activities with Healthy Food. If you are unsure whether your organisation operates within the GAMP area, please contact a member of the team) on 07818 510362 or [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk)

#### How much can you apply for?

To try and ensure there is a range of activities across the AAP area, applicants can apply for amounts between £250 and £2,500 and are limited to one per organisation.

#### Funding Criteria

Projects that apply to the holiday activities fund must meet the following criteria:

- The beneficiaries of the

project are from the GAMP AAP area

- The project must not have already started

- As part of a project if applicants plan to provide a healthy snack, lunch or tea as part of the activity they must aim to meet Food Safety Requirements. If you need any further assistance on Food Safety Requirements then please contact Durham County Council, Food Safety Team on 03000 261016 or email [ehcp@durham.gov.uk](mailto:ehcp@durham.gov.uk)

- Applicants must demonstrate how they will engage/target children, young people and families who are most in need

- GAMP AAP is fully credited in all publicity associated with the project

#### Who can apply?

Any not for profit organisations including:

- Voluntary and Community Sector organisations
- Statutory bodies including DCC Services, Police, Fire and Health bodies
- Parish and Town Councils
- Schools and Colleges
- Church and faith-based groups who operate activities and services where there is wider community benefit

#### How to Apply

Please contact the GAMP team for an application form and guidance notes (email: [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk))

The closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 22 June 2020

## Greenfield Ensure Smooth Transition for Students

Greenfield Community College are finding new ways to welcome Year 6 students to school this year. It is important that students are given opportunities and information that will allow them to feel confident and secure about their transition to secondary school.

Ms Davis is communicating with Year 6 students and their families allowing a two-way relationship to be established; providing a range of information, helpful signposting and personal correspondence that helps to prepare for the future. Greenfield Community College are working hard to provide support to help young people and their families feel comfortable and an integral part of their new school

Contact with primary schools has also been an important part of the process understanding the requirements of each and every student. Students have also been offered an invitation to introduce themselves, with the opportunity to complete a welcome booklet 'Tell us about you' involving helpful activities to complete, based on our key Greenfield learner attributes, Responsibility, Resilience, Reflection, Creativity and Collaboration.

A special Transition Year 6 web page has been created on the Greenfield website with a bespoke welcome video. Further correspondence includes



a welcome pack with individual details about their House, a letter from their tutor, the school handbook, The Achiever Newsletter and practical information such details about uniform and where to purchase. We hope to include some face to face introductions when it is safe to do so. Please visit our website [greenfieldschool.net](http://greenfieldschool.net)

and twitter page @GreenfieldTweet for more information, and watch out for our Year 6 #transmission2020 tasks! You can contact Ms Davis or Miss Lumsdon at any point should you need any further information or would like to speak to a member of staff or have any special needs contact@greenfieldschool.net

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# North East Photographers Capture Graduation Memories...



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And it is offering a social distancing graduation shoot for anyone finishing their course at Sunderland University and wants professional imagery to mark the occasion.

The studio has also joined forces with Churchill Gowns, which hires out caps and gowns to graduating students, which will offer anyone getting their photographs taken a 10 per cent discount.

"We know a lot of students are going to miss out on their graduation ceremony so we wanted to create something where they could still have a special memory of the day," said Amy Drummond, one of the co-owners of GA Photography. "We've created packages where students can be photographed on their own or with family members, in a socially distanced setting."

The shoot costs £40 for the graduate alone or £60 including family members, which includes three 8 inches x 6 inches prints.

Digital images and extra prints can be purchased after the shoot via an online gallery which the student will be given access to.

Gowns and mortar boards will need to be hired in advance of the shoot and Amy is advising anyone taking part to ensure it arrives two days before the shoot and then can be returned afterwards.

"We will provide the Sunderland University hood featuring university colours and for graduates to wear with their gowns. This has been gifted to us by Churchills and is not currently available online," said Amy.

Shoots will be by appointment only and can be booked at [hello@gaphotographystudio.co.uk](mailto:hello@gaphotographystudio.co.uk) or via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/gaphotographyunderland> or by calling Amy directly on 07950 591121.

Anyone wanting to take advantage of the gown hire offer can contact Churchill at <https://churchillgowns.com/collections/gown-and-mortarboard-bundle/products/bachelors-gown-and-mortarboard-set-hire>

# Greenfield Arts are Performing Well

As part of their vision to promote and stimulate creativity, Greenfield Arts are proud to bring a range of live performances to the community. They continually offer high quality live performance opportunities through their valuable partnerships with local, regional and national arts organisations. Live performance has been a regular part of the programme at Greenfield Arts over its 20 years, welcoming exciting and innovative productions

from organisations such as Unfolding Theatre, Theatre Hullabaloo, Take Off Festival and Jabberwocky Market produced by Luxi and have been an integral part of live music performances such as Opera North and the popular Durham Brass Festival. Students from Greenfield Community College have been able to benefit from this and engage with professional artists, learning from valuable residencies where theatre companies work alongside young people



to explore creativity through extended learning. This has been a valuable addition to academic learning with live performances inspiring creative work from young people across the whole school.

Recent productions such as Rosie and Robin by Mad Alice Theatre brought generations together in a wonderful way. The show offered a free workshop which gave families a chance to enjoy the performance together and actively explore ideas. Feedback from the community was positive, just a few comments from our audience give a glimpse of the impact that they have. "Thank you for great Rose and Robin show and workshop afterwards..." "I thoroughly enjoyed the performance and workshop"..." An excellent, thought-provoking performance. Really superb!"

Creative Director, Katy Milne is delighted to

develop work with partners to make this happen. Katy is developing new ideas with artists at the moment and is exploring ways to work together with performers such as Alex Elliott to support young people and the wider community to be curious, creative and enquiring through this time as things evolve. Arts partners are also working out to the community to help them produce their next show, visit their website to find out more <https://www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk/> Greenfield Arts are committed to promoting and stimulating creativity, curiosity and enquiry through a high quality arts programme to encourage the wider community to explore, ideas, express themselves to better understand themselves and the world around them.



Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

This week I again am back in Westminster. I travelled down on Monday and this time by train. The train staff are working hard to keep people safe, including by having maximum 25% occupancy in each carriage, and indeed in my carriage there were only seven people.

As I said last week I had the opportunity to ask a question in PMQ's. My question asked the Prime Minister to ensure that as we take action to revive the economy post COVID-19 that we also remember to focus on the need to "level up" the UK. I suggested he encourage broadband investment, particularly for rural communities, and that support for the housing market would benefit many workers and companies, making mention of our own PWS here in Aycliffe. I also proposed he considered Sedgefield Constituency as an option in relocating the Treasury and the acceleration of procurement of rail rolling stock, to help companies like Hitachi plan and provide job security during and post Coronavirus. I also championed the significant case for investment in a station at Ferryhill Station. His response included detail on government actions on all these agendas and specifically that he would consider my idea and "add to that an ambition to come and see Ferryhill Station launched with me".

Since then I have had a large number of virtual meetings including with the Under Secretary of State for Industry, Nadhim Zahawi. This was to look specifically at supporting companies on Aycliffe Business Park and indeed I have arranged for two of them to speak with him directly. Whilst PMQ's is high profile and gets recognition and mentions for our area it is these direct meetings that can really move the needle for specific agendas and I have been delighted by his support. In the national news you

will all be aware of the Black Lives Matter protests. I unequivocally support the need to recognise that black lives matter and that whilst the murder of George Floyd and subsequent original protests took place in a different country under a different administration it clearly resonated with people in the UK too. I believe we are in a better place than the US and a better place than where we have been in the past but it is also clear we still have a way to go. I have to say that whilst there is an absolute need to ensure we are doing everything we can to stamp out racism in all its forms there can be no sympathy for those that have hijacked this cause and attacked our police or vandalised public property, and equally none for those that have put themselves, loved ones and our NHS at a much higher risk of infection by deliberately ignoring social distancing.

Moving back to Parliamentary business and the BEIS select committee, last time we heard from businesses as to how the pandemic had affected them, our next session on 18th June sees us listening to representatives from the trade unions.

Further into the future we also have a session scheduled on 2nd July headed Net Zero where we are looking at the Committee on Climate Change Progress Report: progress in UK emissions reductions and principles for a green recovery. You may not be aware, but anyone can submit evidence to the committee for consideration and to help support questioning. On the local front, we have had significant frustrations in attempting to progress our Constituency office base but we hope to have more news next week, in the meantime please contact us through the usual channels as below.

Paul Howell  
MP for Sedgefield

# Creating Better Street Space in County Durham

Durham County Council wants to encourage people to travel on foot and by bike during the coronavirus restrictions and into recovery. The government has made funding available as part of its emergency response to COVID-19, but to apply for these funding opportunities, the Council needs to know where measures are required.

## WHAT MIGHT BE DONE?

Temporary emergency measures using barriers, fencing or bollards could be used to:

- create pop-up cycle lanes
- reduce through traffic on certain roads
- reallocate road space to create wider pavements
- introducing 20 mph streets

- adding extra cycle parking
- remove street 'furniture' like pedestrian guard rails that are no longer required

These temporary emergency changes could help to provide more space at specific locations such as areas outside shops, transport hubs or routes to medical centres.

By taking part in this consultation, residents will help the Council identify temporary measures needed and shape how government funding is used.

## WILL IT BE PERMANENT?

These temporary measures would be implemented for as long as government guidance recommends. However, there is also a possibility that DCC can obtain further funding to support permanent changes to highways. If successful, the results of this consultation will again be used to help shape future highways projects.

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR NEWTON AYCLIFFE?

So far, only four comments have been received for Newton Aycliffe. You can respond online on [bit.ly/CBSSICD](https://bit.ly/CBSSICD) or email [activetravel@durham.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel@durham.gov.uk)

Please let's not miss this opportunity.  
Cllr John D Clare

# MORE TIME TO MAKE ESSENTIAL TRANSACTIONS AT DBS BRANCHES

From the 15th June, the Society will extend their opening hours so all 9 branches are open between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

In line with government guidelines various changes have been made within the branches to ensure the safety of the staff and members such as protective screens and hand sanitizer. The number of members allowed inside each branch has also been reduced to ensure social distancing guidelines.

There are currently no face to face meetings, however telephone interviews and postal applications for account openings are all available.

The internet banking service Darlingtonline is also available 24 hours a day for members to view and transact on their accounts. The society has also implemented a number of initiatives to support members in branch during Covid-19:

- Family members have been authorised to collect cash for members who are

- isolating
- Penalty fees and notice periods for members who need urgent access to their savings have been waived
- Mortgage members supported with mortgage payment holidays when needed.

In announcing the extension of opening hours Andrew Craddock, Chief Executive of Darlington Building Society said: "At Darlington Building Society our members come first, and we want to ensure the right support is available during any period of personal disruption, ill health or financial difficulty arising from Coronavirus (COVID-19).

"I am pleased that we have been able to safely keep our branches open since lockdown began and feel that it is now the right time to be extending our hours as part of our ongoing commitment to our members."

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# Major Works to Commence on New Elvet Bridge

Major repairs to one of Durham City Centre's bridges are expected to begin next month.

There will be a full road closure in place as significant work takes place on New Elvet Bridge, lasting up to 14 months.

Linking the east and west sides of Durham, the bridge carries an average of 17,000 vehicles a day each year. It was constructed in 1975 to relieve traffic from the adjacent Old Elvet Bridge and the market place as part of the Durham City Relief Road project, and the repairs

are crucial for the long-term future of the bridge.

The project will cost £7.5 million to complete. However, Durham County Council has been awarded £4.238 million towards the repairs following a successful bid to the Department for Transport.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "Although there will be major disruption while these works are carried out, it is essential that this work is undertaken. We would encourage people to avoid

travelling through the city during peak travel times if possible and to plan extra time for their journeys. Hopefully, with more people now working from home, it will be easier to manage the delays and disruption during peak times.

"Alongside the improvements to Milburngate and plans for the bus station, these significant repairs to New Elvet Bridge will help to bring about many benefits to Durham and we will still look forward to welcoming more visitors once

restrictions start to ease and we start to recover from the effects of the coronavirus." The works to New Elvet Bridge will see the lifting and supporting of the central section of the bridge whilst work is undertaken on the deck joints, along with extensive concrete repairs. The bridge deck will also be waterproofed and resurfaced to extend the life of the bridge.

In addition, drainage systems will be improved and the protective coatings to the concrete surfaces will be renewed, giving waterproof protection to the structure and improving the appearance of the bridge.

If works aren't carried out now, more extensive and prolonged repairs will be required in the future.

It is also hoped that the repairs will help to enable future developments and improvements in and around the city.

Works are expected to start on 20 July and alternative routes through the city should be planned. Recommended diversions from different parts of the county are available on the council's website: [www.durham.gov.uk/newelvet](http://www.durham.gov.uk/newelvet). The council will also be making direct contact with residents and businesses in the vicinity of the works, in the coming weeks.

## Thank You

Dear Sir,  
The Supporting Families team would like to say a huge thank you to Melissa and staff at Aldi for putting together our large order of baby toiletries, which we needed during this difficult time.  
Thank you so much,  
Sheena, Yvonne, Liz, Rachel and Bob

## READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



Here is a photo of a "NEW" L.N.E.R. Azuna 801 218, leaving Hitachi Factory, by John Williamson. Send your photos to [paul@newtonnews.co.uk](mailto:paul@newtonnews.co.uk)

## Emeli Sandé To Headline Free North East Concert To Thank Frontline Staff...

Enterprising Sunderland men have come up with an ambitious way of saying thank you to frontline staff – by organising a free concert at Herrington Park.

Friends Andrew Kennedy and Ben Potts were so touched by the job being done by NHS and other essential staff during the Covid-19 crisis that they wanted to express their thanks in a really special way.

And now Rocking In The Free World – a special one day festival – is now planned for Saturday 22 May 2021 – headlined by multi award winning singer Emeli Sandé, along with a whole host of other artistes.

Freelance recruitment consultant Andrew came up with the idea because he saw at first hand the challenges facing the NHS through his wife Jan, a sister who heads up the emergency admissions unit at South Tyneside Hospital.

He enlisted the support of Ben, whose band, North East rock tribute group, The Sons of Eden, played at his wedding and will also now be performing at the festival. Songwriter and vocalist Karen Harding has also added her name to the line-up, as has South Shields-based Christian Yu, a nurse from the Philippines who is also a singer songwriter.

"We're just two ordinary blokes who wanted to put on something extra ordinary," said Andrew, "We've been overwhelmed by the response so far and we've had so many people say it's a great idea and also offering to help. "We'll be adding more acts



as time goes on and we're hoping this will be a really amazing and memorable event for everyone."

The organisers have also set up a Just Giving page to help raise £20,000 towards financing the event, which can be reached at [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-kennedy-5?utm\\_term=DRXZZaJvB](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/andrew-kennedy-5?utm_term=DRXZZaJvB). Anyone wanting tickets can register at the website at [www.rockinginthefreeworld.co.uk](http://www.rockinginthefreeworld.co.uk)



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#### SATURDAY

|  |                                 |               |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 9-10am   | Eurovision Show                 | Simon Harding |
| 10-12am  | Moderation                      | Jack & Garvey |
| 12-1pm   | Kitchen Floorfillers            | Caz Bojangles |
| 1-4pm  | Queen's Birthday Special - Live |               |
| 4-6pm  | Northern & Classic Soul (R)     | Kevin Sowerby |
| <b>"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant &amp; Takeaway</b> |                                 |               |
| 6-8pm  | Evening Session                 | JimJams       |
| 8-9pm  | Rock the House                  | Carl Booth    |
| 9-10pm   | Retro Trance Mix                | OZ-DJ         |
| 10-12am  | Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass        | MC Supa       |
| 12-2am   | Night Club Session              |               |

#### SUNDAY

|   |                          |                |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| 9-10am  | Church Service           | Xcel Centre    |
| 10-11am   | Yesterdays Music Today   | Alan Brown     |
| 11-12pm   | Random Reiki Master      | Phil Hawkins   |
| 12-2pm  | Country & Americana Show | David Ringer   |
| <b>Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service</b> |                          |                |
| 2-4pm   | Bear Blues Show          | Colin & Monica |
| 4-6pm   | Folk/Celtic/Rock Show    | Steve & Col    |
| 6-7.30pm  | Jazz Time                | Mike Dixon     |
| 8-10pm  | The Rock Show            | CAD            |
| 10-12am   | Paul's Down Time         | Paul Kjenstad  |

#### MONDAY

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 10-12am | Golden Years       | Paul Baker    |
| 12-1pm  | A to Z of Pop      | Richard Smith |
| 1-2pm   | Memory Lane        | Gary Avery    |
| 2-4pm   | Afternoon Aycliffe | Paul Baker    |
| 6-7pm   | 60s Show           | Karl Simons   |
| 7-8pm   | 70s Show           | Peter Rush    |
| 8-9pm   | 80s Show           | Gary Avery    |
| 9-10pm  | 90s Show           | Paul Baker    |
| 10-11pm | 00s Show           | Producer Dan  |
| 11-12am | Teens Show         | Andy Fittes   |

#### TUESDAY

|             |                         |               |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 10-12am     | Golden Years            | Paul Baker    |
| 12-1pm      | A to Z of Pop           | Richard Smith |
| 1-2pm       | Memory Lane             | A DJ          |
| 2-4pm       | Afternoon Aycliffe      | Paul Baker    |
| 6-7pm       | Mystery Year            | Paul Baker    |
| 7.30-9.30pm | Northern & Classic Soul | Kevin Sowerby |

#### WEDNESDAY

|          |                      |               |
|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 10-12am  | Golden Years         | Paul Baker    |
| 12-1pm   | A to Z of Pop        | Richard Smith |
| 1-2pm    | Memory Lane          | A DJ          |
| 2-4pm    | Afternoon Aycliffe   | Paul Baker    |
| 6-7.30pm | Joey's Jukebox       | Joey Collins  |
| 8-10pm   | Alternative Aycliffe | Gaz n Alby    |

#### THURSDAY

|         |                    |                 |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10-12am | Golden Years       | Paul Baker      |
| 12-1pm  | A to Z of Pop      | Richard Smith   |
| 1-2pm   | Memory Lane        | A DJ            |
| 2-4pm   | Afternoon Aycliffe | Paul Baker      |
| 6-8pm   | The List           | Colin McNeillie |
| 8-10pm  | BeatRoots          | Graeme Roote    |

#### FRIDAY

|         |                           |               |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 10-12am | Golden Years              | Paul Baker    |
| 12-1pm  | A to Z of Pop             | Richard Smith |
| 1-2pm   | Memory Lane               | A DJ          |
| 2-4pm   | Afternoon Aycliffe        | Paul Baker    |
| 6-8pm   | Techno Trance Mix         | PVR Studios   |
| 8-10pm  | 19th June - Nathan Abbott | 90s Classix   |
| 10-12am | Alternative Aycliffe (R)  | Gaz n Alby    |
| 12-2am  | Night Club Session        |               |

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Closing date for applications: 9.00am Monday 29th June 2020



# The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is Changing

From 1 July, employers can bring back to work employees that have previously been furloughed for any amount of time and any shift pattern, while still being able to claim CJRS grant for their normal hours not worked. When claiming the CJRS grant for furloughed hours employers will need to report and claim for a minimum period of a week.

The scheme will close to new entrants from 30 June. From this point onwards, employers will only be able to furlough employees that they have furloughed for a full 3 week period prior to 30 June.

This means that the final date by which an employer can furlough an employee for the first time will be 10 June, in order for the current 3 week furlough period to be completed by 30 June. Employers will have until 31 July to make any claims in respect of the period to 30 June.

Further guidance on flexible furloughing and how employers should calculate claims will be published on 12 June.

From 1 July 2020, businesses will be given the flexibility to bring furloughed employees back part time. This is a month earlier than previously announced to help support people back to work. Individual firms will decide the hours and shift patterns their employees will work on their return, so that they can decide on the best approach for them - and will be responsible for paying their wages while in work.

From August 2020, the level of government grant provided through the job retention scheme will be slowly tapered to reflect that people will be returning to work. That means that for June and July the

government will continue to pay 80% of people's salaries. In the following months, businesses will be asked to contribute a modest share, but crucially individuals will continue to receive that 80% of salary covering the time they are unable to work.

The scheme updates mean that the following will apply for the period people are furloughed:

- June and July: The government will pay 80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500 as well as employer National Insurance (ER NICs) and pension contributions. Employers are not required to pay anything.

- August: The government will pay 80% of wages up to a cap of £2,500. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions - for the average claim, this represents 5% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.

- September: The government will pay 70% of wages up to a cap of £2,187.50. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 10% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500. For the average claim, this represents 14% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.

- October: The government will pay 60% of wages up to a cap of £1,875. Employers will pay ER NICs and pension contributions and 20% of wages to make up 80% total up to a cap of £2,500. For the average claim, this represents 23% of the gross employment costs the employer would have incurred had the employee not been furloughed.

Employers will be required to submit data on the usual

hours an employee would be expected to work in a claim period and actual hours worked.

## MDHR Comment

This is good news for small businesses as they start to get back to normal working (whatever that is these days). Tapering the employers contributions is a real bonus and the Chancellors efforts have been universally welcomed from industry bodies such as the CBI, IOD, Chamber of Commerce and Confederation of Small Businesses.

It's certainly given many small businesses a fighting chance of getting back on their feet.

## County Changes to Concessionary Travel

A temporary relaxation of concessionary travel arrangements in County Durham will end next week to help bus companies manage social distancing.

As more people return to work, public transport operators across the region face the challenge of meeting this extra demand, while ensuring a safe environment for passengers.

Passenger numbers are highest at the beginning and end of the day and so people who need to make essential journey for shopping, care or health reasons are being encouraged to travel in the afternoon when buses and Metro trains are quieter.

To further encourage this, local authorities, including Durham County Council, and transport operators in the region have agreed to end the temporary relaxation of concessionary travel rules from Tuesday 26 May. The relaxation was introduced across the region in late

## Remote Committees to Consider Planning Applications

Planning committees will restart next week to determine some of County Durham's more significant applications.

It'll be the first planning committee held since 18 March, after social distancing measures were introduced to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. Meetings still can't resume in person but applications will be determined remotely in a bid to boost the county's economy moving forward. The virtual meetings will decide the outcome of major developments and applications.

Meanwhile, an increased range of delegated powers have been given to planning officers to clear a backlog of applications brought about by the pandemic.

In order to ensure those decisions are fair, they will be made in consultation with local councillors, with final decisions taken at director level.

Last year, the council determined 3,375 applications, with almost 97 per cent decided by officers. Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "There is no doubt that the coronavirus has caused major disruption to businesses and communities across the county and we hope that ensuring the planning process is fully operational gives a much-needed boost to developers going forward."

"The planning system unlocks investment and development by enabling businesses to grow, new housing to develop and increasing jobs and productivity, which will help with our vision of creating more and better jobs across County Durham. In the interest of a speedy economic recovery, it is important that these decisions are made in a fair and timely manner, which they will be under these new plans, whilst still allowing for residents across the county to get involved in the process."

The first remote planning committee will meet 16th June.

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## Businesses Warned to Watch Out for Scams

Businesses in County Durham are being urged to be vigilant against scams and fraud during uncertainty caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

During the pandemic, businesses across the UK have been targeted by scams such as false Government grant phone calls, malicious email attachments and CEO impersonation scams. Action Fraud has reported that over £800,000 has been lost to scams relating to coronavirus.

As a result, Durham County Council is urging businesses to sign up to Businesses Against Scams, launched by the National Trading Standards Scams Team, which offers free online training to protect organisations, employees and customers from losing money to costly scams.

Scammers will use a variety of different methods to defraud businesses. Due to the recent increase in staff working from home, criminals are looking to profit from the isolation experienced by employees by impersonating Government agencies and pressurising staff to make payments or give out sensitive information.

Fraudsters will also falsely claim to be from a Government body, such as a local authority, to commit mandate fraud. For example, an email claiming to be from a Durham County Council supplier was sent requesting a change in their bank details for payment. A payment of £8,000 was subsequently made to the new account before it was established that the email had not originated from the supplier and was a fraud.

After enquiries revealed the money was paid into a false account, the suppliers' details were corrected, and no further payments were issued to the fraudsters.

There have also been cases whereby scammers have claimed to be calling from the council's Community Hub or other local authority services. Additionally, the introduction of business support grants offered by the Government has been exploited by criminals who have subsequently

contacted businesses to offer support in the application process and either requesting a fee for this service or asking for sensitive information which may then be used to extort money.

Businesses Against Scams also warn against the dangers of CEO fraud which plays on the authority of directors and senior managers. For example, an organisation the council works in partnership with was scammed into paying £22,000. An email thread between the organisation's CEO and finance officer was hacked and an invoice was sent to finance requesting urgent payment. As the finance officer thought the email was from their CEO, they processed the payment.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham County Council's cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "These examples show how easy it is to fall victim to sophisticated scams and the devastating financial impact they can have on businesses. The coronavirus pandemic has created uncertainty for a lot of people and businesses which, unfortunately, scammers are wrongly using as an opportunity to fraudulently gain money or sensitive information."

"We would encourage businesses to check the authenticity of a call or email before responding. If you are in any doubt, end the phone call and use a search engine to find a correct contact number for the organisation to check if the communication was genuine. Concerns about a potential fraud and scam can also be reported to us."

Durham County Council's Trading Standards is encouraging local businesses to sign up to Businesses Against Scams at [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/BAS](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/BAS)

Further e-learning about more general scams, including those which have emerged recently in response to the coronavirus pandemic is also available at [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/durham](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/elearning/durham)

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Please contact 01325 321855 or 01325 311215

# Business Durham Secures an Additional £4 Million for Capital Grant Scheme

The County Durham Growth Fund has been awarded an additional £4,000,000 of funding to continue supporting businesses across the county until June 2023.

Established in April 2019, the fund was initially a £4.9m capital grant scheme providing grants to small and medium enterprises in County Durham to accelerate their growth.

Due to the additional funding, the County Durham Growth Fund will now be able to support an additional 22 companies and help boost job creation and the local economy.

The fund overseen by Business Durham, the economic development arm of Durham County Council, is being delivered in partnership with UMi, which has a dedicated team of advisors ready to help with initial eligibility checks and funding applications. All successful grants applications are appraised by UNW LLP, an independent firm of chartered accountants and business advisers. The funding has been secured from the England European Regional Development

Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

In its inaugural year, the County Durham Growth Fund invested £2.7 million of capital grant funding to 11 businesses from across the county.

Each of the companies have secured a sizeable grant to enable them to purchase new equipment, increase their capacity, improve efficiency, expand into new markets and create over 310 new jobs between them over the next two years.

The successful businesses include battery maker, Alexander Technologies, manufacturers BTS Fabrications and Durham Box, biotechnology firm Kromek Group, staircase and stair parts specialist Theresa Spinks, leading plastic injection moulding company IVM, B2B energy broker Great Annual Savings, engineering firms, Bignall Group Ltd and Dyer Engineering, large format print supplier, Design X-Press Ltd and radio frequency engineering business Filtronic.

Alexander Technologies, in Peterlee, has secured a grant

to help fund their expansion and refurbishment of a newly leased facility and to buy equipment which is enabling the company expand into the medical market.

Newton Aycliffe based BTS Fabrications received a grant to purchase new production equipment to improve its operational efficiencies and introduce new processes, which will enable them to scale-up the production volumes of a new product range.

Durham Box plans to use its grant funding to construct a purpose-built additional warehouse on land adjacent to its current factory in Bishop Auckland, along with a covered loading dock and installation of mobile racking.

Kromek Group at North East Technology Park, has secured a grant to build 80 new CZT growth furnaces to increase its current manufacturing capacity at its base in Sedgefield.

Stanley based Theresa Spinks has used the grant it received to refurbish new premises, as well as purchasing processing equipment. It has also invested in a biomass

heating system to enable it to burn its own waste wooden off-cuts.

IVM plans to use its grant to extend its existing factory unit in Crook to create space for two large injection moulding machines and creating new jobs over the next two years.

Seaham based Great Annual Savings will use its capital grant to move its head office into new premises on Spectrum Business Park. The support will help the company to fit out of the new building, install IT infrastructure and create a staff canteen.

Bignall Group, in Shildon, secured grant funding to help modernise and update its current machine shop, as well as purchase new milling machinery to increase the firm's capacity and help it expand into new markets.

Dyer Engineering used the grant to purchase a fibre laser profiling machine, robotic welding units and cranes at its Annfield Plain premises to help increase its manufacturing capabilities to access new markets.

Consett based Design X-Press purchased new

print equipment with the grant to increase its capacity, improve efficiency and offer a broader range of services.

Radio frequency engineering business Filtronic, in Sedgefield, is using its capital grant to extend the company's manufacturing and testing facilities. This additional capacity will enable it to win contracts with larger customers to help them grow and diversify.

The capital grant funding supports both established and new businesses who are looking to either expand or set up new operations in County Durham.

Sarah Slaven, Business Durham's interim Managing Director, said: "It is fantastic to celebrate the first anniversary of the County Durham Growth Fund by announcing we have secured an additional £4million of grant funding to the scheme. We will now be able to support more businesses from across the county to grow and thrive.

"We are delighted to have funded 11 businesses' capital investment projects and help them to achieve their ambitions through

expanding into new markets, becoming more efficient and increasing their workforce.

"Over the next three years as the economy moves into the recovery phase it is going to be particularly important to support businesses to grow and create jobs, and we hope the County Durham Growth Fund will continue to play a vital part in enabling businesses to invest and expand their operations in the county."

Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration at Durham County Council, said: "We are committed to supporting businesses to expand and thrive, and the County Durham Growth Fund is testament to this. As we mark its first anniversary, it is a fantastic opportunity to look back at the difference this funding has made – both in terms of enabling businesses to realise their ambitions and in the hundreds of new jobs it has helped to create within the county."

Karen Jones, Senior Project Manager at UMi, said: "This first year has proved a tremendous success and

allowed us to support some excellent growth projects over a varied sector base. This support is fundamental to aid business growth that will in turn protect and increase jobs and support long term economic growth in County Durham.

"I would encourage any small or medium sized businesses in the area who are planning a capital investment of at least £100,000 to get in touch with us to see if we can help them."

John Healey, Corporate Finance Partner at UNW, said: "It is always encouraging to see businesses investing for the future. We are delighted to have supported the fund in its first year and look forward to continuing to work with growing businesses within County Durham."

To check eligibility and get help with the application process contact UMi on 07443 231 757 \*, or visit [www.countydurhamgrowthfund.co.uk](http://www.countydurhamgrowthfund.co.uk).

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# Campaign Targets Unlawful 'Do Not Resuscitate' Orders

A checklist to support disabled people, families and care staff challenge illegal 'do not resuscitate' orders from doctors is published today (Thursday) as part of a campaign by Turning Point and Learning Disability England (LDE). The organisations say the document will help protect the rights of people with a learning disability if they become sick with coronavirus. It has been drawn up in response to

a rise in GPs and hospital staff issuing 'do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation' (DNACPR) forms without consulting patients or their families. A total of 22 orders received since April have been called into question by Turning Point who says this compares with three a month on average requiring challenge.

Cases that Turning Point has challenged successfully include:

- A man in his 50s with sight loss\* who was incorrectly diagnosed with coronavirus after admission to hospital following a

choking incident. Doctors discharged the patient – who had aspiration pneumonia but has since recovered fully – the next day with a DNACPR form on the basis of 'blindness and severe learning disabilities'.

- A man\*\* whose quality of life would not be 'worth it' if he had to be resuscitated with CPR, according to a doctor. His father – a widower in his 80s living alone – says: "He (the doctor) rang me out of the blue. I'd never not want to resuscitate him, I want him saving. I've been fighting for him all his life. He's all I have and comes to see me almost every day."

Despite getting these and other decisions revoked, Turning Point and LDE – who between them and their members support or represent thousands of people UK-wide with a learning disability – say other disabled people may be denied potentially life-saving treatment.

A recent survey by LDE of its members found that one in five (20%) of organisations had seen DNACPRs placed in people's medical records without consultation in March and April.

Senior NHS officials and ministers have taken action to stop forms being issued widely. But unlawful orders

are still being received by Turning Point and LDE.

The aim of the checklist is to support disabled people, their families and carers to ask key questions, such as whether doctors told the patient about the decision to discharge them from hospital with a DNACPR.

If not, the document advises them to get the clinician who authorised the order to provide details on why the decision was taken in the first place.

Families who welcome the checklist include Marie-Anne Peters whose brother Alistair has epilepsy but no underlying health conditions. With the

help of their local health commissioners and Turning Point, she and her sister overturned a doctor's order not to take Alistair to hospital if he fell ill with coronavirus.

Marie-Anne, from West Yorkshire, said: "If the staff at his care home hadn't alerted our local health commissioners or MP then who knows what could have happened. My brother has been fighting (for life) his whole life and keeps recovering. Why would we give up on him now?"

Julie Bass, Chief Executive at Turning Point, said: "It is not only illegal but outrageous that a doctor would decide not to save someone just because they

have a learning disability. They have the same right to life as anyone else.

"We hope our campaign and the checklist will help support families and care staff in challenging these orders."

Scott Watkin, LDE Representative Body Co-chair, said: "Decisions on people's treatment that are based on someone having a learning disability are never OK – even one is too many. "We're pleased this guide has been made so people can understand their rights and speak up for themselves or their family member. It's an important step in helping people challenge poor or illegal decisions. Enough is enough."

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## Consumers Asked to Support the Nation's Farmers

British consumers are being invited to throw their support behind the country's farmers in the biggest online agricultural event.

01 June 2020  
Now in its fourth year 24 Hours in Farming will take place on August 6 at 5am to 5am August 7, and is presented by Farmers Guardian and Morrisons to champion UK agriculture and share the precious work undertaken 24/7 to keep the nation fed.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, consumers have relied heavily on UK farmers to do what they do best and dig deep to meet the colossal demand for every day food products as shoppers drastically changed their retail habits.

Consumers are being asked to pledge their support in a host of different ways by simply visiting 24HoursInFarming.co.uk and accessing free resources as to how they can get involved.

In 2019 the campaign reached an audience of more than 112 million via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and welcomed support from the Prime Minister, celebrity chefs, sporting stars and leading conservationists. Sophie Jenkinson, from the Morrisons agricultural team, said: "Morrisons has sponsored 24 Hours in Farming for the last four

years and it has also been a year full of unprecedented change around the world due to Covid-19.

"British farming has rarely been so close to the centre of public attention in such a positive way.

"As British farming's biggest direct customer, we are proud to continue to support #Farm24. "This year's event is an opportunity to continue the positive conversation on farming with the public through virtually welcoming people into a world that we know and love."

Ben Briggs, Farmers Guardian editor, said: "Public awareness of the crucial role farmers play in feeding the nation and shaping our beautiful countryside has never been higher than it is right now.

"That is exactly why this year's 24 Hours in Farming is such a fantastic opportunity for the farming community to harness that goodwill and give people an even deeper insight into what makes agriculture tick. "Much of the wider public is genuinely curious about farming and how food is produced and this social media campaign really promotes the great people, places and stories that all too often do not get the recognition they deserve." For more information on the campaign visit 24HoursInFarming.co.uk

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# Face Coverings Mandatory on Public Transport

Wherever possible people should continue to avoid public transport and walk, cycle or drive, but for some people this may not be an option. Transport usage has been slowly increasing, including on the tube which has seen around a 20% rise this week compared to last week.

When necessary to use public transport people may be more likely to be in enclosed spaces for longer periods of time where we know there is a greater

risk of the spread of the virus and social distancing is likely to be difficult to follow consistently. This differs from enclosed spaces like shops, for example, where people can more easily go outside if social distancing is not possible and where shop owners can place limits on the number of customers allowed inside at any one time. SAGE has set out that using face coverings in this setting can provide some small additional protection to fellow passengers and can help people to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus if they are suffering from coronavirus, but not showing symptoms.

Speaking at the Downing Street coronavirus briefing,

Grant Shapps confirmed Government is asking operators to introduce face coverings as a requirement for travel from 15th June. Government will also work closely with the transport industry to help them implement the plans.

The changes will be made under legislation such as the National Rail Conditions of Travel and Public Service Vehicle Regulations for buses. While Government expects the vast majority of people to comply with the changes, operators will be able to refuse travel or issue penalty fines for those who fail to wear a face covering, in a similar way to the rules on having a ticket for travel. British Transport Police will also

support the implementation of these changes.

Social distancing and hand washing remain by far the most important disease prevention measures but it is also vital all passengers travelling on buses, coaches, trains, trams, ferries and aircraft should wear a face covering and Government will also work with operators to ensure staff are provided with, and wearing face coverings, where appropriate for their role.

People should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser before putting their face covering on and after taking it off and it is important that people don't touch their face covering when wearing it, where possible, to avoid hand to mask transmission of the virus.

Face coverings are not the same as face masks. It is important that people do not use medical grade PPE masks to ensure these remain available

for frontline staff. Last month, Government set out advice for people on how to make their own face coverings easily at home, using scarves or other textile items. These face coverings should cover the mouth and nose while allowing the wearer to breathe comfortably and can be as simple as a scarf or bandanna that ties behind the head to give a snug fit.

To ease pressure on public transport, Government has announced measures to encourage people to choose other forms of transport, including £2 billion for cycling, and the acceleration of e-scooter trials across the country. To capitalise on the increase in cycling uptake in recent months, Government is also working hard on measures to get more people commuting by bike with initiatives such as the Cycle to Work scheme to help with the cost of bikes, including e-bikes.

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# Bengal Lounge Celebrate 10th Anniversary



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£10.00 voucher. All you need to do is go to the Facebook page, like the post; tag 1 friend and share on your page. Winners will be announced week commencing Monday 15th June. The management and staff at Bengal Lounge would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you again for all your support and custom over the past decade  
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# You Could Have Committed Fraud Without Knowing It

It's estimated that fraud cost the UK almost £190 billion in 2019, with losses increasing by 57% in the past decade. The cost of fraud is expected to continue to rise, but could you be committing fraud without even realising?

With recent research revealing that one in five adults under the age of 35 has committed at least one form of fraud, anti-money laundering service, SmartSearch, reveals five ways you could be committing fraud without even knowing it:

#### 1. Fronting

Fronting is where a car owner intentionally lies about who the main driver of the vehicle is in order to reduce their car insurance quote, which is now the most common type of consumer fraud in the UK. Recent statistics show that half of the UK population said fronting was an acceptable practice, however, not only could it result in a criminal record, but it could also invalidate the insurance policy. It is also important to remember if you're involved in an accident, while insurance companies are legally obliged to pay out to third parties involved in an accident, they could refuse to cover any costs, damage or injury claims associated with those involved in the fronting arrangement.

#### 2. Deshopping

Research has shown that one in every 20 adults in the UK has engaged in deshopping. This activity is where buyers purchase items of clothing with the intention of wearing the products before returning them for a full refund. Deshopping can be considered as attempting to gain 'pecuniary advantage by deception', which is an offence under The Theft Act, 1968 (s.60).

#### 3. Money Muling

Some see being a money mule as a stress-free, get rich quick scheme, however, the consequences can be devastating. The act of 'money muling' is where a bank account holder allows criminals to use their bank account, in order to make the funds more difficult to trace, in exchange for a share of the money.

This method is a form of money laundering that can result in a prison sentence of up to 14 years. Former money mules will find it difficult to open new bank accounts and it will be flagged on all future accounts, including loans and credit cards.

#### 4. Friendly Fraud

Friendly fraud, also known as chargeback fraud, happens when consumers make an online purchase and then call their card issuer to request a refund, citing fraud as the reason. The credit card provider refunds the money and the consumer gets to keep the goods, leaving the seller out of pocket. In order to avoid committing friendly fraud, try to remember what purchases you have used your card for. The challenge with friendly fraud is that there is no way to verify the authenticity of the actual transaction, which is in fact legitimate.

#### 5. Opportunistic Fraud

Opportunistic fraud is a type of insurance fraud, however, unlike 'crash for cash' or 'ghost broking' schemes, opportunistic fraud isn't premeditated and doesn't involve a huge amount of planning.

It occurs when someone is in a genuine incident, but they then exaggerate the damage in order to get pre-existing damage fixed in the repair process. While most people see this as 'harmless', the dishonest action impacts the cost of insurance premiums, making them higher for everyone.

John Dobson, CEO at SmartSearch, comments: "It is surprising how many UK adults have committed fraud without knowing, or think that some forms of fraud are acceptable. The impact these crimes have on the economy and UK businesses is extraordinary, and it should be at the forefront of your mind if you're about to undertake any of the activities listed. We hope that by explaining these types of fraud, Brits can become more diligent on the types of fraud and their implications."

To find out more visit: <https://www.smartsearch.com/resources/blog/biggest-fraud-and-money-laundering-cases>

# Slow Down, Save Lives

That is the message we are urging motorists to pay attention to as a national speed campaign launches today.

Officers in the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU) will be taking part in the National Police Chiefs' Council's (NPCC) speed enforcement operation.

With the gradual relaxing of lockdown restrictions, we will be taking part in a two-phase operation to remind motorists of the importance of travelling within the speed limit.

This operation is deliberately timed as travel restrictions start to ease, to keep people safe as the volume of traffic increases. In phase one - beginning today - we will be joining forces across the country to share messages encouraging the public to slow down and save lives, in addition to normal speed enforcement activity.

Phase two - from May 25 - will see forces step up visible speed enforcement activity for the following two weeks, focussing on roads and areas where speeding is known to be an issue or there is a history of serious collisions.

Inspector Cat Iley, from CDSOU, said: "Although the majority of motorists continue to obey the rules of the road, some continue to travel at unacceptable speeds placing themselves and other road users at risk of serious harm or death."

"The impact families and loved ones experience when someone is seriously injured or killed as a result of speeding is devastating, and is sadly something we see all too often. Speeding related incidents are avoidable."

She added: "Simply because there have been less vehicles on the road, does not mean that speed limits have been removed and that it is safe to drive above them."

"As the lockdown restrictions are gradually eased, the number of vehicles on the roads will naturally increase making the roads a more hazardous place. Speeding shows a blatant disregard for the

safety of others and the laws in place.

"All of our roads policing teams will be out and about supporting the campaign, carrying out both enforcement and educational activity within both Cleveland and Durham."

"And while this is something we target all year round, in the current climate it is more important than ever to reduce the demands placed on all front line emergency services and the NHS so remember speeding is a choice and you all have a part to play."

We want to remind motorists of the devastating impact speeding can have, not only increasing the risk of a collision but the severity of the impact at higher speeds.

Figures show that on average, 17 people are killed and 126 seriously injured every month in the UK, where speeding is believed to have been a significant factor.

At 30mph, vehicles are travelling at 44 feet or about three car lengths each second.

Even in good conditions, the difference in stopping distance between 30 mph and 35mph is an extra 21

feet or 6.4 metres, more than two car lengths, which could make all the difference in avoiding a collision.

The distance required to stop safely, significantly increased at higher speeds. Chief Constable Anthony Bangham, Roads Policing Lead for NPCC, said: "Unsurprisingly, the lockdown saw very quiet roads. Many forces reported increased speeding in a general sense and some forces reported instances of very excessive speeding. It is also of particular note that we have seen an increase in pedal cyclists at this time, many of whom may be unfamiliar with busier roads. Pedestrians and runners have also got used to empty roads."

"Put this together with better weather, lighter evenings, motorcyclists itching to ride out across our country roads and you have the concerning combination of factors for a significant increase in people being killed or seriously injured. I am determined for this not to be the case."

"Speeding kills, and driving within the speed limits makes our roads safer. Please slow down and save lives."

**Paul Howell MP**  
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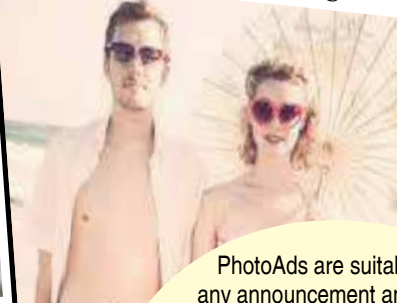
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# New Powers for Councils to Keep Cyclists Safe

Local Authorities given new tools to crack down on misuse of mandatory cycle lanes

- Increasing numbers of cyclists will continue to enjoy car-free cycle lanes
- Plans are part of Government work to build a greener, healthier and more resilient transport network

Cyclists will have safer journeys thanks to new laws coming into force from 22 June, Cycling Minister Chris Heaton-Harris has announced today (Wednesday, 10 June). Local authorities in England will have new powers to use CCTV to issue penalty charge notices to drivers who park or load illegally in mandatory cycle lanes, putting cyclists at risk of a serious accident. Cars parked on cycle lanes pose problems for cyclists, often forcing them into the flow of traffic. With approved camera devices, it will be easier for those local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to take action against cars illegally

parked on mandatory cycle lanes, allowing cyclists to complete their journeys without deviating from their path. Today's announcement is the latest measure from the Government to develop a greener, healthier and more resilient transport network in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The move comes as part of Bike Week [6-14 June], which will see a range of organisations – led by Cycling UK – encourage everyone to get pedalling to boost their fitness and protect the environment. Cycling Minister Chris Heaton-Harris said: "Across the country there has been a surge in the number of people dusting off their old bike from the back of the shed and cycling, or taking journeys on foot, to get from A to B. "Giving local authorities more powers to stop cycle lanes from becoming blocked will make it safer for cyclists. "These new measures also

build on our recent £2bn investment to create a green, healthier legacy and see more people travelling by bicycle or on foot." This measure will help get more cyclists on the road and alleviate pressure on public transport infrastructure, giving people the confidence to use their bike for more journeys – perhaps for the first time. This news follows the Transport Secretary's announcement of a £2bn package for cycling and walking last month to help create a greener transport network. This included £225 million for local authorities in England to create pop up cycle lanes with protected space for cycling, wider pavements, safer junctions, and bike and bus-only corridors. The public will also be able to benefit from the recently announced bicycle repair scheme, where up to half a million £50 vouchers will be issued to people in England to help get neglected bikes back on the road.

# Solid Results See Coates Climb eSeries Standings



Max Coates established himself as a front runner in the MINI CHALLENGE UK Official eSeries at Brands Hatch last weekend, with a set of strong results and 2nd position in qualifying. In the first of two qualifying sessions for the races Max posted the 5th fastest time, just behind the leading sim racers and one of his real-world racing counterparts. In the first race he stayed with the podium battle during the race before clinching fourth place at the chequered flag. The second race featured a reverse grid top ten and Coates was able to move forward to a 6th place finish. The second qualifying session went much better, Coates taking 2nd spot on the grid, less than half a tenth behind pole position. His start wasn't perfect and he fell back to fourth where he remained to the flag. He was involved in the battle for the podium throughout but couldn't make the headway to move into the top three. Perhaps his strongest showing was in the final race of the day, he quickly rose to 4th place from 7th on the grid and was looking like a podium could have been on the cards. Unfortunately contact with a driver behind meant he lost all the places he initially gained and remained 6th to the finish. He came into battle in the closing stages with overall championship leader Dave Marshall who he was able to keep behind in the final laps. Coates said, "This was a much better set of results and I'm happy with how Brands Hatch went. Hopefully I can make another step forwards for Silverstone this weekend and get another podium." The next round of the championship comes from the virtual version of Silverstone National. The races can be watched via the MINI CHALLENGE UK social media channels and the links below. MINI CHALLENGE UK Live Stream Links for Round 3 – Silverstone National: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MINICHallengeUK/posts/4091168597590033> YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwlqcP9IR\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwlqcP9IR_Q) Twitch: <https://www.twitch.tv/vrracingclub> Season Calendar: 1. Donington Park Nation

Saturday 23rd May  
2. Brands Hatch Indy Saturday 30th May  
3. Silverstone National Saturday 6th June  
4. Silverstone International Saturday 13th June  
5. Snetterton 300 Saturday 20th June  
6. Croft Saturday 27th June  
7. Knockhill Saturday 4th July  
8. Brands Hatch GP Saturday 11th July  
**Event Timetable:**  
• Live streams start approximately 11:45  
• Qualifying 1: 12:00  
• Race 1: 12:30  
• Race 2: 13:00 (Reverse grid top ten)  
• Qualifying 2: 13:45  
• Race 3: 14:15  
• Race 4: 14:45 (Reverse grid top ten).

## FANCY A RAVE?

Yes, we know we are not permitted to gather in large groups, but this is a new concept, which was first started in Germany. . . a DRIVE-IN RAVE. Aycliffe Radio and ROF59 are planning a series of Drive-In experiences which will include possible events such as a 90s Rave; Soul Night; 80s Music; Live Jazz; Bands and others. These events will run from 7.00pm to 10.00pm on various dates to be announced. There will obviously be limitations within the terms and conditions of entry, such as: cars only (no vans or SUVs); every person in the car must have their own seat; do not attend if you have experienced any Covid-19 symptoms in the previous 7 days.

Cars will be parked in a socially distanced way, which should enable the occupants to stand outside the car door and dance if they so wish. Refreshments will be provided by ROF59 and delivered to your car, food orders can be placed via text message, which will be given out with a menu when you arrive on the evening. Watch this space for more details and dates coming shortly.

# NEWTON AYCLIFFE FC SCORE WITH FUNDING SUCCESS



There's good news for Newton Aycliffe FC as the Club have been awarded a £1,500 Pitch Preparation Fund grant from the Premier League, The FA and the Government's Football Foundation. The Pitch Preparation Fund was set up in support of the game, which is currently facing unprecedented challenges because of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Fund is providing grants to clubs that have lost out on normal revenue streams during this difficult period. The funding will enable the Club, who play in the Ebac Northern League Division One, to prepare their football pitch so that it is match-fit for when it is safe to play football again, following Government advice.

They can use their grant towards help to pay for the cost of materials, work such as verti-draining, chain harrowing, rolling, over-seeding, fertilising, weed-killing, and routine preparatory work such as grass cutting and the setting out and line-marking of the pitch. Clubs and other organisations are also being given access to the Football Foundation Grounds Management Community. This is a free online resource the Foundation developed with The FA and the Grounds Management

Association, containing advice and guidance. Anyone in Newton Aycliffe can sign up at <https://thefa.hivelearning.com/groundskeeping>. Allan Oliver, Chairman of Newton Aycliffe FC, said: "this grant from the Football Foundation is a tremendous help to get us ready for next season. We have been working hard to improve the pitch and I am delighted that we've been able to secure this extra funding. We've also raised over £1,500 through a GoFundMe campaign thanks to the generosity of our fantastic local community." Robert Sullivan, Interim Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: "This is a vital grant to help Newton Aycliffe FC get their pitch match-fit. "The Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation exists to help provide quality infrastructure at the lower-levels of the game. Pitch Preparation Fund grants like this one are giving a helping hand to clubs across the country to get their playing surfaces ready for when the game is allowed to begin again following government advice." The Football Foundation is a charity funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England.

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