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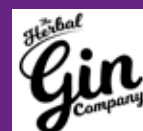
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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



Scouts Enjoy Adventures with GAMP Activity Packs

Scouts may not have been able to attend their weekly meetings in recent months, but youngsters in the Newton Aycliffe area have certainly been keeping busy.

Thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership (AAP), Acle Scout Group has created 'at-home' activity packs for their members during the coronavirus pandemic.

The group's beaver, cub and scout sections usually meet in Aycliffe Village Hall every week and enjoy a variety of trips and activities. When the lockdown began, leaders were keen to keep the excitement of scouting alive and so applied for a grant through Durham County Council's AAP Covid-19 fund. They were thrilled when they received £2,000 to help them to provide activity packs to their members, who are aged from five to sixteen.

Aimed at helping the youngsters to remain engaged and inspired while following Government guidance, the packs are age-appropriate and tailored to each child. They provide a wealth of fun ideas and activities, as well as information to support children's emotional wellbeing.

Margaret Lenahan, leader of Acle Scouts, said: "This funding has provided much-needed activities for our scouts and their families, which they have been able to enjoy safely at home. The children have been kept busy making cookies, pizzas, chalk art and balloon art, as well as pebble painting, hula hooping, skipping and creating edible hanging baskets. The full group also walked 3,000 miles in one week for their daily exercise. We really have achieved all we wanted and more with this project and are looking forward to getting back to our weekly sessions once it is safe to do so and building on the skills the children have learned through the activity packs." Earlier this year, the council provided each of its 14 AAPs with an additional £100,000 to assist projects providing support during the pandemic at a grass roots level. The £1.4 million pounds was further boosted with an extra £100,000 for countywide projects, while local members have been given more flexibility with their neighbourhood budgets.

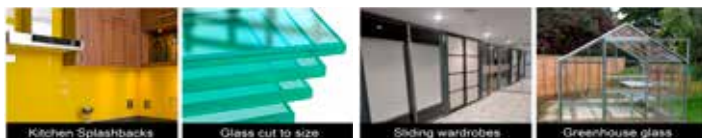
Acle Scouts Group is one of the many community organisations across the county to have benefited.

Brian Stephens, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for communities and local partnerships, said: "Keeping children entertained can be tricky at the best of times, but the lockdown and social distancing has made it even more challenging. It has been wonderful to hear about the fun and safe activities Acle Scout Group has been up to during this time. This is a fantastic example of a project that has made a big difference to the lives of County Durham families, and we are proud to have supported it."

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Care Home Resident Celebrates 101st Birthday

A very special Resident at HC-One's St Clare's Court care home in Newton Aycliffe celebrated his 101st birthday on 17th July. Douglas Saylas, a Resident at St Clare's Court and an ex-navy officer, celebrated his birthday on Friday 17th, starting with a visit from his family.

Douglas' family visited the home at a distance and brought some gifts for him, they had not seen Doug in many months, and they were all over the moon to see him.

They brought Doug his Navy jacket, with all his medals on, from his time in the navy serving his country, which made Doug very happy. Doug put his jacket on to show everyone in the home his medals.

"It has been so nice seeing my family and to be able to see my medals again," commented Douglas Saylas.

At teatime, Colleagues and Residents in the home celebrated with cake while Doug told them about his time in the navy and



how he got each of his medals. He told staff about his time in the navy commenting that he had had a good life and it was because of his experiences in the navy that he is still so independent today. Helen Emerson, St Clare's Court Home Manager, said: "I am so very delighted for Doug on his 101st birthday. We were able to facilitate Douglas' first socially distant visit from his family and reunite him with his medals. It was so overwhelming to see how happy this made him." For more information on HC-One's St Clares Court, please call 0333 999 8702 or visit: <https://www.hc-one.co.uk/Carehomes/St-Clare-s-Court.aspx>

Maintained to a High Standard

Dear Sir,
I refer to your item in the Newton News of the 18th July 2020 about the use of 10 year old tyres. For clarification the Society's vehicles are not affected by this regulation as all of ADBPS's buses are exempt from MoT and are not used commercially. Members of the public may dwell secure in the knowledge that all of our buses are maintained to a very high standard and should therefore have no concerns when riding on one in the future. Finally, I am told that Gardiners of Spennymoor, coach repairers, have nearly finished the refurbishment of the "Newtonian", our 1969 Bristol LHS single decker bus, which will be paraded around Newton Aycliffe and under the Blue Bridge in the not too distant future. Many Thanks
Ian Wiggett

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ECO-SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG CERTIFICATION



The charity Eco-Schools is accepting applications from local schools to earn a free Green Flag certification. Paid for by Frugi, this British organic kids wear brand is funding 150 schools in the UK to achieve this accredited eco-certification. Schools may be out for summer, but it's a perfect time for schools to plan this activity for September. Helping to raise the next generation of eco-warriors, the Eco-Schools global programme empowers kids and teens to take environmental actions to get their school and community involved. Pupils follow a Seven-Step programme that results in achieving an international Eco-Schools Green Flag Certification. Frugi is donating funds to help up to 150 UK schools achieve their Green Flag status. Each year Frugi donates 1% of turnover to charity and has so far donated £720,000 over the past 16 years to help children and environmental non-profit organisations. Find out more about the Eco-Schools programme and register for free on their website: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk>

100th Partner for The Algorithm People

A fast-growing route optimisation company has signed up its 100th partner.

The Algorithm People is the developer of My Transport Planner, a unique pay-as-you-go route optimisation platform. Route optimisation software uses algorithms to calculate the most efficient routes and schedules for vehicles engaged in deliveries, collections and site visits. Smarter planning minimises wasted mileage and improves vehicle utilisation, generating cost savings of up to 30 per cent for transport operators. My Transport Planner users range from small businesses through to national chains such as Selco Builders Warehouse.

The Algorithm People are partnering with transport management services specialists, Logico, who provide commercial vehicle operators with services including; operator licence compliance, audits, risk management solutions, and HR. The deal will see the companies refer clients to each other.

Lisa Fleming, Managing Director of Logico, said: "My Transport Planner is a truly innovative platform. Along with cutting costs for transport operators it can also help them remain compliant, as it factors in driver's hours and required rest breaks in its planning." Both companies are based in North East England and are members of both the North East Chamber of Commerce and North East Automotive Alliance. Logico is the first company in the region to become an authorised auditor for the DVSA Earned Recognition scheme, which demonstrates that transport operators meet road safety standards.

Colin Ferguson, CEO of The Algorithm People, said: "Like us, Logico is a fast-growing business delivering real value to van and truck operators. The fact that they are authorised auditors for the DVSA Earned Recognition scheme and the only one currently in the North East appealed to us as a partner, along with the fact that our products and services are a great fit, and together we offer a compelling proposition to transport, haulage and delivery companies."

Logico is the 100th partner signed up by The Algorithm People. Most of the company's new business is generated via referrals from partners, who range from consultants and leasing brokers through to fleet management and telematics providers.

"In the past twelve months we've gone from a handful of partners to one hundred," added Colin. "Interest has soared since we launched My Transport Planner earlier this year because these companies recognise the benefits it can bring to their clients and customers." Companies interested in joining the partner network should email contact@thealgorithmpeople.co.uk. Vehicle operators can a free 30-day trial of My Transport Planner should visit www.mytransportplanner.com/register



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INEOS Donates £5,000 Through Community Fund



This month, global firm INEOS' Newton Aycliffe site has donated £5,000 to The Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen through the international INEOS Community Fund. This grant will support the vital work of the community charity as it helps provide food and everyday necessities to hungry and homeless local people in these particularly challenging times.

The Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen is a volunteer led project set up in 2019 to keep local people most in need supported in cases of hunger poverty. Ordinarily, members from its team of 60 volunteers run a nightly food session to feed the city's hungry and homeless while food parcels and crucial everyday items are also handed out to families in need. Until the beginning of lockdown, the self-funded charity gave away an average of 8,300 portions a month to those most without food supplies.

To meet the government's social distancing guidelines the charity has made urgent changes to its relief effort in the local community. While normal service is now on hold, The Soup Kitchen is still busy preparing hot food, which is delivered four nights a week by volunteer drivers to those in need. Throughout the lockdown the charity has experienced increased demand from families in food poverty, in addition to greater challenges as food donations have dropped dramatically

Andrea Bell, Founder of The Sunderland Community Foodbank, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded this grant which will be put to the best possible use by our inspiring team of volunteers, working hard every week to bring essential supplies to those most in need across the city. We don't receive any institutional funding, so donations of this kind and support from the wider community are essential in keeping our crucial operation going in these tough times."

The £1M INEOS Community Fund was established by INEOS Chairman Sir Jim Ratcliffe in March 2020 in tandem with the company's COVID-19 "Hands On" campaign, which set up new production lines to provide millions of bottles of free hand sanitiser per month to hospitals and frontline healthcare. The fund enables INEOS sites across the world to support the charitable organisations doing vital work in their local communities at this particularly difficult time.

Janet Ward, UK Communications Manager at INEOS company INOVYN, said: "The Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen has been a lifeline charity for those struggling the most across the city. In just a year the volunteer led scheme has given away over 30,000 three course meals to the community and has been working tirelessly throughout the lockdown period to ensure the most in need get hold of food. We are delighted that we can help the organisation support the needs of local people in these difficult times through the INEOS Community Fund."

More information on the work of the Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen and details on how you can support it can be found on its Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sunderlandcommunitysoupkitchen/

NURSING COURSE APPLICANTS UP!

Dear Sir,
The article concerning the above reminded me of July 1949 when I was accepted as a Cadet Nurse at Bishop Auckland General Hospital, aged 16.

This was a new scheme that served as an introduction to training as a State Registered Nurse. October 1950 saw the introduction of this training course which was a combination of theory and practice on each individual type of ward or unit. Continuous training and assessments were thoroughly followed with an examination which was written and practical. For the latter we had to attend a hospital at Gateshead. The state final was held after three years of training. Day shifts varied but consisted of a 48 hour week and night duty covered 50 hours over five nights, though we did have a two hour break each night. After qualifying I spent many happy years working as a Theatre Sister before training as a Health Visitor after getting

married and having three children. I was most fortunate to be able to work and train as what would be considered to be an apprenticeship. Happy days indeed. Unfortunately, with the introduction of Project 2,000 things

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Warrens Group Shortlisted for Top Accolade in Food Waste Recycling Sector



The team at Warrens Group, Newton Aycliffe have been shortlisted for a top accolade which recognises the pioneering way in which they are driving change in the food waste recycling sector.

The Aycliffe based business, wholly-owned subsidiary of BioCapital Ltd, will now go forward to the finals of the BusinessGreen Leaders Awards 2020 later this year.

Warrens Group has been shortlisted in the 'Net Zero Now Award for Decarbonisation Strategy of the Year' category for the way in which the business has helped its customers assess operations and identify efficiency savings.

Kevin Quigley, Commercial Director at Warrens Group, said: "Whilst our fundamental purpose is to collect food waste and convert it into energy, our passion is to strengthen ties with all organisations and communities in our local area to address the UK Government's Net Zero target by 2050. Our solution is one with longevity and reduced impact in comparison to environmental issues caused by traditional methods of food waste disposal."

Warrens Group has worked with local authorities, schools and businesses from a wide range of sectors over the years, to assist them with ideas on best practice, provide practical recommendations for operational improvement and help them achieve efficiencies.

Kevin added: "We are absolutely delighted that Warrens Group has once again been recognised for its role in identifying new ways of working with customers and helping to increase effectiveness and efficiency in the community. Our objectives have always been to remain industry leaders, driving change from traditional fossil fuel to bio-gas, minimising our carbon footprint through prevention and redistribution and catering to the UK Government's Net Zero goals." As early adopters of the latest technologies and methods, Warrens recognised that natural gas is the future, leading them to embark on the exploration into the innovative possibilities available through the use of compressed natural gas (CNG).

Clean transportation is one part of the solution when it comes to a more sustainable future. Through acquisition and strategic partnerships over 18 months, Warrens Group designed a robust fleet replacement policy.

The team has also committed to achieve a target of six CNG vehicle replacements per year for the next six years, enabling them to replace all of their diesel vehicles by 2025.

As part of Warrens Group's ongoing efforts, it has installed a biomethane filling station, capable of fuelling 200 vehicles per day and it guarantees no losses in transmissions of gas from conversion to filling.

"Our stakeholders have been integral to the success of our initiative and we have received very positive feedback to drive our passion and ongoing commitment to the people and environment we serve."

GROWTH FOR FIRM AS IT MOVES TO NEW HQ

A North East IT service provider is continuing a period of growth, despite the coronavirus lockdown.

razorblue, which is based in Catterick, North Yorkshire, provides end-to-end solutions for businesses across the region and beyond, with offices in Newcastle, Wynyard, Leeds, Manchester and London. The firm has averaged 30 per cent year-on-year growth over the past six years meaning that, while many companies have found themselves scaling back over the course of continued restrictions, razorblue has expanded, moving into new headquarters and recruiting more staff.

Managing director Dan Kitchen, who also project managed the £600,000 office expansion, said: "At 5,000sq ft, our new headquarters give us twice as much space as we had before, allowing us to expand the team and host more customer events and demonstrations. I'm really pleased with the results, it looks fantastic, very professional and gives the business the space it needs. We've stayed in Catterick - in fact, we're only about 100 metres from our previous base - as we've always been here; we have access to a great pool of people and it's very convenient, being just off the A1." As well as moving into the new office, razorblue has taken on six new members of staff over the course of lockdown, including an account manager, marketing manager, senior IT engineer, IT engineer, project manager and .net developer.

Dan commented: "It's been great to have been able to continue to bring people into the team through a difficult period, especially as a number of our new recruits were potentially facing redundancy."

"The recruitment process entailed a little bit of creativity, with using tech to hold interviews, but due to the nature of our business, we've got a lot of experience in working remotely."

Dan said that razorblue was already well-equipped to adapt to the restrictions imposed during the lockdown, and has noticed a rise in demand for support with home-working solutions as businesses prepare for the future.

He said: "We were already quite a remote-based business so we haven't learned anything groundbreaking; I think some of our clients have though! Due to the nature of the restrictions, we had to do a lot of work very quickly to deliver home-working solutions for firms that weren't set up to run in that way. We're now seeing companies taking a more strategic approach to their tech investment, knowing that home-working will remain a big thing as time goes on. Tech in general allows businesses to gain efficiencies over their competitors and grow their market share, which is going to become ever more important in an economy that's contracting, rather than growing."

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Dogs Trust Help Your Hound Out of Lockdown

Following latest Government announcements, the charity releases top tips for owners to help their dogs adapt to the "new normal". Dogs Trust, the UK's leading dog welfare charity, is advising owners on how to help their dog adjust to life as lockdown restrictions ease - from how to cope with being left at home alone to preventing nervousness around visitors.

For most dog owners, lockdown has meant spending more quality time with their four-legged friends. Just like us, dogs will need to readjust as restrictions ease but some dogs may find it hard to adjust to the 'new normal' and will need a helping hand.

The charity has come up with a quick and handy guide of important tips to refresh any training dogs may have forgotten during lockdown! Dog owners can access training videos, owner handbooks and more by visiting the dedicated page on the Dogs Trust website. Top tips include:

Leaving your dog home alone

- Make sure your dog has a comfy bed or den, where they can relax in peace.
- Give them something fun to occupy them when they are alone, such as a long-lasting treat or puzzle toy.
- Get them to start spending more time in a different room to you as part of their daily routine.
- Slowly build up the time they are left at home alone.

Having guests over to your home

- Teach your dog to behave calmly when they hear the doorbell by ignoring a strong reaction and rewarding them with a treat when they are quiet.
- Ensure your dog has their own safe space to retreat to when you have visitors, remembering that they can find excitable human noises worrying (as, no doubt, you'll be excited to see your friends and family after lockdown).
- Make sure you actively supervise your dog's interactions with visiting children.
- Always remember to wash your hands regularly before and after interacting with your dog and ask your guests to do the same. A dog's coat, lead, toys etc, could carry coronavirus just like any other surface.

- Do not be afraid to ask people not to pet your dog if you don't feel comfortable or if your dog wants some alone time.

Getting out and about with your dog

- It is summertime so make sure you never leave your dog in a hot car and refresh their training around picnic food and ball games.
 - Use our handy guide to teach your dog to feel comfortable with seeing people in facemasks, particularly if you are using public transport.
 - Remember that social distancing is still in place, so you may want to continue to use a lead when out walking or polish up your recall training.
 - Get your dog re-accustomed to travelling safely in the car using a harness or crate by using lots of tasty treats or their favourite toy to reward calm behaviour and make the experience a positive one.
- Dogs Trust's Chief Executive, Owen Sharp, said: "As the nation prepares for the next step in the lifting of lockdown, it's important that we factor in the impact this may have on our four-legged friends. Dogs will have become accustomed to having their favourite humans by their side day in day out, as well as having their homes to themselves and little interaction with the outside world.
- "While people may be excited to take advantage of restrictions easing over the coming weeks, keep in mind that our dogs may find this a more difficult transition, which is why we have lots of top tips to help them ease back into their 'new normal'.
- "For some people, the lifting of lockdown might also come with a realisation that they can no longer accommodate a pet in their lives. In these difficult times we understand that circumstances can change, and there are many things that are beyond our control, so we would encourage anyone who is thinking about giving up their dog to contact us and we will do everything we possibly can to help."
- Whilst Dogs Trust Rehoming Centres remain closed to walk in members of the public, the charity is still taking in dogs that need to be rehomed, using an appointment system. Members of the public who want to give up their dog can get in touch on 0300 303 2188 to discuss their options and book an appointment.
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Most Innovative Activity Programme of the Year



Rose Lodge Care Home on Carers Way, Cobblers Lane in Newton Aycliffe were delighted when activities coordinator Diane Tweddle was nominated for 'Most Innovative Activity Programme of the Year' for the North East Region in the MMCG Countrywide Care Home of the Year Awards which were due to be held at the Leeds Armouries in June 2020.

The awards were created to acknowledge the efforts of staff and the impact they have on the lives of residents and their families. Residents, colleagues, relatives and visitors place a vote and a finalist is chosen from each region.

Nicki Wheatley, Home Manager at Rose Lodge Care Home, said, "I am absolutely delighted that Diane has been chosen to be a finalist for the region and representing Rose Lodge. Diane would be a very deserving winner of this award as she has completely changed the activities programme at the home and the community involvement and support for Rose Lodge has become a huge part of our residents lives. Our residents always look forward to seeing Diane when she is on shift and she brightens up the home".

The awards which, will be announced via a live video link from Head Office, are due to take place in August and the home will celebrate with afternoon tea with the residents.

Building Charities' Brands Through Lockdown & Beyond



After supporting the region's charities during the coronavirus crisis, a North East PR agency has announced it will continue to donate a portion of profits to good causes as the country emerges from lockdown.

Harvey & Hugo, which is based in Darlington, took the decision to donate 20 per cent from the fee of all new Pay-as-Hugo PR and marketing services to a charity of the clients' choice.

The scheme started on April 14th and has proved such a success – raising £600 for charity – that Harvey & Hugo managing director Charlotte Nichols has decided to extend it.

Charlotte said: "I found it really upsetting to hear the plight of charities across the country, but especially those in my home region of the North East, so I decided I wanted to do something to help. "As former PR and marketing director for Wag & Company North East Friendship Dogs, I understand how challenging funding can be for charities so by offering a simple solution we hoped to make a small difference."

The firm's Pay-as-Hugo services aim to make PR and marketing services accessible to all, by removing contracts and breaking down services into fixed-fee, bite-sized products.

Charlotte added: "Pay-as-Hugo was created in the recession of 2009 with the aim of being simple, cost effective and contract-free, meaning every business has access to our services regardless of budget."

Among the charities supported by the scheme were Daisy Chain, Suited and Booted, Stroke Association and the Yorkshire Children's Trust, via High Bank Nursery's appeal.

The Daisy Chain Project, which is based in Stockton, was established in 2003 to support families living with autism across the Tees Valley. Events manager Tracey Wright said: "It was lovely to hear that Harvey & Hugo were making a donation to us as part of its Pay-as-Hugo charity campaign. As I am sure you can imagine, it's a crazy, difficult time for charities like ours, so support like this is genuinely appreciated and gratefully received."

A Pay-as-Hugo customer who took the opportunity to support a local charity was Rameez Kaleem, founder of specialist pay and reward consultancy 3R, who chose to donate his 20 per cent to Suited & Booted, a London-based charity that provides suitable interview clothing to vulnerable, unemployed and low-income men.

Charlotte believes the firm's Pay-as-Hugo services will continue to provide valuable support over the coming months, as businesses are reluctant to commit to long-term contracts due to ongoing financial uncertainty.

A dedicated website for the service will be launched in September, and details of all packages can currently be found at www.harveyandhugo.com/three-ways-of-working-with-us/pay-as-hugo

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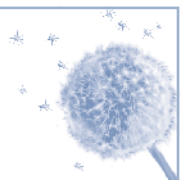


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Five Star Reviews for Punk Rock Drive In

The second 'Drive In' to be held at ROF59 activity centre by Aycliffe Radio was another fantastic sold out event. Supported by punk rockers from as far afield as Edinburgh, Manchester and Rugby. Four live bands played during the five hour punk rock festival. Bands performing included 'MC16', 'Zero Tolerance', 'Boilermaker' and the headline act 'The Clashed'.

ROF59 provided a full bar service as well as refreshments on the barbecue and the event is receiving five star reviews from those who attended.

Aycliffe Radio are organising more 'Drive In' events including this weekend, when local DJ's JimJams, Carl Booth, BeatRoote and OZDJ will present an Ibiza House Party from 7-10pm. Tickets available on skiddle.com, or you may be lucky and pay on the gate. Future events in the process of being organised include a 'Cheesey Pop Party' and the return of the ever popular 90s Dance Anthems. Watch Newton News and listen to Aycliffe Radio for more details.

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| 9-10am | Eurovision Show | Simon Harding |
| 10-12am | Moderation | Jack & Garvey |
| 12-2pm | Kitchen Floorfillers | Caz Bojangles |
| 2-4pm | Weekly Edition | Paul Baker |
| 4-6pm | Northern & Classic Soul (R) | Kevin Sowerby |
| "The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway | | |
| 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 | A DJ |

SUNDAY

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| 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 |
| Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service | | |
| 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 to FRIDAY DAILY

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| 10-12am | Golden Years | Paul Baker |
| 12-1pm | A to Z of Pop (Mon, Tues & Wed) | Richard Smith |
| 12-1pm | Call Me No 1 (Tues & Thurs) | Richard Smith |
| 1-2pm | Memory Lane | Gary Avery |
| 2-4pm | Afternoon Aycliffe | Paul Baker |

MONDAY

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| 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

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| 6-7pm | Mystery Year | Paul Baker |
| 7.30-9.30pm | Northern & Classic Soul | Kevin Sowerby |

WEDNESDAY

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| 6-7.30pm | Joey's Jukebox | Joey Collins |
| 8-10pm | Alternative Aycliffe | Gaz n Alby |

THURSDAY

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| 6-8pm | The List | Colin McNeillie |
| 8-10pm | BeatRoote | Graeme Roote |

FRIDAY

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| 6-8pm | Techno Trance Mix | PVR Studios |
| 8-10pm | 31st July - Graeme Roote 'BeatRoote' | |
| 10-12am | Alternative Aycliffe (R) | Gaz n Alby |

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NAYCC IS 'BACK IN BUSINESS'

Covid has had a dramatic effect on the Aycliffe community for the past three months and unfortunately Newton Aycliffe Youth & Community Centre (NAYCC) has been one of the organisations forced to close to the many groups and charities that use its facilities. During lockdown our focus has been on keeping the building safe and secure.

However, we have some good news for existing and potential new customers! We have now commenced deep cleaning the facilities and are looking to complete the required health and safety measures during July.

It is our intention therefore to seek to offer a phased return to the facilities during August and September. All existing clients will be contacted directly to assess their needs and to agree together that the Covid arrangements are fully in line with Government requirements.

We look forward to meeting old friends again on this basis ... and encourage any new clients looking for a good safe home from September to please contact Beki on info@naycc.org.uk



THE HOG BLOG

Firstly, if you think you have seen a hedgehog in trouble please ring British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801, or a vet, who will take him or her from you and usually don't charge and have their list of rehabbers.

Since the last publication there has been a lot happening and we hope all readers are safe and well in this current crisis. Joan, Viv and myself have been very busy because of baby season. We have successfully hand reared hoglets that have been orphaned, they are all fighting fit and nearly ready to go home once they have reached the minimum 500 grams in weight for this time of year. Because of covid19, all fundraising has been curtailed and our last event was early March arranged by Katie and Lorraine, if it wasn't for that one we would have been struggling for food for our babies. May I take this opportunity to thank my friends Valerie and Karen, neighbours Jackie and Ty, Jane, Tom and Hannah-May for donations that I have been able to sell at a very new car boot sale recently, this is a socially distanced car boot sale not too far from here. The support for

this rescue has been amazing and very much appreciated. Now, more seriously, some weeks ago a lovely lady saved a hedgehog, this little hog was being tormented by some young children poking him with a stick until Natalie Parkin and Vivienne stepped in and picked him up, he was brought here, checked over and released in our garden which is a much kinder environment, he also has company of other hogs. Can I express to readers that animal cruelty is a criminal offence under the wildlife act which results in prosecution for offenders. These beautiful mammals have quite enough to contend with as it is, also parents should be aware of their children's whereabouts and what they are doing when unattended.

Can I also ask readers to refrain from slug pellets, pesticides, strimmers, football and garden nets and ponds that aren't covered when not in use, these are all hedgehog killers. We have to take full responsibility for the decline of the numbers in this country which is all avoidable, these little ones are every gardens saving grace because they will eat your resident garden pests at no cost at all. Thank you.

Joan, Viv and Maxine.

Prickly Haven Hedgehog Rehabbers



CAN WE TRUST OUR MP?

Dear Sir,

Our new MP promised us lots during the last general election, he promised that he would do what he could for us and make our voices heard even though he is a mere backbencher. So let's look at a couple things.

Firstly he said he would leave his various other seats as he is now a full time MP. But he still has not left those seats and is still claiming the income for them.

He has recently tried to pull the wool over his voters eyes by blaming the BBC for the loss of the free TV licence for the over 75s. When, in fact, the funding for that came from the government, which they have stopped providing.

Although many in the area use a lot of the NHS for FREE, he has voted AGAINST protecting the wonderful NHS from outside interference.

He has in fact voted with his party every time, disregarding any negative impact on his local constituents who he said he would try and help.

He has clearly shown that he is nothing more than a career politician, trying to increase his own income for as long as possible, helping the moron of a PM destroy what's left of this amazing county and country.

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(B6444 HEIGHINGTON LANE, NEWTON AYLCLIFFE) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2020

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 75m of B6444 Heighington Ln, Newton Aycliffe from the junc with Station Rd westwards to the entrance to Heighington Station car park to enable re-railing works at Heighington Station level crossing to be undertaken. An alt route will be available to vehicular traffic from the eastern side of the closure from B6444 Heighington Ln south easterly on B6444 St Andrews Way to A167 then southerly to A1(M) Junction 59 (Aycliffe) Interchange, south westerly on A1(M) to Burtree Interchange (J58) then northerly along A68 and A6072 to the roundabout junc with B6444 leading to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. A local (non-HGV) diversion will be signed from the eastern side of the closure, northerly via Spring Rd and Whinbank Rd, left onto Horndale Ave then south westerly along School Aycliffe Ln to the A6072 Roundabout junc with B6444 to the western side of the closure and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 12/8/2020 and are anticipated to be completed by 13/8/2020. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

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Business Durham Secures an Additional £2.34m for Digital Programme

Digital Drive County Durham has been awarded an additional £2,340,000 of funding to continue supporting small and medium enterprises across the county until June 2023.

Initially, the programme was a £4m initiative to help SMEs in County Durham to maximise their growth potential and sustainability through digital technology.

Since it was established in January 2018 over 1,000 businesses have registered on the programme and 182 grants have been paid out, totalling almost £700,000. Companies benefitting from Digital Drive support and funding have included everything from engineering companies to architects, training providers to accountants. The programme, overseen by Business Durham, the economic development arm of Durham County Council, will now be able to support an additional 400 companies to make the most of digital technology with the additional funding.

Digital Drive County Durham was established to assist businesses who would like to be more resilient, efficient and profitable by using digital technology to gain a competitive edge and maximise growth. Each business taking part in the programme will benefit from free business support including digital health checks, masterclasses, workshops and events and be able to apply for access grant funding support of up to 40% towards the cost of digital technology projects.

Sarah Slaven, Business Durham's interim Managing Director, said: "We're delighted to announce we have secured an additional £2.34million of funding for our Digital Drive County Durham programme. We will now be able to support more businesses from across the county to develop their digital capabilities in order to grow and remain competitive.

"It's fantastic to have been able to support over 400 businesses since the programme was established, both before and during the COVID-19 crisis, when we were able to be flexible enough to provide support quickly for business. With the additional funding there is scope for more businesses to tap into the project and find out how digital technology can help them to increase their productivity.. This is particularly important as the economy moves into the recovery phase as it is vital we continue to support businesses to grow, thrive and create jobs."

Cllr Carl Marshal, Durham County Council's cabinet member for economic regeneration,

said: "It is great news that Business Durham has secured this funding to be able to support many more businesses with their digital strategy. Having a digital presence as a company is now more important than ever in growing businesses which in turn helps boost our economy and create more jobs in the county. This additional funding will be incredibly beneficial to the project, allowing it to reach even more businesses going forward to help them build a competitive advantage."

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Leisure Centre Gyms & Fitness Classes to Reopen

People in County Durham will be able to resume their fitness regimes later this month as council-run services begin to reopen.

Durham County Council will begin a phased reopening of its indoor leisure facilities from Monday, 27 July, in line with the easing of lockdown restrictions across the country and in accordance with social distancing measures.

Initially, only gyms and fitness classes will return, with further services being reinstated when it is possible to ensure they are provided safely and in a way that fully complies with government guidance.

All sessions will need to be booked in advance.

Cllr Carl Marshall, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "We are delighted at the prospect of being able to welcome people back to our leisure centres.

"The current public health and social distancing measures, coupled with the challenge of reopening our centres after a lengthy closure, makes it difficult to reinstate all services straight away. However, I'm sure people will be pleased to see our gyms reopen and our fitness classes return, and we will be working to reopen other services as soon as we are able.

"We appreciate that some people may feel apprehensive about returning to leisure centres at the moment, but we are working incredibly hard to ensure they provide a safe environment for everyone, including visitors and staff, and that we minimise the risk of the spread of coronavirus.

"As well as taking steps to ensure people are able to social distance in all areas of the centre, we are introducing a strict cleaning regime and will have extra staff on hand to make sure everything runs smoothly."

Gym facilities and fitness classes will open in phases over the course of the week, beginning on Monday, 27 July with NEWTON AYCLIFFE, Freeman's Quay, the Louisa Centre in Stanley, Spennymoor and Abbey Leisure Centre, Durham. This will be followed by Woodhouse Close, Consett and



Meadowfield on Wednesday, 29 July.

Gyms at Chester-le-Street, Teesdale and Shildon leisure centres will also open on Wednesday, 29 July, with fitness classes restarting on Friday, 31 July.

All centres will then return to seven day opening, but with only gym and fitness classes available. It is hoped that swimming pools will be able to reopen during the coming weeks.

Safety measures at all sites will include the repositioning of gym equipment to accommodate social distancing, limited numbers and movement during classes and additional hand sanitiser stations. Signage has also been installed to help people move around the centres in a safe way.

All sessions will need to be booked in advance for the foreseeable future, either online or over the phone. Bookings will be taken from Thursday, 23 July onwards.

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Last week our office had important visitors, my Westminster staff, Jonathan and Megs came up to work from our new office for two days to meet our new member of staff in the Constituency office, Joe Hannan. Joe completes our Newton Aycliffe office team, along with Rachel and David.

Perhaps even more importantly we were visited by Amanda Milling MP who is the Co-Chair of the Conservative Party and Cabinet Minister. I was able to take Amanda to visit Cleveland Bridge Group and show her some of the amazing engineering projects that they are responsible for. As a global leader in steel manufacturing, companies like Cleveland Bridge are a key player in the government's plans to level up and invest in our infrastructure so it was great to see the keen interest that Amanda took in their expertise.

We then had a short break before meeting with Tees Valley Mayor, Ben Houchen, at Teesside International Airport where we discussed his amazing work in securing the airport, the exciting plans for the airport's future and opportunities to level up the Tees Valley region and surrounding areas that the airport is integral to. On Saturday morning Amanda joined us again to meet local residents, in a socially distanced manner, at our new office. Amanda spoke with representatives from Play Café and Junction 7 about the vital community work that they do within Newton Aycliffe and how important their role has been throughout this pandemic.

I also managed to squeeze in an important visit with Amanda to Ferryhill Station where we discussed our proposals to reinstate the Station here and how much positive change this would bring to our Constituency.

Later on Saturday I paid a quick visit to ROF59 and said a quick 'hello' to everyone setting up the stage for that evening's Drive In concert. I think that the ingenuity shown by our community to carry on providing opportunities in entertainment and sensible social gatherings is wonderful and this is just one example that shows the strength of resolve we have to get through this pandemic, as positively as we can.

On Monday I was back in Westminster where we voted on the Trade Bill, which I supported. I also had a question to Simon Clarke MP, Minister for Housing Communities and Local Government submitted, where I asked about the support he is providing to help local authorities experiencing a reduction in income during this Covid-19 outbreak.

On Tuesday I was in the House to ask a question of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, Alok Sharma MP. My question was in support of local renewable energy businesses like Tekmar and connected companies, within the Tees Valley.

I also had a one to one meeting with Amanda Solloway MP, Minister for Science, Research & Innovation, where our discussion focused on the importance of Industry links with education. This week we head into recess which means I will be able to spend more time within the Constituency. I am looking forward to being out and about and using this time productively to meet more residents. We have been hampered somewhat by Coronavirus but I hope that with the help of my office team we can progress with catching up with you all in your neighbourhoods over the summer period.

Please continue to be mindful of social distancing and remember that from 24th July we are now generally required, (with some exceptions), to wear masks in retail premises. Whilst the regulations may have eased somewhat please respect that this



does not mean we are yet free from Covid-19. Remember that testing is now available to everyone. If you feel you have symptoms and need a test please do so as the more we test, the more effective the NHS Test and Trace programme will be. Stay Safe and look after each other, Best Wishes, Paul Howell MP

Students Get Creative with Greenfield Arts

Groups of students at Greenfield Community College have been connecting with Greenfield Arts as part of an exciting creative project. Young volunteers, both the Newshounds team and the Student Leaders, have had the opportunity to meet up online with Creative Director Katy Milne and filmmaker Laura Degnan



The project will bring together the thoughts and ideas of the students over recent times as they reflect upon their personal experiences. The students have been sharing what they have learned and the unexpected things they have noticed during this time and how they might use this in a positive way in the future.

Professional filmmaker Laura Degnan will work with the students to bring together a film that can be shared with other students as a stimulus to help make sense of recent times and how this may impact and develop their learning in the future. The film will act as a creative prompt for students across the school to express themselves. It will be accompanied by a lesson plan full of creative ways to explore ideas and encourage young people to express themselves. Greenfield Community College are committed to encouraging and developing a strong student voice within their school. They recently achieved runner-up in a national student voice awards where the Newshounds and Student Leaders were praised for their contributions by the judges, here is just one of the positive comments, "The sheer scale of projects and promoting student voice here was arguably the most impressive feature".

If you would like to know more about Greenfield Arts and their many projects, events and activities please visit www.greenfield-arts.co.uk. If you would like to know more about Greenfield Community College please visit www.greenfieldschool.net



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Aycliffe C.C. CRICKET SCOREBOARD

At long last the cricket season finally began on Saturday 18th July, albeit with Government Covid-19 rules and accompanying ECB guidelines being strictly adhered to. However with half of the season's league fixtures lost due to the pandemic, the NYSD league have scrapped promotion and relegation for this season, but teams still have plenty to play for as championship trophies and some cups are still up for grabs.

Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, began their season away at Barnard Castle 2nd XI in the NYSD 2nd division and, after a poor display, came away with a six wicket defeat. Aycliffe were asked to bat first and were bowled out for a below par 121 after 42.4 overs despite an outstanding innings from Adam Gittins, who showed what could be done as he hit a determined unbeaten 56 from 113 balls reaching the boundary on seven occasions. Jack Slatcher (18 runs off 31 balls) and Ben Nicholson (11 runs off 16 balls) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. In reply Barnard Castle coasted to victory after only 29.3 overs with Jack Slatcher (3 for 21) and James Layfield-Carroll (1 for 22) taking the only four wickets to fall.

A young second team containing six juniors hosted Guisborough 2nd XI in their opening NYSD division four game and despite losing by 47 runs, put in a spirited performance. The visitors were asked to bat first and were restricted to 167 for 6 in their allotted 40 overs. Dan Weldon (3 for 50) was the pick of the bowlers and he was supported well by 14 year old Leo Mercy (1 for 16) and 17 year old Jak Kennedy (1 for 18). In reply Aycliffe were dismissed for 120 after 32.2 overs despite some good individual performances from Sean Morgan (38 runs off 61 balls), Kyle Robinson (24 runs off 57 balls) and Jak Kennedy (11 runs off 16 balls).

The u17's began their season with a tough home game against Darlington in the NYSD Junior league and put in a good performance despite losing by 26 runs. Darlington chose to bat first and scored 96 for 1 from their 20 overs with Will Varley taken the only wicket to fall. In reply, Aycliffe batted well thanks to a good innings from Owen Smith, who top scored with 25 and Matty Greaves who scored 11 runs as their side were dismissed for a respectable 70 runs after 15.2 overs.

The u15's hosted their Hartlepool counterparts in a pre-season friendly and it proved to be an excellent work-out for the youngsters as they ended up tying the match in a thrilling climax. Hartlepool batted first and scored a respectable 88 for 4 from their allotted 20 overs. In reply Matty Greaves batted superbly (30 runs and retired) and despite good innings from both Thomas Dearden (17 runs) and Owen Smith (11 runs), Aycliffe couldn't quite get over the winning line, but were happy to earn a tie against a typically strong Hartlepool team as they finished their 20 overs with the scoreboard showing 88 for 5.

Partnership Approach at Heart of Economic Recovery Strategy

A business expert with a track record in helping small companies achieve their ambitions has been appointed chair of an economic recovery taskforce in County Durham.

Simon Hanson, development manager at the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), will lead the taskforce, which has been set up by County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) in response to the significant challenges the coronavirus pandemic presents.



CDEP is a multi-agency group, bringing together key partners including Durham County Council and other public, private, voluntary and community organisations to promote the economic wellbeing of the county. The new taskforce will focus on helping businesses and charities across the county to recover from the economic impacts of the lockdown and social distancing measures.

Simon Hanson, who also recently took up the post of CDEP chair, brings a wealth of experience to the role, having helped thousands of businesses identify and overcome challenges over the last 15 years. He has spent the last decade with the FSB, representing the interests of more than 4,000 small businesses across the North East.

Simon will be joined by 17 other representatives from a range of sectors, including officers from the council's public health and regeneration teams; its economic development arm, Business Durham; and its tourism destination management organisation Visit County Durham. There will also be representatives from local colleges, Durham University, Durham Community Action and the North East Chamber of Commerce.

Together, the taskforce will produce a COVID-19 recovery plan, addressing priorities such as coordinating the reopening of town centres, providing businesses with advice and guidance, engaging with major employers in the county and lobbying the government on gaps in its current support measures for businesses.

Simon said: "There's no doubting that County Durham will be at the heart of the recovery of the wider North East economy."

"Bringing together a wide range of partners will ensure that we're responding to the challenges that we face whilst grasping the opportunities to drive our economic growth."

"Our taskforce will pull together an ambitious plan that will ensure that we fulfil this and deliver right across the county. Getting this right will help us build on the significant strengths we have including a world leading university, globally ambitious businesses and a can-do spirit in local communities."

Cllr Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said: "In County Durham, the public and private sector has a history of working together to celebrate the people and businesses that make our county great. Our Powered by People campaign is a fantastic example of this and has really put County Durham on the map as a place to do business."

"This collaborative approach is more important than ever and is at the heart of CDEP and our new economic recovery taskforce. Our strategy will focus on the short and medium-term steps needed to support businesses during the release from lockdown and as we adapt to the 'new normal.' It will also look at the longer-term rebuilding of the county's economy, with partners working together to grow places, services and industries."

As well as offering direct support to businesses, such as workforce retention support and help to access markets, the group will also look at key recovery issues for individual sectors of the economy. These include the rural, manufacturing, tourism, retail, health, service, construction and distribution sectors. It will also explore cross-over themes such as transport links, logistics and spatial impact and liaise with national and regional partners to share best-practice. To find out more about the support on offer to businesses during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond, visit www.businessdurham.co.uk/covid-19-recovery

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Aykley Heads Planning Application Submitted

Proposals to create a business park in Durham generating an initial 4,000 jobs worth up to £400m have taken a step forward with the submission of plans.

Durham County Council has submitted a 'hybrid' planning application for the redevelopment of a site at Aykley Heads, which includes land currently occupied by the local authority's headquarters.

The hybrid proposals consist of a detailed application for office use on 'Plot C' and an outline submission for the scheme's first two phases, which have the potential to create 4,000 jobs. It is estimated a further 1,800 jobs would be supported in the construction of the park.

The application follows the decision of the council's Cabinet in January 2018 to create a new headquarters to pave the way for its County Hall site and neighbouring land to be redeveloped as a business park.

Aykley Heads, North of the city centre, is already home to Atom Bank, Waterstones, the North East England Chamber of Commerce, Salvus House and many other businesses.

It has been designated as a Strategic Employment Site, one of five across the county which are being delivered as part of the council's priority to deliver 'More and Better Jobs.'

Other strategic employment sites such as Jade Business Park near Seaham, NETPark at Sedgfield, Integra 61 at Bowburn, Forrest Park at Newton Aycliffe are now all delivering on the ground with some exciting announcements coming soon in terms of new opportunities coming to fruition.

Leader of the council, Cllr Simon Henig, said: "We are really excited to be in a position to submit these plans given the prospect of the park's potential to create 4,000 jobs in its first two phases and to provide a major boost to the economy of County Durham. The vision for the site is to create a new and unique business location for the North East that maximises economic growth in County Durham and delivers jobs in new and growing sectors with the aim of providing a high-quality employment location that contributes to the delivery of new and better jobs.

"We want Aykley Heads and this truly transformational project to help establish Durham as a jobs hub within the North East."

The business park is proposed to provide up to 38,468sqm of floorspace and to be divided into an initial two phases and six plots. Each plot proposes office buildings and car parking spaces, while the site is close to the East Coast Main Line and other public transport, as well as cycling routes.

Across the entire estate, 'character zoning' would be used to create distinctiveness, intended use and character, how an area functions in its own right and how it connects to adjacent zones. The site would be landscaped with green spaces which could be enjoyed by workers, residents and visitors alike.

Cllr Henig added: "We are looking to provide a modern central business location, in a mature parkland setting, within walking distance of the mainline train station and city centre, providing a unique work and lifestyle offering. We really believe Aykley Heads would create a future model for business parks in the post coronavirus world by creating accessible green working environments that enhance the wellbeing of staff and attract the best talent."

The proposed park has the support of the chamber of commerce. Its chief executive James Ramsbotham said: "This exciting development at Aykley Heads provides a unique opportunity to establish a dynamic business park in the centre of the North East with superb access to the national road and rail network.

"Possessing a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an internationally renowned university, Durham offers so much to so many businesses. This site, chosen by the chamber for its headquarters 25 years ago, is exceptional and this planning application is such an important first step in delivering on the transformational vision for this location."

Should planning permission be granted, work on Plot C would begin over the next year. To find out more about the proposed business park visit <http://www.durham.gov.uk/aykleyheads>

Totally Tiffany Joins the Crafter's Companion Family

US-based company, Totally Tiffany, has been acquired by Crafter's Companion and will join the retailer's family of brands.

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Tiffany Spaulding, who founded Totally Tiffany in 2003, will continue to be the face of the company and will work closely with the Crafter's Companion team. In addition to its portfolio of products, Totally Tiffany provides free, no-strings attached virtual classes on getting organised as well as free inspirational online content.

Sara Davies, founder and creative director of Crafter's Companion, said: "Since the company was founded, Totally Tiffany's has built a loyal customer base which has been achieved through the engaging and educational manner Tiffany showcases the company's range of products." "Crafter's Companion and Totally Tiffany operate in a similar creative landscape and have natural synergies, therefore it made complete sense for Totally Tiffany to join our family of brands. The organisational products will complement our existing products and the transition will be seamless. I have known Tiffany for more than ten years and I am beyond excited to work with her and for what the future holds for the Totally Tiffany brand."

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The My Wellbeing Space app can benefit patients at any stage of their treatment by providing advice and links with content including advice and links to information about: physical activity, late effects of treatment, food and nutrition, financial concerns, fatigue, emotional wellbeing and treatments. It also includes short video clips delivered by a consultant, clinical nurse specialist, wellbeing practitioners, GP, oncologist, a patient and carer. Patients will be given access to the app during their treatment. Tina Murray, from Neasham, near Darlington, who completed two and a half years' of treatment for cancer earlier this

year, said, "Coming towards the end of cancer treatment, I felt fear rather than elation. My life had been consumed by appointments, tests, treatments and I feared the loss of that structure. This is when you can start to realise the enormity of what has happened, feel isolated and fear the future. This is where the App comes in. It helps crystallise and identify in your mind the issues you are facing. It provides all sorts of information and sources of support available to you to help you through your emergence from treatment. You can get help dealing with your emotional mental health, as well as physical issues such as fatigue and where to get support for financial concerns. The App is very simple to use and because the support information is tailored to your local area, very relevant." Bryn Sage, chief executive at technology provider Inhealthcare, said: "This is a great example of how health technology can support people living with long-term conditions, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. As well as providing reassurance to patients, My Wellbeing Space also promotes a healthy lifestyle which can help the body to recover after cancer treatment." Health Call plans to share the app more widely through Trusts across the North East and North Cumbria.



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Dad, 29th July. Love you to the moon and back. No party allowed, but we will make up for it. Irene xxx

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Bob, have a nice day. Lots of love to you. Audrey xx

Happy 90th Birthday

Bob, Have a great 90th birthday Pop. Loads of love always. Steven, Graham,

John, Claire, Rachael and Georgina xxx

Happy 90th Birthday

Pop, (Great Grandad). All our love, Millie, Bradley and Isabel xxx

Hudson

Mrs Angie Cogan, Phil Bradley and family, wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for kindness and sympathy received, also cards of condolence and beautiful floral tributes. Special thanks to family doctors; staff of Wards 41 and 51 at Darlington Memorial Hospital; Rev Ann Anderson and the staff at Newton Aycliffe Co-operative Funeral Service.

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NAFC Gets Ready Youth Football Back to Training

Newton Aycliffe FC is finally seeing light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel with the FA's announcement that football activity can recommence. While there is still no absolute certainty the aim is that the 2020/2021 Ebac Northern League season will commence in early September. The Emirates FA Cup will begin on Tuesday 1st September, just four weeks after Arsenal and Chelsea contest this year's final.

Last Saturday the FA issued guidance to clubs on a potential timeline for a return to football in the National League System (NLS). The guidance also detailed the steps clubs need to take to ensure players, officials, volunteers and spectators are safe when they come to a game. Clubs must publish a risk assessment by 15th August.

Final details will not be confirmed until the government gives permission for games to go ahead in front of spectators. The FA has previously said that games in the NLS cannot be played without fans.

In the meantime, clubs now have permission to return to competitive training while friendlies can be played from 1st August. However, these games must be played behind closed doors. League games could be played from September, providing the government has agreed to spectators being present by then.

Newton Aycliffe FC played their last game on 7th March and were lying 5th in the Ebac Northern League Division One when the season was stopped and declared null and void. Since then a great deal of work has gone on at the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium with new drainage installed to improve the pitch. Thanks to a generous grant from GAMP the path to the ground has been resurfaced and a new turnstile is currently being installed.

The Club will publish further details when they have them but after 4 months' enforced absence it's good that things are starting to move again.



Pre-Covid-19 image

This week saw the resumption of training for Newton Aycliffe Youth FC, the longest serving youth football club on the town, following a 16 week suspension due to COVID-19.

The hard work from all the volunteers at the Club meant we were able to welcome back 17 teams & 250 players this week, in a safe and controlled manner.

Everyone is delighted to see players enjoying football again. In these unprecedented times it's great to finally have some good news. With contact training now being allowed by the FA full steam ahead for Grassroots football to return in the coming weeks. As Chairman of the football club I would like to extend my gratitude to all players and parents for their continued support through these tough times as we all adapt to the new procedures.

Thank you and welcome back.
Martin Smalls

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