

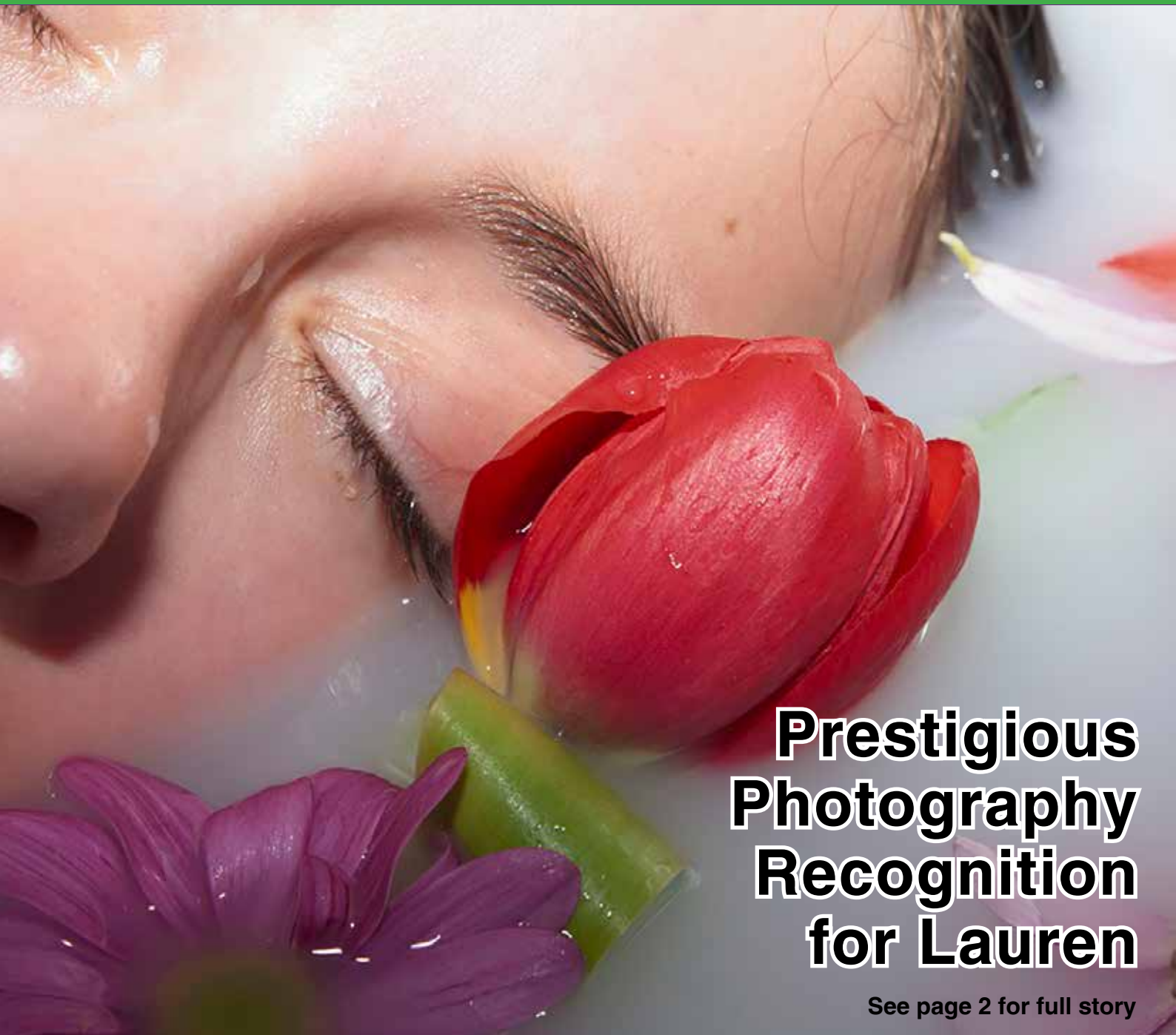
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Prestigious Photography Recognition for Lauren

Greenfield Community College are always delighted to hear about the successes of former students and how they have carved out careers in a range of professions. It has recently come to light that former

student Lauren Fletcher is to feature in the prestigious 2020 Photographers Awards Book having been selected as one of the finalists in the category celebrating student talent.

Lauren left Greenfield in 2017 and was inspired to specialise in photography following a school visit to an exhibition at Bowes Museum based upon the work of photographer Tim Walker. Lauren continued her studies in photography and she is presently a student at Northern School of Art.

It is a brilliant achievement to be recognised in such a prestigious publication and a sign of wonderful possibilities to come. We wish Lauren the very best for what promises to be a creative and successful future. Greenfield Community College are a specialist Arts and Science School and are committed to encouraging a broad and balanced curriculum that allows for creativity and extended learning opportunities. Greenfield like to keep in touch with former students and hear the great things they are doing. The school continue to build a successful and inspiring Alumni. The alumni have been involved in workshops, talks and worked with current students. If you are interested in being involved you can sign up at the following site. <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/greenfield>



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I read with interest the "nursing course application" letter dated 23rd July issue. How times have become so difficult and complicated - speaking to a lot of young girls and young men I meet. No wonder so many would love to be able to train on the wards in basic bedside care. Whatever happened to SENs (State Enrolled Nurses) or the Cadet Nurses? Sister and staff nurses with excellent standards, even dress codes, team work and comradeship, the order of this very worthy profession. Name and address supplied



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The Majestic Theatre is hoping to bring back family entertainment due to current circumstances, and what better way to do that than by sitting socially distanced, in the outdoors?

Join Rosie on her journey to grandmas house and Boo the BIG BAD WOLF along



the way! We don't want him pinching you're picnics. Be careful! We have heard he is always hungry! Meet Rosie's friends such as the lovely and bonkers Granny and her best friend Timber. Apparently there's also a magical fairy on the scene too! You may have seen our performer friends in 'Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs' last Christmas at The Majestic Theatre in Darlington. Tickets from £6 - Online bookings: www.majestictheatre-lee.com



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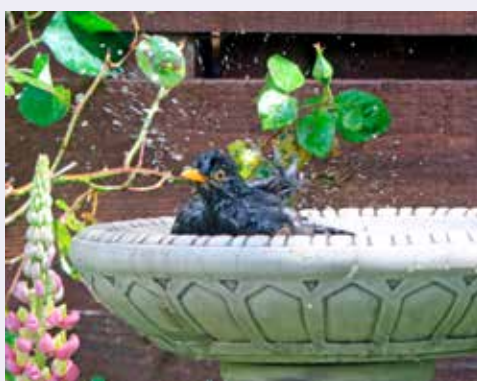
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The New Norm

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Peter Russell took this photo of a bird enjoying a bath in his back garden.

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'Democracy in Action'

Dear Sir,

It appears that, having an MP who votes in support of his Party's Manifesto and in accordance with the wishes of the majority of electors who elected him, is a novelty for Alan Jordan of Midldridge. This is democracy in action! Parliament did not work when remain supporting MPs voted against the express wishes of their electorate. MPs (including Phil Wilson) who continued to ignore the wishes of the majority of their electorate delayed Brexit by 3 years!

Our elected MP, Paul Howell, stood on a Conservative Manifesto and with a promise to 'get Brexit done'. This clearly was not right wing extremism in the eyes of the local electorate.

However, I accept that, from the extreme left-wing, anti-Semitic, viewpoint of a die-hard Momentum/Labour activist, the current Government is 'right of centre'. Be warned, these people still exist and hold sway in your local Constituency 'Labour Party'. How else did the local CLP, which claims to have 700 members, manage to endorse Rebecca Long-Bailey as a candidate for the Labour Party Leadership? Why is Rebecca Long-Bailey still a member of the Labour Party when she supported an extreme left-wing journalist who lied about Jewish involvement American police training? The extreme left is trying to turn the BLM movement into an anti-Semitic movement like itself.

Ask your 'Labour' Councillor if they are Momentum supporters or members. Ask them if they know how many CLP members are members of, or support, Momentum. You will find that they will not give you an answer. Momentum can only flourish at a local level if they can remain anonymous.

Our MP, Paul Howell is complaining about anonymous accusations. He should just assume they are from Momentum, and respond accordingly. Come the next elections, 'true' Labour candidates who cannot differentiate themselves from the current Momentum/Labour Party might as well not bother standing.

Yours Sincerely

Alastair P.G. Welsh

1146 Teams in Durham County FA to Score £39,500 of Club Preparation Funding

Football in Durham County FA was given a boost this week with £39,500 worth of investment from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation.

The funding is being awarded as grants from the Foundation's Club Preparation Fund. This has been created to help clubs prepare their buildings to safely reopen in line with Government guidance around hygiene and social distancing, and The FA's plans for a 'phased return' that were announced on 18 July.

79 grants were awarded to clubs across Durham County FA totalling £39,500. This will benefit 1146 local football teams across the county.

These Club Preparation Fund grants will go towards football sites to satisfy the extra hygiene measures that Government guidance requires. This includes:

- Installing hygiene facilities, such as hand sanitiser dispensers, soap dispensers, paper towel dispensers and waste bins
- Modifications, such as safety screening, contactless payment systems and signage
- Facility maintenance work, such as repairing hand basins and hot water provision
- Professional inspections that may be necessary due to the prolonged period of closure resulting from the pandemic – including inspections of water quality, gas and ventilation.

John Topping, Company Secretary, said: 'This fund has helped so many of our clubs provide and prepare for what is required to ensure safety for buildings to be opened and have the required sanitising and cleaning products in place. We are very thankful to the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation for their support during these unprecedented times'.

The investment follows the Foundation's Pitch Preparation Fund that awarded £7m to 2,902 organisations across the country. This is enabling over 9,000 football pitches to be made match-fit, and is benefiting more than 33,000 football teams.

The Football Foundation is a charity funded by the Premier League, The FA and the Government, through Sport England.

SYD HOWARTH Community Service Award

Nominate a community minded individual

The Howarth family, in memory of Syd Howarth, MBE, are offering the residents of Newton Aycliffe the opportunity to nominate an individual who has excelled over the last year.

The nominees must be from Newton Aycliffe and the winner will receive a plaque and £250 to go towards their own or another local charity.

Those nominating must give the name and address of the nominee along with reasons why this individual should win (up to 250 words).

Closing date for nominations is 31st August 2020, at which time those that were nominated will be published in the Newton News and the Howarth family will choose the winner.

The winner will be awarded the prize on Wednesday 21st October 2020 (Syd's birthday).

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Ayresome Art Club Inspires Fans

Boro's online Art of Ayresome exhibition featuring works by a number of celebrated artists has inspired Boro fans to get creative and share their own artworks.

Art of Ayresome is a collaboration between Boro, Manchester Metropolitan University historian Dr Tosh Warwick, Heritage Unlocked and Creative Factory Middlesbrough, and has inspired dozens of submissions from members of the public.

Fans have shared an array of drawings, graphics, paintings and sketches celebrating the history of the club's time at Ayresome Park that are now on display as part of Art of Ayresome.

Creations received include depictions of life on the terraces, portraits of 1980s stars and a fitting tribute to 'Charlton's Champions', shortly after the England World Cup winner and legendary Boro boss sadly passed away.

Art of Ayresome curator, Dr Tosh Warwick, said: "The exhibition has received an overwhelmingly positive response. It has helped evoke memories of Ayresome Park for many fans, helped share the club's history in a creative way, promoted artists' work to new audiences and provided an uplifting distraction for fans during the challenging times posed by Covid-19 restrictions.

View the contributions that we have already received in the Art of Ayresome exhibition. Submitted artwork can be on any theme inspired by the Art of Ayresome exhibition and might include, but are not limited to, cartoons, graphics, illustrations, paintings, photographs and sculptures. The deadline for submissions is Friday August 14

GOVERNMENT PAYING HALF ON RESTAURANT BILLS

Diners in the North East will see their restaurant bills slashed by as much as 50% from today as the government's landmark Eat Out to Help Out scheme officially opened for business on Monday 3rd August.

Anyone visiting a participating restaurant, café or pub on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August will receive the half price discount – keeping more money in hardworking families' pockets and giving a vital boost to the UK's hospitality sector. The scheme – part of the government's Plan for Jobs that will spur the country's economic recovery from coronavirus – applies to all food and non-alcoholic drinks, with a maximum discount per person of £10. It could save a family of four up to £40 per meal.

More than 72,000 establishments are participating, including independent eateries and family favourites such as Pizza Express, Costa Coffee and Nando's.

There have already been over 3.3 million hits on the Eat Out to Help Out restaurant finder since it launched last week, which shows what businesses are participating in local areas, and many restaurants have since seen a boost in bookings. Apps like Opentable, Fork and Bookatable are all planning pages to support the scheme. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, said: "Our Eat Out to Help Out scheme's number one aim is to help protect the jobs of 1.8 million chefs, waiters and restaurateurs by boosting demand and getting customers through the door.

"More than 72,000 establishments will be serving discounted meals across the country, with the government paying half the bill. The industry is a vital ingredient to our economy and it's been hit hard by coronavirus, so enjoy summer safely by showing your favourite places your support – we'll pay half."

The scheme will help protect the jobs of the hospitality industry's 1.8 million employees by encouraging people to safely return to their local restaurants, cafes and pubs where social-distancing rules allow.

Around 80% of hospitality firms stopped trading in April, with 1.4 million workers furloughed, the highest of any sector. Many participating restaurants offer healthy and low-calorie options, and the scheme should be enjoyed as part of a healthy and balanced lifestyle. No vouchers are needed, with the participating establishment deducting 50% from the bill.

People may be worried about returning to eat out. To address these concerns, businesses

have prepared to become Covid-secure through, for example, protective screens, contactless payments, social distancing, one way walking systems, online bookings and reduced capacity.

The Eat Out to Help Out scheme is one part of the Chancellor's £30 billion Plan for Jobs, announced last month. Other measures announced to protect, support and create jobs include cutting VAT for tourism and hospitality by 15%, a £2 billion Kickstart Scheme and an £8.8 billion investment in new infrastructure, decarbonisation and maintenance projects.



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Pick and Collect Library Service Rolled Out

A collection service introduced to help people in County Durham access library books is to be extended.

Durham County Council introduced its 'pick and collect' service earlier this month to enable people to borrow books for the first time since lockdown restrictions were introduced.

Although anyone can use the service regardless of where in the county they live or which library they normally visit, collection points were initially located at only nine libraries – Barnard Castle; Chester-le-Street; Consett; Crook; **Newton Aycliffe**; Peterlee; Seaham; Woodhouse Close, in Bishop Auckland; and Belmont, in Durham.

However, from Monday, 3rd August, this has been extended to include Bishop Auckland Town Hall; Easington; Sedgefield; Shildon; Spennymoor; Stanley; Thornley; Wolsingham; and Clayport and Newton Hall, in Durham.

The pick and collect service enables members of the public to order up to three books online or over the phone. They are then contacted by the library service, using their registered number, to arrange a collection day when they will be able to pick up their chosen titles from a participating library.

The libraries chosen for the first two phases of the scheme have been selected because they are busy libraries, which also offer sufficient space to provide the essential elements of the pick and collect service. This includes space for visitors to queue safely prior to entry and for a quarantine area to be created for returned books.

The chosen sites also offer a good geographical spread of locations around the county.

None of the libraries will be open for browsing. All other library services, including access to public computers, will remain suspended for the time being although the council is currently looking at how these services can be reinstated over the coming weeks.

Libraries across the country were forced to close in March in response to Government guidance on preventing the spread of coronavirus.

Since then, library users in County Durham have been able to access online services, with an extended digital offer including more eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobook titles and free access to research tool Ancestry.

These services will continue alongside a temporary Doorstep Book Delivery service, which was introduced during the lockdown period to provide books for isolated and vulnerable Books on Wheels library users.

During the summer, younger readers are being encouraged to take part in the national Summer Reading Challenge, which is has this year gone online. The Silly Squad-themed event offers youngsters the chance to play games, earn badges and receive rewards as they discover new a host of new books. More information is available at <https://api.readingagency.org.uk>. Participating pick and collect sites will also be offering giveaway prizes.

Pick and collect is available via Library Online service or by calling one of the participating libraries.

Library collections and telephone assistance times may differ at each library and will not be in line with their former opening hours.

Anyone can become a member of the library service by visiting Library Online or calling one of the participating libraries.

For more information, including contact details for participating libraries, visit www.durham.gov.uk/pickandcollect, or follow the library service's Facebook or Twitter accounts at <https://twitter.com/DurhamLibraries> and <https://www.facebook.com/CountyDurhamLibraries/>



Coates Wins on Mini Challenge Debut

The 2020 British Touring Car Championship and supporting races, including the MINI CHALLENGE UK got underway at Donington Park over the weekend. Max Coates has joined the MINI series with Elite Motorsport after four years in the Renault UK Clio Cup and he wasted no time in showing his intent to continue his winning ways.

In his Primex Plastics and PLASgran Recycling sponsored car Coates had a difficult start to the weekend, slightly off the pace in testing. That was until Qualifying when he posted the 7th fastest time. He was, however, on track to qualify 4th, just a tenth behind the pole sitter, when a red flag stopped the session before he could cross the line and complete his lap.

Then came race one, something new for the JiC Transport sponsored driver to master. The first race start didn't go too well as he dropped back a position. As the race unfolded his pace came through, passing two drivers to move up to 6th place. He was closing in on 5th and ready to pass when the safety car was brought out. From there Coates struggled to make up any more positions holding 6th position to the finish.

His race two start, taken from the finishing position of race one, again dropped him down the order, but the driver, backed by NGK Spark Plugs, made up positions holding 4th for the majority. A last lap battle with Tom Rawlings relegated him to 5th position.

Then onto the reverse grid race. Coates 5th place finish meant he would start the final race, televised live on ITV4, in 6th. A much better getaway left him in a fighting position on the exit of turn one and he duly moved up to 5th position around the outside of the series leader. Before the end of the lap he claimed another position to move into 4th. As they entered the second lap, he pounced up the inside of James MacIntyre into 3rd. He then set about catching the leaders and before the end of the lap made the most of a scuffle between the pair to claim the lead. From there he tried to pull a gap but was kept honest by Kyle Reid who closed in the final stages. Coates was able to hold on though to take his maiden victory in the series on his debut weekend.

After he commented, "That was a bit hairy at times, I had to make up ground in the first two laps and I took some risks. Fortunately, they paid off. We made a set-up change for the last race and it seemed to work, we've been learning with the car and race distances all weekend and I think we went some way to cracking the secrets of the car in the final race, so I'm now chuffed to bits."

2020 MINI CHALLENGE UK Season Calendar:

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2. Knockhill – 29th & 30th August
3. Silverstone – 26th & 27th September
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Photo: Max Coates won the live televised race of the Mini Challenge at Donington Park last weekend.



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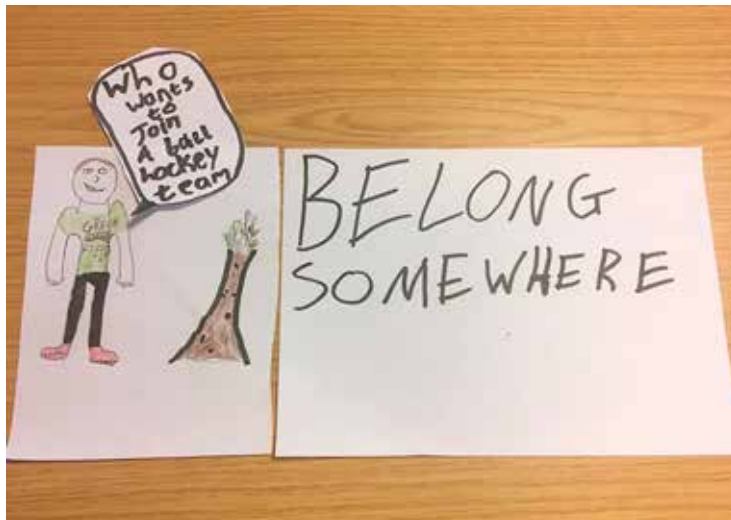
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GREENFIELD SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS



Students at Greenfield Community College have been given a valuable opportunity to work with professional artists and school staff as part of a creative summer learning programme led by Greenfield Arts.

Staff and practitioners were delighted to welcome two groups of Year 6 students as part of a comprehensive offers to support and ensure a smooth transition to secondary school.

The students enjoyed creative activities, working alongside teaching staff, Theatre Director Ruth Johnson and professional filmmaker Laura Degnan. The summer school, 'Future Me', enabled students to explore their recent experiences, discover new skills and find ways to be their best 'Future Me'.

The young people responded with an open attitude, exploring their many attributes and learning how these connect with Greenfield's ethos and how they can further develop their learning skills. The groups took part in creative games, creating their own new games that encouraged leadership skills and collaboration. They also created and edited their own film creations that explored their worries and ways to overcome them. The game ideas and final film will be shared across the school in the new school year, enabling many students to be inspired and learn from the positive experience of others.

A group of students who have been regular attendees at school over this challenging period of time were also offered a creative opportunity during the holidays. Greenfield Arts were able to offer an exciting programme that invited the young people to be curious, explore and create new work.

It was lovely to see the response to creative learning and the new found confidence building over the four-day programme. The students were able to learn new skills and take part in opportunities that will help prepare them for the new school year and develop their ability to be self-led learners encouraging curiosity and creativity.

The summer programme has been a valuable and enjoyable way for students to prepare to continue their academic journey, learning new skills and forming lasting friendships.

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An historic town hall will reopen to the public this week after being closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Durham Town Hall will also be extending its opening hours from one day a week to four days a week.

The venue, in the city's Market Place, had been open every Saturday until being forced to close in March due to government restrictions.

However, Durham County Council, which runs the venue, has introduced measures to enable the town hall to reopen. As well as a one-way system to support social distancing, additional cleaning is taking place.

Opening hours over the summer have also been extended to include Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Admission is free and there is no need to book.

Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism, said: "We understand that after weeks of lockdown, people are keen to get out and about. We also know that many families will be looking for ways to entertain their children during the school holidays.

"By reopening the town hall, we're able to offer them a fascinating place to visit where they can also feel confident that everything possible has been done to keep them safe.

"Furthermore, we hope the reopening of the town hall will offer another reason for people to spend time in our beautiful city at a time when the visitor economy is crucial to the county's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic."

The town hall began opening to the public in November 2018 and welcomed more than 11,000 visitors in just a year.

Visitors can learn about the powerful Prince Bishops who ruled the county from the 11th Century, the evolution of local government, and how the town hall developed from the first timber structure of 1356 to the building it is today.

They can also find out about the role of the Mayor and the Mayor's Bodyguard, who have been based at the site since 1602, and the ancient trade guilds and freemen of the city, who for centuries held political and economic power in the city and who continue to meet in the building's Guildhall.

The town hall is open from Wednesday to Saturday during the summer holidays, from 10am to 3pm. No booking is required. For more information call 03000 267 955 or email DurhamTownHall@durham.gov.uk



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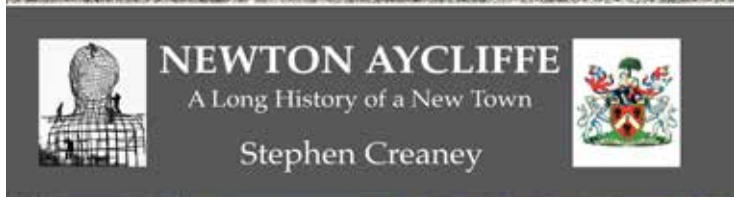
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New Book Puts Newton Aycliffe in Print



Our Town is only 72 years old yet has progressed from farmland to a vibrant community that has shown significant jobs and population growth in that short time. The history of this evolution has begun to be documented. Author Stephen Creaney is publishing a book entitled "Newton Aycliffe – A Long History of a New Town" which is to be printed by Newton Press.

After two years of research, former resident Stephen Creaney, describes how the town was established from raw farmland, a Church was created in a farmhouse, and pubs and shops were gradually opened. He describes how certain local individuals inspired the community to build something from nothing, creating over 40 local clubs within 5 years, and how the decades that followed brought significant growth as well as challenges including anti-social behaviour, vandalism, industrial accidents, pollution and bad press. The book attempts to describe the Great Aycliffe area from before the advent of the railways through the Second World War to the present-day. The early history of Newton Aycliffe itself is described on a year-by-year basis as the Town grew quickly and then decade-by-decade in the later years.

The book was an outgrowth of participation on the Photographic History of Newton Aycliffe Facebook Group where many former residents shared their memories and photographs of their 'artifacts'. Research was helped by discussions with Vivien and David Ellis who have been collecting Great Aycliffe data for many years, Great Aycliffe Town Council, Durham County Council, English Heritage, the London School of Economics (the Beveridge Archive) and many others. The archive maintained by the Newton News is also an extremely valuable reference set. The book is available through a number of local retailers including Newton Press.

My parents, Jim and Eva Creaney, were pioneers on the New Town, moving into a prefabricated bungalow in late 1948. I owe my upbringing to them, as well as my early life in Newton Aycliffe and this book is a way of 'giving something back' to this great Town. The book costs £12.99 with all proceeds going to a Newton Aycliffe charity.

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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

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
10-12am	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad

MONDAY to FRIDAY DAILY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

6-8pm	The List	Colin McNeillie
8-10pm	BeatRoute	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	14th August - Martin Norris Movin' Melodies	Gaz n Alby
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	

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Supporting Hepatitis C Action Plan

County Durham Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services signed up to a new Hepatitis C Action Plan to mark World Hepatitis Day on 28th July. The action plan aims to further increase testing for Hepatitis C, ensuring specialist pathways and onsite treatment for the virus. Phil Ransome, Area Manager for the County Durham drug and alcohol recovery service, said: "We know that Hepatitis C is most commonly spread through blood-to-blood contact, such as sharing needles.

We are fully behind this plan because it will be of real benefit for the lives of the people who use our service across the county."

The plan by Humankind, which is the lead partner in County Durham Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services, is in response to a recent government report, which stated that across the country, people are not getting access to needle and syringe services as they should. The charity has said there should be "no closed doors" in any of its services.

Among a list of pledges set out in the plan, the organisation states it will

- Invest in staff to increase testing rates and re-testing rates of people at risk
- invest in training for staff to ensure we have a skilled workforce
- allow time for data inputting
- ensure testing provision is across the whole treatment system
- reach out to people not registered with its services
- commit to listening to what people who use its services say on how best to tackle the issue.

Meanwhile, County Durham Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services is joining a national campaign to raise awareness of Hepatitis C and the fact it can now be cured by a simple course of tablets.

On World Hepatitis Day, the organisation, along with a range of other charities, NHS Trusts and the Hep C Trust are backing the Hep C U Later campaign online and within its services.

Phil said: "Our message is that this virus can be treated and can actually be cured easily!"

"It's not like the old treatment which lasted for months and sometimes had side effects. The success rate for this short course of tablets is much higher and it's unlikely you'll feel ill."

New Look Café to Open at Bishop Auckland Town Hall

The opening of a new look café will offer people a taster of a £1.5 million revamp of a historic town hall.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall was due to reopen to the public earlier this year following a major refurbishment programme, but this has been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

However, Durham County Council, which owns the building, has introduced a number of measures which mean the venue's revamped café opened on Monday 3 August.

The improvement work has included relocating the café to the ground floor in order to provide a much larger, brighter and more welcoming space. A new menu featuring locally sourced produce has also been introduced.

The café also provides the new home to Norman Cornish's Miners' Gala mural, which has been relocated from County Hall, in Durham. The piece is on display alongside a stunning stained-glass feature by fellow local artist Tom McGuinness. New interpretation panels have been created for the pieces, but will not be installed until the building is able to open in full.

In order to reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus, extra space has been created between tables in the café, while additional signage has been introduced to support social distancing.

Cllr Joy Allen, Cabinet member for transformation, culture and tourism, said: "We are delighted to be able to open the café at Bishop Auckland Town Hall, particularly after such a lengthy closure. "It is disappointing that we were not able to go ahead with our plans to reopen the whole building in the spring and show off all of the improvements that have been carried out, but at least we are able to finally welcome people back with the opening of the café. Customers will even be able to enjoy our exclusive, locally sourced 'Bishop Auckland Town Hall' brand of coffee.

"Since the easing of lockdown restrictions, the town's market place has seen a real boost in visitors and I am sure the additional outdoor seating will attract even more people, boosting the local economy. "I very much look forward to the time when people are able to see all of the improvements we have made but, in the meantime, I hope they will take advantage of the opportunity to have a first look at our newly refurbished town hall."

The café is open Monday to Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, and there is no need to book in advance. It is hoped that an evening supper menu will be introduced when the theatre programme returns.

The town hall's new-look library is also one of 10 new locations where bookworms will be able to access Pick and Collect services from Monday (3 August). The service, which was launched earlier this month, enables members of the public to order up to three books online or over the phone. They can then collect their chosen titles from a participating library from an allocated day onwards. The library will remain closed for browsing and PC access.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall closed last August to enable the refurbishment scheme to be carried out. As well as significant improvements to the café and library, work has included the creation of a new gallery space and significant improvements to the auditorium.

For more information and for the full café menu visit www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk. For more information about the Pick and Collect service, visit www.durham.gov.uk/pickandcollect, or follow the library service's Facebook or Twitter accounts at <https://twitter.com/DurhamLibraries> and <https://www.facebook.com/CountyDurhamLibraries>



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ROMAN AID FINE ART BOWES MUSEUM



Europe's leading shower designer and manufacturer, Roman, were delighted to support the reopening of the most iconic fine art building, the Bowes Museum. During this unprecedented time, Roman assisted with the provision of 10mm bespoke glass shields to create a safe and socially distanced environment for staff and visitors.

The magnificent building houses the famous Silver Swan, one of the best-known exhibits in any Northern museum and stands proud in the historic market town of Barnard Castle, overlooking the beautiful Teesdale countryside.

It is the home of an internationally renowned art collection which reopened its doors on Saturday 1st August 2020. The Bowes Museum was originally built in the 1860s by the Bowes-Lyon family which was the Queen Mother's family - the building was designed as a French chateau and purpose-built as a museum.

Roman designed, manufactured and installed a total of 10 bespoke units based on different specification requirements for various areas in the museum including the café, shop, offices and reception area.

Roman's in-house design team presented a range of bespoke drawings on a hotel specification level - all 10mm glass with chromed brass fittings. The café counter and reception desks required cut-out windows to safely assist visitors. The round shape of the reception desk meant a standard straight shield was unsuitable so Roman incorporated glass-to-glass brackets in the design to achieve a clean curved finish.

Leigh Shaw, Assistant to the Director of The Bowes Museum, said: "We have been really impressed by the professionalism of Roman Showers and highly recommend them. Their advice and guidance has helped us swiftly put in place the correct screening around areas that need it in light of COVID-19, including our reception desk, tills in the shop and Café Bowes. Their products are of a high quality and were installed by a friendly and knowledgeable team."

David Osborne, Managing Director of Roman Showers, commented: "The Bowes Museum is a national treasure. We are delighted to have been able to assist the reopening of one of the UK's art world

gems."

Photo: Roman Reception Shield featuring the famous Silver Swan, an 18th century Wonder of the World

Men Talking Together

MEN TALKING TOGETHER have changed the name of the centre to "THE COSY CABIN" instead of The Big Shed, which is located in Unit 14A I.E.S. Centre, DL5 6DR (behind Screwfix/Crafters Companion and only 5 minutes walk from Simpasture shops, behind Newton Press on the original UMM site). Our next get together is on Monday 10th August from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

There is plenty of car parking space or if you would like to be picked up for your first visit, please ring 07967 901477 or 01325 308094. We visited Seaton Carew for fish and chips last week and are to take a trip to Preston Park next week. We encourage members to recommend places to visit, using the Community Mini Bus. One of our members quoted "If you are at a loose end with nothing to do, come and join us".

There are pies, sausage rolls, cakes, as well as tea/coffee - all FREE. Others from outside of Newton Aycliffe are also very welcome. Ring 07967 901477 or 308094 for more information.



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

The Council on 31/7/2020 made the above 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 junction 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 junction 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 junction 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.

Dated: 7/8/2020



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Free Training Hub to Improve Mental Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace

A free training hub is raising the standard of mental health support for employees across County Durham.

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) and voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations with fewer than 250 employees based in County Durham, are being offered free training and support to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health, reduce stigma and foster a supportive environment for employees.

Commissioned by Durham County Council and delivered by Hartlepool and East Durham MIND (HEDM), the hub can be accessed free of charge by SME and VCS organisations. This programme is funded for two years.

The programmes will comprise of eLearning and traditional delivery formats, although face to face training is currently on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic. Methods of delivery will however be reviewed regularly in line with local and national guidance on this matter.

Business owners, managers and employees are all welcome to join the hub. All organisations, irrespective of sector, will benefit from the training provided.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for adult and health services said: "We know that good mental health is



important in every aspect of our lives. This hub is designed to make good quality mental health support available to as many individuals as possible. We spend a lot of time in our workplace, so making sure the environment in which we work, and the people we work with, are all educated on mental health is a major positive for businesses and for the people who work there.

"As a result of their size, SME and VCS organisations may well have fewer resources to commit to this type of training, but size doesn't make these issues any less important. Indeed, the impact of mental health and wellbeing issues, for example from staff absence due to ill-health, is likely to be bigger and more strongly felt in smaller workplaces."

Sarah Slaven, interim managing director Business Durham, said: "Business Durham recognises the importance of good workforce health and wellbeing, and this has been particularly important recently where we have seen first-hand the pressures faced by people working in businesses across the county.

"Small and medium sized businesses make up the majority of our businesses, and this resource will support them to develop the skills required to build resilience to meet the challenges of the coming months."

Subjects included in the hub training include mental health awareness, managing stress and improving personal resilience, certificated Mental Health First Aid and recognising and combating mental health stigma and discrimination.

Find more information at: <http://www.countydurhamtraininghub.co.uk>

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Parliament Talk

This week I have had a complete change of plan, I should have been taking a short holiday to Spain with Mrs Howell for a week but, as has happened to so many others due to the increase in Covid 19 infections in Spain, our plans have had to change. On the plus side this has given me more opportunity to get out and about around the constituency. Last Thursday I took the opportunity to visit Trimdon Village Hall and spoke with some of the staff and volunteers there that do such a good job assisting the community, their support has been even more vital during Coronavirus, especially to the elderly and more vulnerable residents. Whilst I was there I spoke with Bradley Tiffin, a 16 year old boy, along with his family, is a volunteering stalwart at the Village Hall. Bradley had passed his CBT motorcycle test at the start of lockdown and had been using his new moped to make weekly deliveries of community packs and milk and eggs to the elderly. Sadly someone stole Bradley's moped and although the family have had it returned it is extensively damaged. The family are reaching out for assistance to get Bradley back on the road and have had an offer from a garage in Hartlepool of free labour but are still in need of help to source the right parts. If anyone can help please get in touch with my office and we can put you in touch with the family. The Trimdon team had some spare toys which we were able to redistribute to Junction 7 and I had a quick catch up with Simon, Jane and everyone there. Again, the support that they continue to provide to our community is just brilliant, including children's activities on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the next 3 weeks during the summer holiday period.

Last Friday I took part in a Question and Answer session with some members of the Aycliffe Business Community. It never ceases to amaze me the diversity of businesses that exist. The questions were led by Martin Walker, but the best part for me was listening to the businesses give their own good news stories, in challenging times like we are in, these were really encouraging. It is good to see the connections that are made between the businesses within Aycliffe Business Park and the surrounding area and I will be a regular attender.

On Monday I joined Cllr Dorothy Bowman at the relaunch of the Men Talking Together Group that she has set up, the group is located in Unit 14a, The I.E.S. Centre, DL5 6DR. The group meets regularly and also takes trips out using the Community Mini Bus. This gives men the opportunity to get out and meet others for a chat and a coffee. After attending this group I also checked in at Play Café before popping out to meet with a business owner from Trimdon to discuss the impacts of Covid 19 on their business and employees. In particular we discussed furloughing and some future lobbying of Government regarding their particular industry sector. I also discussed issues regarding the ExcludedUK APPG group which is representing those individuals who have fallen through gaps in the Government support schemes and how best we can support any constituents who find themselves in this situation.

On Tuesday I joined Dorothy Bowman again at the Women's Group which has now moved from The Navy Club to the Sheraton Bar at The Big Club. Both her groups provide companionship and support and I commend Dorothy for her proactive community activity for Newton Aycliffe.

As Coronavirus continues it is important we continue to respect it, please can I remind you all to refresh yourselves on the current policies. We are doing well but we are most definitely not out of the woods yet. We must respect that this virus is a danger to our most vulnerable and act responsibly to stop any spread.

Keep washing your hands more often than usual, abide by social distancing measures, wear a mask in retail premises and on public transport and please be vigilant.

Please stay safe, give everyone space, enjoy the sunshine and look after each other.

Best Wishes,

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Business Support Scheme Extended Ahead of Government Deadline

More businesses are set to benefit from a financial support scheme set up to help them deal with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Durham County Council is widening the eligibility criteria for its local Discretionary Grants Fund so that hundreds more businesses can benefit.

The authority is making the changes to ensure that as much of the £5 million funding pot provided by the Government is allocated before the scheme closes on Friday, 28 August.

Up until now, the funding has been focussed on businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors and has prioritised support for small businesses in shared offices or other flexible workspaces; regular market traders with fixed building costs; B&Bs that pay council tax instead of business rates; charity properties in receipt of charitable business rates relief; private nurseries; small manufacturing businesses with retail outlets within the property and which sell to the public; and businesses involved in the supply chain to the retail hospitality and leisure industries.

The scheme has been extended to include:

- Any local small or micro business operating from a recognised rated business premises with a rateable value less than £51,000; and
- Businesses in the science and technology sector which occupy office or other flexible workspace with equivalent rent or property costs of £51,000.

The council is planning on contacting all businesses it believes will be eligible to benefit from the revised scheme to encourage them to make an application and ensure they are able to access the money they are entitled to. Each business will be entitled to claim one grant. Cllr Carl Marshall, Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The county's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic is very much dependent on the survival of our business community. It is vitally important that we do all we can to help them through this financially difficult time.

"We have carefully considered how to extend the scheme and open it up to support local businesses with the resources we have. We know there are many businesses that desperately need support but there is only limited funding available and we are determined to spend all of it if we can.

"We were recognised at a national level for our success towards the beginning of the pandemic in quickly and efficiently passing on funding that has provided a lifeline to many County Durham businesses.

The Government announced in July that its Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF), Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF) and the Local Discretionary Grants Funds, which were all set up to support businesses during the pandemic, will close on Friday, 28 August. This means that the money made available to County Durham must be allocated by this date and any funding that is not claimed will be lost.

In order to ensure that all paperwork can be processed and money paid before the cut off date, the council will not be able to accept applications received after Sunday, 16 August.

Durham County Council has already issued almost all the funding it is responsible for allocating through the SBGF and RHLGF, with 8,791 businesses receiving a share of more than £98 million.

It has also allocated 54 per cent of the cash it has available through the Discretionary Grants Fund, which was introduced at a later date, with more than £2.6 million being distributed among 407 businesses to date.

Some additional eligibility criteria will apply to the extended scheme but the council is doing all it can to ensure as many businesses as possible receive a share of the funding.

For more information, visit www.durham.gov.uk/ladgfund



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OWN A SHARE IN A LOCALLY TRAINED RACEHORSE

Introducing 4Racing which has been set up by Graham Arnold & Ian Griffiths as a fundraising campaign to help horse-racing stable staff, the heartbeat of the industry, that have suffered due to COVID-19. They feel it is important to give something back to the industry that gives pleasure to so many people and employment to thousands as well.



4Racing is an official charity partner of Racing Welfare and fundraisers for Riders Minds

They have a website, Facebook page and group, the links are shown below.

One big part of what they are doing is to have 2 horses leased to run for the campaign. One is in Ireland and one in England. The trainers are both young, ambitious trainers who were happy to get behind the campaign as Brand Ambassadors as was well known commentator Derek 'Tommo' Thompson and former jockey and his wife; Brian & Jackie Storey.

The horse they have in training in England is with Rebecca Menzies, who trains at her Howe Hill Stables near Sedgfield.

She is a lovely 4yo mare called Snowy Burrows.

4Racing are charging no admin fees at all for this and any surplus, over and above the expenses of having the horse, go to the fund.

4Racing are selling shares in Snowy Burrows, limited to 100 each.

They are available through the website: www.4-racing.com at £325 for the year as a one-off payment or £30 per month in instalments, making them affordable to all. If they manage to sell all 100 shares, thousands of pounds will be raised for the campaign.

Racing is such a huge industry and important to so many economies why not get behind this a little and show some support and at the same time have some fun!

Graham said, "I am sure at £30 per month so many people would want to get involved if we can we get the message out to a wider audience as possible. This is where we need help from everybody that loves their racing or rely on it to earn a living. People will surely want to get involved as they will be contributing to a good cause at the same time as having fun with the horses"

Website is: www.4-racing.com

Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/4racingvcovid19

Facebook group is: www.facebook.com/groups/905156079910239

First Steps Into County Durham Care Roles

County Durham's newest adult social care workers are settling into their posts following a recruitment drive prompted by the coronavirus pandemic. County Durham Care Academy launched the fast-track recruitment and training programme in April in response to pressures being placed on the sector by the crisis.

More than 200 people expressed an interest in care worker, domestic assistant and kitchen assistant roles, with 24 progressing into work.

The Care Academy was launched by Durham County Council last year to support the development of a skilled and valued adult social care workforce in the county.

Its latest recruitment drive, matching applicants to opportunities in their local area, reached more than one million people via social media. The academy also offers remote training and development to provide potential new staff with the skills they will need to access opportunities in the sector.

There are more than 100 independent sector care providers in County Durham, supporting adults with social and physical activities including household tasks, personal care and attending appointments.

Devonshire House in West Auckland was one of the first care homes to make an appointment through the campaign, taking on new care worker, Billy Coyle, from Bishop Auckland.

Billy was forced to look for a change of a career during the coronavirus pandemic and is enjoying his new career so much he has now enrolled on a level 2 diploma in adult social care with the Care Academy. He said: "I was unemployed, I decided to give it a go and looked it up on the link through to the Care Academy website and filled in my details. There were 12 to 15 units to complete online before my details were circulated to local residential care homes and other companies in the private care sector."

"It took about two weeks to complete all the training. I'm dyslexic so the support I was given through the Care Academy to help me through certain parts of my modules was brilliant. Around a week later I had my interview at Devonshire House then my induction and shadow shifts."

"The transition from my previous roles to this was fantastic – I couldn't ask for a better team. If it wasn't for the Care Academy, I wouldn't have had the specific training online and the basic knowledge to get me started in the care system."

Opportunities are available for anyone wishing to work in adult social care, including those without prior experience. Further information is available at www.durham.gov.uk/careacademyrecruitment. Regular updates can also be found on the care academy's Facebook page www.Facebook.com/CareAcademyDurham/recruitment



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Excelpoint Unveils a New Corporate Brand Identity and Website

North East based software innovator Excelpoint has undertaken a brand review and unveiled a new corporate brand identity and website.

The new brand identity reflects Excelpoint's commitment to achieving its vision of empowering organisations worldwide to create efficient enterprise-wide business systems and workflows, changing the way they do business into smarter, streamlined and cohesive solutions.

To reflect this, a new strapline has been introduced to the brand, "smarter software solutions" to represent the commitment and experience the team brings to the world of digital transformation.

The new website will aim to increase its online presence and support its strategy of enhancing the customer experience.

The website and new corporate brand identity were developed by Lemon Top, a full-service creative agency based on Aycliffe Business Park.

Lemon Top worked closely with Excelpoint to develop a website and brand identity that reflects Excelpoint's core values and future strategy.

The team at NBSL also supported Excelpoint with a funding contribution towards the rebranding project following an easy to complete application process.

The rebrand follows Excelpoint's relocation of its head office to a new custom-designed state-of-the-art office within The Work Place on Aycliffe Business Park.

Ian Brown, Managing Director, commented: "The new website and brand identity come at a time when we are evolving as a business and expanding our global reach. Our new identity better reflects our market position in the no-code software sector and demonstrates the experience we bring to our customers across the world."

"The new website outlines our holistic approach to business process automation, and the new brand fully encompasses our core values of integrity, innovation and commitment. We approached the project with our current and future customers in mind, creating a modern brand and website to enhance the customer experience."

"It is an exciting time for Excelpoint as we continue to develop and grow as a business throughout this difficult time. We felt that now was the right time to invest in our marketing strategy to create a brand which will help us to achieve our strategic growth plans, and that reflects our market position in the no-code software sector."

Operating in the fourth industrial revolution - the digital transformation, Excelpoint empowers organisations worldwide to create efficient automated enterprise-wide business systems and workflows.

It is leading the way in the no-code software sector, implementing solutions to realise cost savings, improve efficiency, enhance the customer experience, improve data accuracy, automate management reporting and drive employee engagement.

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Excelpoint puts businesses back in control, with rapid implementation of software to address business challenges and improve efficiency.

To explore Excelpoint's new corporate identity and learn more about Excelpoint, please visit www.excelpoint.co.uk, contact them on 01325 375930, or email hello@excelpoint.co.uk



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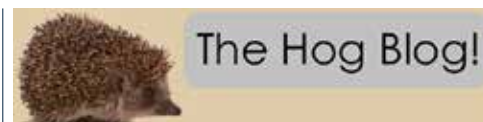
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We hope that everyone is safe and well and enjoying our weekly hedgehog updates. It's been an eventful week, some admissions and a very happy release for a litter of three, that I had reared from babies. They arrived here because they were orphaned and we don't know to his day what has happened to mum. Very small and their eyes closed they needed to stay in a very warm vivarium together, these tinies take a lot of care and attention but it's very worthwhile!

Please put the British Hedgehog Preservation Society number in your phone book 01584 890801.

Can I take this opportunity to thank Marian who saves all her newspapers, pops them in a carrier bag so neatly for me to use on the bigger hoggies when they are well enough to build nests, we are very grateful.

On a more serious note, Lorraine called around and brought a lovely big boy who was discovered crying out in a garden close to Vane Road School, he had been tangled up in some wire which caused an injury which broke the skin, of course flies also became a problem, laying eggs that hatch into maggots which is also quite a horrendously slow and painful way to die. Nevertheless, myself and Lorraine worked together to stabilise his painful condition with a suction machine I have here to get rid of the fly strike and some antiseptic spray to ease his suffering, it was 9.30pm and the vets were closed but we eased his discomfort. The vets admitted him Wednesday morning through till Saturday when he was brought back here to complete antibiotic treatment. We have called him Claude, he is doing well and can go home soon. May I mention that we, as rehabbers, work closely with very reliable and supportive Vets who support us for just such emergencies but what we need is our readers help to get these poor hedgehogs to us quickly, it makes the difference between life and death.

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Shaun Coulthard Newton Aycliffe

1st August, peacefully at home. Shaun aged 53 years.
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Sadly missed by all his family and many friends.
Due to current circumstances a small gathering for the funeral will take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Thursday 13th August at 11.30am. Family flowers only please.
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John Gibson

Died peacefully in St Clare's Court care home on 1st August 2020, aged 82, of Newton Aycliffe, formerly Shotts, Scotland.
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Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, had a very straight forward seven wicket victory at home to Saltburn 2nds in the NYSD 2nd division. The visitors were asked to bat first and were bowled out for a below par 112 after 34.1 overs. Birthday boy Jack Slatcher was again amongst the wickets taking 3 for 19 from his 13 overs and Michael Howe (sponsored by Bob and Yvonne Wood) supported well with 2 for 29.

In reply, Aycliffe lost three quick wickets leaving them wobbling at 34 for 3. However, an unbroken 4th wicket partnership of 82 from Michael Howe (56 not out from 46 balls) and Adam Gittins (21 not out) saw their team safely home to their winning target after only 23.1 overs. Special mention must go to club stalwart Adam Gittins (sponsored by Jack and Jake Connors) who passed 5,000 runs for Aycliffe during his innings and became only the sixth player in the club's history to reach this notable landmark. The first team match was sponsored by Crafter's Companion.

The second team was again packed with juniors, including 15 year old Jai Sander and 13 year old Harrison Pearson, who were both making their senior debuts, but their team were no match for their experienced counterparts from Billingham Synthonia, going down by 111 runs in the NYSD 4th division.

The home side elected to bat first and scored a challenging 178 for 8 declared

after 33 overs despite some good bowling from Thomas Dearden (3 for 45), Harrison Pearson (2 for 19) and Dan Weldon (1 for 16). In reply only Kyle Robinson (sponsored by Star Recruitment) reached double figures, top scoring with 38 as Aycliffe were skittled for 67 from 26.4 overs.

The u17's put in an improved performance but were still defeated by seven wickets away at Rockcliffe Park in the NYSD Junior league. Electing to bat first Aycliffe reached a respectable 108 for 4 from their 20 overs. Owen Smith batted superbly to finish unbeaten on 39 and there were also useful contributions from Matty Greaves (21 runs) and Will Varley (11 runs). In reply the home side eased to victory with 4.1 overs still remaining despite some excellent bowling from leg spinner Thomas Dearden, who finished his 4 over spell with 2 for 20.

The u15's home game with Barnard Castle was abandoned due to rain with the visitors left stranded at 48 for 2 after 7 overs.

Earlier Aycliffe posted a good score of 114 for 6 from their allotted 18 overs thanks to Thomas Dearden (15 runs), Jai Sander (13 runs) and 12 runs each from both Adam Shaw and Owen Smith.

The club's u13's lost their first game of the season at home to a strong Richmond team by six wickets in the NYACC league. Asked to bat first, Aycliffe were dismissed for 69 after 15.5 overs with Adam Shaw and Will Dearden both top scoring with 13 runs each. In reply, the visitors reached their winning target after 14.2 overs despite some good bowling from Dan Heaton (2 for 10) and a wicket each for Alfie Spensley and AJ Wild.

The u11's had an excellent win by 38 runs away at Barnard Castle in the NYACC league. Captain Will Dearden batted superbly when he top scored for Aycliffe with 26 runs and Alfie Spensley also batted well scoring 19 runs. When Barnard Castle batted, Jamie Evans (2 for 18), Daniel Wild (1 for 7) and Will Dearden (1 for 7) all had success with the ball for Aycliffe.

On Friday 31st July, Newton Aycliffe Women played their first competitive senior game when they hosted Chester-le-Street in the Durham Womens T20 League. Despite losing by 26 runs, the team played with a great spirit and showed excellent enthusiasm.

Photo: The Aycliffe Women's team in action, when fielding during their first game at home to Chester-le-Street.

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