

# Newton News

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# New Development Not Part of Newton Aycliffe

Dear Sir,  
Regarding the letter about 'Development at Middridge' in last week's Newton News, I would like

to correct some points made by Great Aycliffe Town Councillor, Bob Fleming, regarding Middridge Parish.

Prior to 1983, Middridge was part of the Civil Parish of Shildon, and following the major reorganisation of local government in 1974, when Great Aycliffe Town Council (GATC) was first formed, Middridge was represented by two local Councillors on the new Shildon Town Council. Thus, despite any plans the Aycliffe Development Corporation may have had to include Middridge in Newton Aycliffe, in fact they have always been separate. In the early 1980s, the then Sedgfield District Council encouraged and supported Middridge to become a Civil Parish, and eventually we were granted this status in 1983.

Since then Middridge has had its own Parish Council, completely separate from both its neighbours. Thus, the new houses being built along Middridge Road, which lie wholly within the Middridge Parish boundary, are definitely NOT part of Newton Aycliffe! Nevertheless, the Parish Council do work in partnership with GATC, particularly as members of the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Area Action Partnership (GAMP).  
**Cllr. Harold Howe**  
Chair of Middridge Parish Council

# Speed Watch in Aycliffe Village



Aycliffe Village Residents Association (AVRA), in association with Durham Police, this week started an ongoing campaign against vehicles travelling in excess of the 30mph speed limit on both the A167 and North Road through the Village.

This has been a problem for years and at last AVRA is able to react and hopefully slow traffic down, especially those coming off the by-pass into the village.

Monday morning's session was incredibly successful and effective. A significant number of vehicles were caught registering speeds well in excess of 30mph and one at nearly 50mph and also drivers using mobile phones, another, in particular, looking down to the left hand whilst texting.

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Schools, County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, Play Cafe, Junction 7, Lifeline Community Action, Local Families and Endeavour Woodcraft.

We have donated flour and other ingredients to our local residents who have been baking to support our community. We have also donated sweets to our local surgeries and care homes, to give the people looking after us a well needed boost.

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I work for an amazing charity called Mental Health Matters and I am based at the local CMHT - Goodall Centre in Bishop Auckland, we cover South Durham, Sedgfield, Trimdons, Spennymoor, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Newton Aycliffe and as far as Crook and Tow Law.

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# Methodist Church Services Resume

**The Methodist Church at Neville Parade is reopening for its first Service on Sunday 27th September at 10.30am.**

**The Service will be led by our new Superintendent Minister Rev David Payne. A warm welcome awaits. Strict social distancing rules will be in place.**

**It is with regret that due to the present restrictions our Christmas Crafts & Gift Fair will not be taking place this year. Take care everyone and stay safe.**

# Male Victim Abuse is Real

Dear Sir,  
*This is written on behalf of my son.*  
To all the unsuspecting men out there, beware, as there are some very evil women around.

Don't ignore the warning signs of domestic abuse, like I did, act on them and run as fast as your legs can carry you and tell people what your abuser is doing to you. Please do not keep it to yourself hoping it will stop, because it won't. Things will only get worse. Yes "men" do suffer from domestic abuse, it is not just women who are victims. So get out and report these criminals before it is too late.

Don't leave it like I did, you don't get any medals for putting up with it, only humiliation and demoralization.

Their aim is to control and belittle you, this is not "love" it is CRUELTY.

But with love and care from my true friends, I will get through this nightmare.

You might not be so lucky, so please listen to my advice, get out now and keep your sanity. Remember, there are some good people out there - reach out to them.

*These are words of a male victim, written by his mother, who directly becomes a victim of the abuser.*

Name & address supplied

# HMRC Scam

Dear Sir,  
I think this will be of interest for some of our older and more vulnerable readers. There is an email doing the rounds, reportedly from the HM Courts and Tribunals service detailing a fixed penalty fine for parking a vehicle.

Beware, it is a scam!  
I have contacted HMRC and they have been inundated with calls about this issue.

What to look out for in the email:

1. It only says United Kingdom in location.
2. It quotes that the telephone number is currently unavailable.
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# Happy Retirement Cath to Woodham Academy



Amidst the turmoil that presented itself in March this year, the education landscape changed in Newton Aycliffe as Cath Sewell retired from her post at the Durham School Centred Initial Teacher Training Programme (SCITT).

Cath has been a devoted servant of education in the town since starting her career at Woodham in September 1972, during which time she had significant influence over the development of generations of young people.

Cath's philosophy was very simple and was later embraced by the school as their motto 'Achievement for All'. She was a great advocate for creating an inclusive education environment in which all students could thrive. Her nurturing approach made her a firm favourite with not only students, but colleagues too. Cath began her time at Woodham as an English teacher, but it was in her role as Head of Year that she was most prominent and had the greatest influence in the development of students within the school.

Given her vast skillset, it was inevitable that she would be promoted to a position on the school leadership team. Her strategic awareness and ability to communicate and inspire staff made her an extremely valuable member of the team. In addition to all of her work within the school, Cath was a huge advocate of students learning outside of the classroom and had a great desire to support staff in a wide range of educational environments and residential visits. She regularly contributed to the staffing of overseas visits to support students in broadening their educational experiences. Although she finished her teaching role at Woodham in 2011, she still played a huge part in education, sharing her expertise and experience by training future teachers at the Durham SCITT which is managed by Woodham Academy. There will be many who have benefitted from Cath's experience and will be indebted to her as a result of her unique skillset. Whether it be staff or students, people will have been positively influenced as a result of the time they spent with Cath. All of her previous colleagues would like to wish her a very happy retirement and thank her for the contributions she has made!

# Palram Donates Safety Screens to Woodham Academy



Palram DPL Ltd, a plastic fabrication company based in Newton Aycliffe, has donated Perspex screens to Woodham Academy.

The transparent dividers allow teachers to see their students, and employees to see their co-workers in a safe way that adheres to new social distancing practices. The screens have been used in the school's reception and IT departments.

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If this does not answer all your questions then please email [contact@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:contact@greenfieldschool.net) to make an **appointment to either chat with Miss Davis or have a short tour of the school.**

# Keeping People Safe in Volunteer Transport

Back in March, as the country went into lockdown, Supportive, a registered charity and not for profit organisation founded in 1994 helping people to achieve a better quality of life, immediately started to investigate how they could continue to support the people of County Durham to get to school and to much needed health appointments once restrictions were lifted.

With over 140 volunteer drivers, Supportive transport adults and children in support of Durham County Council and manage the Help to Health transport scheme in support of the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

As a significant proportion of the volunteering team are over the age of 60, and many over 70, it was important to find a way to welcome them back safely as the need for journeys began again.

In conjunction with their domiciliary care service, Supportive staff dedicating time and resource and, with the application of some creative thinking, ensured the purchase of enough PPE and antibacterial solutions, made possible with added support and donations from businesses and individuals.

With safety of both passenger and volunteer driver in mind they developed a 'Safety Kit' complete with masks, wipes, goggles, hand gel and gloves, held in a wipe down box with clip closing.

Research was also conducted to find an easy to clean shield style solution that could be fitted to the volunteer's car easily and without damage to the vehicle, creating a barrier between the front and rear seats. After a number of sample tests, Supportive successfully found a Dutch manufacturer who supplied 100 'Driver Bubbles'.

The safety kits have been issued to all drivers and the bubbles are being fitted now to offer reassurance to passengers and give them the confidence to volunteer once more, knowing that they are prepared with safety measures in place. We are delighted to say that feedback from both passengers and the volunteer drivers has so far been very positive.

If you require information about Help to Health or are interested in becoming a volunteer driver go to [helptohealth.org.uk](http://helptohealth.org.uk) or [supportive.org.uk](http://supportive.org.uk) for details.

# Bethany House Flower Festival



Bethany House held an In-House Flower Festival on Wednesday 9th September and would like to share the above photograph with everybody.

The poppy arrangement is dedicated to our residents who have died this year "we will never forget you". Families and friends you are always in our prayers.

### Thank You Everybody

Residents living at Bethany House would like to say a huge thank you to the manager, Sue Foster, the whole staff team and Trinity Care Agency, for the care given and continued support they have received this year.

The staff team would like to take this opportunity and thank all the people who have kindly given us masks and gloves, when we struggled to get supplies. Also beautiful pictures from local schools, gifts, letters of hope, candles, cakes and sweets. We thank the fire brigade for turning up and clapping with us key workers. The many singers and entertainers, Xcel church visitors, for giving up their precious time to see us all and Aycliffe Radio for the Memory Lane show broadcast weekdays 1-2pm.

I cannot name everyone but you all know who you are, we really appreciated everything and the kindness shown during the past months.

Everyone keep smiling and keep each other safe.  
Debbie

# Police Will Take Enforcement Action

Police officers will be on hand to explain the new rules surrounding Coronavirus to our communities across County Durham and Darlington.

From Monday, 14th September people will be able to gather in groups of no more than six, whether indoors or outdoors, other than a handful of exceptions.

Throughout the pandemic, Durham Constabulary has worked with residents to engage, explain and encourage people to do the right thing to keep themselves and their neighbours safe.

Enforcement action, including dispersal orders and fixed penalty notices, will only be taken to resolve the situation with those who refuse to comply.

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# “I Will Leave The Reader to Judge for Themselves”

Dear Sir,

In answer to Councillor Michael Stead's poorly-researched and abusive letter in last week's issue of the Newton News. I gave the reasons why I voted against his motion quite fully last week.

He alleges that I do not know what I am doing on the matter of double taxation. As the Chairman of the Larger Local Councils Committee in 2009/10, I represented the committee at the Durham County Consultative Committee and it was agreed that double taxation is unfair and obtained discretionary grants for all affected parish councils. Great Aycliffe received grants totalling £154,000 over four years.

His proposal that Great Aycliffe Town Council approach Durham County Council on its own would be doomed to failure. Durham County Council would not settle the issue with one council and ignore the claims of many other town and parish councils in County Durham.

Councillor Stead goes on to quote that 'a raft of services are provided in other areas'. He quotes three areas – Chester-le-Street, Crook and Consett.

Chester-le-Street is largely parished and has more parish councils than Aycliffe, for example Waldrige Parish Council, Pelton Parish Council, Lumley Parish Council, among others. Only the town centre and the Riverside area are unparished.

Now for Crook. Has he visited Crook and identified the raft of services provided? When I officially visited the area a number of years ago, with Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, Crook had a welfare recreation area at Pease West (provided by the Miners' Welfare Fund) and a very nice swimming baths. I visited Crook recently and did not see any rafts of new services, but the swimming baths have been demolished.

I have not visited Consett in recent years so I am unable to comment on what is provided by Durham County Council there. I do know it received assistance from a number of agencies to help the area recover after the closure of its steelworks.

Councillor Stead goes on to say that unparished areas have wonderful flower displays, which we get from our Town Council for an additional cost. He should check his facts before he goes into print. Yes, in Newton Aycliffe we have some wonderful flower displays, especially at the entrance to the town from the A167, down Central Avenue and around St Mary's roundabout. This wonderful display was originally provided by Sedgfield Borough Council, is planted and maintained by Durham County Council and not Great Aycliffe Town Council. We do provide plants in our parks and Aycliffe Village.

He then goes on to claim that we are paying £250 a year more Council Tax than other towns, without naming them. The figure of £250 is deceptive, as 74% of the rate payers in Newton Aycliffe live in Band A-C houses and pay far less than this amount. The following figures are taken from a document 'Schedule of Council Tax by Town and Parish Councils Within Durham County Council 2020/2021'. At Band D, these are Great Aycliffe £250, Chilton £218, Easington Colliery £272, Horden £305, Peterlee £285, Seaham £246, Shildon £275.

Great Aycliffe Town Council budget is £1,717,500, of which £67,000 is paid in providing the statutory services of cemeteries and allotments. All other services which are provided are discretionary. If Councillor Stead is proposing to reduce Town Council tax he has two main avenues - Raise the charges to the public or reduce services.

As we are preparing our Medium-Term Financial Plan and next year's budget, I would be pleased to receive Councillor Stead's proposals on which specific charges he wishes to increase, and which specific services he would propose to cut. Before he does so, I suggest he visits those councils mentioned above and check the services they provide, compared to those that the residents of Great Aycliffe receive.

I find his comments on the Town Council not being run efficiently offensive. Not only to all members of the Council, but also to our excellent staff members. What does he base this comment on? We have high level, independent auditors, who examine all areas of our finances annually. Over the past 13 years, from 2006-7 we have had the highest possible results, which in audit terms are 'unqualified' which means that the auditors have no adverse comments to make on our finances. We have, however, received many positive comments, the most important being that Great Aycliffe Town

Council provides good value to its rate payers. Has Councillor Stead ever studied, or even seen, the auditors' reports before making his outrageous comments?

Councillor Stead has shown time and time again that he has not done any serious investigations to so many items in his letter, he has not done his homework.

As for his attack on my leadership, Councillor Stead knows so little about me as a person or as a councillor that I won't even comment on his allegations.

Finally, Councillor Stead states that the voters do not believe a word that we say 'satisfaction surveys carried out in 2017 and 2019 showed that 79% and 87% of those responded thought Great Aycliffe Town Council provided very good services and value for money'.

In my opinion, Councillor Stead is not really interested in the £5.61 that he pays per year to Durham County Council and double taxation. That is 10p per week (if he saves it for a fortnight, he will be able to buy a carrier bag). No, it is all about next year's County Council and Town Council elections. Why do I believe that? On seeing the motion that Councillor Stead presented to the Council, I sensed that all was not as it seemed so a number of enquiries were made to other councils and lo and behold we discovered that identical (down to every sentence, letter and full stop) motions were also put before Spennymoor and Shildon Town Councils. When confronted with these facts, Councillor Stead admitted in Council that this was a Liberal Party motion, that was being presented to other councils in the area. So, did Councillor Stead compose the motion or was it composed by person or persons outside of Aycliffe in an effort to discredit the County Council and Town Council. This was an underhand move at the very best, so who was really trying to pull the wool over who's eyes? I will leave the reader to judge.

Councillor Bob Fleming  
Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee  
Leader of the Council

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## Eldon Fire Could Burn for Some Time

Dear Sir,  
It has emerged that a waste site which has been on fire for weeks was the subject of numerous complaints from residents in the area prior to the blaze. The former Eldon Brickworks site, just a few miles from Newton Aycliffe has been on fire since Monday, 31st August



and is set to continue burning for some time.

The fire has prompted Lib Dem councillors to call for a full investigation into what has happened at the site and a full review of waste sites across County Durham. They believe more needs to be done to ensure potential fires are avoided in the future.

Cllr. Mark Wilkes, Lib Dem shadow portfolio holder for neighbourhoods and climate change on Durham County Council, said: "It is very clear that the Council and others have been aware of problems with this site for some time, and we have discovered that some conditions of the original planning application were not implemented. Given the public health impact of what has happened, we believe there must be a full review of all waste sites across County Durham to make sure that they are safe for the environment, for local residents, and for those working at them."

Great Aycliffe Town Councillor, Michael Stead, who visited the site this week comments: "I am getting regular complaints from residents about the smell from the burning of this toxic waste. Some residents with existing health issues are really struggling. We need to know how much longer this is going to last."

The waste at the site is being control-burned for safety reasons and fumes can be smelt across whole swathes of County Durham. A multi agency team is working with site owners to address the problem.

It appears that as much as 4000 tonnes of waste was stored at the site. The site was only licensed for specific types of waste but general household waste was being stored at the site.

Labour-run Durham County Council has been aware of problems at the site for some time.

Lib Dem Cllr. Stead says, "With such serious public health issues, some serious questions need answering. We have asked for a specific investigation in to what has happened at this site. I'm really concerned about people's health."

Cllr. Stead has had residents contact him including one resident in Woodham who says their relative is really concerned due to having a lung condition.

Lib Dem councillors are also questioning if national agencies have the resources they need and believe residents should be getting proper updates on the fire.

Official Opposition Leader on Durham County Council, Amanda Hopgood, (Lib Dem) comments, "We need to be certain that the Environment Agency has the resources it needs to monitor these sites, and we have written to them asking various questions."

"However it is also clear that residents across the south of the County feel there has been a lack of adequate communication by our Labour-run council and their partners."

Lib Dem councillors have contacted various County Council Departments, the Environment Agency, Public Health and County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service over the issue.

## Woodham Year 11 Results Day

GCSE results day at Woodham Academy is always a highlight for all concerned. The ability to celebrate with our hard working students, recognising the five year journey they have completed, tops off an often hectic academic calendar.



With GCSE exams being cancelled this year, the school felt it was vital that these students didn't miss out on this experience. A staggered timetable was created to help maintain social distancing, but this didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended.

Deputy Headteacher, Sarah Dickinson, explains "We were clear from the outset that the efforts of these students needed to be celebrated. A professional photographer was hired to capture the moment students revealed their grades and could celebrate with family and friends. GCSE results are far more than a year 11 experience. They recognise students' full journey, one which we are proud to help them with. Well done and good luck to all our outgoing year 11's."

## N.A.F.C. REPORT

Newton Aycliffe begin their campaign in the Buildbase FA Vase this weekend with a home tie against Barnoldswick Town.

The FA Vase gets underway this weekend despite last season's final not having been played yet. The Consett / Hebburn final should have been played at Wembley on Sunday 27th September. However, this has now been postponed by the FA following the latest govt restrictions.

Meanwhile the 2020/2021 competition gets underway on Saturday 19th September. Colin Stromsoy will be hoping his side can make amends for their early exit from the FA Cup. Barnoldswick Town of the North West Counties League will be the visitors to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium. It won't be their first visit. Aycliffe beat them 3-0 in 2015/2016 in what proved to be our most successful Vase season, reaching the fifth round.

Barnoldswick exited the FA Cup last Saturday so, like Aycliffe, will be keen to get off to a good start in the Vase.

Kick off is 3pm on Saturday with admission £6 adults & £4 concessions. It will be pay on gate but spectators are asked to bring exact change if possible to minimise cash handling. All spectators are required to participate in Track & Trace. This couldn't be simpler if you have a smartphone. All you have to do is scan a QR code at the gate. If you don't have a smartphone please fill in your details on the list as you come into the ground.

Aycliffe earned a point in a hard fought League game at home to Shildon last Saturday. The visitors took the lead in the second half but then had a man sent off for a dangerous tackle. Aycliffe equalised through a cracking goal from Ben Reay, scoring against his old club.

Newton Aycliffe were due to travel to Whitley Bay on Tuesday 22nd September. However, that game has been postponed as Bay will be playing in the FA Cup that night. It's one of two fixtures which are awaiting a new date. Please keep up to date with fixtures at our website [www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk](http://www.newtonaycliffefc.co.uk) - This season is shaping up to be as challenging for the fixtures Secretary as it is for the players.

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# Youthy Boys Teams Take Centre Stage

After only one week of league fixtures, the rise in Covid-19 cases in South Tyneside, Sunderland and Gateshead, forced the Russell Foster League to cancel all fixtures for the next 2 weekends. This was a huge disappointment to all our Saturday girls and boys teams, after a long lay off during lockdown. Although the Teesside Junior Alliance League fixture schedule starts in October, those teams that were ready could start their season Sunday 13 September, giving an opportunity for two of our boys teams to finally play some league football.

## Fishburn Park 2 v 2 Under 14 Eagles

The opening game of the season was a long trip to Whitby for the boys on a very windy day and a small pitch. The Eagles were told to play the ball on the floor but it was the home team that took the lead. Undeterred the boys got the equaliser just before half time, a 1-2 in midfield set Jack Greenwell towards goal gliding past three defenders before tucking the ball away into the bottom corner, half time 1-1. The boys were playing some great football despite the strong wind, however, it was Fishburn who again took the lead from a scrappy corner. The Eagles then stepped up a gear having several opportunities to score when one on one with the keeper but he was having an outstanding day in goal, keeping his side in the lead. With 15 minutes to go Noah Scott hit a great shot from outside the box, giving the keeper no chance this time, to score the equaliser and share the points. Full time 2-2. A great opening day was rounded off with team building at the beach and fish and chips.

## Acklam U 10's 2 - 5 U10's Eagles

First game of the new season and the boys started well, applying loads of pressure and it wasn't long before they were rewarded when Jayden managed to bag his first goal of the day for the Eagles. Aycliffe were working hard tracking back as a team but Acklam managed to squeeze one past our defence and find the back of the net, 1-1. The boys continued to push . . . Jayden again found himself in front of goal and buried the ball into the back of the net, 1-2.

Aycliffe were playing some fantastic football using the wingers out wide to drive into Acklams half and making some brilliant crosses into the box. Evan worked so hard in central midfield, keeping possession and playing in his team mates. Lucas made a run down the right and with his quick feet took it round the Acklam defender and smashed the ball into the goal, 1-3. Acklam weren't giving up though and again managed to get a goal back before the ref blew for half time, 2-3.

Second half saw the boys hungry for more goals and you could tell they weren't wanting to let their lead go, as they continued to play some great passing football. Again the Eagles attacked with Jayden on the ball using his strength to keep possession and take it round the Acklam defenders to score for his hat trick, 4-2. The boys were now dominating and attacking as a team creating plenty of chances in front of goal. Another great bit of team play when Dan C slotted through an inch perfect ball to Riley in front of goal to score, full time, 2-5.

Fantastic all round team performance today with every player contributing to the win. Working hard in all positions and a great way to start the new season. MOM went to Jayden, not only for his three goals but an outstanding performance.

In the development game the boys continued to play great team football and managed a clean sheet whilst also bagging themselves six goals, from Krystian x 2, Riley, Lucas, Nathan and Dan C.

MOM in this game went to Carter for a fantastic defensive performance. All the boys were great today in both matches, great start to the season lads, keep up the fantastic work.

## ADULTS TEAMS

### Newton Aycliffe Women 2 v 6 Bishop Auckland Ladies

A disappointing result for the Women at a blustery Oakleaf, we opted to kick into the wind and uphill for the first half in order to make it easier in the second half it turned out to be a bad decision. Bishop went into a 0-3 lead within 15 minutes before Aycliffe hit back, Lottie drove the ball out of defence and played a ball over the top for Katie to run onto, Katie placed the ball over the on-rushing keeper to make it 1-3 half time, with all to play for the second half kicked off and the wind dropped, Bishop went on to score a further 3 goals with Aycliffe managing one more, Jordan with a left footed corner curled in at the near post.

Final score 2-6, definitely a game we all need to learn lessons from.

### Redcar Athletic Under 23's 6 v 4 Aycliffe Under 23's

The U23s travelled away to the side expected to be in the top two in the league, having suffered two heavy defeats last year to the same team, it was a good chance to see how we have progressed. Aycliffe started the game kicking into the wind with the intention of defending deep and going into the second half still in the game.

Aycliffe found themselves on the back foot, this was mainly down to the wind, but our formation was keeping Redcar to long range shots which Carl Robinson in the Aycliffe goal was always comfortable dealing with. We soon put Redcar under pressure and a misplaced pass from their back line found Sam Thompson, he found the back of the net. A well worked corner from Redcar lead to their equaliser and right on half time they were rewarded a penalty kick which was



converted to go in at half time 2-1.

Some strong Northern league players were brought on at half time and this made the difference and within five minutes of the second half we found ourselves 4-1 down. We continued to attack and Sam Thompson grabbed his second of the game. At the other end Carl Robinson was helped by his defence to keep us in the game.

Redcar scored their fifth but Aycliffe still refused to give in and Jay Bateman produced a nice turn and finish from outside the box to make it 5-3, with fifteen minutes to go Redcar added their 6th, again from a corner. With five minutes left Aycliffe added their 4th from the penalty spot when Richard Murray fired home. Excellent effort from every member of the squad.

If you need any further information on any of our boys and girls teams go to our web site [www.nayfc.com](http://www.nayfc.com) - For information on our Wildcats Girls Development or Little Eagles Boys development sections for 4-8 year olds, contact Berni 07939 045242.

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## LET THE SECRETS UNFOLD



With roots planted firmly in Newton Aycliffe, Paul Howarth, editor of the Newton News, catches up with Arden Grant, a high school friend and author of, 'The Fuzidon, Will you die to live again?' Clinching a FREE read deal for his avid readers in a candid conversation, Paul asks about Arden's life journey and finds out where the inspiration came from to write his epic thriller - one that interlinks three worlds.

## The Interview

**Paul:** "I bump into some of your siblings at times when they come into the shop. How many brothers and sisters do you have?"

**Arden:** "Four and four. I'm the second youngest of nine, making it five brothers.

**Paul:** "When you finished school at the Avenue Comprehensive, what did you do? As I remember you had a passion for cars."

**Arden:** "I suppose most teenagers did back then, until you pulled up in a van splashed with Night Owl Roadshow across it. I never figured you for a DJ?" (Paul laughed).

**Paul:** "I believe that was around the same time you opened your first business on Aycliffe Industrial Estate?"

**Arden:** "Yes, kit cars. I was a young, budding entrepreneur. It was short lived, though I did manage to make the front cover of some car magazine after exhibiting at the Great Aycliffe Show."

**Paul:** "What made you decide to leave your home town?"

**Arden:** "That's a loaded question."

**Paul:** "Would you care to elaborate?"

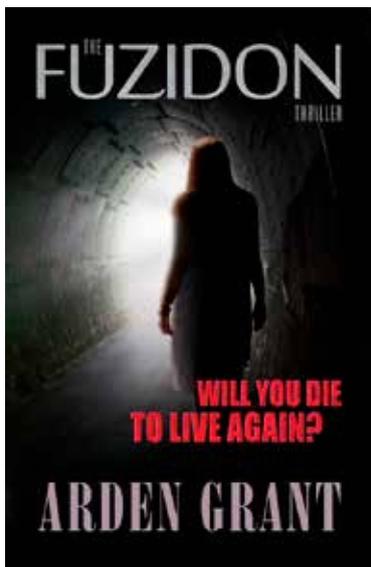
**Arden:** "Back then I was going through a lot of soul searching. But I recall one specific night when I was at an all-time low. The air was brisk. The sky was clear. Filled with frustrations, I walked to the garden gate and looked to the stars. I began muttering my inner thoughts aloud, questioning my purpose, like one does in difficult times. All of a sudden, a rush of adrenalin coursed through my veins. My heart raced, it was hard to breath. My hands started to shake. It was only moments, but it scared me. I felt my life was about to come to an abrupt end."

**Paul:** "Did this ever happen again?"

**Arden:** "Once in 2006. Maybe we'll come back to that later."

**Paul:** "Then let's talk about the time between then and now. Tell me a bit about your life, where you were, what career path you took before you decided to write."

**Arden:** "I don't think we've got a year to spare. But I'll paint you the



picture in broad strokes. Over the course of two decades I went in search of my destiny. I travelled a fair portion of the world starting in Europe. I connected to a few business owners. Being entrepreneurial I negotiated a deal paid on results. I felt I could do a better job than what others had been doing for them. It was a long shot but I was motivated. With no risk to them, it worked out and new doors of opportunity opened. After that, I travelled globally, both as a trainer, trouble shooter and sales director for companies in hospitality and real estate sectors."

**Paul:** "Did you miss your home town?"

**Arden:** "I did, but when you're living in the moment, it's rare to get time for yourself, and even harder to revisit family back home."

**Paul:** "Any regrets?"

**Arden:** "Sure, many. To others, it might seem a glorious way to live, in reality, it was a pressure cooker. Like New Yorkers said to me, five years in the Big Apple is like one in Europe."

**Paul:** "So when did you realise your years went by so quickly?"

**Arden:** "The day I saw you again." Arden laughed.

**Paul:** "Very funny. I see you never lost your sense of humour. So when exactly did you decide to change your career direction?"

**Arden:** "That was about five years ago, that's when I decided to write more seriously. But three years ago, writing became my primary focus."

**Paul:** "Your novel is somewhat of an epic, my wife's read it and her words after finishing it were, I want more! Where did the inspiration behind such a tale come from?"

**Arden:** "Well, the truth is quite unbelievable."

**Paul:** "I'm sure we would all like to know."

**Arden:** "Do you remember the opening scene in chapter two of my book?"

**Paul:** "I do."

**Arden:** "Putting the fiction aside, that morning when cold winds blew, drizzle fell, and dark clouds met with crashing waves, in reality that was me in 2006, jogging barefoot along the beach. Just like the time I mentioned walking to the garden gate, a short time before I left Aycliffe, I spoke out once more in frustration. Actually, I screamed."

**Paul:** "And is this when you felt that same sensation for the second time?"

**Arden:** "Yes, but on this occasion as adrenalin flowed, a story so vivid and overwhelming gushed into mind, swamping all other thoughts I had. Stupefied, I froze for a few moments. Afraid I'd lose the narrative thrown my way, I ran to a small beach shack and scribbled on more than fifty paper napkins."

**Paul:** "And that's how the story came to you?"

**Arden:** "The skeleton outline, yes. The storyline was a gift, yet a gift that taunted me to write and rewrite time and time again, until it all made sense and I typed the words, The End. Bizarre, isn't it, how the universe challenges you before it gives back?"

**Paul:** "Which means?"

**Arden:** "This is what I asked for Paul, back at the garden gate, all those years ago. It seems I had to have first lived life's course, to become worthy to have been handed this particular tale!"

**Paul:** "Then it's been a long journey."

**Arden:** "That it has, and yet the end is just beginning."

**Who is the Newtonian author going under the pseudonym Arden Grant?**

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Last week started with me attending what is known as a Delegated Legislation Committee (DL). This particular DL was on the industrial training levy for the engineering construction industry and enacted for the levy from industry to be continued to support industrial training. This was passed unanimously by all parties.

Last Wednesday was National Farming Day and I was proud to be able to support our farmers in Westminster after Prime Ministers Questions. On Thursday I was pleased to join the launch of the Climate Assembly UK and its report on the path to 'Net Zero'. This was an assembly of people from all demographics and regions and provided very valuable contributions to the debate on our future path. Later in the day I contributed to the debates on Aviation, where I supported the value of regional airports like Teesside, and on Tourism where my focus was on the difficulties facing the coach industry, and I was able to reference them as the glue that connects all aspects of tourism.

Friday was a "sitting Friday" which happens several times a year. I participated in debates and I was pleased to be able to voice my support on the importance of Credit Unions within communities before travelling back to Sedgfield. As you may have seen in the press, in the early evening the Prime Minister held a zoom call with many Conservative MP's and I joined the call. This was to inform us personally about the Internal Markets Bill to be debated this week.

Over the weekend I went to see Newton Aycliffe draw 1-1 with Shildon at Moore Lane in the Northern League and then saw part of the young cricket 2nds playing Maltby. It was a lovely Saturday afternoon for watching and playing sport and it was great to see people enjoying themselves, of course with sensible social distancing employed. I hope to get there again next week to see the final game of the season for Newton Aycliffe cricket first team.

This Monday started with support for national Road Safety by firstly a trip to Dean Bank School to talk to an assembly, then supporting the neighbourhood police team in their efforts in Newton Aycliffe. I then travelled to Westminster for the Internal Markets Bill. There has been a lot of emotive debate suggesting that this was a vote to break the law. This is not the case, the vote was to give the Bill a second reading and move it to the committee stage. At this point more detail is examined and amendments considered. There is also a context in which to consider the potential scale or significance of a potential dispute between UK law as mandated by Parliament and EU legislation through the Withdrawal Agreement. The European Court of Auditors stated in September that 15 EU states had breached EU rules in agreeing bilateral commercial deals, the German courts have ruled that they had the ability to determine when and if Germany is subordinate to EU law. This Bill is working on the same premise that, as stated in section 38 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2020, that the Parliament of the UK is Sovereign.

The Bill strengthens our Union in many ways and is intended to put in place a last resort "break glass" clause to be used as in an absolute last resort should the EU effectively break the law by acting in bad faith in the Joint Committee. I absolutely hope that negotiations will, as intended, find a way to resolve checks to Northern Ireland through the protocol or a new free trade agreement and I was pleased with the Prime Minister's assurances that we will continue to use mechanisms such as the joint committee to resolve disputes. I voted in favour of a second reading of this bill.

I have received many, very vocal representations, on this Bill from constituents who have strong views in both directions. I will consider all views as we continue the debate on this over the coming days and I look forward to listening and learning more about this incredibly important subject before voting on its further stages.

We are all aware that we are seeing some increases in Covid positive tests, both nationally and close to our region. Please can I implore everyone to do the right thing to look after you, your friends and family and the broader population. Please wash your hands regularly, wear a face mask when required and give people as much space as practical. All of these actions are proven to drastically reduce transmission and increase the prospect of us all having as "normal" a life as possible.

If you need a test then information is available at [www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.durham.gov.uk/coronavirus) where there is information on help and assistance available for anyone who may struggle to self-isolate. Help can also be accessed by calling the County Durham Together hub on 03000 260 260 between 9.00am until 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Testing capacity has increased substantially but the demand has increased even faster, if you have problems sourcing a test please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Have a good week and stay safe.

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# MISREPRESENTATIONS

Dear Sir,

On Sunday 24th August a couple of dozen people - with the permission of the authorities - created an artwork on Palace Green, setting out 750 pairs of children's shoes to illustrate the danger of Climate Change to the next generation. Two senior local politicians - the Leader of Gateshead Council and the MP for Durham City - joined me to congratulate and thank them.

It is beyond sanity to say that these earnest and gentle people - or indeed the three speakers - were trying to 'overthrow Democracy', as Mr Alastair Welsh screamed in last week's Newton News.

## NOT TRUE

Mr Welsh then went on to make some direct misrepresentations about me, which need correcting.

I am NOT 'evil', neither am I a 'cancer' - what kind of human being calls other people such things?

I am NOT a member of Momentum, neither am I a Marxist/Communist. Mr Welsh flings these terms as abuse-words but they have precise meanings. By contrast my Labour Party membership card tells me that politically and economically it is 'a Democratic Socialist Party', and that is the only political label he can truthfully attribute to me.

I am NOT 'anti-capitalist'. My 'other job' at Durham County Council (as Cabinet Support: Economy and Regeneration) is to promote economic growth, and in 2017 I was named 'Aycliffe Ambassador' for the way I encourage local businesses. I seek a strong, resilient economy which provides people with fulfilling, prosperous jobs ... and it is not 'anti-capitalist' to want that economic model to operate in a way which does not ruin the climate or abandon large numbers of people to food banks, homelessness and in-work poverty.

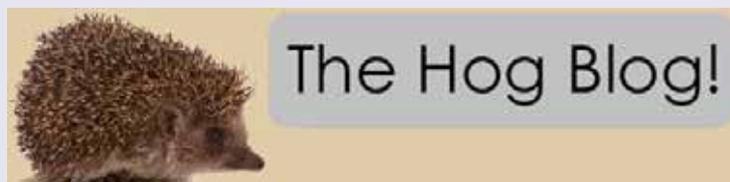
## ACTUAL DEMOCRACY

Being a member of Momentum, a Marxist, a Communist or anti-capitalist are all allowed political opinions in our free society ... but they are labels incorrectly applied to me.

Most of all, I am NOT anti-democratic. I remind readers that the three speakers, including myself, were all \*elected\* to our positions; by contrast, it is Mr Welsh who is the self-appointed demagogue, presuming to speak on behalf of a populace who have not asked him to represent them.

Mr Welsh - without any respect for truth or reason - simply throws mud in the hope that by constant repetition some of it will stick.

John D Clare



It's been a very busy week for us with admissions and releases. We have released quite a few, maybe six, with plans to release more by the end of this week, weather permitting. We still have babies coming in and they are not alone with internal parasites, they do take some time to clear them up so if you see a little one out during the day alone please take action, bring him or her indoors out of the way of predators and they also need warming through.



It's come to our attention that some people have witnessed children poking hedgehogs with sticks, this behaviour has to be stopped, be aware of what your children are doing, these mammals have quite enough to contend with as it is.

We have two babies in, both under 200grams, their progress is slow but progress is sure.

**Weekly Tip: Ring the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for help advice, and a rehabber, if you see a sick, orphaned or injured hedgehog on 01584 890801.**

# Crafters Brave the Chop for The Little Princess Trust

Two women have raised more than £1000 for The Little Princess Trust after donating their long locks to the charity.

Olivia McHale and Hillary Delve, who work at Crafter's Companion based in Newton Aycliffe, recently had seven inches and 14 inches respectively, cut off at The Salon in Coundon. Throughout the past few weeks the pair have also been fundraising for the charity, managing to smash their £600 target by raising more than £1000. This is the first time Olivia has donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust and Hillary's second time, the first being in March 2018. The hair has been sent to the charity and will be made into special wigs.

The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Established in 2006, the charity has supplied over 8000 wigs to children and young people and has invested approximately £5 million into ground-breaking childhood cancer research.

Hillary said: "My reason for supporting The Little Princess Trust is that they don't just help children and young people with just one particular illness. They focus on supporting the mental health of all children with any life-altering illness and I am overjoyed that we have been able to raise some money for them."

Olivia said: "The reason I wanted to get involved was that, while we haven't had childhood cancer or any sort of illnesses that causes



hair loss in our family, I saw the effect that the chemotherapy treatments had on my grandma and how her confidence took a knock after losing her hair.

"She had a fake hair wig that she didn't enjoy wearing so she stuck to head coverings. I know that if she had a real hair wig, that was similar to her style, she would've been a lot happier. I can only imagine what sort of effect that losing your hair would have on a child or young person, so I feel really strongly about the charity and the work it does."

You can support Olivia and Hillary by donating here: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/olivia-mchale>

## Can He Do It, No He Can't!

Dear Sir,

*Cllr. Stead's campaign to cut your council tax is a lie.*

New candidates do turn up from time to time claiming this and they are always popular! But they are talking nonsense about things they do not understand. (Or do understand, but are happy to lie for the chance of a £13k allowance.)

### HOW IS THIS?

About 15% of your 'council tax' bill does not go to the Council at all, it is the money you pay towards the Fire and Police services. Cllr. Stead will NOT be able to change that. Of the rest, slightly under three quarters goes towards funding the revenue services of Durham County Council (DCC).

Council services divide into two types, 'statutory' (services required by law), and 'discretionary' (services the council chooses to provide for the benefit of residents). After ten years of government cuts requiring savings of a quarter of a billion pounds a year by the County Council, almost all remaining DCC services are statutory (and cut to the bone). Because of this, DCC has little leeway to reduce its costs (and its Council Tax). Cllr. Stead will NOT be able to find any major savings at DCC.

Finally, the Town Council does provide some discretionary services, and these are included in the 11% of your overall council tax bill which goes to the Town Council. Therefore, as a Town Councillor, it is true Cllr. Stead might have some leeway to suggest some cuts there, which will reduce your council tax bill.

### HOWEVER:

1. For all his boasts, and after three months on the Town Council, he sat in this year's budget meeting and failed to come up with a single suggestion to reduce your council tax.
2. Don't forget that every time the Town Council has suggested cutting one of its discretionary services (e.g. Santa Tours, Fireworks display) the opposition has whipped up an outcry to STOP it.
3. Even if Cllr. Stead gets the County Council's Double Taxation grant restored, the cost of that will have to be added to the DCC element of your Council Tax bill, and Cllr. Clare has calculated that it would knock just 10p a week off the Town Council element of your bill.

Cllr. Stead's campaign to reduce your council tax is a deception and a fraud upon your intelligence. We doubt Cllr. Stead has a clue HOW he intends to reduce your Council Tax Bill by any significant amount. We challenge Cllr. Stead to come up with some costed suggestions, and to tell us how much they will reduce our council tax bill. We predict that it will boil down to dark (and untrue) mutterings about 'efficiency' and mythical 'reserves'.

(And, PS: Cllr. Stead, don't forget to run your suggestions past your LibDem masters before you comment. This year the only thing they suggested at Budget was to spend £½ million MORE!)

Sedgefield CLP Campaigns Team

## TWO RESPONSES

Dear Sir,

In response to criticisms in last week's Newton News:

### (1) DECLARING AN INTEREST

Cllr. Chandran knows full well that the rules do not allow a councillor to take part in a decision which might affect them financially. Since double taxation will affect Durham County Council, which pays my councillor's allowance, I consulted the DCC legal officers, who informed me in writing that, yes, I should declare an interest. I am sure Cllr. Chandran thinks he knows better. But what kind of councillor do you want - one who breaks the rules if it suits him, or councillors like the five County Councillors who listened to the legal advice?

The other reason I left the meeting, of course, is that DCC Councillors see a different side to double taxation to the Town Councillors, and I felt it important that, on this issue, the decision should be the Town Council's alone. As it was, the Town Councillors saw through Cllr. Stead's electioneering motion and turned it down; but can you imagine what the opposition would be saying now if any County Councillors' votes had been included in that result - I suspect they would be shouting 'FINANCIAL INTEREST!' just as loudly as they are crying 'DISGUSTED!' now.

### (2) DOUBLE TAXATION

I am the County Councillor whom Cllr. Robson acknowledged had written about double taxation "in a lucid and intelligent way" on social media, and you can read what I wrote here: [bit.ly/DTmotion](http://bit.ly/DTmotion) Double Taxation is NOT a clash between councillors who care about Newton Aycliffe and those who do not. It is a wrangle between the Town Council and the County Council about which of them should pay for certain services.

In short, the Town Council provides some services that, strictly, it need not provide, but does so because it believes that it can do so in a more immediate and informed way. It just thinks that the County Council ought to help with the costs.

The inevitability of that matter however is that - whichever Council stumps up - we are going to have to hand over some of our Council Tax to pay for those services.

The difference it would make to our Council Tax bill is, genuinely, pennies.

Cllr. John D Clare

# SAFE TO ATTEND DRIVE IN EVENTS AT ROF59

Aycliffe Radio have organised a series of successful 'Drive In' events over the summer at ROF59, working closely with the county council and police to ensure the events were following government advice and offering an opportunity for residents to enjoy themselves. During the course of these events we received visits from a County Licensing Enforcement Officer and the local police, all of who expressed their satisfaction at the way the events had been organised and conducted on the day.

The Aycliffe Radio team conducted regular DB level tests and were constantly under the recommended levels. Although a few noise complaints were received, this was put down to the wind carrying the sound or other parties/events being held elsewhere in the town.

At the time of going to print the latest government advice was that:

- Only groups of up to SIX from the same household/bubble can be together, however we permit up to FIVE in a car;
- Track & Trace should be completed by all that attend any events.

*Not following these guidelines could see the ticket holder and their car being refused entry and possibly fined.*

## CHEESY POP PARTY 2

The first Cheesy Pop Party was a huge success, so the second has been ramped up with a Cheesy Pop act; 3 Steps 2 Venga who will

perform two live shows on the night of Saturday 19th September between 6.00pm and 10.00pm (gates open 5.15pm).

Tickets for this event are £20 per car (maximum 5 occupants).

**All profits from Aycliffe Radio Drive In events will be donated to local charities and food banks.**

## ROF59 ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

ROF59 present their annual Music Festival on Saturday 26th September, which has been extended to include a "Kids Fest" on the afternoon (12-4.30pm).

The Kids Fest will showcase Infinity Dance Company, singers from "Sing It" music school, Professor Nincompoo, Juggler, Stilt Walker, Aycliffe's Got Talent winner Aimee B, Turners Fairground and, if available, local fire engine and police car.

The evening session (5.30-10pm), will include performances from local artistes The Thieves, The Happening, Hollywood Boredom, Harris Tweed & His Rocking Band as well as Jay Murray.

Tickets for both events can be bought online at skiddle.com or from ROF59 reception.

Prices are £10 per car for the afternoon session; £20 per car for the evening or £25 for a full day access ticket.

**All events will have cars socially distance parked with room for your chairs and space to have a dance and enjoy yourself in your own socially distanced pod/area.**

**NOTE: Prices are per car, not per person, so five people in the car, gives you a full day access ticket for £5 per person.**

## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

In a quiet week, which would normally see the biggest running event in the north east race calendar, many members of Aycliffe Running Club still threw themselves into the spirit of things by running their own half marathon to participate in the virtual 'Great North Run Re-imagined', with some members also raising money for their chosen charities.

The only race performances for the club came at the Castleton Show Run, which still went ahead despite the cancellation of the show itself. With club championship points on the line, first home for the club, and first in his age category (Vet 60), was Andy Talbot, who completed the undulating six-mile race in 43:32.

Trish Kay was next across the finish line in a time of 56:10, and Trish was followed home by David Stothard in 58:27.

If you have any queries about the activities of Aycliffe Running Club, please visit our website [www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk](http://www.ayclifferrunningclub.org.uk), or contact the Club's Secretary, Donna, at [ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:ayclifferrunningclub@gmail.com)

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# Greenfield Achievements Celebrated in Publication

Greenfield Community College are pleased to celebrate the many achievements and progress made by their students over recent months.

The latest edition of 'The Achiever', has been published to mark the accomplishments and resilience of students as they have faced unprecedented challenges. Highlights from the latest edition feature individual and group successes, including the recognition the school has received from external agencies through awards, success in online learning and career news.

Although the last few months have been challenging for everyone, students have been supported throughout and this edition gives the staff and young people the opportunity to voice their appreciation.

Executive Headteacher, David Priestley's opening message sets the tone for the publication "I am delighted to see our Greenfield community working together to achieve the very best for our students and their next steps. This edition of The Achiever celebrates some of the ways we are moving forward and preparing everyone to be future ready."

The edition can be accessed online via the school website [www.greenfieldschool.net](http://www.greenfieldschool.net). Thank you to all who have contributed and to ffreshcreative for design.

Greenfield Community College are committed to supporting young people and providing high quality learning experiences that help students to be the best that they can be. The school will continue to offer its broad and balanced curriculum that gives students opportunities to reach their full potential

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# Woodham Academy Open to Students



Woodham Academy welcomed back the entire school community in the first week of September. For the second year in a row, the school was oversubscribed for new starters. 220 new year 7 students enjoyed a day to themselves on the Wednesday, providing a settling introduction to their new school. Normally, students would have received a variety of taster days and transition events, but due to the national school closures, this was not possible.

Angela Abson, Head of Learning for Year 7, commented "the students have settled in brilliantly. They all had a degree of nervousness, which is completely understandable, but this was quickly replaced with excitement and energy. It has been lovely to have them all in the building". Woodham has undergone some significant building work over the summer period, with a brand-new dining room being constructed to seat over 300 students at the same time. In addition, the changes seen to accommodate over 900 students at the same time in a COVID safe environment have been challenging.

Headteacher, Andrew Bell, has praised all of the staff and students "Everyone associated with the school was naturally apprehensive about returning to school. However, we have managed to create an education model which sees all students being taught their full timetable in their correct classrooms with their correct teachers. This was really important to us. Each year group has their own area of school and we have even managed to create a new dining room out of a drama hall. I must compliment all the staff, students, parents and carers for their support and words of encouragement. I always make sure that I share the messages I receive, and recently, this has been even more appreciated."

Woodham Academy had planned on hosting a series of Year 6 Open Evenings, but due to the new 'rule of 6', this is no longer possible. Please keep a close eye on the school website ([www.woodham.org.uk](http://www.woodham.org.uk)) for all the information year 6 parents / carers will require.

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**Aycliffe Cricket Club  
Scoreboard Report**

**Newton Aycliffe  
Cricket Club's 1st  
Team**  
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The first team suffered  
a big defeat away at  
Blackhall 1st XI in their  
penultimate game  
of the season in the  
NYSD 2nd division.  
Electing to bowl first  
may have proved  
costly for Aycliffe  
as the home side  
scored an impressive  
186 all out after 48.1  
overs. Michael Howe  
(sponsored by Bob  
and Yvonne Wood)  
was the pick of the  
bowlers, taking a  
superb 5 for 45 and  
he was supported well  
by George Slatcher  
(3 for 45) and Matty  
Greaves (1 for 25).  
In reply Aycliffe were



dismissed for a very  
poor 73 after only 22.3  
overs. All rounder  
Michael Howe top  
scored with 21 from  
19 balls, and the only  
other batsmen to  
reach double figures  
for the visitors were  
Sam Telford (20 runs)  
and Adam Randall  
(14 runs). Aycliffe's  
first team play their  
final game of this  
unique season at

home to Darlington  
2nd XI on Saturday  
19th September with a  
12.00pm start.  
**Newton Aycliffe  
Cricket Club's 2nd  
Team**  
The second team  
put in a very brave  
performance and  
failed by just 17 runs  
to reach their victory  
target at home to  
second in the table  
Maltby 2nd XI in the  
NYSD 4th division.

The visitors chose to  
bat first and scored a  
very commanding 189  
for 8 in their allotted  
40 overs. Joe Haines  
bowled well, taking a  
seasonal best 4 for  
25 and Joe Teasdale  
(sponsored by John  
Flinn Physiotherapy)  
and Thomas Dearden  
chipped in with 2  
for 37 and 1 for 39  
respectively.

In reply Aycliffe batted  
really well to come  
close to chasing such  
a big total and were  
eventually bowled out  
for a very respectable  
173 after 37.5 overs.  
Opener Joe Teasdale  
top scored with his  
season's best score  
of 39 from 59 balls  
faced and his innings  
included one boundary  
and three huge  
sixes. Other notable  
contributions came  
from Owen Smith (23  
runs from 22 balls),  
Matty French (19 runs  
from 39 balls), Joe  
Haines (17 runs from  
11 balls) and Charlie  
Cayless (14 runs from  
18 balls).

The second team  
visit Preston in their  
final game of the  
season on Saturday  
19th September and  
stumps are pitched at  
1.30pm.

*Photo: Second team  
batsman Joe Teasdale  
in action.*

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# In Remembrance

16th September marks the one year anniversary of the passing of Zainab Abbasi. Zainab was just 6 years old, she and her family bravely dealt with multiple challenges to her health throughout her short life. We would like to respectfully acknowledge this anniversary with a pledge of support from our office to the Abbasi family during this painful time.



Paul Howell, MP

# Students Return for New Term



Students from Greenfield Community College have been a credit to the school and the community as they returned to the school site. Staff have worked hard and found ways for students to attend safely and students have adapted quickly, showing maturity and respect for the guidelines and each other. There has been a staggered return, ensuring each year group become familiar with the surroundings and are able to concentrate fully on their studies. During their time at home students found new ways to work and are being supported to build upon their achievements over the past few months. Throughout the new term students will be able to continue face-to-face learning in a safe environment, applying their skills as they become confident self-led learners. Year 7 students are settling in well following a comprehensive series of activities during their transition to secondary school. The transition included a valuable summer school project, led by Greenfield Arts, as a group of students made valuable connections with the school and created an inspiring film working alongside professionals. To keep everyone safe the school has introduced measures which include access to the site, as the school day has been staggered the gates will be locked until the last bus has left around 15:35. There is currently no vehicle access to the site as students are leaving for the day. Safety concerns has also meant that face to face parent's drop-in sessions are presently on hold, however the senior leadership team welcome parents to telephone the main office between 15:30 and 16:30 on a Wednesday to talk or make an appointment. Greenfield Community College is a Specialist Arts and Science School and is committed to providing opportunities to support students to reach their full potential. Greenfield Community College promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience. To find out more about the school and the forthcoming virtual open event for the 2021 intake please visit the website [www.greenfieldschool.net](http://www.greenfieldschool.net) or contact the school office by email [contact@greenfieldschool.net](mailto:contact@greenfieldschool.net)

## Congratulations

**Emily Danson**

**Happy 18th Birthday**

We are so proud of you. Have a lovely day. Love from Dad, Mam and Tyler xxxxx

**Emily Sarah Danson**

**22nd September 2020**

**Happy 18th Birthday**

Lots of love from Granny and Grandad xxxxxx

**Marni-Jayne June Hopwood**



**17th September 2019**

**Happy 1st Birthday**

To our beautiful baby girl. Lots of love Mammy, Nana and Walter

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of **Janet Ruth Ryman**



**18th September 2019**

Jan, a year has passed since you departed. Leaving your loved ones broken hearted. Thousands of tears have turned into streams, holding cherished memories in our dreams. You have no pain now and you can rest, the Lord above knew what was best.

Jan, you touched so many hearts along the way, friends will have loving thoughts this day.

I miss your love, your smile and your touch. Because my soul mate, I miss you so much. From Husband Al and families

**Michael John Taylor**

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My beloved Husband Mike. I love you and miss you with every part of my being. Always and forever, your loving Wife Angela.

God saw you getting tired, a cure was not to be. So he put His arms around you and whispered come with me.

With tearful eyes we watched you go and saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, your tender arms at rest. God took you home to prove to us he only takes the best.

The heart of our family stopped beating the day you slipped away and part of us went with you on that heart breaking September day.

Nobody could ever replace you Dad, you were one in a million. Losing you changed everything, but time changes nothing, you will be loved forever. Your loving Daughter Debbie and Grandchildren, Luke and Chelsea xxxxxx

## Birthday Remembrance

**Kenneth Dawson McIntosh**

We think about you always, we tak about you still. You have never been forgotten and you never will. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain. To walk and guide us through our lives until we meet again. Joyce, Phil, Sharon and Anya

**Jonathan Sterling**

**23rd September**

Treasured memories of a wonderful Son and Brother on his 47th birthday.

No words can ever say how much we love and miss you, today and every day.

Your Mam and Brother Ian

**DAUGHTER Kirsty Sheila Hughes**  
**22nd September 1986**

We'll miss you every moment from the breaking of the dawn, but celebrate with grateful thanks the day that you were born.

We loved you so completely from the moment of your birth. You brought us joy and pure delight throughout your time on earth and though we'll never manage to get over losing you, we try to make the most of life, as you would want us to. And now in Heaven's glory with the angels sweet refrain, sleep peacefully dear Daughter, until we meet again. Happy birthday Kirsty. Love you always, Mam, Dad and family xxxxxxxxxxxx

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- NHS 111 Service
- Diagnosis and Treatment for Cancer and Other Services,
- Non-Emergency Patient Transport
- Accessing Dental Treatment.

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The survey will run until 25th September 2020 and the voucher winner will be randomly selected and informed by 30th September 2020.



# NEWTON AYCLIFFE JUNIORS FC

## Newton Aycliffe U16s Juniors TJFA Division 4 Friendly Sunday 13th September 2020

U16s continued their fine pre-season form with a 5-0 win at home to Brompton last weekend. In windy conditions the players kept the ball on the ground and played some great football. It could have been double figures but decision making in the final third was the reason for that. Brennan was clinical scoring 4, and Lewis added one to make 5. That's 23 goals scored and zero conceded in the last 3 games. Aycliffe have a tough test against Bishop Auckland this weekend, who are two leagues higher, but judging on recent form Aycliffe should give them a good game.



## Newton Aycliffe U11s Juniors TJFA White Division Friendly Sunday 13th September 2020

The Under 11s were at home last weekend, playing Hurworth Albion FC in a friendly. Aycliffe started very well and took the lead with Thomas scoring his fifth goal of the pre-season. Aycliffe scored before half time after an excellent move starting with Jamie, then a clever flick from Callum fell to JJ, who finished it well just before half time. Aycliffe made changes in the second half with Logan going in goal and Theo at left back due to an injury to Zeke. Aycliffe played some fantastic football and scored again after Callum's brilliant turn and strike, James and Jamie were solid all morning at the back. Hurworth got back into the game late on scoring again. An overall entertaining game. MOTM - Jamie

## U9s Juniors TJFA White Division Friendly Sunday 13th September 2020

Newton Aycliffe U9s Juniors played their last friendly of pre-season last week, away to Bishop St Mary's Aces (TJFA Red Division). It was a really competitive game from the start, with opportunities for both sides, but the keepers kept clean sheets for the first 20 minutes. The second 20 minutes Aycliffe lost their shape and concentration a few times and Bishop capitalised. Some fantastic individual play from Jack saw them pull goals back but Bishop scored another. The last 20 minutes saw Aycliffe back to their best, passing the ball around, creating lots of opportunities and Jack managed to add to the score sheet again. MOTM went to Sammy for some great tackles and constant battling.



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but mustn't feel smug and behind our masks start grinning!  
The snake is waiting for the next dice throw,  
And soon, well, what do you know?  
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