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## Horndale School Colour Run



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## Residents Enjoy a 5\* Afternoon Tea

Residents at Redworth House, Shildon, stepped into a by-gone era and enjoyed an elegant afternoon tea. The wonderful selection of finger sandwiches and mouth-watering cakes, were complemented by a glass of fizz and a cup of freshly brewed tea. Fresh flowers and a piano interlude completed the experience which appealed to all the senses.

Our thanks go to Redworth Hall Hotel for kindly providing the cake stands, teapots and champagne flutes and our Head Chef, Karl, for all his hard work creating and delivering the perfect menu. They truly made the afternoon a one to remember.



## Horndale Colour Run in aid of 'Race for Life'



On Tuesday 6th October, pupils from Horndale County Infant & Nursery School completed a Colour Run raising funds for the 'Race for Life'. Pupils brought donations totalling £43.08 for this worthwhile cause and completed as many laps as they could within their Covid secure class bubbles.

It has been a difficult time re-adjusting to school life and the boys and girls had great fun. Headteacher Craig Brown stated "After what has been such a difficult year it was wonderful to see the children smiling, laughing and enjoying themselves. Pupils have shown how strong and determined they can be, although their mental well-being has been affected by the global pandemic they have really shown their resilience in the last few weeks."

The event was co-ordinated by Paul Donaghy from Go Well, a local Sports Partnership, who aim to inspire and build healthy active futures. Horndale Infants will continue to work with Go Well on other ventures throughout the rest of the academic year to maximise the power of movement and wellness.



## Resilience

The R number is often spoken about. Telling how speedy is Covid's clout. Another word beginning with R Is helping people both near and far. RESILIENCE is aiding us so much, And that's why we must all keep in touch, With friends and family and strangers too, Perhaps a smile while out walking will cheer a few, Of folk, sad and living alone, When no one can visit or enter their home. We all have some bad days as Covid drags along, But we must straighten our backs, And KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON. Just as our grandparents did in the war, And soon, Covid-19, we will show you the door!

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# Newton Aycliffe Dad with Brain Cancer in Training for Ironman

A 33-year-old dad-of-two from Newton Aycliffe is preparing to take part in the prestigious Ironman UK endurance event, just months after receiving treatment for a second brain tumour. Craig Johnston turned to fitness as a way of coping, following a devastating cancer diagnosis. The former quantity surveyor is raising vital funds for the charity Brain Tumour Research, as he trains for the famed triathlon competition.

Craig married Jilly in 2016 and together they have two children, Alistair (10) and Millie (3). Their lives were turned upside-down one night in June 2018, when Craig suffered a seizure while in bed.

He said: "I'll always remember it was 24 June 2018, the day the England football team set new records in a 6-1 victory over Panama in the World Cup. I went to bed and that was my last night before becoming a 'cancer patient'." "The next thing I remember is waking up with my parents and two paramedics by my side, telling me I had suffered a seizure." Craig was taken to the Accident and Emergency Department at Darlington Memorial Hospital, where medics carried out an MRI scan. The results revealed a brain tumour and Craig was urgently referred to a specialist neurosurgeon. Ten days later he was in surgery at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough having a craniotomy.

Craig was the first person in the North East to be given a 'Gliolan' or 'pink drink', known as 5-ALA, prior to his surgery. The relatively new medicine helps identify brain tumours by causing them to glow pink under ultraviolet light. He was able to benefit from 5ALA after the NHS rolled it out as a part of their support for the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission (TJBCM).

Craig recovered well from surgery. Shortly afterwards a biopsy confirmed the tumour was a grade 3 or 4 astrocytoma, meaning he would need further cancer treatment. Following a gruelling course of radiotherapy and chemotherapy, in January 2020, Craig started to focus on healthy eating and began going to the gym. As his fitness improved and he started to see results, Craig set himself the ambitious goal of making it to the start line of Ironman UK in Bolton in July 2021. But it hasn't been plain sailing, as he received more bad news following a routine scan in July 2020.

He said: "The tumour was showing signs of regrowth and I was told I would need more surgery. It was a huge blow but I was more prepared for what was to come. This time,



the risk of Covid meant I had to self-isolate for two weeks before I was admitted and for another two weeks once I was discharged." Around the time of his second surgery, Craig started documenting his journey via his YouTube channel 'Craig's Cancer to Kona Vlog', his ultimate aim being to earn a place in the Ironman world championships at Kona in Hawaii. The main focus of the videos is exercise and training following a difficult diagnosis. Craig hopes to create a space where he can share what works for him and where subscribers can come for tips and inspiration.

Meanwhile he is now on another course of chemotherapy, all while continuing to train for the Ironman. Craig said: "The chemo is making me sicker this time and I'm having to sleep a lot but I am still managing to get out running and cycling quite a bit. I was due to run the York Marathon later this month but that event has been cancelled due to the pandemic. I'm still planning to run the distance on 18 October."

As Craig plans to complete more and more events in the run-up to the Ironman, he has set up a fundraising page for Brain Tumour Research, with the initial goal of raising £2,740, which represents the amount it costs to fund a day of research at each of the charity's Centres of Excellence. He said: "By being a 'test case' for the 5-ALA pink drink, I have personally benefited from research into brain tumours but I am fully aware that funding for research into this awful disease is severely lacking, especially when you consider that it kills more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer." To make a donation to Brain Tumour Research via Craig's fundraising page, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/briangotmelted>



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# Tornado Returns to BR Locomotive Green Livery for 30th Anniversary

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, the registered charity that built, owns and operates world-famous 100mph new steam locomotive No. 60163 Tornado, has repainted the locomotive in BR locomotive green as part of its 30th Anniversary celebrations. Since completion in Darlington in 2008, new Peppercorn class A1 Pacific No. 60163 Tornado has covered over 100,000 miles and seen service on the Network Rail main line and heritage railways right across Great Britain. Highlights have included three Royal Trains with the first following the locomotive's naming by TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall in February 2009; BBC Top Gear 'Race to the North' with Jeremy Clarkson on the footplate; 'The Winton Train' to commemorate the 70th anniversary on the Kinder Transport; the rescuing of stranded commuters in Kent; the re-opening of the Settle to Carlisle Railway; the first steam locomotive in the UK to achieve 100mph for 50 years; featuring in two BBC documentaries, 'Absolutely Chuffed – the Men Who Built a Steam Engine' and 'Tornado the 100mph Steam Engine', and starring in PADDINGTON 2 the movie.

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust was founded in 1990 to build a new Peppercorn class A1 'Pacific'. The class A1s were designed by Arthur H Peppercorn for the London & North Eastern Railway and 49 were built in 1948/49 by British Railways. However, following dieselisation, all were scrapped by 1966 with the last survivor No. 60145 Saint Mungo being the subject of a failed preservation attempt. Examples of most of the East Coast Main Line's famous steam locomotive classes were saved, the most significant gap being their final development, the Peppercorn class A1s. Over the duration of her first boiler certificate Tornado carried all of the Peppercorn class A1's historic liveries of LNER apple green (with 'British Railways' on the tender), BR blue (with the emblem on the tender) and BR locomotive green (with both the emblem and the crest on the tender).

The Trust is now working hard to get Tornado back onto the main line where she belongs and anticipate picking up the remainder of our 2020 programme as follows:

## 2020 programme

- Saturday 14th November: 'The Cheshireman'  
- Bristol Temple Meads to Chester (RTC)
- Saturday 21st November: 'The Cheshireman'  
- London to Chester and return (RTC)
- Tuesday 24th November: 'Gloucester Christmas Market & Cardiff'  
- London to Cardiff and return (RTC)
- Saturday 28th November: 'The Yuletide Express'  
- Ealing Broadway to York and return (RTC)
- Thursday 3rd December: 'The Worcester Christmas Fayre'  
- Norwich to Worcester and return (RTC)
- Saturday 5th December: 'The Lincoln Christmas Express'  
- London to Lincoln and return (RTC)
- Tuesday 8th December: 'The Bath & Bristol Christmas Express'  
- London to Bath & Bristol and return (RTC)
- Saturday 12th December: 'The Edinburgh Christmas Market'  
- York to Edinburgh and return (RTC)
- Thursday 17th December: 'The Christmas White Rose'  
- Cambridge to York and return (RTC)
- Saturday 19th December: 'The Christmas White Rose'  
- London to York and return (RTC)

All our tours can be booked through our website, [www.a1steam.com/railtours](http://www.a1steam.com/railtours), or by calling 01325 488215. Railway Touring Company tours (RTC) can be booked through their website: [www.railwaytouring.net](http://www.railwaytouring.net), or by calling 01553 661500.

The Trust respectfully requests that anyone wanting to see Tornado follows the rules of the railway and only go's where permitted.

# Greenfield Celebrate European Language Day



Students at Greenfield Community College and their extended dimension, Greenfield Arts, have much to celebrate in relation to languages and learning about cultural diversity.

The recent European Language Day is a "celebration of the amazing number and variety of languages spoken across Europe. Schools and organisations mark the event every year to promote language learning and celebrate the linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe".

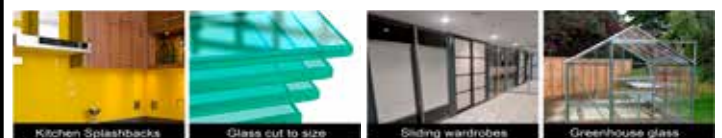
Students at Greenfield Community College in the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) department have been celebrating the day by taking part in activities such as language quizzes and exploring cultural diversity. The department organise annual foreign excursions (at present on hold) and students study languages and culture of in depth throughout their time at Greenfield, having the opportunity to develop their own ideas and deliver presentations to their peers.

You can find out more about opportunities at the school via the school website where you can see samples of the many learning opportunities and the popular MFL virtual classroom where there is even a virtual trip to Paris, just visit [www.greenfieldschool.net](http://www.greenfieldschool.net).

As part of their programme, partners Greenfield Arts, are also offering refresher sessions in Spanish where the community can improve their language skills and learn more about the culture of Spain. Just visit [www.greenfield-arts.co.uk](http://www.greenfield-arts.co.uk) to find out more and book your place.

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# Newton Aycliffe Juniors Football Report

**Newton Aycliffe U8s Blacks** TJFA Maroon Division played against Marton Royals. Aycliffe began their new season at home against Marton Royals on a heavy pitch. After going behind to an early goal the boys played some great football, but could not get past the excellent Marton keeper who pulled off some great saves and somehow found themselves down at half time. Second half Aycliffe kept fighting and did not let their heads go down as Marton added to their goals. Regan deservedly scored goals back for Aycliffe. Overall a great game of football. Aycliffe played some great football and had many chances.

*MOTM was awarded to Regan.*

**Newton Aycliffe U8 Whites** RFYL Division 5 played against Silksworth. Aycliffe had a cracking day with great effort by all the team. Oscar did well in defence again, Harry was back after self-isolating and took Will's place in defence, he did well with his tackling and played some great passes up the field. The new team members, Ozzie and Ellis, had a half each again and are getting better with every game. William B was excellent in goal again especially with his long kicks out of his hands up the field that provide a massive advantage. Regan was fantastic up front, fighting for everything and excellent in front of goal.

*MOTM went Regan.*

**Newton Aycliffe U9 Juniors** TJFA White Division played against Whinney Banks. Aycliffe played away at Whinney Banks, a slow start saw them concede early goals, both from corners, but Aycliffe kept their heads up and ended the first half up. Goals came from Mason, Jack and Tyler. The second half was very even, both teams creating chances, but Whinney Banks converted two more corners. A great game which no one deserved to lose.

*MOTM was awarded to Tyler.*

**Newton Aycliffe U9s Blacks** RFYL Division 9 against Chester Town United. They looked stronger in defence this week, so a really well done to Olly, Mathis and Alfie. An unfortunate own goal did not dampen their spirits with Aycliffe recovering well and bouncing back. Once again Aycliffe showed fantastic team spirit by chasing the game and fighting for every ball. There was a great effort from James up front with help from the tireless Rhys and the ever running Benjamin, even with another knock to his calf. James was so unlucky not to score. Max was good in goal in the first half, especially as defensive cover on through balls then helped us finish them off in the second half. Goals from – Rhys, Benjamin and Max.

*MOTM was awarded to Max.*

**Newton Aycliffe U11s** TJFA White Division played against Primrose. Aycliffe played their first league game of the season away to Primrose. Aycliffe started really well with a great move involving JJ, Thomas and Callum which saw Callum finishing the move well. Aycliffe



had more chances in the first half but the pace of Primrose was too much for Aycliffe and they went behind. However, just before the break, they got one back after an excellent piece of play saw JJ slot the ball past the very good Primrose keeper. Second half, Ethan came on and started to get some space down the left which inspired Aycliffe as they played some outstanding football after the break. However, with chance after chance they just could not find the back of the net. JJ worked so hard today and was everywhere, unfortunately Aycliffe started getting tired and legs were getting heavy as Primrose pushed on. Aycliffe brought on Alex and Joe who made an impact straight away with them both having chances. A late penalty shout to Aycliffe was not given after a great run by Ethan as he was shoved in the back in the box just as he was about to shoot. Goals came from Callum and Jack.

*MOTM was awarded to Jack.*

**Newton Aycliffe U12s Blacks** RYFL Division 5 played against Hedworth Gold. Aycliffe scored an early goal but Hedworth pushed back and equalised shortly after. Aycliffe started slow but surely, finding their feet. This game was a good battle, strong tackles, brilliant shots and end to end play. Hedworth had a corner which unfortunately deflected off an Aycliffe player and ended up in the

net, own goal. Hedworth scored another to go up 2-1.

Second half Aycliffe scored an early goal making it 2-2. Aycliffe had such a better second half, playing good football and came close on many occasions, hitting the post and crossbar. Aycliffe got complacent at times and Hedworth punished them making it 3-2. Aycliffe equalised with Alex following the ball up with great attacking instincts. Four minutes left and they pushed, coming close and missed a great opportunity. They found a long ball over the top which was offside, Aycliffe did not play to the whistle and Hedworth punished them with the winning goal.

Aycliffe 3 – 4 Hedworth Gold (Alex x1, Leon x2)

*MOTM – Alex*

**Newton Aycliffe U13s Whites** TJFA Division 1 played against TIBS Blues. Aycliffe played really well in the first half and had they taken their chances they would have been out of sight at half time. Unfortunately they went in 1-0 down at half time after TIBS scored from a free kick.

Credit to TIBS, in the second half as they played better and took their chances. Aycliffe stopped playing their usual passing football and started forcing the ball. With TIBS only creating six chances the whole game they scored five, Aycliffe created at least double that and scored one from the penalty spot. Harsh lesson to learn, if you do not take your chances you get punished at this level.

Unfortunately, mistakes happened at Aycliffe's end and they were punished for it. Final score Aycliffe 1-5 TIBS Blues

*MOTM was awarded to Tyler.*

**Newton Aycliffe U15s** RFYL Division 5 played against Consett AFC. Aycliffe faced Consett AFC at home, with only 11 players available. In an end to end game, the main difference overall was the quality of the passing in the final third from Consett, where they took their chances when they arrived. Aycliffe's performance was good overall, with the efforts in recent training sessions showing in parts. A tough result, but heads up and they go again next week.

*MOTM was awarded to Anthony in his debut for the club, with a very assured performance in midfield.*





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# Brian's Extraordinary Model Railway

During the restrictions associated with Covid19, Rotary Newton Aycliffe has continued to plan for future events though many will not actually be able to proceed. One of these has been the 2020 Model Railway Exhibition, cancelled in March. Our small team of enthusiasts have continued to develop their skills. This is the story of one of them, Rotarian Brian Winwood.

Christmas 2018 saw the birth of a new N Gauge layout based loosely on Darlington Station and the surrounding area. Brian told fellow enthusiast and Rotarian John Burrows, 'the name of this was to be Dorlington, named after my great grandmother whose family, the Dorlings, were a Quaker family from Darlington. Initially the layout was to be 1600mm x 900mm allowing it to fit underneath a single bed when not in use. This quickly expanded and had to be split into two pieces each 1600mm x 900mm which can run independently or as one large layout. The second part was designed to show the rural past with a disused church and engine shed (complete with discarded class 31) showing how the countryside is being overrun with out of town shops and businesses'.

Brian explained that CAD (Computer Aided Design) played a big part in the design of the layout as combining this aspect with a 3D printer allowed reproduction of detailed sections of landscape and buildings that could be incorporated, adding to the realism. Shop fascias as well as landscape structures were accurately created for added realism. 3D printing was incorporated in many aspects including the creation of bespoke carriages as well as the construction of a replica 1959 underground train using a Kato 20m chassis. Brian went on to say, 'my favourite 3D produced items include Rocket which utilises a miniature powered chassis in the first carriage allowing the train to run on N Gauge and a monorail which was built from scratch on an



elevated track, (as seen in one of the photos showing Rocket, the underground and the monorail). In addition to the layout, the 3D printing technology has been used to design and produce retail kits in 00 gauge, such as a replica Scottish station and a corrugated garage/shed. Both these items, when sold, have been raising funds for Rotary as well as the Highland Railway Society'. Dorlington was due to be displayed at the Railway Exhibition at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre which was unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic. Concerns are growing for the 2021 exhibition; therefore, a virtual exhibition is being considered so that as many as possible can enjoy the event. (Sadly, Don Walkers fantastic bacon butties and other refreshments will not be available). For further information email John Burrows (Chair of Railway Committee) [jandeburrows@gmail.com](mailto:jandeburrows@gmail.com)



## Rotary e-Club

### ROTARY IS CHANGING SO BE PART OF IT.

You are a responsible person in a responsible job and have a busy life. You would also like to give something back to your community but do not have the time. Perhaps Rotary Newton Aycliffe can help.

For years Rotary has supported communities, charities, and individuals with significant challenges of all types. It has gained a huge reputation for linking professional men and women who meet every week to discuss key community issues and consider ways to raise money to help those in most need. This system has prevailed since inception in February 1905 and changed very little, although it now has 1.2 million members worldwide.

Modern life has changed in all aspects, mainly through the advent and strengths of social media and Rotary recognises that change. A new type of club is being formed in the Newton Aycliffe area to run alongside the long established, Rotary Newton Aycliffe.

It is an E-Club. This is a club for those that want to help with and support local and international issues but in a less formal way. The E-Club will meet via Zoom meetings, setting their own agendas and projects. It is not planned to have formal weekly meetings and arrangements will all be online.

If you think this might appeal to you, and you want to learn more, then you are invited to an online Zoom meeting on Thursday, 12th November at 6.30pm. Log in and hear from established E-Clubs and Rotary Members.

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# RUNNING CLUB NEWS

The biggest race meeting in the North East this week was the Big Flat Runway Races, which took place on Elvington Airfield just outside York, on Sunday. The meeting featured 5K, 10K, 10 Mile, Half Marathon and Marathon options, and initially proved popular with Members of the Club. Although flat, those who have previously ran in races on airfields will know that they are quite exposed and usually prone to windy conditions, and Sunday's races proved no different.

In the 5K race, John Surtees was first back for the Club in a time of 16:52, and he was followed home by John Firby, who recorded a time of 18:03.

In the 10K event, Dez Fielden crossed the line in a time of 37:29, finishing third in his Age Category, and he was followed in by Male Club Captain, Richard Campbell, in a time of 40:09.

Taking on the Marathon, which constituted 10 laps of the airfield, was Andy Talbot. Andy posted a time of 3:10.21, and, in doing so, Andy finished first in his Age Category, and set a new Club Record for a Male Vet 60.

Sunday should have seen 40,000 runners taking to the streets of the capital for the iconic London Marathon, however the current public health crisis meant that only a virtual option was available to the masses this year. Several Members ran their own virtual London Marathon on Sunday, including a pair of ladies who thought it would be fun to run twenty-six laps of the same one-mile loop on the Aycliffe Business Park! Dedicated or crazy, we will let you decide...

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



## Completing the Virtual London Marathon



The two ladies who ran the Virtual London Marathon on Sunday were Nicola Ingman and Steph Colvin. Both keen runners competing in various races, but neither had ran the marathon before. Obviously in these strange and difficult times a lot of events have been totally cancelled, so when they read about the London Marathon going "virtual" they decided to give it a go. Entry was as normal via email and the organisers still sent out numbers to wear on the day.

The "course" was a one-mile loop from Roman Showers, around past ROF 59, turning in down to Finley Structures. Nice and flat, and not too many obstacles. Obviously, there was none of the normal aid stations for drinks etc, so a car was strategically parked and loaded with goodies to keep the girls going. In fact, it was only the thought of sugar loaded snacks for them round the last few laps. Plenty of people honked and waved their support, and a security guard in a local business watched every lap, offering verbal support and drinks!

The time was a little under five and half hours, but at least half an hour was stopping for sweets and drinks! London Marathon provided a tracking app, so both girls partners were able to be there at the end after watching the progress from home.

A glass of bubbly each at the finish capped off a remarkably bright day in some dark times.



## UTC Student Saves Baby Chick with Home-made Incubator

Eddie Arnold, a Year 11 student at UTC South Durham, has saved a baby chick after creating a home-made incubator. As well as studying hard during the week, Eddie volunteers at a local farm every weekend and during the school holidays. With a real passion for animals, Eddie cleans out and feeds donkeys, goats and sheep, as well as chickens.

It was while he was sorting out the eggs that Eddie realised that there was a chicken inside one that had a crack on it and was to be discarded. Rather than throw it away, Eddie took it home and, using the

engineering knowledge he has acquired at the UTC, he knew how to design and create an incubator. He created it out of an old box, with pieces of cardboard and a ceramic bulb, which he knew to keep at 30°C. Eddie cites his passion for STEM, and the confidence his teachers have instilled in him, as helping him know he was doing the right thing for the egg.

The next day, returning home from school, Eddie had found that the egg had hatched and a little chick, which is doing well and thriving.

The future is looking bright for Eddie too, as

his caring nature and expertise has sparked his desire to become an Environmental Engineer.



# Safeguarding Children and Adults in County Durham

Councillors will be updated on vital partnership work to safeguard children and vulnerable adults in County Durham when they meet next week.

Durham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (DCSP) and the County Durham Safeguarding Adult Board (CDSAB) will present their annual reports to Durham County Council's Cabinet on Wednesday, 14 October. Both partnerships are made up of representatives from Durham County Council, Durham Constabulary and local clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), along with other agencies with a role in safeguarding. The reports cover the 2019/2020 period and outline key achievements against priorities set the previous year.

They also highlight the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic and identify key ambitions for the future. Cabinet will hear about how DCSP and CDSAB acted quickly to work alongside partners to adapt services in the wake of the pandemic and to address the increased risk of domestic abuse during the lockdown.

The DSCP report is the first since its transition from the County Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board and examines progress within five key areas, which are set out in its vision. These are: prevention through early intervention; joined up response; listening; identifying; and challenge.

The voice of the child is at the heart of the DSCP vision and Cabinet will hear how the partnership was the first in the country to appoint a Young People's Commissioner. Amy Waites took up this apprenticeship position in September 2019 and has been

working closely with DSCP to support and influence priorities, as well as engaging with young people. Amy also plays a key role in the independent DSCP Scrutiny Panel. In addition, work has progressed to set up a County Durham Youth Council to address local and national issues identified by children, such as climate change, mental health and poverty.

The report also looks at work to raise awareness of the signs of neglect, which is the single greatest cause of children needing protection and care in County Durham. CDSAB fifth's annual report also details work undertaken to ensure the voices of adults and carers are heard, as well as examining progress made against other key priorities, including prevention and early intervention; raising awareness; performance, quality and governance; and reviews, learning and training.

A major focus for partners over the last year has been increasing understanding of self-neglect and how to tackle it. This was the theme of a biennial practitioner event and the first in a series of briefings about important safeguarding issues.

Raising awareness of the signs of abuse, how to report safeguarding concerns and the support available is another integral role of CDSAB. Over the last year newsletters and e-bulletins have been issued and website resources have been improved to help communicate key messages. Partners also joined forces with DSCP, Safe Durham Partnership and local voluntary organisations for County Durham Safeguarding Week, and hosted presentations on issues such as domestic abuse and coercive control, illegal money lending, county lines and mental health.

Sharing information between agencies involved in safeguarding is critical for DSCP and CDSAB. Both annual reports detail the work that has been undertaken to improve processes and communications between partners, as well as the many training courses and multi-agency events that have taken place.

Looking ahead, DCSP and CDSAB emphasise the continued importance of existing priorities but also recognise the ongoing challenges the pandemic presents to health and social care services.

Cabinet will be asked to consider both reports and recommend them for publication.

To report concerns about the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult in County Durham, call First Contact on 03000 267 979.

For more information about health and social care services, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/careandsupport](http://www.durham.gov.uk/careandsupport)

Cabinet will meet virtually at 9.30am on Wednesday 14 October. Members of the public can view the meeting on the council's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/DurhamCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/DurhamCouncil)

# Socially Distanced Séance takes Place this October in Haunted Hotel!

A live, interactive, séance experience will go ahead this October with social distancing measures in place.

Created by local actor and magician Sam Lupton, Seance Live will be performed throughout October, at the 700-year-old Beamish Hall hotel in County Durham. Seance Live uses the psychology of magic and theatre to create a strange and unsettling evening, where a live audience are part of a demonstration of a traditional Victorian séance. Described as 'Psychological magic meets the Woman in Black!' the show ran last Halloween to great acclaim.

Grim Up North Productions said "Seance Live is unlike any theatre experience you have attended before. The show is fully interactive, the audience play a key role in the séance, with one 'lucky' member becoming the medium!"

They continued "Full social distancing will take place in line with local restrictions. Audiences will remain in households and support bubbles, masks must be worn, the two-metre rule will be enforced and there will be hand gel a plenty!"

Sam Lupton, who has starred in the West End production of the musical "Wicked" and UK Tours including "Avenue Q" and "Little Shop Of Horrors" said "I have been a magician as long as I've been an actor, and I am so excited to finally get an opportunity to merge my two favourite performance disciplines in this terrifying evening of theatre. I can't wait to see what happens and how different audiences react to this truly unique show". Lauren Colledge, of Beamish Hall, said "During these strange times it's important that we are able to continue entertaining our visitors and local audience. This exciting show offers an opportunity for audiences to continue to visit us, enjoy live performance and have a spooky Halloween, whilst remaining safe during these unprecedented times."

Seance Live Runs at Beamish Hall Hotel from October 16th - October 31st. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.beamish-hall.co.uk/seance-live>



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# Supporting Durham's Towns & Villages

Councillors will consider plans to prioritise regeneration projects across County Durham based on which communities are most in need, as part of wider efforts to boost the county's economy as part of the response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will hear that the Towns and Villages Strategy is more important than ever as a result of the unprecedented challenges brought about by the pandemic.

As people adapt to new ways of working, shopping and travelling, the meeting will highlight the need to update and refocus the strategy to best support communities and help towns and villages become more resilient by working with key partners and aligning council activity.

An additional £18 million has been identified to ensure further resources are directed to all communities, particularly those facing the most challenges over the next three years.

In order to determine that, the council is proposing to use an evidence base considering several factors such as employment, housing, health and crime to identify areas most in need of support. This will ensure projects are directed to areas where the most impact can be made.

The approach to Towns and Villages was initially agreed by Cabinet in December 2018, to extend the council's success in regenerating its main centres and ensure issues that affect people in smaller towns and villages were also tackled.

At the time, it committed to spending on local regeneration proposals, the purchase of derelict buildings and land and environmental improvements in communities across the county, following feedback from local councillors regarding the challenges facing local people.

The issues raised were grouped into five distinct themes which underpin the strategy: strategic investments, housing and community, environment and health, the built environment and transport and connectivity.

A number of successful pilot projects, which were commissioned following the Cabinet report in December 2018, will continue to be rolled out across the county.

One such project was The Digital High Street Initiative which funded free public Wi-Fi in Bishop Auckland and Stanley, and is now being installed in Chester-le-Street, Barnard Castle and Seaham. Training is also being developed for retailers and businesses to maximise the use of online sales and promotions to support retailers to improve their business resilience in the face of changes to retail.

Another area that has already seen additional focus is assisting with the conversion of vacant retail stores to provide a range of new uses, including smaller retail start up space, employment space and residential units.

The Towns and Villages strategy forms part of a co-ordinated focus to ensure the council can continue to meet the needs of its residents including the refreshed County Durham Vision and 2019 Housing Strategy, which ensures the needs of communities can be met.

The Vision, which was launched by the County Durham Partnership last year, provides a shared understanding of what the county should look like in 15 years' time and sets out three ambitions to improve the quality of life of residents. The Vision for 2035 is that there are more and better jobs; people living long and independent lives and that communities are well connected.

In addition to the County Durham Vision, the Towns and Villages strategy must also now take into account the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, recognising the additional pressures faced by businesses in towns and village centres and helping communities to recover and build long term resilience.

As well as using the evidence base to target the most affected areas, the council proposes to work closely with its Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) across the county to identify strengths and weaknesses in each of the different areas and monitor the support available in those to coordinate funding and projects.

If approved, discussions with AAPs will take place over the next two months and will inform an action plan, which will be considered by Cabinet in January 2021.

Cabinet will meet virtually at 9.30am on Wednesday 14 October. Members of the public can view the meeting on the council's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/DurhamCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/DurhamCouncil)

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9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
12-2pm	Kitchen Floorfillers	Caz Bojangles
2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
<b>"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant &amp; Takeaway</b>		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa
12-2am	Night Club Session	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
8-10pm	Paul's Down Time	Paul Kjenstad
10-12am	Sean's Sunday Set List	Sean Lawless

#### 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	BeatRoots	Graeme Roote

#### FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	16th Oct. - Nathan Abbott 90s Classix	
10-12am	Alternative Aycliffe (R)	Gaz n Alby

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# Full Weekend of Football Despite the Weather

**Very wet conditions awaited all our Saturday teams, however, the weather was kinder for our Sunday teams.**

## **U12's Eagles 3 v 2 Consett AFC Cannons**

First half started end to end and we could tell from the whistle that it was going to be tough as Consett were playing a very physical game and attacking well, which forced our defence to work hard. Consett took the lead but Kaiden tapped in for the equaliser, half time 1-1. The second half started and both teams clearly wanting the win, but Kaiden scored a second and Adam a third to take a deserved 3-1 lead. But Consett showed great determination to score their second and the boys held out for the 3 points.

*MOM Kaiden and Olly*

## **Under 12 Wildcats 6 v 0 Birtley**

From the kick off Aycliffe looked dangerous and super sharp and ended the first half 3-0. Second half was much like the first. The girls were piling on pressure from the kick off. Decision making was good and the spectators had a great game to watch.

A special mention to our keepers, who didn't have much to do, but when they were called upon they showed great concentration.

*Goals - Freya x2, Emily x2, Demi Lee and Faith - POTM Freya*

## **U7 Wildcats v Chester-le-Street**

Second game for our new girls team at Washington Hub. Heavy rain didn't deter the girls from another dominant performance. Team comprised of Georgia, Macy, Penny, Ava, Erin, Esme and Brooke. After a great first half, the power play came into action, allowing Chester-le-Street to bring on an extra player, but the girls continued to score as CLS were using their advantage to keep up the pressure. However, four goals each from Brooke and Macy, an unfortunate own goal and a first goal for Esme and the girls had another enjoyable day.

*MOM Brooke*

## **Hartlepool Pools Youth v U10 Angels**

*Maddy GK/ST, Skye RB, Yasmin LB, Lyra LM, Marley CM, Emily RM, Neve ST/GK and Kate Sub.*

As this was the third game for the girls in the premier league, the improvement and belief started to show, despite Hartlepool grabbing two early goals. After this initial set back our Angels started to take some control of the game and although we conceded again before half time the match was turning out to be our most evenly competitive game to date. However, there were no further goals for either side.

*Coaches Star Player: Yasmin; Parents Star Player: Skye*



Under 11 Angels Blue

## **CLS Amazon Avengers v U11 Angels Blue**

Our girls were on great form. The coaches are proud to lead this fantastic group of players. The ref, who was superb today (talking to the players, explaining decisions and being generally great), said to the manager after the game that "you have such a lovely group of girls - what a team". She's not wrong.

*Goals from Heidi, Macie 2, Charli 2 and Hannah.*

*Players choice: Faith, for her work rate and commitment throughout the game. Coaches choice: Erin, for an impressive effort and attitude throughout the game.*

## **U16 Girls 3 v 2 Hartlepool Pools Youth**

First home game of the season and after two close defeats the girls were determined to get 3 points. For the first 20 minutes there was nothing between the teams but a few changes and we looked to take the game to the opposition. For the rest of the half we played the best football of the game. A neat ball out wide from Gracie and Kate races into the box and gets our opener. A few more chances were created but not converted then Hartlepool hit back, but up stepped

Under 12 Eagles



Hattie just before half time to fire one into the top corner, half time 2-1.

Into the second half and a defence splitting ball found Katie, making her home debut, who advanced and coolly slotted 3-1. Then a penalty was awarded and converted by Hartlepool, who pressed forward creating good chances, but the defence stood firm and, with the help of the post, the girls held on for the opening win of the season, full time 3-2.

## **U9 Wildcats v Beamish Lionesses**

It was a cold wet morning for the girls but they started OK and for 8-9 minutes worked hard, but didn't really do anything in possession to hurt Beamish. We looked a little out of sorts as a team and I would say that we weren't as dynamic as we had been. The opposition were well organised and had two strong defenders and a good striker and were too good for the girls on the day. Plenty to work at in training.

## **Other Saturday results:**

**Harton & Westoe Angels 1 v 3 Under 13 Girls**

**Under 13 Falcons 2 v 5 Waldrige Park**

**Chester-le-Street United 2 v 5 Under 16 Falcons**

On to our Sunday teams, despite this weekend being the official start of the TJFA league, only limited fixtures were played as some opposition teams struggled to have enough players.

## **U10's Eagles v Great Ayton**

*Team: Charlie, Dylan, Carter, Brandon, Krystian, Dan K, Riley, Evan, Nathan and Dan C.*

The Eagles started well and within the first minute Krystian won the ball upfront, drove towards goal and buried the ball into the back of the net, but the opposition scored two goals to get ahead before Dan K volleyed in the equaliser. Then Dan C received the ball in the box to finish beautifully. A great run from Dan K found himself one on one with their keeper and got his second of the game.

*MOM went to Dan K for his work rate up and down the wing.*

## **Other results**

**Under 15's 1 v 4 Whitby**

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# Cruel Care Home Restrictions

In early March, following Government guidelines, care homes throughout the country banned all 'non essential' visitors to protect their residents from the deadly Covid virus. Care home Managers and staff were left to cope as best they could - mostly without the recognition and applause lauded on the NHS.

Back in June/July leading Dementia charities began warning the Government of the 'hidden catastrophe' unfolding in care homes with relatives unable to visit for almost three months - more people were dying with Dementia, including many without the virus, a significant proportion due to lack of the emotional support only their families are able to provide. Families of those in care do more than turn up with chocolates and flowers - they are an integral part of their loved ones physical and emotional wellbeing - performing tasks those with Dementia sometimes refuse to have done by care staff, bringing in favourite foods or drink, keeping them tethered to their world, refreshing their fading memories, in many cases they are the voice of those who have lost the ability to articulate their needs clearly.

The easing of lockdown measures over the past months, meeting up with family / socialising / much needed hairdresser visits - all of this has bypassed those in care.

All these poor souls were granted was a once per week pre-booked 20-30 minute visiting slot, through closed windows, or outside in draughty shelters - cancelled if the weather was unkind - distanced from their visitor who they often had difficulty recognising or understanding due to the masks visitors had still to wear, monitored at all times by a staff member, no privacy, unable even to hold the gloved hand of their nearest and dearest and often the number of visitors restricted to the same designated person / few people.

Now, once again, as a result of rising rates of the virus coupled with the inhumane Government Winter Plan for care homes, even these restrictive visits have been discontinued. By the time we get to see our loved ones again it may well be Spring - a full 12 months without meaningful contact - always supposing these people, many of whom are already living with life limiting conditions, last that long!

I recently joined a campaign group 'Rights for Residents' - a growing group of families across the country who, like me, have simply had enough of this deprivation of the basic human rights of our loved ones in care. We are urging the Government and Local Health Authorities to bring about changes to the guidelines to enable us to spend safe, meaningful time with our parents, siblings or spouses, before it is too late.

We are not asking for visiting to restart 'willy nilly' with people free to come and go into homes as once we were able, we are aware of the concerns of foot fall within the homes - but with the kind of measures we are urging the Government to take action on, we would pose no more of a threat than care home staff who go into work and then return and carry on with their 'normal' lives - and why should they not? This campaign is not a witch hunt on care homes or staff, but a plea to Government to support Care Providers assisting them to be innovative and creative in providing a more nuanced approach to visiting in care homes as opposed to this blanket ban.

If other families in the area are feeling the same way, please take a look at either the Facebook group 'Rights for Residents' or the newly established website: [www.rightsforresidents.co.uk](http://www.rightsforresidents.co.uk) - it's time to speak up for our forgotten loved ones who have no voice of their own - though one of the founder members of the group has produced this moving video poem - a message to Matt Hancock, in an effort to give these lonely people their own say - Let's hope he pays heed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGwNvqkW8a4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2MxVk2NIKAs5MRnckT4IZ-M4k8wVCwSjKG9VZ7db8gwZETfYak47qgg0>

# READERS' PHOTOGRAPHS



*We bought these from Julie's Pet Shop in May and wanted to share with your readers how beautiful they are now.*

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

## COMPLETION OF AUDIT Notice of the Conclusion of the Audit of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2020

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014  
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. In accordance with Regulation 13 and 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, notice is hereby given that the audit of the Council's accounts for the financial year ended 31st March 2020 has been concluded and the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return has now been published.

2. Section 25 of The Local Audit and Accountability Act sets out the following rights of local government electors in relation to the inspection of the statement of accounts and auditors' report of local authorities:-

A local government elector for the area of a body subject to audit, other than a health service body, may inspect and make copies of:-

- the statement of accounts prepared by the Council;
- the local auditor's certificate that the audit of the Council's accounts, including that statement, has been completed;
- the local auditor's opinion on the accounts;
- any public interest report relating to the authority or an entity connected with it;
- any recommendation relating to the authority or an entity connected with it.

3. The audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the parish of Great Aycliffe.

4. Any elector wishing to inspect the Annual Governance and Accountability Return should contact the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mr Dan Austin, by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at [Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk](mailto:Daniel.Austin@great-aycliffe.gov.uk).

5. A copy of the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been made available for inspection on the Finance Section of the Council's website at [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk).

6. Copies will also be provided to any local government elector on payment of £1 for each copy of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

Announcement made by:  
Date of announcement:

Mr Dan Austin C.P.F.A, Finance Manager  
5th October 2020

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Last Tuesday finished with me sharing a call with the other Tees Valley MPs to discuss with Matt Hancock, the Secretary of State for Health, the situation regarding Covid-19 in the Tees Valley. In this we all stressed the need for any interventions to be appropriate to the region and where possible to keep areas with no rates outside of any interventions. I also asked him to consider the situation for large regions like County Durham, where there can be significantly different infection rates. Whilst we clearly need to be safe first, we also need to allow others to remain open where appropriate. This of course continues to be a moving target and decisions will change on almost a week by week basis, but I have also asked for some clarity on how regions can effectively come out of an intervention. I had discussions on Wednesday around nuclear energy investment and the potential energy gap we face if decisions are not made soon. I also had a briefing session with the back office team from the BEIS Select Committee to understand their operations better before going into the chamber for Prime Ministers Questions. Later I joined a group of northern MPs to look at how we work together to get best results for our region. After this, I had a tea room meeting with George Eustace, the Secretary of State for Defra, where I was able to brief him on our new Farmers Auction Mart and invited him to visit.

Thursday was a busy day starting with two questions in the House to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Michael Gove, where I was able to ask first about encouraging government departments to relocate to our area and then to ask him to support companies with a "Made in Britain" agenda like Ebac and Roman. Following this I went immediately to the BEIS Select Committee who were to discuss recovery from the pandemic, the session heard evidence from Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP's) and local government agencies as well as the Chamber of Commerce. I then had a meeting with Danny Kruger, MP, who has just released a report on Levelling Up, which has significant correlations with the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) I chair on Left Behind Communities. Both of us support the proposal for the next tranche of dormant assets funds to be utilised to create an endowment for investment in our communities as we recognise the importance of community infrastructure. After this I caught a train north.

Friday I was in the constituency office and I had discussions with the neighbourhood police team about community initiatives and anti social behaviour and later with Durham County Council (DCC) about Greenfield College. Afterwards, I called into The Big Club to find them in discussions with the team from DCC as regards Covid compliant processes. I am pleased to say the DCC team were very complimentary about the efforts being made. The Big Club have successfully put in place; track and trace, hand sanitizing and temperature checks, all happening as a matter of course and they are operating a full program of entertainment every weekend. I am sure they would appreciate your support. I then popped into the Aviation Gin Bar who had their OctoberFest bunting up and were also very well set up for Covid safety.

The Conservative Party Conference was on line from Saturday to Tuesday so I caught a number of interesting fringe events and speeches between other work. Monday included an additional BEIS session where we discussed our priorities and how to make them effective. Tuesday saw briefings from Darlington Borough Council and County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust before finishing with a discussion forum, hosted by George Eustace, on the forthcoming Agriculture Bill.

Talking with DBC and the NHS, unfortunately, whilst there are some signs of a levelling off, we continue to see rising positive test rates for Covid-19 locally and the potential for Darlington joining Durham in interventions is increasing. As I said last week, whether we agree with the increased restrictions or not, it is important we follow them.

It is not all about what is right for you as an individual, it is also about the risk to those around you so please be considerate and follow the guidance HANDS-FACE-SPACE

Wash your Hands Regularly, Wear a mask on your Face where required and Give People Space.

Stay safe, look after each other and have a good week.

Paul Howell, MP for Sedgfield

## Appropriate and Comfy Commemoration



Dear Sir,  
Imagine our delight when, emerging from a "long lockdown", we paused to rest on this bench. Not only is this an appropriate commemoration, but is also very comfortable. So, heartfelt thanks to the designer, fabricator and funder.  
Dorothy Irvin, 95 years old.

## Pepper Pig Muddy Puddle Walk Raises £150



On Tuesday 29th September the children and staff from 1st Four Kidz Childcare took part in a sponsored 'Pepper Pig Muddy Puddle Walk' to raise money for the Save the Children charity. They all had great fun getting involved, jumping and splashing in muddy puddles, whilst raising money for a great cause. Thank you to all the parents for the amazing amount raised which totalled £150.00.



# Local Artist Featured in Daily Mirror

Local artist, Joanna Boulwood from Newton Aycliffe, originally from North Yorkshire, was last week featured in the national Daily Mirror newspaper, showcasing one of her art works of a beautiful "Hare in Meadow". This piece was created in acrylic and pastel, one of the mixed mediums Joanna uses to create her work.

As the article stated Joanna found art again after becoming ill and suffers from chronic

arthritis, art helps take her mind away from the days the pain is greater. Joanna lives on the town and mainly draws wildlife and people's pets as gifts and memorial pieces for keepsakes through her small business JLB-Arts.

Joanna entered the Daily Mirror showcase and it was a huge honour to be featured, my husband and children are very proud of me. My work is so popular that I am almost fully booked for this year and I am taking bookings for next year already.



## Competition Winner

Congratulations to Rob Turner-Flack from Newton Aycliffe who is the winner of the Bill & Ted 3 Merchandise and tickets to Vue in Darlington, courtesy of Warner Bros and Vue Cinema.

## A Climate Sunday Sermon

Dear Sir,  
Sunday 4th October was 'Climate Sunday' in the Church of England, and I was invited in my role as DCC Climate Champion to speak to two Durham churches at their Harvest Services. This was a great honour, a lovely reminiscence of my time as a Methodist preacher ... and an opportunity to explore the links between my Christian faith and my commitment to Climate Action.

This is a précis of what I said (you can read the full sermon here: [bit.ly/CS41020](http://bit.ly/CS41020)):

### EXTINCTION – OR SOONER

Climate Change is an Extinction Level Event, but I do not like to focus on the 'eventual extinction' aspect because:

- 1) The crisis is NOW!
- 2) Long before extinction, the effects of Climate Change - e.g. mass-migration/ the cost of extreme weather events - will visit economic calamity and societal disintegration upon our descendants.

### WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE?

Muted. A third of evangelical Christians deny Climate Change altogether; three-quarters deny it is man-made. The Christian Right actively opposes Climate Action. One poll suggests that Christians are half as likely as non-Christians to regret the extinction of species, and (horrifically) less-likely than non-Christians to support Climate Change in order to save people from poverty and starvation.

### WHY?

Three theological/Biblical ideas help explain these attitudes, viz.:

- 1) ...God gave humanity 'dominion' over Nature.
- 2) ...we do not need to worry because 'God is in control'.
- 3) ...climate disasters should be welcomed as heralds of the Second Coming of Christ. Each of these ideas could merit a bible study of its own, but to comment briefly:
  - Biblical 'rulership' is about love and sacrifice, not exploitation.
  - Jesus' reassurances not to worry were not an encouragement to inaction, but a warning against materialism.
  - No right-minded person wants human disasters.

### THE POLITICAL ASPECT

- 4) The fourth reason some right-wing

Christians oppose Climate Change is not theological at all, but political - because they perceive the Climate Change movement as radical and anti-capitalist. Indeed many Christians will adopt a climate-friendly lifestyle (recycling, buying local) as part of their personal walk with Jesus ... but say that they find politics distasteful and would not want to support any campaign.

- Such an approach is not going to stop the ice-caps melting.
- Responsibility nowadays is too often loaded onto the individual ... when in fact it is our economic, social and political SYSTEMS which are at fault.
- It is NOT WRONG to ask those firms which meet our market needs to do so without commodifying nature, treating human beings as a factor of production, and destroying the earth.

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Genesis 2.15 tells us: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it."

- The Hebrew word for 'tend' references the caring way a gardener tends his allotment.
- The Hebrew word for 'keep' describes how a responsible farmer maintains his farm in good condition, and is very strong (i.e. this is not optional).

The significance of this verse is that God ordained this BEFORE the Fall, and it thus shows us His original intentions regarding the relationship of humanity with Nature.

### THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

In 2015 Pope Francis published the encyclical *Laudato Si* (2015) calling for Climate Action.

Recently the Church of England has declared Climate Action "an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation":

- **IN PRACTICE** (the Church of England's General Synod has asked churches to be carbon 'net zero' by 2030.)
- **IN MISSION** (i.e. to campaign and participate in Environmental Action.)
- **IN FAITH** (i.e. to PRAY about it.)

We are faced with an existential threat to humanity. What does God want us to do about it?

Genesis 2.15 tells us: "The Lord God took humanity and put us on earth to tend and keep it."

Cllr John D Clare



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# Creative Designer on Board for Shildon in Motion



Greenfield Arts are delighted to welcome Sally Pilkington on board as part of the Shildon in Motion team to help realise the design for the Shildon station platform as the project reaches the final stages.

Shildon in Motion is an exciting project that will realise a new artistic gateway at Shildon Station. The new artwork is now in the final stages of the design process and will bring together a legacy of research and aspiration informed by the people of Shildon reflecting individual stories and the significant heritage of the town, past, present and future.

Sally has previously worked alongside Greenfield Arts developing creative designs and bringing a fresh new look to communications. This is something that is sure to shine through the work at Shildon station and we are excited to share the final results.

Katy Milne, Creative Director at Greenfield Arts, is looking forward to the final chapter and the unveiling of the project's outcome, reminding all who visit the station of the past, present and future possibilities. "It has been a pleasure to work within the Shildon Community and hear from the many voices that will inform the project, thank you to all who have contributed to this valuable project"

Although the current climate has meant there has been limited face-to-face opportunities recently, the team have been working behind the scenes to keep on-track.

The project is supported by Northern Heartlands, one of the sixteen Great Place Schemes in England, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and Arts Council England and Bishop Rail Community Partnership.

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**Closing Date 5pm Thursday 15 October 2020.**  
**Interviews week commencing 19 October 2020**

# Stiller Secures Deal With INEOS Hygienics

Logistics firm Stiller Warehousing and Distribution has secured a deal to store and distribute over half a million bottles of sanitiser gel per month which are being produced by nearby INEOS. INEOS launched a new global healthcare firm INEOS Hygienics in July, following the runaway success of its new hand sanitiser plants this summer. Its first sanitiser production facility in Newton Aycliffe was established in less than ten days and went on to produce millions of bottles of sanitisers free of charge to the NHS and thousands of hospitals, at the height of the coronavirus crisis. Family-run logistics outfit Stiller has distributed around 500 pallets of 250ml hand sanitiser bottles – with each pallet containing between 1,000 and 2,000 bottles depending on size – since April, using Stiller's extensive national networks.



That means at least 27,000 gallons of the gel have been circulated around the UK from Stiller's Aycliffe HQ, contributing hugely to the national fight against Covid-19. Stiller is able to handle the flammable products due to multi-million pound investments in its state-of-the-art warehousing facilities in recent years, and distribute them using the latest, specially-equipped vehicles. Stiller has distributed the hand sanitisers locally to NHS hospitals and primary care centres through its deal with Hazchem, a standard pallet and parcel network which specialises in the movement of hazardous packaged goods, liquids or difficult-to-handle products. And Stiller will also store up to 1,000 pallets of the 250ml bottles at its 22-acre logistics site in the heart of Aycliffe Business Park.

"It was very rewarding to support the INEOS Hygienics hand sanitiser production facility in Newton Aycliffe from its inception," said Stiller managing director Matthew Stiller. "Sanitiser has a high alcohol content making it flammable and therefore subject to specialist transportation requirements. Our highly-trained team, specially-equipped vehicles and affiliation with the Hazchem network make us well suited to distribute INEOS' products to their clients."

Stiller teamed up with Hazchem in 2019, which enabled them to transport hazardous products using its extensive network around the UK, Ireland and Europe.

Stiller has invested more than £11m in property, facilities and people in the last five years. The company opened its new £2m freight distribution centre in 2019 and also converted its former logistics centre into a new 50,000 sq ft warehousing to accommodate 6,000 pallets. More than £6m has also been invested in maintaining its fleet of new vehicles.

Formed in 1954, Stiller provides cost-effective warehousing and distribution services to businesses in the North-East region as well as commercial property lettings and is also a member and major shareholder in Palletline, a national co-operative network of 70 companies specialising in overnight palletised freight distribution.

More about Stiller can be found at [www.stiller.co.uk](http://www.stiller.co.uk)

*Photo by Tom Banks: INEOS Hygienics group supply manager, Simon Prudhoe with Stiller Warehousing and Distribution commercial manager, Lizzie Brophy.*

# Woodham Academy Celebrate 100% Attendance

Jak Hardy, Charlie Pemberton and Jonathon Jones, all former students of Woodham Academy, have been recognised by Durham County Council for five years of 100% attendance during their time at Woodham. Whilst at Woodham they were exemplary students who demonstrated hard work and commitment to their studies.

**Jak Hardy** - Jak was a hard working, popular student. His laid back and friendly approach made him very popular with both his peers and all members of staff he encountered. However, beneath the easy going nature, Jak had a steely determination to succeed at whatever he chose to put his mind to - you only have to look at his golf handicap to see this. Here at Woodham we congratulate him on his excellent attendance and wish all the very best for him in the future.



**Charlie Pemberton** - Throughout his time at Woodham, Charlie always showed one hundred percent commitment to everything he did. A quiet and unassuming young man, he was popular with his peers and highly regarded among all members of the teaching staff. It was Charlie's sense of hard work and focus that saw him do tremendously well, achieving fantastic grades in his GCSEs. Yet, despite his school and studies commitments, Charlie still found time to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, clearly displaying his ability to live life to the full.



**Jonathon Jones** - As a student at Woodham, Jonathon always proved to be a conscientious, hard working young man. Many teachers commented on him constantly striving to do better and wish to improve his grades. His maturity and caring nature also saw him volunteer many times as part of The Duke of Edinburgh scheme, often taking younger students under his wing. Jonathon is a young man who will never settle for second and will always push himself to be the best version of himself that he can be.



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Interview date to be confirmed. All appointments are subject to appropriate pre-employment checks.



# Five Years of Train Building

Hitachi Rail is celebrating five years of its plant at Newton Aycliffe, which has been the scene of some truly pioneering work in the industry including the building of the Azuma bullet trains. It was also awarded a £400m contract last year to build 165 carriages for the East Midlands Railway and has submitted a joint bid to build and maintain high speed trains for the proposed HS2 line.

The site's importance to the economy of County Durham is evidenced by its use of local suppliers, with 70% of the parts fitted for the Azumas coming from within a 40 mile radius.

Durham County Council was instrumental in bringing Hitachi to the county, being heavily involved in a bid which saw Newton Aycliffe chosen from 40 sites, and has supported the factory and its 850 jobs ever since. And on the occasion of the five year anniversary, the authority has spoken of the continued importance of the Hitachi site to the county's economy, particularly as it looks to get it back on track amid the impacts of the pandemic.

Cllr. Carl Marshall, the council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "On behalf of everyone associated with the council I would like to send our best wishes to everyone at Hitachi Rail on the fifth anniversary of the Newton Aycliffe site. As I've said before it was a real coup for us to get Hitachi to County Durham with our great location, flexible and skilled workforce and determination to deliver, all key to us doing so. The site and its jobs – in addition to its use of local suppliers - have been crucial to our economy, while also helping us to attract other big employers like Amazon and Atom Bank to invest here."

"Having companies like these operating here is more crucial than ever at the moment as we do everything in our power to get the county's economy get back on track following the impacts of the coronavirus. We would also call for a prompt and hopefully positive outcome to Hitachi's bid to build the HS2 trains. Giving this contract to the company would not only be a major boost to Hitachi and the County Durham economy, but would also go some way to meeting the government's pledge to level up investment across the regions and reduce inequality."

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Council Tax  
Bands and Cost

Dear Sir,

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we see in the Newton News the slinging  
backwards and forwards of innuendo and insults.  
The current hot potato is double taxation. It is  
said by some that Aycliffe is double taxed whilst  
Chester-le-Street is not. Could you, as the  
people's champion, obtain the various household  
tax bands for the two towns, then your readership  
will have an honest answer?

Name and address supplied

*ED: Great Aycliffe Town Council adds an extra  
'parish' precept on top of the precepts set: by  
Durham County Council, by the Police and Fire  
Service, and for Adult Social Care. There is no  
parish council in Chester-le-Street, so no parish  
precept is added; the difference is about £250  
for a Band D property. Aycliffe residents could  
compare their council tax with Peterlee, which  
has a parish council, and therefore adds to the  
Council Tax in the same way as Great Aycliffe  
Town Council. This should help readers to  
understand how the council tax is set in towns  
across County Durham. (Council tax bands are  
based on the value of your property as at 1st  
April 1991, not on its current value).*

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F	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£160,001 - £320,000
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## Great Aycliffe

A	1,483.28
B	1,730.50
C	1,977.70
D	2,224.92
E	2,719.34
F	3,213.78
G	3,708.20
H	4,449.84

## Peterlee

A	1,508.27
B	1,759.65
C	2,011.02
D	2,262.40
E	2,765.15
F	3,267.91
G	3,770.67
H	4,524.80

## Chester-le-Street

A	1,316.56
B	1,535.99
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# PAVEMENT PARKING: Options for Change

Consultation by  
Department for Transport

**Closes: 22nd NOVEMBER 2020**

The government is asking whether a change of existing pavement parking legislation should occur and three options are being proposed:

1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking.
2. A legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'.
3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England.

To further develop its understanding of the pavement parking problem, the DfT is seeking your views on:

- Whether its ongoing work (Option 1), explained in more detail below, to improve the TRO process, under which local authorities can already prohibit pavement parking, is sufficient and proportionate to tackle pavement parking where it is a problem; or if not:
- Which of the two specific options you prefer. These were identified in the department's review of the pavement parking problem, and echoed by the Transport Committee; are aimed at providing better tools for local authorities. These options, explained in more detail in this consultation document, are:

- Legislative change to allow local authorities with civil parking enforcement (CPE) powers to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement' (Option 2), or:
- Legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England (Option 3).

- Any alternative proposals you may have for managing pavement parking.

The DfT recognises that there are pros and cons for each of the options, and your responses on each will inform how this issue should be addressed.

Paul Howell, our MP, is keen that as many residents as possible get to respond on this issue which resonates with so many. You can respond via this link: <https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2X12G/> - which is the DfT's preferred option or by downloading the response from <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking/pavement-parking-options-for-change> and emailing pavement.parking@dft.gov.uk

## Congratulations

Addison



**Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad**

Hope your day is as special  
as both of you are to us.

Lots of love, Rachael, Gary, Neil, Jill.  
Big hugs from Granddaughter Ava xxxxx  
PS: Happy birthday Mam. Love from all of us xxx

## In Memoriam

**Avril Alderson**

*3rd October*

Loving memories of a  
dear Sister, Sister-in-  
Law and Aunt.  
Neil, Ann and family  
xxxxx

**Alan Herbert**

*11th March 1947 to  
14th October 2019*

Missed by Family and  
Friends, locally and in  
Liverpool.  
Remembered always.  
Until we meet again.

**Richard Sanderson**

*6th January 1945 to  
26th September 2020*

Gone but never  
forgotten.  
Love you forever and  
always, Louise, Billy  
and Lilly.

**Vera Land**

*Died 9th October  
2019*

We thought of you  
with love today, but  
that is nothing new,  
we thought about you  
yesterday.  
And days before  
that too, We think  
of you in silence,  
We often speak your  
name, all we have are  
memories, and your  
picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our  
keepsake, with which  
we'll never part.  
God has you in his  
keeping, but we have  
you in our hearts.  
We miss you Mam.  
Denise, Paul and  
David; Mother-in-Law  
of Steve and Sharon,  
and the late Sue also  
loved Nanna and  
Great-Nanna

## Obituary

**Eileen Thompson**

Peacefully on 30th  
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aged 73 years.

Dearly loved Wife  
of Bas; loving Mam  
to Karen and Jason;  
devoted Grandma  
of Zach, Luke and  
Jayden; treasured  
Great Grandma of  
Reagen, Finley and  
Hunter.

Will be sadly missed  
by all her family and  
friends.

Private family Service  
to take place on  
Tuesday 13th October  
in St. Clare's Church,  
at 12.45pm prior to  
committal in Wear  
Valley Crematorium at  
1.30pm.

**Robert Donald  
Eltringham**

*Newton Aycliffe*

It is with great sadness  
that we announce  
the death of Robert  
Donald Eltringham,  
(Don), aged 93 years,  
on 2nd October 2020,  
in the care of Defoe  
Court Nursing Home.  
Beloved Husband of  
Greta for 39 years;  
loving Father of  
Stephen, Barbara and  
Jill and Step-Father  
to Alison, Lesley  
and Beverley; loving  
Grandad to Nicholas,  
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Jenny and Daisy and  
Great-Grandfather  
to Isobel, Mason,  
Alexander, Aaron,  
Finley and Alyssa;  
Father-in-Law to  
Sharon, Geoff and Nic.  
A private funeral  
Service will be held  
on Wednesday 14th  
October at 1.30pm in  
St. Clare's Church.  
Don requested no  
flowers but any  
donations in lieu may  
be made to St. Clare's  
Church, where he had  
been a member of the  
congregation since  
moving to Newton  
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## Social Distancing at Horndale



Since reopening, schools up and down the  
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Nursery School in Newton Aycliffe, Craig  
Brown, found that parents were happy with  
procedures once inside the school grounds  
but some found it difficult to maintain social  
distancing outside the grounds.  
Mr Brown contacted local Councillor, John  
Clare, who supported the schools application to  
Durham County Council to allow the  
school to paint social distancing markers  
on the public footpath outside the school  
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# AYCLIFFE F.C. MAINTAIN UNBEATEN START

## Seaham Red Star 0-3 Newton Aycliffe

Newton Aycliffe overcame the elements at a soaking Ferguson Motor Repairs Stadium to take all three points against Seaham Red Star.

Liam Jarvie scored his fifth goal in four games to give Aycliffe a first half lead before Connor Phelan and an Adam Burnicle penalty sealed a 3-0 win for Colin Stromsoy's side. The win keeps Aycliffe in third place in the Ebac Northern League Division One table, two points behind the leaders.

There was one change to the starting XI from Tuesday night's 3-2 win over Billingham Town, as Burnicle returned from an injury picked up at Thornaby in place of Ben Reay. With the rain pouring on the North East coast there was little between the two teams in the opening exchanges of the game as both teams adjusted to the slick conditions.

Andrew Johnson was the first player to test either goalkeeper when his near post header forced Adam Pickford into a smart save after



the ball zipped up off the surface in the 20th minute.

The deadlock was broken 10 minutes later with the first moment of quality in the game as Ben Dibb-Fuller found a pocket of space inside the Seaham half and was allowed to advance. His defence splitting pass was inch perfect for Jarvie to run on to who was able to keep his composure and go around goalkeeper Andrew Jennison to slot home into an empty net. New Red Star signing Lewis Suddick almost levelled the scores five minutes later when he escaped Aidan McGee and was able to curl a strike beyond the stretching Aaron Brown but thankfully for Aycliffe it went wide of Pickford's post. Pickford was forced into a flying save to his right before the break when Paul Gardiner was able to turn and fire a snap shot at goal as Aycliffe's lead remained intact. The conditions worsened for the second half but it was Aycliffe who made a flying start as Phelan doubled their lead to cap an excellent Aycliffe move.

Dibb-Fuller and Marc Costello linked in midfield with Costello finding Jarvie and the attacker was able to slip the ball through to Phelan who had continued his run up the right hand side and was able to slide the ball beyond Jennison. Johnson got on the end of a lofted ball from Thomas Bott but Pickford was out to close the angle and push wide as the home side looked to try and find a way back into the game. Burnicle tried to repeat his heroics at Thornaby on the hour mark when he tested Jennison with the outside of his boot from the edge of the area. Suddick had Pickford scrambling to his left moments later but once more the former Hebburn

Town man's strike when past Pickford's post. From the resulting goal kick Aycliffe went up the other end of the field and were awarded a penalty when Jake Petitjean was sent tumbling by Matthew Tumilty much to the disgruntlement of the Seaham players. After a lengthy wait Burnicle stepped up to coolly send the ball down the middle and seal all three points for Aycliffe.

The visitors might have added to their lead through Burnicle who couldn't keep Jarvie's cross down following the move of the match by Aycliffe. Reay was denied by Jennison after being put through one on one before Wood lofted the rebound over the bar. There was still time for Pickford to make an excellent save to deny Gardiner from close range having spilled Johnson's effort from distance in the rain. Aycliffe held on for a clean sheet and remain unbeaten in the Northern League.

By Joe Ramage

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Bill Lowery

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