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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



"Thank You!"

Dear Sir,
Sugar Hill staff would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their amazing support throughout these unprecedented times. With 453 children on roll, aged 3-11, we have had to make many changes in school to ensure staff, children and families stay as safe as possible. One of the biggest changes has been how the children arrive and leave school. Our staggered morning and afternoon timings have significantly reduced footfall at these very busy times in the school day. We have had lots of positive feedback from parents regarding the new systems we have in place, since school re-opened fully to all children in September.

We know that many parents and carers were anxious when school doors re-opened for their children following such a long time at home. We also recognise how challenging home schooling was throughout this time and are so grateful for all the support with this.

We also want to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for following all government guidance and ensuring, as family units, they have kept children at home, if family members and close contacts have tested positive for Covid-19. Another huge thank you to all families that have been affected and acted in a way to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible.

It has been a year like no other for all staff working in school. In the mix of dealing with a worldwide pandemic, we were absolutely delighted when the workmen still arrived this term to improve our school environment with our state of the art windows! They too have followed all our safety guidance to keep everyone safe and deserve a huge thank you.

Although we cannot go ahead with parents and carers coming into school for Christmas events in December, rest assured Sugar Hill children will have an amazing 'Countdown to Christmas' in school from week beginning 30th November.

Amazing 'Newton News' stories to follow - watch this space!

HEIGHINGTON MATTERS

Ask any Councillor for the biggest complaints in their Ward and a pound to a penny speeding and parking will be high on their list. In my Heighington and Coniscliffe Ward, most of the roads are narrow with blind summits and lots of tight corners to negotiate, which should make drivers drive with due care, but from complaints received few do. Recently I received the following letter sent to me by pupils from Heighington Primary School prompted by their concerns about speeding vehicles:

NO NEED FOR SPEED!

We are reporters at Heighington CE Primary School and, today, we are representing our whole school in asking for your help.

Recently we have noticed that some people are driving much too fast in Heighington, particularly coming into the village on Redworth Road. This is extremely concerning because we need to get in and out of school safely every day. We are very worried that somebody, including yourself, could be injured. Even our friendly pets and wildlife are at risk. We know that nobody wants to cause an accident, so we are asking you to think about your speed and slow down whilst driving in our village and anywhere else. Please remember to 'Think, slow down and keep everyone safe!'

Many thanks from the Children of Heighington CE Primary School

Reported by: Heidi, Tom, Jess and Oliver (Age 10).

MILLBANK BARRIERS

Because of Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, our school has introduced a 'one way' system for parents taking or picking their children up from school, whereby parents assemble at the main school gates and leave using the Redworth Road gate. Exiting onto Redworth Road leaves some parents and children having to walk down the top side of Millbank, which does not have a footpath, putting them in danger as they cannot see oncoming traffic round the blind corner. Having watched parents having to walk as close to the tall stone wall until they could see if the road was clear, I felt that something had to be done to ensure the parents and their children could walk down Millbank safely.

Having consulted with DBC Highways, the school, and more recently residents living in the Orchard, barriers are to be installed in the next week or two. The barriers will be 1500mm from the stone wall and will create a safe walkway for pedestrians using Millbank.

Traffic leaving Hopelands from the school junction will turn right down the hill and leave via Water Lane, South View or Walworth Road. Access from Redworth Road/Hall Lane junction into Millbank will be for The Orchard residents only and new road signage will be installed accordingly. The introduction of the pedestrian barriers will cause some disruption in the village, so I ask for your acceptance that it is imperative that we keep our little ones safe and for your patience. The Barriers are

temporary and will be removed when the dangers from Coronavirus has gone.

SILENT SANTA APPEAL

Thanks to all who have contributed so far. The Appeal is still ongoing - so do try to help.

Councillor Gerald G. Lee

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Dated: 20th November 2020



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

Paws2Rescue Romanian Shoebox Appeal

After months of planning and weeks of packing boxes all the incredible donations finally left Newton Aycliffe, Thursday 12th November, on the first leg of their journey to Romania. The doors closed on the truck and there really wasn't much room to spare! As usual everyone has been so kind and generous and this year we have been blown away with the amount people have selflessly given, especially in these very trying times. Sarah-Jane Jackman, Paws2Rescue Design Manager and the North East co-ordinator, said, "we are amazed, but not entirely surprised, at the amount of donations we have received for this very worthwhile appeal. Box upon box of clothes, shoes, coats, toys, food, toiletries and shoeboxes, full of treats, have been generously given by so many people who have given up their time to try and make a child or family's Christmas this year. The children in Romania and Moldova are in such desperate need, this year more than ever. Many without even a pair of shoes, and certainly no chance of a Christmas present without the kindness of everyone in the UK. Every single donation really will bring a smile to a child in such desperate need. This is the 7th year of this appeal and year



on year we are able to help more people who, without the help of charities like ours, wouldn't have much of a Christmas. This year we really didn't expect to be able to send as much, with COVID-19 meaning more people than ever have lost their jobs, but we've pulled it out of the bag. I would like to say a huge thank you to Madison Jackman for her donations and use of her garage for storage, Kat Brock and friends for boxes full of pasta, chocolate and many other treats and necessities, Lesley Smith, Adam and Shelana Stott and Barbara Hodgson for bags full of clothes, shoes, toiletries and toys, Sheena Stephenson of Supporting Families for hundreds of pairs of shoes, Susan Trohear and her husband, who travelled all the way from Cumbria to drop off dozens of boxes & bags and Beverley Dowson, along with her friends Debbie, Sarah, Gail and Liz, who brought over 100 shoeboxes for the children. Without you all we wouldn't have achieved any of this."

Paws2Rescue are a registered charity, 1156882, primarily rescuing and providing shelter for the stray dogs of Romania, providing education to the children and in communities plus neuter programmes for cats and dogs. Re-homing dogs from overseas and the UK. For more information on all the work we do, please contact us via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Paws2Rescue@outlook.com or Paws2Rescue.com



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Great Resilience & Community Spirit

Dear Sir,
Having moved to Newton Aycliffe in 2008, I am regularly pleasantly surprised by the community spirit that this wonderful town has.

As recently as last week, one resident's dog bolted, due to fireworks going off. Hearing about this on social media my wife and I went out for a walk in the area where the dog was last seen. On a very cold evening, whilst respecting the lockdown restrictions, what a pleasant surprise it was to see so many other people out for the same reason, shouting the dog's name, I think this is just one example of the many reasons I consider myself an adopted Newtonian! It was pleasing to hear the dog was returned safely the following morning.

I think everyone will agree the town needs more investment in the town centre and more amenities, but there are many reasons to be positive, the revitalised Big Club, Moore Lane Sports Club (let's hope we get back there soon), not forgetting the reliability of Tesco and Aldi through what has been a tough year for everyone.

But what price community spirit that Newton Aycliffe has? Priceless! Remembrance Day is always so well attended by all ages, it was a shame everyone couldn't be there this year, but rest assured everyone will be back next year.

Well done to everyone for getting their Christmas trees and lights up, let's all have a long, fantastic Christmas 2020. Reasons to be positive for 2021 - great resilience and community spirit.

Adopted Newtonian

Name and address supplied

"We Have to Work as a Community"

Dear Sir,
Covid-19 is a very real disease with very serious consequences, be they permanent mobility problems, vascular issues or death. The CDC, WHO and the British Medical Journal agree that Covid-19 exists and is a threat to a huge number of people. Every person who gets the disease can die from it, or from complications from the symptoms. And if they do survive, there have been numerous cases of people being paralyzed, losing sense and suffering permanent cardiovascular issues. People like Councillor Hewitson - who claim they speak the truth when they are ignoring the evidence - who is using her position as a councillor to further her own reckless agenda, or a previous writer who claimed

zinc supplements could keep him healthy, are endangering every one of us. Only by taking the proper precautions and actually respecting the gravity of the situation where our current Government will not, can we overcome this disease. Wearing a mask when you go to the shops is crucial, because every person working at the shop does not have a say in whether they go to work or not - they are putting themselves at risk every day for people to then turn around and demonstrate that they don't care about their safety or well-being. On this point, I would ask that those concerned for their grandchildren or grandparents, think in these times of hardship how much worse it would be if in your "one little visit" you passed the disease to them or someone like them nearby who then died. It is easier to miss a family member when you know that you can see them again after all of this is over, trust me.

We have to work as a community, like the Britain of the 1940s. When we went into a blackout, you didn't keep your curtains open because "you hadn't seen any planes", no, you closed your curtains and entered a shelter to protect yourself, your loved ones and those around you. And frankly, I would not want a Councillor who would knowingly endanger their neighbours just to have a look out the window.

A. Kenelm

Ed: The above letter covers a topical, current debate, and the Newton News has followed its long-established practice of allowing both sides to be heard and present their opinion. Newton News feel this subject has now run its course and will no longer accept or publish letters on this subject.

Chief Constable at Rotary Meeting

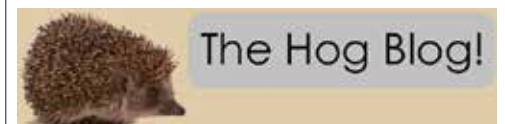
Dear Sir,
At our Rotary Zoom meeting on Tuesday evening, 17th November, we were delighted to welcome Jo Farrell, Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary. Our thanks must go to one of our members, Marjory Elliott, who issued the invitation, and we were honoured that Mrs. Farrell accepted. Jo informed us that she has been in the Police service for 29 years, firstly in Cambridgeshire then Northumbria force and 4 years ago joined Durham as Deputy Chief and last year was selected as Chief Constable on the retirement of Mike Barton. The first woman to be appointed to the top job in the force's history, she heads a staff of over 2000, 1300 officers and 800 civilian staff and it is clear, as she talks, that she is completely engaged with all aspects of her work.

Jo explained, "Policing has changed immeasurably since I joined 29 years ago. Our primary concern is still to protect and serve the public, but the focus has shifted to such as cyber crime, safeguarding and organised crime which involves drug dealing on a massive scale".

She mentioned that we may have heard the phrase 'county lines' which has been in the news recently. The drug dealers identify a young and vulnerable person and use them to deliver drugs into areas where they are not known. Jo went on to say, "We are much more accountable and subject to scrutiny, transparency and the Freedom of Information Act, and we are inspected regularly by HM Inspectorate. We aim to be inclusive and embrace diversity, and to this end our leadership is based on values, positivity, well-being and support for our officers, particularly psychological support, where there may be concerns with PTSD, and, of course, the pandemic has, and continues to be, a huge challenge as we make every effort to keep our officers and the public safe".

The Chief Constable made special mention of the neighbourhood policing teams including the PCSOs and how proud she is of the work they do in striving to keep communities together and forming partnerships with organisations such as Rotary, schools and charities. Jo talked for over half an hour and it flew by. It was then followed by a short Q & A session.

Thank you, Chief Constable, for giving up your valuable time and agreeing to be our speaker. We are in safe hands.



Firstly can we thank all finders, Pat and Liam who found Casey, a very young female, who is now next to Cerys, maybe siblings, Sophie and Richie who picked up a very small baby hog off a main road in Hartlepool. It's a miracle she is alive but this lovely couple, who are related to lovely Lorraine Elliott, brought her back here where she is thriving, thankfully, where she should be, and finally Brenda who has also saved a lovely hedgehog who was very poorly, she is recovering from an internal parasite called thorny headed worm and it's as painful as it sounds. Not to mention a donation to help with over winter food and care because they are too small to release. Also thanks to Sonya and Jane for their support providing us with lovely kitten food, which is all very much appreciated.

Things should hopefully quieten down but if you see a hedgehog out during the day, whatever the size, please pick him or her up, they are nocturnal, we shouldn't see them at all really, contact a vet, or rescue centre, Cleveland Hedgehog Preservation Society have their own website, we are currently working on our own Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel Facebook site too.

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Currently, as part of National anti-bullying week, they are also raising awareness about being kind at school, highlighting the ways to prevent bullying and responding to it in an effective way. Staff have been provided with resources to help students recognise and be part of the solution if they become aware of any issues. Young people across the nation will be taking part in activities such as 'odd sock day' a simple way to celebrate difference and show solidarity for the national campaign, the antibullying alliance state, "It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!" Greenfield Community College are proud of the response by their students and are committed to supporting students to reach their full potential. The school promotes an inclusive curriculum encouraging students to work together to realise an outstanding learning experience.

If you would like to find out more visit www.greenfieldschool.net or contact the school by emailing contact@greenfieldschool.net or by calling 01325 300378.

Open Letter to the Department for Education

I write from UTC South Durham, a STEM-based school in the North East, in response to Ofqual's recent announcement on assessment requirements. We have been told that students are expected to complete all units as in a normal year.

I spoke to a Year 11 student about this yesterday. Here are his thoughts:

Generation on mute

Two hundred and thirty-one days we have had reducing hope and no voice. Our generation is on mute. Nothing is dearer to us than our future; a future that is now unstable. We have been given something of a life-line – a three-week delay to exams. But does anyone really think that's enough to steady our course?

Who is the head that decides our fate, my fate and the fate of many others? As far as I know, they are not just about to take the exams that are set to determine their future.

Who is the head that will listen to a generation who are drowning in anxiety? As far as I know, they have not felt the confusion and fear of missing six months of work only to be told you will sit in front of invigilators and take the exams with no regard to the trauma of this pandemic.

So please hear US, the generation who feel forgotten, our mouths taped shut as our future slips through our fingers. Please listen, because we are the future of this country, please listen because we are truly dealing with the toxic fallout of the choices of our education system.

You know me as Arron, but I am confident these are the words of an entire generation.

So, please do not tell me that a three-week delay is enough.

Students are working hard, but, they have already lost so much education.

Please do not tell me that education continues just as well remotely. Students lack the opportunity to learn from their peers. My staff are brilliant, but they are stretched and exhausted.

Please do not tell me that it is affordable. I have a choice between breaking our budget on supply staff and imposing more remote education.

Please work with us to create a plan which will meet the needs of our young people, as they work through this extraordinary time in their lives.

Yours sincerely

Tom Dower

Principal, UTC South Durham

Our Archived New Towns!

Dear Sir,
Archive collections, with the correct engagement, as well as simply providing an historical record, have a living value proven to create a sense of place and promote the health and wellbeing of residents. The Association of New Towns Archives and Museums (ANTAM) network has been set up to share knowledge between members about activities relating to new town archives. Durham County Council Archives is involved and



it was my great honour to be asked to be on the Steering Group, which had its first meeting this week.

The project facilitator is a built environment and climate change academic. One of the four members is a Sector Development Manager for the National Archives; another a university researcher in Human Geography; and the third - formerly an Open University Regional Director - is Cabinet Member for Economy, Culture and Regeneration on Milton Keynes Council.

An awesome group of people indeed - but only I come from the town that was Beveridge's flagship and once labelled 'Perfecto'!

SETTING THE PROJECT PARAMETERS

The steering group's task, in this first meeting, was to suggest the project's four topics for research:

- 'Health and Wellbeing' came top of our list; Newton Aycliffe, for example, was built to provide a better place to live than the depressed pit villages of the area, and this topic fits perfectly with the preoccupations of our present times.
- Close on its heels came: 'Environment and Sustainable Living' - Newton Aycliffe was built around its 'greens' and designed to bring the countryside right into the town. We commented how poor are the health outcomes in many new towns, and how the open spaces that were hoped to engender a healthier lifestyle seem not to have done so - it is going to be a fascinating piece of research to understand why.
- We considered 'Diversity' a strong change-through-time topic - trying to observe how the original rootless 'pioneer' migrants have morphed into established multi-generational families, and what effect that has had upon the communities, their culture and their attitudes.
- A fourth key area seemed to be: 'Heritage to shape the future' (including collecting oral histories) ... but strong arguments were advanced for the 'Role of Women in shaping new towns' (cf Miss Hamilton!!) and 'Young People & Families' (another change-through time topic; Newton Aycliffe has changed from a town "awash with children" to a town desperately trying to build more bungalows for its ageing population).

OUTCOMES

The project facilitator will now construct four topics-for-investigation out of our discussions. These will then be shaped into project proposals by working groups of experts, funding will be sought, and the research will be undertaken. I promised the Steering Group that Newtonians are proud of their past, with strong history and historic photograph groups ... so you may well shortly find yourself being asked for your memories.

I will keep you in touch with progress.

Cllr. John D. Clare

(Cabinet Support, Economy & Regeneration)

Max Takes Maiden Mini Challenge Pole Position

Yorkshire based racing driver Max Coates was back in action at Brands Hatch in Kent for the final rounds of the 2020 MINI CHALLENGE UK, taking a maiden pole position amongst strong top five race results.

The drivers were met with mixed conditions in Friday testing with Coates in the top 6 in both practice sessions. The rain came for Qualifying and Max, in his Primex Plastics sponsored car, put in the fastest lap of the session with five minutes remaining to take his maiden pole position in the series. With teammate Max Bird in second, and also pole positions in the Ginetta Junior and Supercup series for the Elite Motorsport team, the atmosphere was very positive heading into the weekends first set of races.

Surprisingly it was to be the first wet race of the season, the JiC Transport sponsored car didn't make the best start. Coates dropped behind his teammate into turn one and then had a huge slide which nearly put him into the gravel. He fell back to 6th place on the opening lap but battled back through to 4th after a third tour of the Brands Hatch Indy circuit. He then began to apply pressure on the podium positions but couldn't find a way through. His pace fell as the race progressed and he came under pressure from behind, eventually losing a position back to 5th where he remained to the chequered flag.

Race two was shown live on ITV4 as part of the BTCC programme and its title showdown. Coates started 6th in his NGK Spark Plugs and 1BR sponsored car immediately set about gaining positions from the start. Over the first two laps he battled with other drivers and sat in 5th place as the race entered a lengthy safety car period. With just a lap to go after the safety car, Max battled for the final podium spot but came out in 4th position.

After, he commented, "It was great to take our first pole position of the season at Brands Hatch and it felt like we were going to end on a real high. Unfortunately, it didn't go that way in race one and that was all my own doing. I'm pleased with our solid results this weekend and we round out the championship 6th overall. It's been a pleasure to be part of the Elite Motorsport team this year and I look forward to developing my relationship with them."

"This season has been an odd one, the events have lacked the atmosphere I am familiar with at the BTCC and I am hopeful that we can welcome my partners and the fans of the sport back trackside in 2021. I'm hugely grateful to Primex Plastics Ltd, JiC Transport, NGK Spark Plugs, Cirrus Research, CTL Dental, Jackson and Graham Accountants, Teesside Karting and all my sponsors who allow me to continue to pursue my racing career. I'll take some time to consider some options for 2021 and make a decision on what racing we plan to do next year alongside my partners."



Fly Tipping Will Attract Vermin Around Shops



Dear Sir,

This above photograph shows rubbish that has been dumped behind the Fish Shop in Simpasturegate.

This has been reported to Durham County Council twice, with no response from the authorities. I am also aware of other shop owners who have unsuccessfully tried to find the culprits, to no avail. I fear we will eventually get an infestation of vermin if it is not removed.

Bob Forrest, Simpasture Fisheries.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

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Open Letter to Acting Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner

Mr Steve White

Acting Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner

Dear Steve,

RE: Durham & Darlington Constabulary – The Police Estate and Custody Suites

I am writing to you on behalf of the MPs for Bishop Auckland, Darlington, North West Durham, and Sedgfield, as well as myself in my capacity as a candidate for the elections initially scheduled for May 2020, but due to the global Coronavirus pandemic have been delayed until at least May 2021.

We are all deeply concerned about the proposal to close the custody suites at: Bishop Auckland, Durham City, Peterlee, and Darlington police stations and to move this to a new central £21,000,000 facility in Spennymoor.

We have several major issues of concern:

- 1.) This proposal is taking place separately from the broader review of police stations across Co. Durham and Darlington. It is deeply concerning that custody is being treated separately when custody is an integral part of the broader police estate.
- 2.) This plan for a new central custody facility is taking place without public consultation.
- 3.) There is a significant democratic deficit in the decision-making process. As Labour's Acting PCVC you replaced Ron Hogg, who had been elected as Labour's candidate for PCVC in 2016. His sad death meant that you took over from your previously appointed role as Chief Exec to the Labour PCVC for what was meant to be 6 months but will now be 18 months without any democratic mandate for decisions of this scale.

As such, we have two clear requests. Firstly, that any formal decision or approval on the way forward regarding the custody facility proposal is delayed until after the PCVC elections. Secondly, that no decision is taken until a review of the whole police estate has been undertaken, in the interests of local policing, this should start now.

Finally, it appears that the monies for this proposed £21,000,000 spend have come from savings in not spending money on front line community policing and have been squirrelled away over several years. As Labour's Acting PCVC and as the appointed Chief Executive to the late Labour PCVC, what has the justification been for withholding this money from the front line in our communities for years to build up this funding pot for Labour's proposal? This just looks like another Labour vanity project not fully thought through, a bit like the new £50,000,000 County Hall spend by the Labour administration of Durham County Council.

Your sincerely,

George Jabbour, Conservative Party Candidate for Durham & Darlington PCVC

Dehenna Davison MP, Bishop Auckland

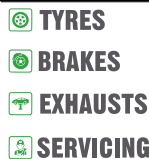
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100k Charity Run

As the national lockdown has been imposed on the UK and my beloved gym has closed I thought this a great opportunity to keep myself active and raise some money for two great causes. I plan to run 100K over the period of lockdown and hope you good people will sponsor me to do so!

The funds raised will be split equally between The Royal British Legion and Newton Aycliffe FC Junior Section. The funds that I will donate to the Royal British Legion will be to help support veterans, Forces personnel and their families who have served and sacrificed throughout the generations. The Royal British Legion provides aid in many forms, from bereavement support to homelessness and everything in between. I am sure you will agree, a very worthwhile cause. Any funds I donate to NAFC Junior Section will be used to help our local grassroots junior football club, a non-profit charter standard club, who provide the opportunity for children aged from 4 to 18 years to have fun, develop their skills and play football in a safe and friendly environment.

Sponsorship of any amount would be gratefully received! I'll keep you all updated on my 100k progress throughout the month.

Online link for donations: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/slatch039s-100k-challenge>

Thank you.

Nige Slatcher



Covid-19 Delays Damaged Sign Replacement

Dear Sir,

With reference to last weeks headline 'Damaged Sign Ignored', we would like to reassure your correspondent and residents that Councillors, Police and Livin did not ignore this issue and do care and are bothered about the whole town. There is an enormous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes as well as the general efforts to keep Newton Aycliffe safe, clean and running smoothly.

In direct response to the cycle path sign, we would like to thank your correspondent for highlighting the vandalised sign, which had been damaged by a vehicle in early August, not as stated, twelve months previous. Also, your correspondent must have passed this damaged sign on numerous occasions, but we do not have a record of them reporting it!

However, I can confirm that Cllr. Kate Hopper and myself identified the damage on 25th August, DCC responded on 1st September and an order was placed for a replacement, we chased it up on 8th October and again last week. The highways service confirmed the order had been delayed, partly due to Covid-19, and that it was not seen as a priority at this time, which is very frustrating for all concerned.

Finally, our West Division residents can contact Cllr. Hopper and myself by using the contact details below, by text or Facebook and Messenger - other Aycliffe Councillors details can be found on Durham County Council and Great Aycliffe Town Council websites. Also, if residents want something fixing they can use Durham County Council online at <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk> and get an immediate response.

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2-4pm	Weekly Edition	Paul Baker
4-6pm	Northern & Classic Soul (R)	Kevin Sowerby
"The Saturday Night Experience" Sponsored by Bengal Lounge Indian Restaurant & Takeaway		
6-8pm	Evening Session	Jimjams
8-9pm	Rock the House	Carl Booth
9-10pm	Retro Trance Mix	OZ-DJ
10-12am	Street 'n' Drum 'n' Bass	MC Supa
12-2am	Night Club Session	A DJ

SUNDAY

9-10am	Church Service	Xcel Centre
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-2pm	Country & Americana Show	David Ringer
Blues Show Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-7.30pm	Jazz Time	Mike Dixon
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	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote

FRIDAY

6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	27th Nov. - Pauly Mac (Australia) Rare Vinyl Mix	Rare Vinyl Mix
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Beekeepers Wanted

In these strange times we all find ourselves in, due to the Covid-19 restrictions and with no end in sight, now is the time when we should all be thinking about how to spend our time more constructively and see what we can do to help make the world a better place to live in. Look no further . . . beekeeping is surely a no-brainer.

Everyone in Newton Aycliffe is now fully aware of our new Beekeeping Association: AYCLIFFE or ABKA. We are now fully established with nearly 100 members, a teaching apiary at the St. Oswald's allotments and HQ at the Moore Lane Eco-Centre. We also have the full backing of the Great Aycliffe Town Council, headed by Lee Williams and Steven Cooper, both of whom have been extremely supportive of our new venture. When we feel like a little more luxury we occasionally use the Oak Leaf Leisure Complex where we can even get a meal and a pint. Our watchwords are "friendly, informal and helpful", so we are always ready to welcome new faces with open arms.

How do people get into beekeeping?

The first stage is to join a nice, friendly association. We are affiliated to Durham BKA, a well-established and successful association, based in Durham city, through them we are affiliated to the British Beekeepers' Association (the BBKA) which is the national governing body. Once enrolled, members can take advantage of a wide range of amenities including a full training programme leading to a qualification which enables you to keep bees. Strangely, there are few restrictions to looking after bees, which can be located virtually anywhere, provided your neighbours don't object and children and pets can be controlled safely.

Urban beekeeping is certainly on the rise, often we find that honey bees have better foraging options than their country cousins, who often find food difficult to come by and it is very often seasonal. Just about anybody can keep bees provided they are serious, conscientious and well prepared.

Our association routinely provides two courses for beginners each year, in the spring (usually over a weekend), and in the Autumn. This is a course based on facts recommended by the BBKA and involves a mixture of classroom-based tuition/seminars and practical work with the bees at the apiary. The course normally would take place at the Eco-Centre but because of the current restrictions this isn't possible at the moment, so we plan to deliver the course remotely online, using Zoom technology, starting in the New Year. The course will take place in short sharp 30-minute bursts over about 5/6 weekends with the first session on Saturday 9th January at 10.30am. We expect to be able to get through all the theory in about 10 sessions.

If you are interested in attending the course, please contact our education officer, Chris Barker, email: training.aycliffebka@gmail.com or you can call him for an informal chat: 07421 471581 anytime. If you'd like to know a little more about what we do, you can always go to our website: www.aycliffebees.com - we guarantee you'll get a real BUZZ out of it!

Anti-Social Petition

Dear Sir,

Many thanks to all the people who signed the petition for more action regarding anti social behaviour in the Western Area. This received many signatures, which I will present to the Police Commissioner at Durham next week.

I may be told to wait until after the lockdown ends, but another fortnight will not be much to wait, considering we have been waiting at least five years for action to be taken.

Once again, thank you to all the people who signed and I can assure you all this anti social behaviour will be sorted.

Dorothy Bowman.

Be Watchful of Scams and Fraud During Lockdown

A North East council is reminding its residents to be watchful for scams and fraud designed to target people during the coronavirus pandemic.

As part of International Fraud Awareness Week, 15 November to 21 November 2020, Durham County Council is highlighting the dangers of people taking advantage of the second national lockdown to indulge in fraudulent activity.

From sending fake government emails, designed to look like an offer of a support grant, council tax reduction, or Universal Credit; to imitating NHS Track and Trace or TV Licensing and subscription services, scammers have been using the uncertainty of the pandemic to acquire personal details.

With the urgency to support people and the billions of pounds being spent from government, fraudsters are also taking advantage of this uncertain time for financial gain.

The council's corporate fraud team has been verifying that money is being paid out to genuine people and businesses which need financial support during the pandemic.

For example, a large-scale organised fraud on the covid business grants was uncovered which had been targeted at multiple local authorities nationally, including Durham County Council.

The corporate fraud team assisted the business rates team in identifying that the council had been affected and worked quickly on a national alert to prevent payments of £695,000 following fraudulent applications by the same organised criminals.

The team has also prevented 58 attempted frauds, with a value of circa £785,000, and is pursuing 17 known fraudulent grants in partnership with Durham Constabulary and the National Investigation Service (NATIS).

Fraud and corruption have been also added to the council's Covid-19 Risks list, and these are monitored with other frauds that the council's corporate fraud team investigate, including adult social care, blue badge, business rates, council tax, insurance, procurement, schools and tenancy frauds.

Since the corporate fraud team was set up in June 2015 it has recovered or intercepted over £9.5million.

Other scams residents are being warned to look out for include fraudulent messages alleging to be from NHS Track and Trace in which alerts are being sent to members of the public claiming that the recipient has been in contact with someone diagnosed with coronavirus.

These messages will include links to fake websites that are used to steal personal and financial information or infect devices with malware.

In order to spot a scam, particularly when related to coronavirus, people should be on high alert if:

- The website address is inconsistent with that of the legitimate organisation
- The phone call, text or emails asks for financial information such as PINs or passwords
- A call or email appears out of the blue with an urgent request for personal or financial information, or to make an immediate payment
- An offer of a heavily discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original price
- There are spelling and grammar mistakes or inconsistencies in the story given

Cllr Andrea Patterson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for corporate services and rural issues, said: "As we are currently in a second national lockdown and grants have been extended, there are scammers who have been using public anxiety as an opportunity to take advantage and commit fraudulent crimes.

"While there is a great deal of uncertainty at the moment, it is important that we all remain vigilant and make ourselves aware of potential scams we could be targeted with and the signs to look out for. Our corporate fraud team is working tirelessly to identify and prevent attempted frauds."

For more information or to report a case of fraud, visit www.durham.gov.uk/fraud - To find out more on ways to spot a scam, visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk



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Last week I was forever on Zoom or Teams, most of the meetings I describe below were virtual and whilst on one level there is an efficiency, it is an intense way to meet but I much prefer physically meeting people.

I started with discussing broadband with the Darlington Borough Council team before one of my regular catch up calls with Hitachi, and later joining a meeting of the Northern Research Group (NRG). On Tuesday we had a full day, starting with discussions on a gigabyte capable north-east that included representatives from BT, OpenReach and Virgin, where we challenged them on progress for places like Redworth, amongst others. Then it was onto a call with Livin to discuss their operations and approach throughout Sedgfield before joining the APPG for levelling up. The afternoon saw our third session of the APPG for Left Behind Communities, that I jointly chair. This time we were looking at employment, skills and education. Afterwards I joined an update session on digital data with the Minister of State for Trade Policy, Greg Hands. My final session of the day was speaking at another APPG, this time housing in the North.

Wednesday started with Age UK team briefing me, before speaking at a virtual discussion on the politics of community power, discussing how the government can support community power. After this a meeting of the NRG executive before an evening virtually joining Bishop Middleham & Mainsforth Parish Council. Thursday was BEIS select committee, this time the subject was the UK Emissions trading system common framework, which deals with price controls in the energy networks, joined by Ofgem, National Grid, Citizens Advice and the Minister, Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth. The big question was around the need to price consumers fairly, whilst allowing generators the capacity to invest and deliver a carbon neutral future.

Then it was a briefing on the NSI Bill before joining Fishburn Parish Council virtually.

I finished last week with a briefing from Darlington Borough Council leadership and then another from Sue Jacques, who leads the local NHS efforts. I was reassured by her that our local NHS is well positioned, in that although they have more people in hospital with Covid-19 now than they did at the peak of the first wave, they are in a better place. This is because they know so much more about what they are dealing with and have systems and processes in place, so, despite Covid-19 pressures, they can continue with elective surgeries safely.

I am sure you will all have seen the changes taking place over the weekend with the special advisers in number 10, notably the departure of Dominic Cummings. I only see the operations of the team in number 10 from a distance but special advisors come and go and my early sense is that the new team will communicate better with us backbenchers. Whilst he was obviously very influential in the campaign that got me elected, in terms of recent politics, I will not miss the distraction.

Monday saw the Prime Minister coming to the NRG meeting where he was very impressive and committed to supporting the levelling up agendas. Tuesday, I met the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, along with the other Durham MP's and another BEIS session which has moved from Thursday, but more about these next week.

We have seen more optimistic news on vaccines, but please remember that once these are ready to go it will be a major planning and logistical operation to get them to people. It is therefore imperative that we all continue to do all we can to frustrate the spread of the virus by doing the basics right.

So please remember: **HANDS - FACE - SPACE**, wash your **Hands** regularly, wear a mask on your **Face** where required and give people **Space** - continue to follow the new regulations for November, that will hopefully put us in a better place for December.

Stay safe and have a good week and if we can help please call or email us.

Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgfield

Another Lockdown

Another lockdown but I know we'll make the best,
Staying healthy and safe and enjoying some rest.
Going for walks to stretch our limbs,
Determined to take it all on our chin.

Putting away our summer gear
Look out some sweaters, it's getting colder, I fear.
Thinking of others wearing a poppy on our chest,
Giving some tins to the food bank
For they are the best.

Talking of a Christmas we hope

To anticipate,

Time with our family, (please Boris) that would be great.

What we are learning as this year goes on,

Is that we must stick together and march to the same song.

There'll be good days and bad, but we'll get through,

Talking on the phone or saying hi on Facetime too.

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MMK, November 2020

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Greenfield Arts, Imagine if...

This year the regional Culture Bridge North East 'Imagine If' conference was held virtually and asked cultural and educational leaders to imagine ways to explore creative learning.

The conference invited speakers and delegates to address learning in the current climate and "Imagine if... creative arts and cultural experiences gave children and young people the ability to share, understand and emerge from experiences of the Covid-19 crisis."

Katy Milne, Creative Director of Greenfield Arts, had the opportunity to speak at the prestigious annual conference led by Culture Bridge North East presenting alongside Lorraine Coghill, Science Outreach Coordinator at Durham University. The creative team gave delegates an opportunity to take part in creative learning activities first-hand, using prompts from recent youth led projects, particularly projects that have been designed by students at Greenfield Community College and explored ways to evolve through recent times.

Katy and Lorraine suggested new ways of approaching self-led learning, its place in emerging from lockdown and imagining new learning futures. They explored some of their collaborative work together and the learning that has come from this work which is shaping practice. Feedback from the conference was very positive. The whole conference was inspiring and encouraged rich discussion and potential action to take forward.

Katy has been working alongside students from Greenfield Community College for over 15 years and is well placed to realise ways in which curiosity and enquiry are at the heart of learning techniques both in and out of the classroom. The school is one of the few secondary schools that have been awarded a prestigious Platinum Arts Mark Award and are delighted to be celebrating this during National Arts Mark week this month. Greenfield Arts are committed to delivering high quality arts opportunities that encourage creativity, curiosity and questioning and are continuing to work with students, organisations and the wider community to bring about positive change. As Science Outreach Coordinator & Ogden Regional Representative NE - Durham University Science Outreach Lorraine creates, develops and cultivates opportunities for people to work together to explore, enquire and to engage others. Programmes include creative STEM programmes, working with schools, communities, businesses and creative practitioners across the North East.

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PCP Launch New Befriending Service



Thanks to funding from Great Aycliffe and Middridge Area Action Partnership and County Durham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), leading local health and wellbeing charity the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is delighted to launch a new free telephone Befriending Service, "Every Call Counts".

"Every Call Counts" befrienders are trained to provide friendly, helpful support. They take the time to talk about how you are feeling, they can help you to overcome difficulties, plan more effectively or share hobbies and interests. The dedicated team will also use their local knowledge to provide information on activities and groups you might be interested in joining in the future.

Carol Gaskarth, PCP's Chief Executive, said: "What started off as a small project, with an emphasis on older people in the Great Aycliffe and Middridge area, has developed into a service which can be accessed by adults across County Durham, due to match funding from the CCG."

"Even without a pandemic, during winter months many people feel lonely and the days can be very long. Regular contact with a befriender can provide companionship, a friendly voice, reassurance and a listening ear. For now the support we can offer will be over the phone or through video-calling, but, when circumstances allow, our team of befrienders will be out and about meeting people and connecting with them in communities."

If you would like to access the Every Call Counts Befriending Service, or make a referral, please contact us by telephone on 01325 329934 or email: befriending@pcp.uk.net

For further information about PCP please contact us at the Pioneering Care Centre, Carer's Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4SF tel: 01325 321234 email: enquiries@pcp.uk.net website: www.pcp.uk.net. Or follow PCP on Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Facebook: @PCPandCentre

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Middridge Road Speed Limit Consultation



Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from DCC Traffic Assets proposing an extension to the existing 40mph speed limit to cover the new access roundabout. Whilst this is clearly essential, I have replied making two points:

(1) The Extension of the Proposed 40mph Zone

It strikes me that, at just c. 25 metres, the new zone starts far too close to the roundabout. At Highway Code figures, this would require vehicles to be already travelling at 30 MPH when they meet the 40mph sign. Someone travelling at 60mph requires three times that distance - 73 metres - to come to a stop.

(2) The Extension of the Proposed 40mph

I have asked that they consider extending the 40mph zone all the way to Middridge, which is only 750 metres further. This has been the request of Middridge Parish Council for many years and I note that this stretch of Middridge Road:

- passes a settlement of six houses at a particularly narrow point where there is a bus stop;
- includes three access/egress points for vehicular traffic;
- lacks verges, includes a blind brow and is subject to frequent flooding.

Responding

The construction of the roundabout and the necessary amendment of the 40mph zone presents a real opportunity to extend the 40mph zone right through to Middridge, which will make this whole stretch of road safer, and will help to reduce speeding through Middridge Village. If you want to have your say on the proposal, you need to email ns.traffic@durham.gov.uk before Friday 4th December.

Cllr John D Clare
(Aycliffe North & Middridge)

Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next virtual board meeting. The Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership board will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 24 November 2020, between 2pm and 4pm, via Microsoft Teams, and members of the public are invited to observe proceedings. The board will be receiving updated presentations at the meeting in relation to Durham County Council's medium-term financial plan and budget, as well as information on their leisure transformation programme. Anyone who would like to attend the virtual meeting should register in advance by emailing gampaap@durham.gov.uk so that we can forward a link to join the meeting. Great Aycliffe & Middlesbrough Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

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Obituary

Derek Brown (Des)

4th November, peacefully at home of Gilpin Road, Newton Aycliffe. Derek (Des), aged 73 years. Beloved Husband of the late Gloria; also a much loved Dad and Grandad. A private Funeral Service took place on Thursday 19th November at Stephenson Way Cemetery, Newton Aycliffe.

Aaron John Cairns

Passed away at home, after a long battle with cancer, on 8th November. Beloved partner of Margaret and her family, dear friend of Neil, Kev, Dave, Nigel and Kath, amongst others. Forever in our thoughts, Aaron will be greatly missed. Private cremation. No flowers, please.

Doreen Cross (nee Caygill)

Doreen, of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully in her sleep on 10th November, aged 89 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Ron, a much loved Mam to Marjorie and David, a dear Nanna, Mother-in-Law and Sister. Funeral Service to take place at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday 24th November at 1.30pm. Due to current circumstances a private Service will take place. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, to the Alzheimer's Society, via the link doreen-cross1.muchloved.com "Forever in our hearts".

Ellen Jennings (nee Sadler)

Ellen, of Newton Aycliffe, peacefully on 11th November, aged 73 years. Dearly beloved Wife of Albert, a much loved Mam to Patricia, Christine and Albert, a treasured Nana and Great Nana. Family and friends please meet for Service at St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday 25th November at 10.45am.

Strange Media

Nervous Parents

The Learning Centre on Hanson Street reported a man across the way standing at his window for hours watching the centre, making parents nervous. Police identified the subject as a cardboard cut out of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Stolen Bin

Dear Sir,
 I would like to thank the kind person who took our brown wheely bin last Friday evening from Moule Close, obviously to empty it for me as it was full.
 I would, however, like to have it returned now please. This can be done under cover of darkness if they wish, the same as they took it.
 What this person doesn't realise is, that we have security camera footage of the incident and if the bin is not returned, I will pass this on to the appropriate authorities.
 Name and address supplied

Congratulations

Jackie Blenkinsopp



Happy 60th Birthday
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 Lots of love,
 Ian, Nicola, Danny, Graham and Kelly.
 Big kisses from Zach, Mia, Daisy and Ellie xxxxx

Tony and Maureen O'Brien



Congratulations
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 Much love to you both from Mark, Vanessa and Families xxxx

Alannah Paige Bambridge



Happy 18th Birthday
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 Lots of love,
 Mam and Dad xx
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Happy 18th Birthday
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Birthday Remembrance

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In Memoriam

Anne Watson

19th November 2018
 Dear Sister-in-Law
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Kath Hall (nee Ward)

20th November 2001

Hi Mam, another year has gone by and not like all the others, this one's been a bad one for all. You have been joined by your Brothers Billy and Greave, also your Sister-in-Law Rose. It would be nice to know that you are looking after them and enjoying their company. You are always in our thoughts with a warm feeling in our hearts knowing you are watching over us. God Bless You. Until we meet again, all our love Mam, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim, Glenda.

Nanna Kath

Love and miss you loads, Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben, Alfie, Matthew, Dan,
Great Nanna Kath
 Love and big hugs, Kate, Jazmin, Harry, Rose and George.

Steven Galloway

13/12/1980-
 23/11/2019

Time slips by and life goes on, but from our hearts you are never gone.
 We think about you always, we talk about you too.
 We have so many memories, but we wish we still had you.
 Love always, Mam, Dad, Caroline and family



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Launch of Official New Youthy Strip

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club are an F.A. Charter Standard Community Club, established over 30 years ago, in 1989. The club provides football for over 300 boys and girls from four years old to adult, giving a clear path for the children to fulfil their football ambitions.

As last season was coming to an abrupt halt, when lockdown arrived, the football club started their search for a bespoke strip to give them a clear and unique identity. Sportswear companies were contacted and, after several discussions, the decision was made to build a partnership with Farrelly's of Middlesbrough.

The club provided a brief of what was required, most importantly the main colour for the strip needed to be royal blue. The club has always played in royal blue as their home kit and been identified across the area by their royal blue colours on match day. Club Chairman, Martin Smalls, commented "I played for the club as a young lad, then



progressed to coaching and managing teams before becoming Chairman, and it was important to me that the new strip had our traditional royal blue colours".

A team of designers at Farrelly's offered 14 strips with various designs, making it very difficult to narrow the choice down, but eventually the final two were chosen. This then went to a vote of managers and coaches across all our teams who made the final decision. As well as the outfield strip the designers produced two unique goalkeeper designs which were offered to all our goalkeepers with a choice of colours. All the decisions were now made, but the first lockdown prevented the manufacture of our kit to progress, as the factory staff were furloughed alongside the suspension of football.

Club Secretary, Berni Borsberry, remarked "this was a frustrating time for everyone at the club, we knew that eventually lockdown would be lifted and football would restart, but only then could manufacturing commence. However, the result was a unique strip that all our players would be proud to wear".

As the strips started to come off the production line, each team started immediately to wear their new bespoke kit and all received excellent comments from players, parents and opposing teams. The official launch of the strip was set for the weekend of 31st October 2020, just as the second lockdown was announced, and once again football would be suspended, but we are all hopeful that we can proudly wear our new strip as soon as possible.

A final comment from Jamie Nee, MD at Farrelly's, "we are delighted to be the chosen partner for Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club and delighted that we could provide a strip, built on the royal blue tradition of the football club. Hopefully this is a partnership between Farrelly's and the club for many years to come".

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