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New 'All Disabilities Matter' Group Launches

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PAUL HOWELL
MP for Sedgefield



New 'All Disabilities Matter' Group Launches

Dear Sir,

Our new group was started because my daughter, aged 22, who has special needs, was cyber bullied by a so called friend. I then found out, the same weekend, my friends daughter, who also has special-needs, was bullied in a local park.

After these incidents, which were reported and are in the hands of the police - it really got us thinking about how to protect and help vulnerable people who don't have any self-confidence or low self-confidence to stand up for themselves.

The hardest part, I found, was the actual waiting for the police to come out to take a statement, this is the time I found very frustrating, just waiting, while the whole time I wanted to go and sort it out myself, as any parent would. Luckily, I have a great friend, Anne West, who I was talking to all night, but a lot of people don't have that support in the early hours in the morning or at any time.

Anyway, this is how the 'All Disabilities Matter' group came about, it gave us an insight to what people have to deal with through social media sites. We started by thinking what we want the group for, how we wanted the group to work. This was easy, the private group was so everybody with any disabilities, mental health issues or people who just wanted to talk to somebody could, without any criticism or negative comments. That's why all the help and support has to come from each member to make it work. There are a lot of helplines and charities out there, but sometimes people just need to talk to others that experienced the same or similar issues as themselves.

A lot don't want to contact organisations first, so this group was ideal because it was 24/7 round-the-clock. We contacted David Wilkin, from the Disability Hate Crime Network, for advice on how to set up a private group, which he was only too pleased to help and advise us - kindly giving us loads of great ideas.

We then designed a logo that was eye-catching and colourful to look at, Googled how to set up a Facebook private group and 'All Disabilities Matter' started.

We then sent out invitations to our friends to spread the word, designed our own posters, with a brief description of what the group was about, and put them up around town, in shop windows, posting it on different sites and spreading the word. Before we realised 'All Disabilities Matter' grew from strength to strength, day by day.

Emma, from Customise It, now offered to sponsor us and produce



our T-Shirts for free, as she thought it was a great thing we were doing; we contacted Carol at the PCP for permission to have a photo taken outside the centre for a promotional picture; Keith from Able Novak Taxis was pleased to support the group, as well as help out with the admin side, as his company could transport wheelchairs. We have members from all over the country, we also have David Wilkin in our group. It has been promoted on Suicide Awareness, Aycliffe Anything Goes, Tees Durham Alert, Bishop Auckland area Covid-19 Community Support, local shops and businesses have also posted on their social media pages.

Donna Martin, from 5 Acres Community Gardens, very kindly offered to host our first get-together, which was held on Wednesday 9th June and was a great success. Some of our members came along to meet others, some local Councillors turned up and offered their support to what we are trying to do.

We now have 435 members, in only 5 weeks, which is fantastic, we have received brilliant feedback, it's already starting to help a lot of members and we are hoping to take it around the schools so everyone can get involved. The group have 14 fantastic admin, male and females, on board who are willing to help others through their own experiences. We also contacted other support groups and charities so we can support each other: The Hub of Wishes, Junction 7, RedforEvan, 5 Acres Community Gardens, Options, Red Balloons, plus others. We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who is supporting our group and all our members who are making 'All Disabilities Matter' group work.

The last thank you has to be to PC Julie Lamb, for the way she helped my daughter throughout this awful incident. Making her feel comfortable and understanding her condition.

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New Sponsor for AFC



From everyone at Heighington AFC U11s RFYL team we would like to say a massive thank you to South Durham Structures Ltd for their continued support after offering to sponsor the team for new kits for the new season ahead.

All the lads have grown over lockdown and the old kits were getting too small, so I approached South Durham Structures Ltd about renewing their sponsorship to get kits.

Brian Hope, Managing Director of South Durham Structures, commented, "We are pleased to be in the position to be able to continue sponsoring this great bunch of kids for another year. I try to get to watch every match they play, as my grandson plays for them, and it has been amazing watching them grow as a team and as friends over the last couple of years."

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Terence Lawson

Terence, generally known as Terry, died on 7th June 2021, in his 86th year, peacefully at home in the arms of his loving wife Linda, after a short illness bravely fought with dignity. Terry and Linda were married in 2003 and spent 18 wonderful years devoted to each other.



Terry was born in West Hartlepool, then lived in Middlesbrough, but moved to School Aycliffe in the early 1970's where he remained. He began teaching music in schools in the 1960's, spending many years and finishing his teaching career as head of music at King James I School in Bishop Auckland. After taking early retirement, he continued to teach privately from home, both piano, singing and guitar and often had a waiting list of pupils wanting lessons. In recent years he had a reduced pupil base but continued with some piano teaching right up until May this year!

In addition to his teaching, he was very active in amateur dramatics around the area, both 'treading the boards' and wielding the baton in the orchestra pit. He was very dedicated to his teaching and 'bringing out the best' in everyone, always encouraging his pupils to believe in themselves. The profound effect he has had on so many people's lives is most apparent in the cards, emails and messages the family have received and it is comforting to know he was so highly regarded. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends and especially his loving wife Linda.

Live Music

The Dunwells (brothers Joe and Dave) are a successful Leeds based Indie-folk/ Americana band with strong vocals, powerful melodies and heartfelt lyrics. They have found favour with audiences across the world having toured extensively and supported artists including Mumford & Sons, Elbow and Scouting for Girls on UK tours. They are passionate and prolific singer-songwriters. Their new single Summertime is released on 18th June with a new album due in the Autumn.

This amazing live band will be playing at The Hammer and Pincers on Sunday 1st August at 2pm in the garden. Come and enjoy a drink and some fantastic music when (fingers crossed) restrictions will have been lifted. Tickets are £15.

For details please call Ally on 07971 577572.

Sisters of Support

Dear Sir,

The women's support group 'Sisters of Support' is holding its first meeting on Tuesday 29th June at the Neville Community Centre 7.00 till 9.00pm. This group is all about personal empowerment and providing a relaxed and welcoming environment where women of all ages can share their thoughts and feelings on all aspects of mental health, free from the fear of being judged in any way.

This group has the support of town councillors from all three parties and at county level and is already creating considerable interest in the community, and, with the right kind of support and encouragement, this support group could quickly become established as an important and valuable community based resource. Mental health is no respecter of age or gender and so many people suffer in silence because of the very nature of the illness, but it doesn't have to be that way when you have people like Carrie Howarth and Amy Turner who have used their own life experience as motivation to listen and then make the idea a reality.

This group listens, understands and provides you with the opportunity to be heard in relation to your own health and wellbeing but also in the future development of the support group itself. Mental health issues can rob us of so much but all it takes is a single solitary voice to find the courage to speak out and be heard and, in the inspirational words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has".

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Cllr Phillip Hawkins

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SATURDAY

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	Motown, Northern & Classic Soul	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	Drum 'n' Bass Show	MC Supa
12-1am	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	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer
'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service		
2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin & Monica
4-6pm	Folk/Celtic/Rock Show	Steve & Col
6-30-8pm	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	Colin McNeillie
2-4pm	Afternoon Aycliffe	Paul Baker

MONDAY

'Through the Decades' Sponsored by McDonalds Newton Park

6-7pm	60s Show	Karl Simons
7-8pm	70s Show	Peter Rush
8-9pm	80s Show	Gary Avery
9-10pm	90s Show	Dave Graham
10-11pm	00s Show	Producer Dan
11-12am	Teens Show	Andy Fittes

TUESDAY

6-7pm	Mystery Year	Paul Baker
7-10pm	Motown, 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
10-12am	Rock Night	Jonny Goldsmith

FRIDAY

'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake

4-6pm	Weekend Warmup	Dan Calum
6-8pm	Techno Trance Mix	PVR Studios
8-10pm	25th June - Nathan Abbott Dance Classix	
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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Proposed Sports Day in Aycliffe Town Centre

Dear Sir,

A proposal has come forward to have an 'Open Day' for every kind of sport which is available in Newton Aycliffe, to be held in the town centre, in the near future.

The thinking behind this is two-fold: Firstly, it will give an opportunity for all outdoor and indoor sports clubs or teams to promote themselves face to face, with the residents of Newton Aycliffe. This could help with recruitment or simply give people the chance to try various sports that they may like to challenge themselves with, whether it's a team sport or individual sport of any kind.

The population of Aycliffe is increasing and in my experience not everyone is fully aware of what is available in Newton Aycliffe. This is evident by the several requests to seek various sports clubs that I have seen posted on local social media sites.

Secondly, I firmly believe, with many others, that if the youngsters in the town are made aware of the choices then perhaps it would help reduce some of the unacceptable anti-social behaviour which, sadly, is on the increase in the town. Newton Aycliffe is a great town to live in, but some choose to spoil it for others simply because of the 'there is nothing else to do' mentality.

It is an idea that could work and help create a sense of community spirit, which is, perhaps, lacking of late. The format on the day will have to be thought out, but an example I suggest is either static displays under gazebos or demonstrations from clubs such as martial arts and, I hasten to add, dancing and gymnastic clubs, who would enhance the occasion as these include physical activity.

Personally, I would be involved via the Newton Aycliffe Sports Club which includes, Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club; Newton Aycliffe FC; Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC; Newton Aycliffe Archery Club and Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club.

Add a smattering of music from Aycliffe Radio and street entertainment and perhaps this would be a worthwhile occasion. If any representative of any sports in Aycliffe feel they could apply themselves to this proposal, please get in touch with me. Depending on interest collectively, we could make this work.

Over to you . . . I am happy to steer this idea forward.

Suggested event date is Saturday 31st July 2021, 12pm till 3pm.

Stuart McLean

Text: 07812 372675 or Email: stuimadgiraffe@yahoo.co.uk

Neighbourhood Policing

By PC Bram Booth

PACT Meeting: 10th February, 6pm, on Police Facebook page



Here is your weekly update from PC Bram Booth on behalf of the Newton Aycliffe Policing Team:

Residents in Newton Aycliffe continue to be plagued by motor bikes and Quads which are being ridden dangerously on roads, footpaths and open spaces.

Some of these vehicles are road registered, however, they look like off-road bikes. I would encourage anyone with dash cam footage of these vehicles to pass it on to us. This can be sent to us via Facebook or handed in at the Police station, Monday to Friday 10am-2pm.

We are aware of a male who has/is targeting insecure vehicles in Newton Aycliffe and we are currently working with CID to identify the suspect. We have been sent some great images of the suspect but please can you check your own CCTV and RING door bells for any alerts which may have recorded of this male and send any footage to us.

Please ensure that your vehicles are locked at all times, especially overnight, to prevent this person taking your belongings.

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Head over to www.KeepintheKnow.co.uk and click 'Sign up'. It doesn't take long and you can be kept up to date with many different things.

Woodham Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards



Woodham Academy are delighted to announce that 35 year 11 students have completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Through the Leadership Academy programme, students have shown great perseverance, resilience and determination to accomplish this award in unprecedented circumstances. Woodham Academy became a licence holder for the Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2019 and are indebted to GAMP for their funding contribution which made it possible for the school to offer the programme to Key Stage 4 students. Brian Riley, Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership Coordinator, said, "the GAMP Board are proud that the young people achieved their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards recently and their effort and dedication was outstanding. It is always a pleasure for the GAMP Board to support young people's projects such as this, well done to all the young people concerned and the staff at Woodham Academy." This award helps to encourage students to raise their aspirations, become leaders and have a prosperous future. Consequently, it is recognised nationally and internationally by universities and employers. We are extremely proud of our students' achievements, they have worked so hard as a team to gain this qualification.

There are three separate components to The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award for which evidence is gained over a period of 3-6 months. These are, participating in a physical activity, developing a new skill and volunteering. Students select what they want to do for each section based on individual interests and complete each component within the local community. The physical section involves improving fitness through the completion of a physical activity and enhance performance within this. Students participated in a variety of activities such as football, running, water polo and horse riding. For the skill section, students selected an activity to broaden their understanding and expertise in a specific area. Woodham students developed languages, artistic skills and cooking skills.

As part of the volunteering section, students were required to take an active role in the local community and gain invaluable work experience too. Some students volunteered by working in Defoe Court Care Home where they participated in seasonal events and formed relationships with residents. Others took on the role of coaches for local sports groups and have continued with this since completing the award. Some elected to volunteer with younger children through Girl Guiding, working with 8th Newton Aycliffe Rainbows, helping support children aged 5-7 by organising crafts and games. Year 11 student Megan Ellwood stated, "since completing the volunteer section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, I feel inspired to make a difference to the lives of other people in the community. This award has built my confidence and enriched my life skill set which will be beneficial to my future."

In addition to all the other components, to achieve the Bronze Award, students need to undertake an expedition section which was adapted to meet Covid regulations. Students worked in small groups to train, plan routes and use map skills to navigate in the local area. These were applied when leading their group. The expedition involved a 12 mile walk along the Great Aycliffe Way and concluded with students erecting tents and making meals on camping stoves. This section encouraged independence and inspired students to

develop initiative and a spirit of adventure. Students thoroughly enjoyed the challenges that the expedition presented and the many new experiences. The expedition encompasses leadership skills and all students showed great perseverance to complete the challenge. Congratulations to all Woodham Academy students for their commitment and dedication to complete this prestigious Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Mr Bell, Headteacher, added "The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been a brilliant experience for all involved. The students, staff and parents have all been superb. This is just one of many extra-curricular opportunities available at Woodham Academy, which will continue to be a key feature of our expanding school."

Have a Say on Local Issues

Residents in Great Aycliffe & Middridge can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next virtual board meeting and Annual General Meeting.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership board will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 22nd June 2021, between 2pm and 4pm, via Microsoft Teams, and members of the public are invited to observe proceedings. 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 & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

PCP AGM

This year the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 29th July 2021 from 11.30 am until 12:30 pm via Zoom.

For over 23 years PCP has proudly delivered high quality accessible projects and activities aimed at improving health, providing access to services and reducing social isolation. None have been so challenging as the past year; however, we are very proud of what we have achieved despite the global pandemic. As well as managing the Pioneering Care Centre in Newton Aycliffe, PCP delivers a wide range of projects across the North East supporting the Charity's mission of 'Health, Wellbeing and Learning for All'. If you would like to meet the Board of Trustees or hear our Chief Executive highlight some of PCP's key achievements, please contact Kath Ferry (email: kath.ferry@pcp.co.uk) by Thursday 22nd July 2021.

Finally, if you would like to support the work of the Charity by becoming a Voting Member please contact Carol Gaskarth on 07890 642683 for an informal chat. PCP services and projects are developed to meet the needs of our communities so we actively encourage local people and stakeholders to become members and help shape our future direction.

Lib Dem Pledge to Invest in County Communities

Durham County Council's new Joint Administration Cabinet will next week vote on providing an extra £10,000 for every County Councillor to invest in their communities.

The £1.26 million boost will be able to be invested immediately, and will also help councillors bring in even more investment through matched funding. Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Lib Dem cabinet member for Economic Development, says, "Putting more money direct into every heart of every community was one of our key manifesto pledges. By giving local councillors the ability to hit the ground running with extra funding we can make an immediate positive impact."

"For too long red tape and lack of resources has been holding back Councillors' ability to fix local problems. Now Councillors have a real chance to shape their areas."

Each County Councillor will have £29,400 to spend directly in their communities this year. Additional funding will also be available from local Area Action Partnerships for community improvements including regeneration projects.

Cllr Scott adds, "Councillors are best placed, working in their communities to get work done quickly. We will be looking at how to further speed up and streamline funding processes too. This is especially important as we come out of the pandemic."

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Midsummer Madness Breakout

In anticipation of the proposed release from lockdown Co. Durham Friendship Force had arranged a Mid-Summer Madness meal on 21st June at the Bay Horse at Middridge. We have all been locked down for so long that the committee for County Durham Friendship Force agreed to organise a meal out at the Bay Horse in Middridge. Tables will be set in line with current restrictions and we would love anyone who has an interest in socialising and holidaying to come along and have a meal and a chat. Meals can be ordered and paid for directly with staff to comply with social distancing.

Over the past 18 months the pandemic has had us all confined to our homes and, as an organisation, we have missed trips to Japan and the Belgium Coast and they have not been able to host people from Japan and Atlanta. Social events had been stopped too, including Christmas Lunch, St Georges day lunch, trips out, and other social events, but they feel it is time to break out, so why not be part of our Midsummer Madness breakout. Telephone Cynthia on 01325 313055, or just pop along to Middridge to the Bay Horse on Monday 21st June at 1pm, seating area will be organised to accommodate 24 people and comply with social distancing.

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Under 8 Whites started strong against Shincliffe and went into half time leading. The hosts grabbed a leveller just into the second half. We then gave away an unlucky penalty so didn't get the result today. A much improved performance from the boys. MOM Oscar Clarkson.

U8s Blacks played Spraire Lads in a great contest. Regan scored a penalty but were pegged back level at HT. Second half was end to end, Aycliffe scored two quick goals through Fin and Regan's great teamwork. Spraire pegged levelled again, but Regan restored the 2 goal cushion and they held on for a great result.

Regan x3 Fin C x1, MOM Finley, outstanding in goal.

U9 Blacks v Seaton Carew Lions - A tough game for the Blacks against a very good passing side. We never gave up and their commitment and effort was a credit to them. MOM went to Max who made some outstanding saves, and Mathis whose positioning, tackling / blocking in defence limited the goals conceded.

U11s V Billingham Whites. Highlights of the first half were a great save from Logan and a quality goal from Ethan. HT 5-1. Second half was much better with Jamie solid, Ethan and Alex linking well on the left and Keaton taking on the Billingham defenders. Despite attack after attack we couldn't get back into it. Keaton scored another, FT 8-2. Ethan x1 Keaton x1, MOM Jamie.

U12 Whites played league leaders Norton and Stockton. A win today and Norton would be champions. They took the lead in the first half but Jack put Ethan through to level things up. Norton pressed on and finished 5-1 winners and champions. Aycliffe showed big improvement on our last meeting.

Daniel was MOM, excellent work rate.

U12s Blacks hosted Peterlee midweek and a great first half saw Jayden score a great header. Some great passing saw Cody grab a second. We were tiring and they grabbed one back, 2-1 HT. Second half and tired legs showed, allowing them in for the equaliser. FT 2-2. MOM Danny, well done! On Sunday we played Seaham away. Alex grabbed 2, then they came levelled to go in 1-2 HT. Second half straight out and they scored making it 2-2. Undeterred the Blacks stuck



together playing some outstanding football. Leon scored two brilliant goals and fantastic assists saw Keaton get one too. Peterlee got one back. Great saves from the big man and it ended 6-3 to Aycliffe, well done boys!

U13s Whites played twice this week, losing narrowly to Spraire Lads 2-1. Tyler Smith scored the goal and Harvey was awarded MOM. On Sunday they hosted top of the league Boro Whites and played really well, and very unlucky to run out on the losing side 1-2. Brad scored the goal and Jack C was awarded MOM.

U14s continued their fine start to the season with a comfortable 8-0 win away to Billingham United. With goals from Tom, Sam, Reece, Jake, Dan and a hat trick from Trav.

U15s were away at league leaders Prudhoe Pumas and saw Aycliffe lose 7-0. Despite the score line, the performance was good from Aycliffe, with a good round of applause off the opposition's parents for their attitude and commitment.

U16s played twice this week, midweek travelling to second placed Richmond, coming home with all 3 points in a great 2-4 win. Goals from Leon, Brennan, Jack and Georgie. Taking us a point behind them, in second, with two games in hand. Quality team performance. On Sunday we travelled to Seaton Carew looking to continue our good form. We dominated the first half but a slip let their forward in to go in 1-0 down at HT. Second half, we continued the great football and were rewarded through two quality team goals from Brennan and Lewis . . . a really hard fought, well-earned 3 points. Up to 2nd, 3 games left. Well done lads.

Men Meeting

Men Talking Together meet every Monday 11.00am and Friday 12.00 noon at Unit 14A I.E.S. Centre (behind Screwfix and Newton Press). Last week we went on an outing to Vindolanda Roman Fort near Hexham. We have many more outings planned.

This is a group for older men to talk together, meet new people and new interests. Just turn up on the meeting days, you will be very welcome.

Ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477 for further details.

New Friends

New Friends, New Places meet every Tuesday at 2pm in The Big Club, Sheraton Road - why not come along and enjoy two hours of pleasurable, friendly, talk, games and activities?

We also visit the Bay Horse at Middridge for an enjoyable lunch once or twice a month. If you are sat at home alone, or would like to meet new friends, please come and join us. In July our bus trips will start again, hopefully. For further details ring 07967 901477 or 01325 308094.

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(VARIOUS ROADS, NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT, DERESTRICTION & AMENDMENT) ORDER 2000 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2021

The Council on 11/6/2021 made an Order under Sections 82, 83 & 84 and part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 "the Act", as amended, the effect of which comes into operation on 25/6/2021 and is to introduce a **40mph speed limit** from a point 232m west of the centre line of the Middridge Road / Greenfield Way roundabout then in a westerly direction for 268m. Full details are contained in the Order, a copy of which may be inspected via the Council website and at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by "the Act", as amended, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within 6 weeks from 18/6/21 apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 18/6/2021



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

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

**Tuesday 22nd June - 6.00pm
Events Sub Committee**

NOTE:- Further information on Public Participation and Public Questions can be obtained by visiting the Council's Website: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk



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Andrew Firth Memorial Cup

On March 10th 2021, we were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our player and friend, Andrew Firth. 'Firthy' played for Newton Aycliffe Sports Club FC on a Sunday morning. We made a promise to his family that we would honour his memory and, as such, we have organised a memorial day on their behalf.

The Andrew Firth Annual Memorial Cup will be hosted on Saturday 17th July at Moore Lane Sports Club. It will consist of a four team tournament from local sides with one

team being made up of his closest friends and family.

The tournament will kick off at 12pm, with admission for the public starting from 11.30am. Entry cost is £3 for adults and £1 for children. A food kiosk will be available inside the grounds. Subject to government guidelines and Covid restrictions, there will also be live entertainment on the evening and a DJ set. However, numbers will be restricted for anything indoors and you will need to speak to the management team at Newton Aycliffe Sports Club to request availability/tickets.

Monies raised will be donated to selected charities chosen by the family. So please, if you are interested in attending, put the date in your diaries and get yourselves down for what will be an entertaining and emotional day.



RUNNING CLUB NEWS

We start this week's report with a look back at the Ultra North event which took place on Saturday, 5 June 2021. The event comprised two races, one covering 25K, and the other an Ultra 55K option, both of which started and finished in Derwenthaugh Park.

Richard Tonge braved the 25K race, completing his run in 3:40:43. Our resident 'Mileage Monster', Richie Johnson, took on the 55K option, crossing the line in 7:38:01. Last week we reported on performances at the Run Cumbria Solway Half Marathon, which took place on 6 June 2021, however we have subsequently been informed that John Surtees, John Firby and Richard Campbell also claimed the Male First Team prize at the race.

On Wednesday, 9 June 2021, David Stothard ran the Kiplin Hall and Gardens Evening Trail 10K Race in Richmond. Set within the gardens and estate of a beautiful Jacobean historic house, David completed his off-road run in 59:26.2.

Unfortunately, at the time of going to print, a number of results were still unavailable, including the Run Northumberland Bamburgh 10K, which took place in extremely hot conditions, however, we will hopefully catch-up next week.

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

Plenty To Do

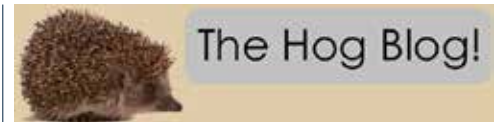
Dear Sir,

It has been over a month now since the elections and over a month since I did not get the nod in the Neville Ward for town council. Which, in all honesty, was disappointing to start off with but that soon passed and now I have got even more determination to be involved. Plus, the 16 votes I was out by is not a bad result for a first timer on what was a less than positive election for the Labour Party.

This could become a long list of what I have done in the month since, but I have not really done a lot - it is what some of the groups on the town have done for me which is far greater than my contribution to any of it. In the last month I have been welcomed and helped by 3 groups on the town. Firstly, the good people at Neville Community Centre and the association, it has been great to pop into the community café on a Friday after work and always be able to have a good chat about the people, the area and what they have going on. I would highly recommend more people get themselves down there and see what it is about. Simon and Jane Day at Junction 7, another two who have been more than generous with their time and letting me chew off their ears last week! And finally, one group I have personally gained from and will have made my third visit to by the time the magazine goes out, ManHealth. I went to find out what it is about and hopefully get stuck in. I went without any real issues, but I left feeling uplifted, privileged for being there, and all round better for going and listening in the group and seeing the work and support they offer to men first-hand. I had never seen anything like that before and it has had such a positive impact on me since.

There is 4 years between now and the next set of local elections, I look forward to getting stuck in, but I strongly encourage everyone do the same. The town is what we make it, together, in cooperation and community.

Simon Hocking
Labour and Co-operative Party member



Busy as usual for myself and Tara but everyone's support makes a big difference to the way the rescue functions and we are very grateful. Firstly, the mother and babies we took in last week are thriving with mum with them all the time, we can confirm we have three girls and a boy all over 100g, about the size of a plum, now their eyes aren't open yet but that is imminent, they will be able to hear very soon too. Freddie is recovering nicely and adapting to three legs, also we will be releasing some back into their gardens in the next few days.

Tara and I would like to also mention that if you find a hedgehog in trouble, please ring us, but forgive us if we don't answer you straight away, we take pride in caring for so many prickly pals really seriously, but work from home voluntarily, 24 hours a day all year round, our poorly hedgehogs share our homes and we still run our homes with the support of our husbands and children. All we ask is if you see a hedgehog in trouble, pick him or her up and get it out of danger, a high sided box with something like a towel for a hiding place with food and water. We do catch up with you the first chance we get, alternatively ring BHPS on the number at the bottom of this article for more rehabber contact details.

Nests will be in your hedgerows, under sheds and decking, please be careful, mums and babies are very delicate, no power tools should be used before checking and check with your hands, not broom handles please. Thank you to everyone who has brought us goods for the car boot sales, and monetary donations, never asked for but when offered never refused.

June and Val are still knitting and sewing some lovely stuffed animals for us to sell, rabbits, penguins, etc, with sweets inside which will all contribute to our hedgehogs health and wellbeing, thank you.

Tip Of The Week: *It's baby season and the females will either be finding and building nests for their hoglets, they will sometimes come out during the day, if you see one and you think she is in danger, pick her up, get her away from the danger, then seek advice from The British Hedgehog Preservation Society who can be contacted on 01584 890801 or alternatively Hedgehog Street App or a vet.*

Maxine, Tara and Tyra



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NEWTON AYCLIFFE BRANCH

The Branch usually meets every first Thursday of the Month at The Phoenix Club, Newton Aycliffe at 8.00pm however, due to the current situation, all meetings were suspended and kept under review. All Current Members and anyone else expressing an interest are always most welcome.

Membership is £6 for the Season however, due to the current situation, that we all found ourselves in, which will not hopefully last forever, the Membership Fee together with all Branch Activity including the AGM was suspended.

Following discussions with The Phoenix Club it is the intention of The Branch to restart the Monthly Meetings on Thursday 1st July 2021.

During the 2019/20 Season home bus fares were £10 for adults, £8 for under 18's and £5 for under 5's but are under review.

Members all enjoy discounted fares at the rate of £8 for adults, £6 for under 18's with senior citizens (Members who are over 65) receiving a double discounted fare down to £5 and £3 for under 5's. May we respectfully remind members that your current membership ceased on 31st May 2021. Members can rejoin by completing this season's membership forms and even if we do not have a proper full-season you will still be recorded as a member of the branch. If you are interested in joining, but cannot attend the meetings, please email SAFCNAB@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook (SAFC Supporters - Newton Aycliffe).

As always, thanks for your support.

Useful mobile phone numbers are:

Chairman: 07368 372568

Membership: 07714 785555

ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

First Places for Seb

6th June - Rowrah

Race conditions were absolutely perfect, beautiful sunshine, it's normally raining when we go to this track. Seb qualified on pole with a time of 52.01 seconds, just behind his PB of 51.95.

Heat 1 Seb started on pole, finished the heat first;

Heat 2 Started pole, finished the heat first.

Final Started in pole again and led from start to finish, having a lead of 11.67 seconds. The race was straight forward for him, he wanted the win and came away happy, this was great practice ready for the Micromax UK Championship Race on 3rd/4th July at the same venue.

13th June - Hooton Park

Seb wanted to try things a little differently this time, he wanted to give himself more of a challenge by qualifying last, using nine month old trees and his old zip kart. So, he followed through and qualified last.

Heat 1 Started last, he expected to finish mid pack. By the end of the straight he had already made two places and was determined, fantastic driving by Seb, finishing first.

Heat 2 Started on pole but was squeezed into turn one putting him into second, he soon settled into the race, by the end of the first lap he was back in the lead. Keeping focused he brought it home in first place.

The Final Started on pole - we realised before the race he had a slow puncture, didn't say anything to Seb, it was too late to do anything about it, but he managed to take the win with a lead of 7.85 seconds. He still holds the lap record at Hooton Park.

July sees a really busy race month for Seb:

3rd & 4th July - Rowrah

10th & 11th July - Landow (completely new track)

16th & 17th July - Hooton Park

18th July - Warden Law (which we may drop)

If anyone would like to help us this month by purchasing a set of race tyres for him we would be grateful. You can purchase these by contacting Dave at Modus Motorsport - Just quote Seb Corking. Alternatively you can still sponsor Seb, drop me a message for further information, email: mandylittler520@gmail.com

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF THE DATE FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations (England) Regulations 2015 (SI 234)

1. Date of Announcement: 17th June 2021

2. Each year Great Aycliffe Town Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return is audited by an auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them.

For the year ended 31st March 2021, the accounts and supporting documents will be available during opening hours at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council situated at School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe.

The inspection period will commence on Friday 18th June 2021 and end on Thursday 29th July 2021.

Appointments to view the accounts should be made with the Finance Manager at the Town Council; Mrs Tracey Woodhead, who can be contacted by telephone on 01325 300700, or by email at tracey.woodhead@great-aycliffe.gov.uk.

3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have the following rights:-

- The opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts; and
- The right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them.

Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the Town Council. The auditor can be contacted at the address provided in paragraph 4 below for this purpose, during the inspection period referred to as paragraph 2 above.

4. The audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Audit Office Code of Audit Practice.

Great Aycliffe Town Council's audit is being carried out by:

Mazars LLP, The Corner, Bank Chambers, 26 Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1DF

5. This announcement is made by Mrs Tracey Woodhead C.P.F.A., who is the Finance Manager at Great Aycliffe Town Council.

The 'Naughty Bus'



Children from Year 1, Mrs Barry's class, at Woodham Burn Primary were treated to an exciting bus journey around Newton Aycliffe on Thursday 10th June. This was to introduce their new class text, 'Naughty Bus'.

Neville Jones from J & C Coaches kindly supplied the double decker bus, similar to the one in the story, to allow the children to experience the area they live in from above.

Due to Coronavirus, the children have not had any extracurricular activities away from school and this excited them greatly. Some even went home to tell their parents that they had been all the way to London. Thank you again to Neville and his team for making this happen. Such an exciting experience for the children in this current climate.

Aycliffe Cricket Club Scoreboard Report



Newton Aycliffe Cricket Club's 1st team, sponsored by Franks the Flooring Store, produced arguably the result of the day in the NYSD 2nd division when they defeated runaway leaders Marton 2nd XI at home by seven wickets. Electing to change recent tactics and bowl first proved to be a wise decision by Aycliffe captain Adam Randall as his side proceeded to bowl out the visitors for just 152 after 37 overs. Jack Slatcher (sponsored by Tina and Dean Greaves) was the pick of the bowlers finishing with 3 for 19 and he was supported well by brother George (2 for 26) and James Layfield-Carroll (2 for 35). In reply, Aycliffe opener Joe Haines battled hard against two quality opening bowlers to carry his bat and score a seasonal best 49 not out from 111 balls and he hit nine boundaries. In-form Adam Randall also batted well scoring a robust 40 from 39 balls and his innings included seven boundaries and a six. Once Randall was dismissed, Jack Slatcher continued the good work finishing with 30 not out off 39 balls and his innings included seven boundaries as Aycliffe reached their winning target of 153 from 37.1 overs and with seven wickets in hand.

The Second team put in a decent performance away to Preston 1st XI in the NYSD 4th division, but still came away with a five wicket defeat. Aycliffe were asked to bat first on a tricky wicket and after a dreadful start, when they found themselves two wickets down without a run on the board, they recovered well to score a respectable 143 all out from 39.1 overs. 15 year old Leo Mercy (sponsored by Joint Design Direction) top scored with an excellent career best 35 from 37 balls and he hit five boundaries. Also amongst the runs was 15 year old Owen Smith, who scored 27 off 45 balls and Matty French (22 off 65 balls). In reply, a couple of wickets each for both Ryan Patrick (2 for 12) and Matty Greaves (2 for 32) were not quite enough to stop Preston reaching their victory target with five wickets and 5.3 overs in hand.

The U15's hosted Darlington in the NYACC league and recorded an historic first ever win over them when they comfortably came out on top by seven wickets. The visitors chose to bat first and scored 108 for 5 in their allotted 20 overs. Will Dearden (2 for 12) and Harrison Pearson (2 for 20) both bowled well for Aycliffe. In reply, the homeside openers quickly got after the Darlington bowlers putting on 75 for the first wicket before captain Owen Smith was dismissed for a typically robust 41 off just 33 balls faced and he hit six boundaries. Two more quick wickets followed before Harrison Pearson (9 not out) joined Tom Dearden (49 not out) and the pair safely saw their team to victory at 112 for 3 with six overs still in hand. Tom Dearden faced 37 balls in his superb innings and hit seven boundaries and a six.

The U13's team put in a tremendous effort away at Sedgfield, but still lost by 17 runs in their NYACC league match. The homeside chose to bat first and scored 124 for 4 in their 20 overs with AJ Wild, Joey Hayman and Tom Norman each taking a wicket. In reply, a fantastic 2nd wicket partnership of 101 between captain Will Dearden (30 retired) and AJ Wild (31 retired) gave Aycliffe a chance of victory, but Sedgfield fought back well, restricting the visitors to 107 for 5 after 20 overs.

The U11's lost at home to a very strong Rockliffe Park by 47 runs in the NYACC league. However there were some good individual performances from captain Will Moffatt, who top scored for Aycliffe with 19 runs and a wicket each for both Charlie Malcomson and Jack Connors.

Photo: U15's team after their historic win at home to Darlington.

ARMED FORCES WEEK 21ST TO 26TH OF JUNE 2021

VETERANS' COMMUNITY HUB – NEWTON AYCLIFFE
JOIN US FROM 10AM ON FRIDAY THE 25TH OF JUNE 2021
TOUR THE HUB – MEET WITH THE ONSITE SUPPORT TEAM
 Tea Coffee and refreshments will be available from 9:45am

11:00 Join the Couch to 5Kers
12:00 Lunch in the Ration Pack Café
12:30 Demo in the VETERANS WOODCRAFT Gazebo
12:30 Zumba in the 1st floor Hall with Kelly
13:00 Circuits in the SPORTING FORCE Gym
13:30 Presentations in the 1st floor hall.

If you cannot join us in person, you can still take part at 11:00 to run/walk/cycle your 5K or longer distances locally. Raise money by creating our own campaign by following this link <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/northern-warriors>

Showing support for the Armed Forces provides a much-valued morale boost for the troops and their families. The UK Armed Forces defend the UK and its interests. They are busy working around the world, promoting peace, delivering aid, tackling drug smugglers, providing security and fighting terrorism. Over the past year, UK Armed Forces personnel have supported the COVID-19 pandemic response in the UK.

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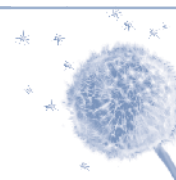


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Pedal to Paris 21



Nigel Blackburn was fortunate enough to participate in the Pedal to Paris cycle ride back in 2018 in support of The Royal British Legion. Following Covid-19, Pedal to Paris is now in its 25th year and is a ride from Central London to Central Paris, a total of 460 kms over 4 days, which culminates with an epic finish, on closed roads through France, at the Arc de Triomphe. Back in 2018, over 280 cyclists participated not only raising awareness for The Legion but much needed funds as well. These funds go on to support initiatives such as the Battle Back programme and other rehabilitation and wellbeing activities.

Inspired by his ride in 2018, Nigel and another ex-Army friend volunteered to crew the Baggage Truck for the 2019 ride. Having returned from Paris, Nigel said: "To see the other side, the immense organisation and planning that goes into the annual event is amazing. All cyclists are communicated with, mentored and inspired by the The Legion staff from the day they enter the event. Throughout the entire event they are extremely well catered for with the Legion providing all food, transport, overnight accommodation, cycle mechanics, medics and even masseurs for those tied legs on route to Paris!"

"I have already committed to this year's 25th Anniversary Ride from 2-6 September 2021. The Legion are promising some extra surprises and I'm sure they will deliver. Coming from an ex-Army background I know what phenomenal work The Legion does to support the ex-Service and serving military community and families, a lot of which live in and around Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas".

If like Nigel, you are inspired by the 320 cyclists already signed up, you can now enter for the 2022 event via the RBL website. Nigel is, of course, trying to raise his own sponsorship for 2021 and would welcome any kind donations and indeed any Corporate Sponsorship for this worthy charity at: www.justgiving/fundraising/pedaltoParis2020-nigelblackburn

If you are a local business and would like to support The Royal British Legion please get in touch with Nigel Blackburn.



Parliament Talk

Tel: 01325 790580 - Email: paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk

Another full week started with me catching up with Chris Heaton Harris, the Rail Minister, as I wanted updates on progress for some of our local projects. The Ferryhill Station project continues, and we saw this week the formal confirmation of the funds to Durham County Council for the feasibility study that has been commissioned. I also wanted updates on the Leamside line and Bishop line, we should hear more about these in the next month or so. I was drawn to ask an OQ (Oral Question) in Health OQs where I encouraged the minister to ensure that GPs were given full support to help the recovery of backlogs, particularly as regards cancer patients and I was able to give a shout out to the Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

As I have told you before, I am part of the NRG (Northern Research Group) which is focused on making representations to ensure Government policy is fully cognisant of the needs of the north. The Prime Minister joined our meeting last week and took representations from our members.

I had a catch-up chairs briefing for the Left Behind Communities APPG, primarily looking at our future agenda, which is finally starting to include some visits where we will see some incredibly successful community initiatives. I also went for a meeting at the Department for International Trade and met with Secretary of State Liz Truss and some of her team. Whilst there I was able to visit the Churchill Room which overlooks Horse Guards Parade and has in it a map from the time of Churchill.

I was in the Chamber for Prime Minister's Questions before then travelling back north later on Wednesday. Thursday started with a meeting with Simon from Crafter's Companion, we discussed their investment in studios to promote their products online, amongst other things, and I look forward to calling in to see them soon. I then spent a lot of the day working to arrange the sessions we were planning as regards the proposed incinerator. As I have already said, I have no more influence in the planning decisions than any other member of the public. Decisions are made by local councils. I have therefore been trying hard to make sure residents are as informed as possible on what is being proposed and I was pleased that we were able to facilitate these sessions. The sessions saw questions being answered about the proposed operations and I hope they were useful, as well as members of the public several local Councillors joined us. It is important to restate that these were just to inform, they play no part in the formal planning process, my hope is that any objections that need to be made are now done on a basis of more knowledge. Whilst investments like this need to be made somewhere, if we are to make the necessary reductions in carbon, they can only be considered if they are safe.

On Friday I was out and about, starting at a business on NetPark in Sedgfield, another

particularly innovative business that I am going back to next week as we identified some areas where I could possibly help them because of my work in BEIS. After this I was off to Wellfield School in Wingate, they really are an inspirational school with an interesting history. I then came back to Newton Aycliffe to see the Livin investment in Travellers Green, and in particular to take a look at the pilot properties they have built with air source heat pumps and solar panels. It was then off to Chilton for my final visit of the day where I joined some of the leaders of Durham County Council in welcoming Lord Callanan who had come to take a look at the external wall insulation being applied free to houses in West Chilton Terrace and Dean Bridge Row. His knowledge of the project and detailed understanding of other potential funding streams was impressive.

We spoke to several residents who were delighted by both the thermal and aesthetic improvements to their homes.

Over the weekend I called in to see the Northern Bygones Society Car Show next to the Scout Hall on Bluebell Way. This gave me the opportunity to have a nose around some vehicles that are given an incredible amount of TLC. I also popped my head into the Scout Hall, as a scout at the time, I remember it being built in the mid-1970s and, if I recall, Lord Barnard came to officially open it.

16 June 2016 is a day we all remember Jo Cox, the MP who was murdered. In her maiden speech she said: "We have far more in common than that which divides us." There are a number of events around the UK to show that politicians can work together regardless of political party. On Friday 18th June I have invited the Newton Aycliffe Councillors, of all colours and none, to join me on a short walk along the Burn to reflect that we are all first and foremost interested in Aycliffe before politics.

Monday saw the Prime Minister update us on the release of lockdown, which I am sure you all know has seen a decision to hold off step 4 openings until July 19th, except for weddings that can still go ahead with more than 30 guests provided social distancing remains in place and the same will apply to wakes. Pilot events – such as Euro2020 and some theatrical performances will also be continued. The position will be monitored every day and if, after 2 weeks, it can be concluded that the risk has diminished then there is a possibility of proceeding to Step 4 and full opening sooner. It is therefore important we all continue to do the right thing, apply common sense in all you do and get tested regularly. The more negative tests that are submitted, the better confidence we all can have in the safety of releasing lockdown and the more chance of the decision happening sooner. Remember: Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air - Stay Safe

Paul Howell MP
Member of Parliament for Sedgfield



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Parliamentary Boundary Changes

The Right Honourable Member for Newton Aycliffe & Sedgfield

Dear Sir,
The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) review on Constituency boundaries has proposed that our existing Constituency of Sedgfield, currently with an electorate of 64,581, should be replaced by a new constituency called Newton Aycliffe and Sedgfield, with an electorate of 70,149. The full details of the proposals can be viewed on this link:

www.bcereviews.org.uk - and just type in your post code, DL5

Here you can view the differences in the existing and proposed constituency. You can also submit your views and comments, either anonymously or publicly. The number of constituencies in the North East will decrease from 29 to 27 and The Boundary Commission says "These latest rules retain 650 constituencies for the UK Parliament as a whole, and require constituencies that we propose or recommend to comply with strict parameters, in particular as far as the number of electors in each constituency is concerned by law, every constituency must contain between 69,724 and 77,062 Parliamentary electors (as at 2nd March 2020). As far as possible, we try to have regard to local ties, geographic factors, local government boundaries (as they were known at 1st December 2020), existing constituencies, and minimising disruption caused by proposed change. We use local government wards as the building blocks for

proposed constituencies, but will consider splitting a ward where there is a strong case for doing so that helps us better respect the factors above. The BCE is required to make a formal final report to the Speaker of the House of Commons before 1st July 2023, recommending any changes that it believes are appropriate to the distribution, size, shape, name or designation of constituencies in England. The Government must turn the recommendations of the BCE into an 'Order in Council' that implements the recommendations. The constituencies set out in the Order will then be implemented for the next General Election after the date on which the legislation is approved."

So if you have an interest in these matters click on the link, input DL5 and view the details and comment. I believe that the new proposed Constituency Boundary has a lot to commend itself. It is well balanced and rounded geographically and politically, taking in the whole of Shildon, whilst removing the extended areas surrounding Darlington (in a previous proposal several years ago but now discarded, Newton Aycliffe was to join in with Billingham!).

This new constituency will include Newton Aycliffe in the name, thus, for the first time ever, giving us some political national prominence too. Whoever our MP is at the next general election, he or she will be referred to as 'The Member for Newton Aycliffe and Sedgfield'.

Arun M Chandran

Double Parking

Dear Sir,
In reply to Cllr. Phillip Hawkins article in last week's edition about inconsiderate parking - I applaud you sir, as a neighbourhood coordinator in my area, I would like to ask those who park illegally, ie: double parking to stop intimidating other residents in our town in the belief that you own the road outside your property, as it is now getting beyond a joke and people are falling out with neighbours over petty squabbles. Our Close has that many cars parked in it, (even with extended raised tarmac footpaths for bin wagons and emergency vehicles) to get past, at times it's impossible for emergency services, bin wagons to get into our Close for fear of damage to other vehicles, and even when people with dropped kerbs, they too think it is OK and legal to double park on their own kerb, as well as parking on their driveway, blocking the road, which they think they have the God given right to.

I have been trying for many, many years to educate new residents over parking problems that everyone is experiencing on our town. As Cllr Hawkins has said, the number of cars on the town has increased exponentially over the past few years, some families have 2, 3, even 4 cars and everyone seems to want to park outside their own front doors, which, as we know, cannot always be available. I ask all drivers to be considerate to others when parking, and to think about what will happen if a fire engine or ambulance wanted to get into your area but cannot, due to inconsiderate parking and the end result is that someone dies?

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Heighington AFC

Heighington AFC Under 9s

Velocity Eagles 1 v Heighington FC 5

The Heighington U9s took to the field today after their week off and looked as hungry as ever as they put on a fine display of football in the morning sunshine. Straight from the off the boys took the game by the scruff of the neck with an early period of pressure which saw them 2 ahead with goals from our fantastic captain Lucas and an ever improving Mitchell. It wasn't long before Lucas was on target again with a goal from our new corner routine and Mitchell also fired home before the break, from the very same corner routine we've been working on the last few weeks.

With the score at 4-0 at half time and the points in the bag it was a great opportunity to play the boys in different positions all over the field. Will Farrow, as always, put in a shift and ran the midfield effortlessly, a goal and 2 assists were his rewards, rounding off the scoring to make it 5-1.

A quiet morning for Matty in goal thanks to the defensive wall of Logan, Isaac and Olly. James, Jamie, Tyler and Olly all unlucky not to be on the scoresheet with great performances to boot. MOTM: Isaac Morgan, a great defensive display with some brilliant tackles. Held his position perfectly enabling his team to go forward confidently.

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Heighington AFC U11s

Washington FC Wildcats 2 v Heighington AFC 5

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The score could have been a lot more had it not been for Wildcats goalkeeper. Even down to a point blank save with his face at the death from a close range Coleby header.

Goals scored by Jack x 1, Oscar x 2, Oliver C x 2.

MoM went to Jack for laying 4 goals on a plate. He never stopped running throughout and battled hard. He also helped himself to a brilliant goal, guiding the ball into the bottom corner through a packed box.

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Sandra Hull

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Class of 2021 Taking the Next Steps



Year 11 students at Greenfield Community College may be leaving the school site but remain a big part of the Greenfield community. During challenging times, the year group should be congratulated on their resilience and commitment throughout their journey at Greenfield, excelling in both study at home and on site. The class of 2021 were able to enjoy their parting celebrations and were invited to share a day of fun activities followed by the now infamous leavers video and ice cream treats! It was a day of emotion, with laughter and tears, remembering their time at Greenfield and the friends they have made along the way. Visit the school facebook and twitter page to find out more.

The cohort will return to share their results and enjoy further celebrations and will be leaving with skills that will prepare them as confident, self-led learners, as they take their next steps. A further comprehensive bridging package of activities and lessons are in place until the end of term to support students to be successful as they continue their journey.

"I would like to wish all of our Year 11 leavers all the best for the future. We are also looking forward to celebrating at our school Prom on the 5th July. Please keep in touch and always remember you are always part of our Greenfield family, take care." said Mrs Butterworth, Year 11 House Leader.

Greenfield Community College 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 further information visit www.greenfieldschool.net or contact the school by emailing contact@greenfieldschool.net or by calling 01325 300378.

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David Cooper



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Obituary

Alexander Cochrane (Alex)

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Birthday Remembrance

Shane Smith

16th June
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Obituary

Patricia Williams

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Fred Poulter



12th June
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In Memoriam

Sylvia Hubbard

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Ken Brown

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Aycliffe Youth Football News

As we head into the final weeks of the extended season, there is still plenty to play for, for many of our teams

Aycliffe U9 Wildcats Girls v Boldon Girls
A full turnout of 10 girls for the final game. The girls wanted to finish the season on a high, having only lost 2 games all season. Sofia played her best game since becoming our goalkeeper. Mia was solid as always, Skye also was solid in the tackle, stopping some good attacks, Imogen showed that she can be a box to box player, Anais showed how she is coming on with good movement. Ava was as strong as always and scored some great goals. Phoebe's pace was used to break away and score. Nyah working the line trying to get on the end of crosses and was unlucky not to score. Brooke getting involved more in the middle and winning a fair share of tackles. Lucy, when put in defence, had her best game for a little while. Great season girls and great result to finish. Onward to U10's next season.

Shotton Colts Blues 1 - Aycliffe U12's Eagles 6

The Eagles dominated the game from the initial whistle and although Shotton went ahead with a miskick that fell to their striker to finish 1-0, we were by far the better team. 3 goals before half time and a further 3 in the second half and the final score was 1-6. MOTM went to Harry today who had his best game for the team to date. An outstanding team performance and a well-deserved 3 points.

Bishop Girls 2 v Aycliffe U12 Wildcats Girls 4

A messy game to start, but Aycliffe grew into the game and were rewarded for their determination and resilience. Half time it was 2-2 but a great second half secured the 3pts. We go into the final 2 games of the season needing 3 points to come away champions. Goals from Demi x2, Emily and Safiye. POTM was Lana this week, her effort is always incredible, nothing stood in her way and she gave everything for her team, a true captains performance.

Aycliffe U11 Angels Blue v Darlington Spraire Diamonds

The girls produced an excellent team performance against a tough Spraire team. They gave Spraire little opportunity to get a foothold in the game. All 11 players played with energy, skill and worked for their team. The Blues created lots of good chances and scored some quality goals to secure the win. Star players: Players: Evie. Coaches: Hannah Friendly

Dormanstown Rovers FC v Aycliffe U10's Eagles

The boys travelled to play a friendly in preparation for the move to 9 aside next season. The Rovers managed to go a goal ahead but this was soon cancelled out when Krystian was taken down in the box and stepped up to convert the penalty, HT 1-1. Second half and The Eagles dominated the play. Aiden picked up the ball and ran forward, using his speed to get in front of the defence and one on one with the keeper, finished with style. Another attack and Cole



made a fantastic run and buried the ball into the back of the net. Then 2 goals from Brandon, who was now playing upfront. The final goal came from Evan, after a ball from Dan. All the boys contributed to the game and the defence were brilliant clearing any danger created by the opposition and Charlie made some good saves in goal.

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