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## Bulb Planting on Silkin Way

See page 2 for full story

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## New Leadership Team



Following a rigorous application process this year's Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team have been appointed. Mrs O'Rourke, Head Teacher, and Mrs Legge, Deputy Head Teacher, interviewed the prospective candidates after reading their hand written applications. The process of applying for a job was explained to all Year 6 pupils. The standard of applications was very high and it was an extremely difficult decision to appoint to the roles of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. At the end of the interview process Sophie was appointed Head Girl, Dan was appointed Head Boy, Ella-Mae was appointed Deputy Head Girl, Harry was appointed Deputy Head Boy. Trent and Oliver were appointed Assistant Head Boys. Lila and Indigo were appointed Assistant Head Girls. Senior Leaders and governors at Sugar Hill are looking forward to working with the pupil leadership team this academic year. Warmest congratulations to Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team from all staff at Sugar Hill.

## ACORN Volunteers Plant Bulbs in Silkin Way



Acorn residents and friends have planted 2000 tete a tete bulbs along parts of Silkin Way to brighten up spring. The popular Community Association applied to Neighbourhood Services Civic Pride Team and were delighted to be awarded the bulbs. Acorn have for many years been growing shrubs and flowers for the pleasure it brings to the community. It is amazing how much pleasure a few flowers can bring to a community after a long dark winter, and we have been pleasantly surprised by the lovely comments that have previously been heard from our earlier efforts. Volunteers came from across Newton Aycliffe and beyond to help with the work making a tedious task enjoyable including retired Great Aycliffe Town Council worker Andy Hill who took time off from his election campaign to share his expertise. Local lads Paul Thompson and John Hannah also came along to join myself and my lovely wife Elaine. Brian Rendell took time off from his busy litter picking schedule to lend a hand too and it was fantastic to see local resident Steve Wilde. Special thanks to those members of the Civic Pride Team who also came down to help out and to Bishop Auckland resident Tanya Tucker who, having read my call for volunteers on Facebook, came along with her daughter to help.

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## Wanted

Hello,  
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UPSTAIRS

Saturday 20th Nov: 'Mark Thomas'

## 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 later this month.

The Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership board will be meeting virtually on Tuesday 23 November 2021, between 6pm and 8pm via Microsoft Teams, and members of the public are invited to observe proceedings. Board members are due to receive an update presentation from the Co Durham Police & Crime Commissioner at the meeting. Anyone who would like to attend the virtual meeting should register in advance by emailing [gampaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:gampaap@durham.gov.uk) *Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.*

## RotaKids Meet for First Time in Eighteen Months

At last, Rotary Newton Aycliffe's very own group of Rotakids have been able to meet and discuss their plans for the future. The idea of our club having Rotakids was suggested a few years ago by Rotarian Pat Pickersgill and after a great start, all plans were put on hold because of Covid. However, last week, 12 pupils who attend Sugar Hill Primary School came together in an after-school club and were guided through the formalities by Year 3 teacher, Mrs. Julie Forster. They were each given a copy of the Rotakids pledge and a t-shirt to wear at official Rotakids events. Decisions need to be made on how often they meet, who will occupy the post of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and, excitingly, what plans they would like to propose as fundraisers for any future projects they intend to support. Currently, they have an amount of money in the bank raised at their last Summer Fair and the suggestion was that they would donate to WaterAid, which is a Rotary charity bringing clean water to remote areas in developing countries. A 'Design a Christmas Card' competition has just been completed and the 4 winners are announced below. All entrants are to receive a selection box with the winners being presented with a framed copy of their entry. Further plans are for the Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. K. Legge, to take a small group of Rotakids along to the War Memorial at St. Clare's Church on 11th November where they will lay poppies. We wish them all well in their future with Rotakids and hope to see them soon at one of our meetings. Winners of the Christmas Card competition are Ruby, Finley, Rosie and John. Well done everyone and thank you for your entries and support to Rotary.



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# Happiness Hubs 2021

Spreading community spirit – Happiness Hubs 2021 grants launched  
Giving back to communities in County Durham and Darlington, a successful grant scheme is set to repeat its work of wonders. County Durham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and health and wellbeing charity Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), are thrilled to relaunch the Happiness Hubs 2021 grants programme to offer community groups and organisations funding from a total of over £140,000.

The Happiness Hubs funding aims to provide safe spaces and activities for local adults to meet, make friends, talk and feel supported, with the ultimate goal to help people to live happier, healthier lives whilst promoting mental health and personal resilience. Sandra Roberts, Project Lead of Mental Health Services at PCP, said: "It is estimated that over 700 individuals have benefitted from the support these grants have provided directly into local communities so far. "PCP are proud to be delivering a diversity of support through the Happiness Hubs to veterans, new mothers, men and women, older people, young adults, people with learning disabilities, to name a few, and look forward to seeing what this year's grant holders will do with the funding available." The new grant scheme enables local community groups and organisations to apply for revenue grants of between £500 and £7,500 to fund projects lasting between 12 and 18 months.



The funding is part of County Durham CCG's commitment to Community Crisis Care Transformation delivery.

Dr Stewart Findlay, Chief Officer of NHS County Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "It has been amazing to see the impact this funding has had so far, despite the impact of COVID."

"Last year saw grants totalling over £85,000 given out, which was matched by a further £57,000 representing a real investment at community level in mental health support in County Durham and Darlington."

Grants from the Happiness Hubs can be used to launch or extend current projects, which will provide non-crisis mental health support.

Applications are now open for Happiness Hubs 2021 grants, with a cut off date for applications at midnight, Monday 3 January, 2022.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel in January 2022, with any applications received after this date to not be reviewed until March 2022.

If you would like to find out more or receive an application pack, please contact Jane Cunningham on happiness.hubs@pcp.uk.net or call 07715 204462.

Find out more about the County Durham CCG's work at [www.facebook.com/nhscountydurhamccg](http://www.facebook.com/nhscountydurhamccg) or on Twitter @CountyDurhamCCG

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## Scam Update

Dear Sir,  
Following your article in last weeks Newton News, we are the elderly couple mentioned. I always thought that I was pretty astute and nothing like this would happen to us. I searched the web and found the tradesman to do our garden through a site recommending professionals and therefore felt that I was safe. The work was started quickly and a lot of effort put in to digging out the garden ready for the base. At that point we were asked to pay up front for the materials and the rest is history - no response to emails or phone calls since. We even got an email telling us that they couldn't get the materials which coincided with the hold ups because of the shortage of HGV drivers. Believe me, this was all very clever and we are so very grateful to our friend next door who alerted her boyfriend's Dad who consequently took control and has now almost completed the job. A huge thank you to all who responded to his request for materials and especially to him for doing the work. Name & address supplied

## Gardens Guild

We are in the process of restarting the guild and are having a meeting to gauge interest in this project. The meeting will be held at Woodham Community Centre on Monday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Please come along and bring your ideas with you. We look forward to seeing you there. Contact 07340 606402 or 07724 070888.

## By-Election

Dear Sir,  
I am not telling people how to vote but, those living in Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall area of the Town will get a vote shortly, to vote for new Councillors. My vote will go to Kane Shaw, the Labour Candidate, who is the best in my opinion to represent this area. He is young but will get the required support and training if elected.

Kane hopes to visit as many constituencies as possible but the by-election is a short time scale so he may not get around you all as this area is a large ward stretching from Burn Lane along Burnhill Way and including the Horndale, Byerley Park, The Chase and Greenfield estates.

I am supporting Kane who, although young, is doing something I have always believed in, which is getting young people involved, which I have done since my time as the Chair of Newton Aycliffe Youth and Community Centre. I believe we should support our young people, so a vote for Kane Shaw is a vote for the youth of the town who will also represent all of the people in the ward. Kane is 22 and was educated at St John's Comprehensive School Bishop Auckland. To elect Kane would also be a tribute to the memory of the late and long serving Councillor, Cllr Brian Hall. Whilst there are two vacancies in the ward we in the Labour Party only submitted one, once again in memory of Cllr Brian Hall, you will also note there is no Independent Candidate standing in this ward, who I understand was to pay tribute to the late Cllr. Brian Hall. There is also a by-election in the Simpstone ward due to the death of Cllr Dave Hardaker. Once again a popular councillor and it is hoping that Simon Hocking will fill that post. Vince Crosby

## Christmas Market

A Christmas Market will take place at St. Michael's Church, Heighington on Saturday 4th December from 10.30am to 2.00pm.

Christmas themed stalls, refreshments, cake, tombola and raffle stalls.

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On Tuesday this week, some of the team spent the day at St. Francis School delivering sessions on ASB, Bullying, Online Safety and Crime and Consequences. We will add input around County lines at the next school. The pupils engaged amazingly well and as a reward, were visited by 'Jet and Ben' and received certificates.

Miss Cooper (Year 6 teacher) provided the following statement: "After initially seeming anxious and intimidated by the presence of the police, pupils engaged within a range of tasks from online safety to anti-social behaviours, and through this the children have grown and developed into members of society who understand and respect the role of the police within our local community. A wealth of information was shared in an age-appropriate and child-friendly way through quizzes, games, videos



and whole-group discussions. The officers shared their in-depth knowledge with pupils and answered questions brought up by the children in an appropriate manner ensuring that the information shared was answering the questions, without causing pupils any worry or concern. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the whole day and would like to thank the team for their time and sharing their expertise".

Sgt. Boyd from the Neighbourhood Team stated "It is so important that we have the right mix of enforcement, engagement and education. On top of action that we are taking with partners to tackle ASB issues in Newton Aycliffe, we need to make sure that we are educating kids in schools around the consequences of being involved in such activity. We also recognise that these are crucial years for kids where they can be exposed to harmful influences, we really hope that the input we are providing will reduce potential risk. The kids at St. Joseph's were absolutely amazing and engaged so well, roll on Sugar Hill".

We look forward to engaging with pupils at Sugar Hill Primary School which is our next location for this initiative.

# Thank You Town Council

Dear Sir,

For many years I have submitted a letter to the Newton News asking for respect for our fallen heroes of both World Wars, stating that we would not be celebrating Christmas as we do without the brave and heroic efforts and loss of life by our Great Grandparents and Grandparents.

The Christmas lights used to be switched on before Remembrance Day every year for many years. But this year we waited for those to be remembered before looking forward to the festive season.

As I have mentioned in my previous letters - in my view, and many others who have grown up in Newton Aycliffe, the Christmas lights were turned on too early. I hope this will continue for years to come.

This will also give a message to the future generations of our town, that Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, but foremost to remember the brave men and women who made it possible to enjoy this time of year.

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Dated: 19th November 2021



**Helena Lynch**  
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# Vote With Your Conscience

Dear Sir,

The unedifying site of Conservative MPs being whipped into supporting a suspension of the suspension of Conservative MP, Owen Paterson, over the alleged cash for influence affair, is unbelievable. Of course our MP, Paul Howell, dutifully obeyed his master's instruction to support this, just as he did last year over the plan to end free school meals for disadvantaged children during out of term time.

As with the free school meals debacle, yet again, Mr Johnson quickly changed his mind on this matter with another u-turn, meaning that Paul must again have been left feeling a little bit glum for, I suspect, he didn't really want to vote the way he did.

How any honourable Conservative MP can remain loyal to this Prime Minister is beyond me. If I were to be allowed to counsel Paul Howell, I would say get yourself a time machine in order that for every crazy vote Mr Johnson asks you to take, you can quickly go a couple of days into the future and see if your boss has again changed his mind.

You can then come back to the present day and vote accordingly. Alternatively, in the absence of said time machine, instead of voting just to please your boss, you could vote with your conscience and you would never make the same mistake.

Stephen Braithwaite

# Town Council By-Elections

Three by-elections will take place on Thursday 9th December. This follows the deaths of Cllrs Brian Hall and David Hardaker and the resignation of John D. Clare.

Those standing are:

## Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward

(3 Candidates for 2 Vacancies)

Lindsey Aston Lib Dem

Kane Shaw Labour

John Thomas Woodward Lib Dem

(The Lib Dems will gain 1 seat by default)

## Simpasture Ward (2 Candidates for 1 Vacancy)

Andrew Hill Independent

Simon Hocking Labour

All three seats were previously Labour held, the balance on Great Aycliffe Town Council currently is:

Independents 12, Labour 10 and Lib Dems 5.

# NAFC Junior Section



## NAFC Junior Section Roundup 13th/14th November.

All teams paid their respects this weekend with a minute's silence to remember those who bravely gave their lives so we can have ours. *Rest we forget.*

**U9's Whites** played Hebburn this morning and took a commanding lead in the first half but Hebburn battled back and ended up grabbing a draw at the end. A great game, the lads fought and battled for each other. Scorers: Oscar x2, Ryley x1, Harry C x2. MOTM: Seth, a great debut in goal.

**U9's Blacks** hosted Skelton United. Having lost a couple of players, the lads stepped up and put in a fantastic first half performance, despite players playing in new positions. Second half Aycliffe tired and Skelton took the spoils. Tough for the boys, but cannot fault their effort and attitude. MOTM: Luca D.

**U10's Blacks** played Hetton with another solid performance. The game did not start well, conceding early goals. We settled down and produced some great football. A fine individual goal from Rhys levelled it before HT. Benjamin then scored with a neat finish, before a late equaliser from Hetton. Some fine individual performances resulting in honours even. MOTM: Mathis.

**U10's Juniors** travelled to Cleveland Juniors and, with a reduced squad, knew it was going to be tough against strong opposition. A fantastic game which saw us go behind twice and pull back level. With legs tiring Cleveland grabbed a decider despite a great fighting spirit. Scorers Sammy x2. MOTM: Jensen. Great comments after the game from the home team, commenting on Mason and Daniel, "one of the best centre half partnerships he's seen for a long time"

**U12's** hosted Norton and Stockton Ancients, from Div2, in round two of the challenge cup. With three players missing and a change of formation the team gave an excellent performance, playing some good football at times against a team four divisions higher than us, who were deserved winners. We move on and back to the league next weekend. Great second half performance. FT 1-8. Goal from Callum, MOTM: Zeke.

**U15's** hosted high flying Ripon City Panthers. Sloppy defending let the visitors lead 0-1 before Travis equalised with a penalty. The lads fell behind again before a change in formation saw us grab an equaliser from Reece. A strong start to second half saw us go 5-2 up with Reece completing his hat trick and Thomas A grabbing a goal. A nervy last 10 minutes ensued when Ripon pulled two goals back, to end 5-4 to the lads. The win put us top of the league with 100% record after 4 games.

**U16's** travelled to face Hetton Lyons and unfortunately the team never got going, quickly finding themselves 2-0 down in the first few minutes. A formation change saw Aycliffe get a foothold, going with 5 across midfield, allowing Aycliffe to dominate possession. Second half saw good efforts from Ted, Anthony and Taylor, but the goal just would not come. As Aycliffe continued to press, we were caught on the break, with the final result 4-0 to Hetton. MOTM: Bo.

**U18's** hosted Redcar in a classic game of 2 halves. First half was absolutely awful, going in 0-2 at HT. Four changes made at HT and we came out a different team, literally. We grabbed two goals and should have had more, including good shouts for two penalties, but it was not our day, eventually going down 2-3. Goals: George C x1 and Jack C x1. MOTM: George.

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## Simpasture By-Election

**ANDREW HILL - INDEPENDENT**

Andrew is married and has two grown up daughters, 4 grandchildren and loves family life in Newton Aycliffe. As a child of eight, Andrew moved to Newton Aycliffe with his family from Hoo in Kent in 1968 and has lived here happily ever since.

He left Avenue Comprehensive School and began his career working as a gardener for the NHS, gaining many skills and qualifications. Andrew honed his skills at Houghall College Durham and became Head Gardener at Bishop Auckland General Hospital working for several years until an opportunity came up at Great Aycliffe Town Council, where he joined the gardening team in Newton Aycliffe.

At the Town Council he soon rose to take on the role of Team Leader. He has had the opportunity to work on some of the fantastic projects which have made our town such a beautiful floral place for the rest of us to take pride in. Just a few of the projects are: Britain in Bloom, Golf Course Extension, Flower Displays, Our Running Track at the Oak Leaf Centre and the Town Park. He has also supported and help organise events such as: 5k Fun Run, Fun in the Parks, enjoyed by hundreds of our residents, the Great Aycliffe Show Weekends, Remembrance Sunday, our amazing Fireworks Display and, of course, one of Andrew's favourite events of the year - our Santa Tours which bring so much joy to children and adults alike.

Having retired after 34 years of service on our Town Council, Andrew now has a little time to spend on his hobbies and with his beloved children and grandchildren but feels he can bring a lot of his former experience to good use as a Town Councillor. He is very approachable and willing to help residents with local issues.

Andrew is not drawn to any political party so is standing in this seat as an Independent, where his contribution will be most welcomed. Andy is the only Candidate who lives in the Simpasture Ward, and has lived at Cumby Road for fifteen years.

*Your local Independent Councillors are proud to endorse Andy Hill, he adds quality, experience and ability.*

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## RUNNING CLUB NEWS

This week's report starts with a round up from our local parkrun events, which took place on Saturday morning. Members started their weekend at the Darlington South Park, Hackworth, Jubilee, Riverside, Sedgefield and the Town Moor events.

Team Jarps were on fire at Sedgefield parkrun, with Peter grabbing himself a new Personal Best (PB) for the event (24:16) and wife Donna also setting a new PB of 27:40. Over at Darlington South Park parkrun, Ian Stothard set himself a new best of 32:37 for the course, whilst at Hackworth parkrun Steph Colvin was the first female finisher and set herself a new PB for the event (27:27).

A number of local races commemorated Remembrance Sunday, and we had several Members participating in the Run Durham Hamsterley Remembrance Day 5 Mile Race. First home for the Club was Shaun Dodds, in a time of 43:49, which was also good enough for Shaun to claim third place in his Age Category (VM50-54). Next across the line for the Club was David Stothard in 48:42, and he was followed home by brother, Ian Stothard, in a time of 1:01:14.

In Newcastle, the Heaton Harriers' Town Moor Memorial 10K got underway after observing a silence to reflect on those fallen in conflict, with runners encouraged to wear a poppy during the race. Trish Kay was first across the line for the Club, finishing in 49:25. Eve Doe bagged another PB, in what has been a fantastic year for her, finishing in 1:01:55. Susan Clark was the third of the Aycliffe ladies to finish, recording a time of 1:15:08.

Finally, Rob Nicholson was enjoying a run out at the Slaley Hall and Forest Half Marathon, hosted by Wild Deer Events. Rob completed the Half Marathon race in 2:33:41, finishing third in his Age Category (VM60-69).

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



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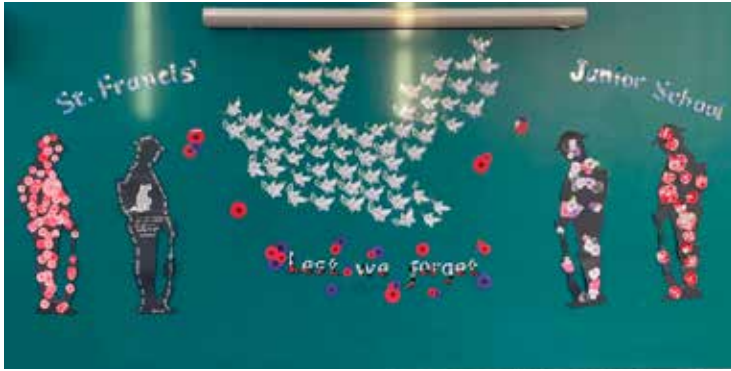
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## St. Francis School Remembers



St Francis' Junior schoolchildren marked Remembrance Day by creating artwork within their family house teams. Some children used art skills, such as pointillism, collage, poetry through digital art, poppy sun-catchers and chalk pastels, to create different coloured poppies representing hope and reflection through conflicts. The children had a wonderful afternoon creating these masterpieces whilst learning about the significance of Remembrance Day.

## Woodham Academy Girls Active



Woodham Academy have once again begun to offer their Sports Academy activities to all students. An exciting aspect of this is Girls Active. Students take part in a range of activities, designed to encourage girls to become more active outside of school. Miss Kent and Miss Woolley lead a variety of activities as part of the programme. This includes fitness, trampolining, table tennis, to name a few. During the sessions, girls come along to the activity, where they can be active and socialise with their peers. They have been able to do this across different year groups and have really developed their confidence and resilience.

At the end of last half term, students were given an exciting opportunity when they visited Tees Barrage International White Water Centre. During their time at the centre, the students took part in 2 hours of Kayaking on the River Tees. Each student got their own kayak and learned a range of different paddling techniques. They played a lot of games and developed teamwork during challenges.

After the final paddle, students then finished the session by jumping into the water. All students had a fantastic time and have continued to attend. This has also had a ripple effect, with the numbers of students attending Girls Active continuing to grow.

The academy is looking forward to working with more and more students and planning more exciting activities!

## Historic Building to Become School for Autistic Children



**The transformation of an historic building, into a new school for autistic children on Teesside, is 'bang on target' for a new year opening.**

The disused Kiara Hall, in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, is being given a new lease of life by the North East Autism Society (NEAS), which is investing around £1.3m in the site as part of the charity's expansion into the south of the region.

During his latest site visit, NEAS chief executive, John Phillipson, said: "We are thrilled with the progress, and it's exciting to think we are on the cusp of having the school up and running."

The official handover deadline is January 21 but Thornbrook Construction director, Ryan White, hopes that the development could be completed by Christmas.

"It's going extremely well, and everything is bang on target. It's such an interesting project because of the history of the building and it's fantastic to be able to put it back into such a positive use," said Mr White.

"The challenge is to try to retain the historic features while making it fit for purpose for the charity and, from everything we hear, people in the local community are over the moon that something so worthwhile is being done with the site."

Kiara Hall has had varied uses since it was built in 1902, including a family home, offices, an Army gun battery, youth club, school, and community centre. It was also used as an Italian prisoner of war camp during the war.

"We want this to be a place that the people of the Stockton area think of as their own," said Mr Phillipson. "It will not only become a school for autistic and neurodiverse children on Teesside, but our aim is to open it up for wider community use."

The development follows the opening of the charity's first school on Teesside, The Mackenzie Thorpe Centre, at South Bank, which recently celebrated its first anniversary. NEAS also operates a school in Sunderland, as well as a school and further education college in Newton Aycliffe.

Due to increased demand for services, NEAS has a number of exciting opportunities for teachers and teaching assistants, to join the education team at Aycliffe School.

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# Simpasture By-Election

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to announce that I have been selected and nominated to stand as the Labour candidate for Simpasture Ward in the upcoming by-election. From living in St Godrics Road as a child for several years to living in Isherwood Close, when my family returned to the Ward in 2010, I have plenty of great memories in the area so it would be an honour, with your support, to represent the many fantastic people I know who live there. It's been brilliant getting out on the doorstep, so far, with an extremely positive response, it's great to speak directly to people and listen to what they have to say and take in what is important to them. Why vote for me? Professionally I am a Project Engineer in a factory right next door to Simpasture Gate. This career has given me the skills I believe would fit excellently with being a councillor. I oversee projects from start to finish, through planning all the way to completion, on time, in budget and in full. I've also spent my time over this year learning the ins and outs of public funding for projects and what is required to make them viable, as a public representative on the Great Aycliffe and Middlesbrough Partnership. It has been a fantastic apprenticeship in both public finance and scrutiny with some amazing ideas coming through the GAMP board. I will be out knocking on as many doors as possible over the next 3 weeks to earn your support, I feel it is the only way to show real commitment to the role and the only way to find out what matters to you. This weekend I will be in Isherwood Close, Bewick Crescent, Marley Road and Wallas Road, let's have a chat! On 9th December I hope to have done more than just ask for your support, I hope to have earned it.

Simon Hocking  
Labour candidate for Simpasture Ward



# Heighington AFC Update

## Heighington RFYL U7's

### Heighington 2 v Durham Reds 2

Today saw the two unbeaten teams come together. Both teams had started the season well with 8 wins for 8 and scoring +50 each. It was going to be a tense game to watch but the lads played fantastic. Taking the lead early on through Isaac Turnbull and Tommy Craddock only for Durham to change it up and come back at Heighington boys. What a fantastic game to watch at U7's and credit to each player that played as good as they could. Heighington could have nicked it towards the end with an excellent run from Oliver Savage only to be wiped out by the oncoming Durham players. Parents and Managers MOM goes to Oskar Raine, who was fantastic in goal in the first half and produced a dominate display outfield as he worked hard to keep the game flowing. Still unbeaten after 9 games is a fantastic achievement so far and I'm so proud of the lads and parents.

Goals: Isaac Turnbull, Tommy Craddock.

## Heighington U10's RFYL

### Velocity Eagles 1 v Heighington 5

An earlier than usual start for the Heighington boys on a boggy pitch in poor conditions today. The first half was played on a knife edge as Heighington went two nil up thanks to an early brace from captain Lucas Faulkner before Velocity Eagles got one back and pressed us right until the half time whistle. Some good saves and brave tackling saw Heighington through a period of pressure until Lucas bagged his third to lift the lads and saw the boys back playing their fantastic passing football. Some great crossing from Mitchell created the openings that Heighington needed and it wasn't long before Isaac Morgan made a fantastic run from defence and bagged himself a great goal which he fully deserved as it's been coming for a few weeks. The scoring was rounded off after another thunderbolt by Lucas from outside the box saw the ball kiss the inside of the far post before nestling nicely in the net.

The whole team deserves a mention today as we were not at our best by any standard but we remained united enough to pull off a result which is testament to the attitude and spirit of this team in the face of adversity.

MOTM: Jamie Bennett Scott, put everything on the line for his team today taking a few knocks and never backing down against some much larger boys.

MOTM: Isaac Morgan, obligatory solid game in defense and worked hard for his goal which he took like a pro and fully deserved.

Big shout out and thank you to our sponsors @sash hardware, Chris Harper, many thanks as always.

## Heighington AFC U12's RFYL

### Sunderland RTC 0 v Heighington AFC 3

The Mighty Red and Black's were absolutely brilliant today. The lads battled all the way to keep the clean sheet. They made sure we kept playing our passing game but weren't afraid to get stuck in either. Really unlucky not to score more, Sunderland keeper played amazingly.

Goals scored: Jack x1, Tom x1, Watson x1.

MOM went to Luca again. Could easily be the whole team today.

Their coaches struggled to choose. But, for his constant running and because he was everywhere today, Luca scraped it.

## Heighington AFC U12's Whites

### Cleveland Wolves U12's 0 v Heighington Whites U12's 12

Heighington started the game with a high press and passing game which let us control the game from the 1st minute till the last minute. The way in which we played today was a pleasure to watch the whole game and take nothing away from the Wolves as they tried to get a foot hold on the game but our midfield was too strong today. Half time we had a comfortable 5-0 lead. Second half was much better as the press got higher and didn't allow them a single shot on target after the break. The game finished 12-0 to us with some fine finishing and passing by the whole team. The manner in which we defended today impressed me the most so a huge well done to Theo, Malco, Murray, Cruz, Joseph, Chris and Evie who played some fantastic passes forward and allowed our attack to flow and play with complete freedom. Nathan McKenna, captain for the day, was deadly in front of goal. Wilko scored his first hat trick for the team and assists I lost count of. Dan scored a great goal after another great passing move, Finley and Benjamin were solid all over the pitch. Coaches MOTM went to Nathan McKenna who scored 4 goals, 2 assists and never stopped running. Parents MOTM went to Wilko with his 1st hat-trick and 3 assists. Whole team played fantastic all game and Cruz Denton was given extra applause by their coach and also scored 2 fine goals and an assist. The score really does tell the story on this one by far one of our best performances, well done to everyone, thank you everyone for your support every week. Massive thank you to the Hammer & Pincers for our strips this season too.



## Skipton Trip

On Sunday 5th December 2021.

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## Musical Evenings at St. Michael's



### Appeal for Musicians

Our next musical evening at St. Michael's will be on 28th November. Light refreshments will be available from 5pm with the evening proper beginning at 6pm. The services with a difference have been successful so far and now we are hoping to recruit more musicians. We are asking anyone who lives in the Heighington, School Aycliffe or Redworth area, who might like to join in, please get in touch with Ron at ronharrison60@gmail.com. The songs that have been voted as favourites so far are Because He Lives by Bill and Gloria Gaither, This Is Amazing Grace by Phil Wickham, I Saw The Light by Hank Williams and Hymn of Heaven by Phil Wickham. We will be playing them again on 28th November, with a couple of new ones which are yet to be decided. Perhaps readers would like to access YouTube and have a listen. Councillor Gerald Lee added 'this is a joyous evening full of fun and laughter which is guaranteed to lift your spirits and leave you happier then when you arrived. To all who live in the parish, particularly those who may be a little awkward about coming to the church for the first time, switch off the telly and join us on the night. You will not be disappointed'. Look forward to seeing you on 28th November.



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Parliament had a short recess on Wednesday and Thursday of last week which meant I could spend much more time around the constituency. On Wednesday I had the pleasure of speaking at the meeting of the Heighington branch of the Women's Institute. The only instructions received were not to make the speech political. Having recently watched the Blair Brown documentary and seeing how Mr Blair was received, I thought it best to do as I was told! I very much enjoyed the evening and it was good to hear about one of their latest initiatives, creating trauma teddies for children in a state of distress. After the WI meeting I went to the CAMRA meeting at the Surtees Arms at Ferryhill Station to get their feedback on the budget. They were generally pleased with the direction of travel but had some points of detail for me to pursue, particularly as regards barrel sizes.

On Thursday 11th of November, my first Remembrance event was at Teesside Airport with the Middleton St George Memorial Association at 11.00am. I then went to NETPark at Sedgefield where the Minister for Industry, Lee Rowley, was visiting CPI before then heading to Ferryhill to pass a Remembrance wreath to the Mayor to be laid on my behalf on Sunday. After taking Mrs H for a meal at the Impeccable Pig at Sedgefield, recently awarded AA Inn of the Year, I headed to Hopper House Brew Farm for a meeting with the NFU where I was provided with quite a list of areas of concern for me to follow up.

Friday was another full day, starting with a visit to Teesside Airport to meet some of the many businesses located there. These included Fairs-Lloyds Travel, a travel agent based at the Terminal Building and the International Fire Training Centre. I then headed to Jubilee Fields in Shildon to meet the team from Livin to see some of the regeneration plans they are implementing and I raised with them that we have areas in Aycliffe that need some attention too. After this it was back to Kromek at NETPark for a meeting with Peter Gibson, MP for Darlington, before heading to Ferryhill where I had a surgery for residents. Once this was completed, it was off to Darlington for the stronger Communities Awards hosted by Darlington Borough Council. As you may be aware, the Sedgefield constituency includes a number of wards from Darlington. Saturday saw me at Middleton St George for a surgery after which I was able to visit the exhibition by the team from Beamish who are recreating a Middleton St George fish and chip shop in their 1950's area. After this I was out visiting many of the memorials in the north of the constituency where I laid wreaths. In the evening I had the pleasure of going to the Festival of Remembrance

Concert at Durham Cathedral.

On Sunday I was at the Remembrance event in Newton Aycliffe. It was amazing to see so many people watching the parade and then filling the church. After this service, I briefly joined the team at REME for a meal before going to Neasham for a service and then laying more wreaths at Hurworth, High Conniscliffe, Piercebridge and Middlesbrough I then went to the Remembrance service at Trimdon Village which saw the end of an emotional few days.

The big political event this week continued to be COP 26 and it was good to see some significant progress, but disappointing more specific targets could not be finalised. Westminster will see me back in the BEIS select committee on Tuesday where we are discussing Decarbonising Heat in Homes. I will also probably be engaging with the Finance Bill as it passes through the house and I will be attending a reception at No 10 in the evening.

More advice surgeries will be taking place on Friday 19th November at Woodham Community Centre in Newton Aycliffe and on Saturday 20th November at Trimdon Grange Community Centre.

I will sign off as usual by reminding you that if you need a jab please get it as it helps keep us all safe and able to meet people, we do not want to do what Austria are having to do. Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

## Bishop Auckland Civic Society

The next public meeting of Bishop Auckland Civic Society will take place on Monday, 22nd November at 7.30pm in Bishop Auckland Town Hall when John Castling, The Auckland Project's Archaeology Curator, will speak about recent excavations at Auckland Castle.

Auckland Castle is widely considered to be one of the most important mediaeval residential buildings in Northern England. Recent years have seen several excavations by Durham University which have brought a great deal of new information to light that has enhanced the understanding of the site and its significance - not least the discovery of Bishop Bek's early 14th century chapel. This talk will highlight some of these remarkable discoveries and describe how they have transformed our understanding of the mediaeval Prince Bishop's palace. Free to members/£2 for non-members.



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# Heighington/Bay Horse Bonfire and Fireworks

This year's event was held on Saturday 6th November. The pandemic had prevented the 2020 bonfire and a very large crowd packed the village green in anticipation of the bonfire lighting and the fireworks display. The bonfire was probably the largest we have seen and it went up impressively. The fireworks that followed were spectacular and enjoyed by all the spectators. This event wouldn't be possible without the support of Tony and Diane Goodman of the Bay Horse. They fund the public insurance, a great firework display and other incidental expenses. A big thanks to all their staff for the outside catering and the hectic bar work.



Huge thanks are also extended to the very kind people who donated materials to make the bonfire safe and a success: Simon Shepherd (Edgar Shepherd Sawmill) for donating 40 plus wooded pallets to build the bonfire perimeter. Brian Knox (Bracks Farm) for donating the straw bale used to light the bonfire.

Peter Cockburn (Newbiggin Farm) and Alan Gibson for the metal stakes to form the public safety barrier. Rob Appleton (North Yorkshire Timber, Darlington) for donating timber for the safety and instruction notices. Jane and Peter Gosnay (Spar Shop) for collecting donations towards the cost of the fireworks.

For Steve Jackson, John Wood and Darryl Gregory this was the last bonfire they will organise. It has been a pleasure over many years and was one contribution to village life out of so many that makes Heighington a special community to be part of. Now there is a new team of volunteers who will take on the organisation of the bonfire in 2022. The core of the new team is Phil Harrison, Holly and Lee White and Michelle and Phil Radcliffe – many thanks to them for coming forward. We are sure that they will be able to attract more people to help.

Also deserving of thanks for their help in preparation, supervision on the night and clearing up afterwards are Paul Atkinson, Kian White, Shaun Wilson, Tony Kay and members of Heighington FC. Well done to all those who contributed to a great night, bringing the community together during a difficult period. Here's to next year! Steve and Darryl

# Remembrance Day Parade and Service



The Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service took place on Sunday 14th November with a march to St. Clare's Church from the Barnard Armoury. Revd. Jeff Anderson gave a short service outside of St. Clare's where the observance of the two minutes silence and wreath laying ceremony was carried out.

Wreaths were laid, led by a representative of the Lord Lieutenant's Office, Dame Dela Smith DBE DL, the Reviewing Officer, Lt. Col. Carson, the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Councillors Jim Atkinson and Neville Jones as representatives of Durham County Council, together with members of the Armed Forces, clubs, churches, schools and members of the public. Many people lined the streets outside of St. Clare's Church in memory of those who had laid down their lives in times of conflict. A display of poppies and had been placed around the outside area of the church which made a poignant focal point for the commemoration.

Following a service of remembrance in church, the parade assembled outside for the March Past and Salute. The Parade was dismissed in the yard of the Barnard Armoury.

A Remembrance Day commemoration with the laying of wreaths was carried out at St. Andrew's Church, Aycliffe Village, later the same day with Rev. Ann Anderson carrying out the service.

A short Service of Remembrance was also held in the Town Centre on Thursday, 11th November at 11am at which the observance of the 2 minutes silence took place.

## NEVILLE Community Association

Neville Community Association (NCA) had an excellent day out in York on Saturday 30th October with some residents going to York Railway Museum to view over 200 years of railway history and over one million wonderful objects.

We have organised a Christmas Shopping trip, or just a bit of retail therapy trip, at Boundary Mill near Shiremoor on Wednesday 24th November, £6 per person.

Please send a private message on our Neville Community Association Facebook page or pop into Neville Community Cafe at Neville Community Centre any Friday from 10am to 1pm.

Coach trips through NCA are available to all residents of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas with the first chance of seats going to attendees of our monthly meetings held every 3rd Tuesday at 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre at Neville Parade.

Our next event...our Christmas Activity Day will be held on Saturday 11th December 2021 from 11.30am with a very special guest! Entry price is £2 per child 3+ years which includes raffle ticket, tombola ticket and visit to Santa.

Neville Community Association (NCA) are having a coffee & cake evening on Tuesday 16th November from 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre at Neville Parade, where we are looking for some ideas to share that contribute to reducing our carbon footprint. Pop down with a friend and join us.

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#### SATURDAY

|  |                    |                     |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| 9-10am   | Eurovision Show    | Simon Harding       |
| 10-12am  | Moderation         | Jack & Garvey       |
| <b>'LA Connection' Sponsored by Dale Care Services</b> |                    |                     |
| 12-2pm   | LA Connection      | Emperor Rosko (USA) |
| 2-4pm  | Weekly Edition     | Paul Baker          |
| 4-6pm  | Sports Saturday    | Sean Lawless        |
| 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      |
| <b>'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service</b> |                        |                   |
| 2-4pm   | Bear Blues Show        | Colin & Monica    |
| 4-6pm   | Folk/Celtic/Rock Show  | Steve & Col       |
| 6:30-8pm  | Jazz Time              | Mike Dixon        |
| 8-10pm  | Soul Show              | John Wooler (USA) |
| 10-12am   | Easy Sunday            | Al Smart          |

#### \* 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    |
| 7-8pm     | Around Town with<br>23rd Nov: Emily's Memory Walk | Phill Hawkins |
| 8-9:30pm  | Jazz Time (R)                                     | Mike Dixon    |
| 9:30-12am | Soul and Motown Selection                         |               |

#### 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  | Back to the 80s | Andy Little     |
| 10-12am | Rock Night      | Jonny Goldsmith |

#### FRIDAY

#### 'Weekend Warmup' Sponsored by Shake n Cake

|         |   |              |
|---------|---|--------------|
| 4-6pm   | Weekend Warm Up                                       | Dan Calum    |
| 6-8pm   | Techno Trance Mix                                     | PVR Studios  |
| 8-10pm  | 26th November - Paul Mac - Rare Vinyl Mix (Australia) |              |
| 10-12pm | BeatRoote   | Graeme Roote |
| 12-1am  | Night Club Session                                    | A DJ         |

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## Aycliffe Youth Football News

As it was remembrance weekend, all our teams stood for a minute's silence to remember the fallen, lest we forget.

### Farrington Detached 0 v **Aycliffe U13 Eagles 7**

Playing against a team who are level on points with us in the league and have always provided a competitive game, but it was the Eagles who dominated the game. Two first half goals from Kaiden and one from Olly and HT 0-3 to Aycliffe. The boys continued into the second half with goals from Kaiden, getting his hattrick from the penalty spot, Adam x 2, Hamza, as well as a clean sheet from the boys at the back Liam, Zac, Finn, Ellis plus Kian in goal, rounded off a superb performance from the team

### **Aycliffe U13 Girls 2 v Pools Youth Blue 2**

A very scrappy game with very few clear chances. Hard to play against and break down this Pools team. The visitors took the lead but Aycliffe scored to level the game at HT 1-1. Aycliffe were dominating play for quite some time before eventually the perfect ball was played through the Pools defence and, with just the keeper to beat the ball, smashed into the back of the net for Aycliffe to take the lead. With about a minute to go, and the last attack of the game, Pools managed to score the equaliser, the girls were so disappointed but a draw was probably a fair result. MOTM: Faith, Goals: Demi Lee 2.

### Spennymoor Town Girls 1 v **Aycliffe U12 Angels Yellows 7**

Two goals from Weeza and a reply from Spennymoor and the girls were just in front at HT 1-2. However, Aycliffe dominated the second half, adding 5 goals with no reply. A fine all-round performance with the girls relishing the attacking opportunities they were afforded. Every girl had an effort at goal today, unlucky not to get a first goal for many of our players.

Goals from Weeza x3, Amy x3, Holly. POTM: Weeza, Gwynneth.

### **Aycliffe U12 Angels Blue 4 v Stockton Town 0**

Aycliffe controlled this clash against a much-improved Stockton side who played some nice football, but didn't create much. It took a while to make the game safe, but 3 goals in the last 10 minutes gave a good reflection of the balance of the match. Players star: Sophie, Coaches star: Daisy.

### **Aycliffe U11 Girls 3 v CLS Blacks 6**

Unbeaten CLS were the visitors, the game began with our girls getting off to a flying start, with Peyton getting our first goal of the game with a fantastic strike on 6 minutes. This was closely followed by Hannah smashing in a second on 10 minutes. However, CLS scored before HT 2-1. Two quick goals took CLS into the lead before Peyton brought the game back level 3-3. But, another 3 goals from CLS took the game. Managers Star Player: Maddi V, Players Star Player: Peyton

### **Aycliffe U8 Wildcats v Boldon**

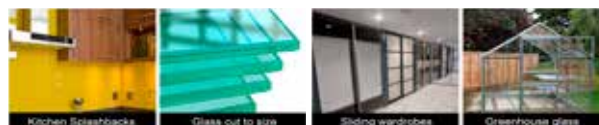
Another entertaining game for the Wildcats. Elizabeth and Macy both scored twice in what was a competitive first half. Brooke and Erin defended brilliantly whilst Penny and Georgia were both looking to attack and cause Boldon problems. Aycliffe ran out winners.

### **Durham United 1 v Aycliffe Under 15 Girls 2**

Under 15 girls celebrated their third straight 2-1 victory in a row away against a strong Durham United.

### **Aycliffe U23s 3 v Sunderland RCA 0**

Despite 3 great chances in the first half, the game remained scoreless at HT 0-0. The visitors didn't really trouble the Aycliffe keeper and it wasn't long before we took a grip of the game. Goals from Murray, Maughan, Wintersgill and the 3 points were secured.



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Hello everyone,

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Following my last emails updating residents in Redworth on my attempts to have the speed limit through the village reduced from 40mph to 30mph. I will be meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner in January, so I am hoping to organise a further meeting in Redworth Village Hall to discuss the issue.

### Great Night in Gainford

Gainford Drama Club are proud to present a production of Ken Ludwig's 'Lend Me A Tenor'. For those who have not visited the Gainford Theatre, I would thoroughly recommend that you do so.

Gainford theatre group have been entertaining us for many a year and always guarantee an enjoyable night. So do try to go as it is important that we all do what we can to support ALL local organisations.

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#### Environment & Recreation

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

## Inside The Box Return to Croft Christmas Trees

Aycliffe based business Inside the Box, is returning to Croft Christmas Trees from the 19th November to the 19th December for a second year running serving festive drinks and treats with the help of local businesses. The Christmas Tree Centre, located south of Darlington, prides itself on a truly magical Christmas experience including over 4000 trees available for purchase, a unique Christmas shop and, as of last year, the addition of Inside the Box.

"Nothing is better than a Hot Chocolate while searching for a Christmas Tree," said Adam, owner of Inside the Box.

Croft Christmas Trees sees more than 16k people through its doors over the festive period and Adam, owner of ITB, is expecting big things from this year. It's great to be part of it again. Despite the restrictions of last Christmas, we surpassed all of our targets and we really want to grow the service offering this year to bring a real quality product to the customer".

Adam and his wife Sharna believe in the value of local suppliers and the importance of supporting businesses on their doorstep. Last year they used Don Walker's, local butchers and bakers, for the supply of their confectionery items and will continue to do so this year without hesitation. They are currently talking to milk suppliers within the area about their milk requirements for this



year. The coffee they use is roasted within 12 miles of the site and, as part of their brand responsibility, nothing goes to waste. This year they will be donating any surplus items to The Ration Pack Cafe at the IES Centre to help Dave and the team with their big plans.

"Croft really is the big event for us of the year and this Christmas is going to be even bigger and better. We have introduced seating areas and new food lines, underpinned by local businesses, we have a team of amazing friends, family and staff who work with us and we can't wait to start selling our infamous Gingerbread Latte's again!" You can see Adam, Sharna and the team at Croft Christmas Trees from the 19th of November, but be sure to book your slot on the Croft website as it does get busy.

## ACORN Apology

Dear Sir,  
In a recent letter to Newton News, ACORN Community Association offered thanks to Gilpin Court for their kind donation of £60 towards our defibrillator fund. We have since been corrected and acknowledge that, in fact, the money was donated by the Gilpin Court Monday & Friday Bingo Club, which has now ceased to operate. We apologise for any misunderstanding or upset caused.  
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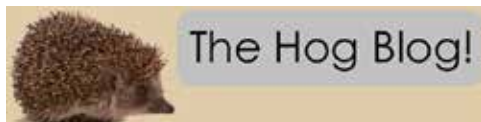
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It has been a very busy week. Prickly Haven is having to announce closure, we have more than we normally have in rescue and looking after these prickly pals is never straightforward, fundraising is also required so, before I go any further, I would like to thank Denise for taking little hogs into her home, Paul for inviting me to the Christmas Light Switch On, Marlene for her help with the tombola, June, Valerie, Lorraine, Carrie, Bev, Hilary, Grannies Choice, Wally and Donella, The Worx for a voucher and, also some whiskey, the giver wanted to remain anonymous. Please come and support us, we need your help to keep these beautiful mammals safe, warm and fed for the next four months.

We, as rescuers, are getting overstretched, we are witnessing a lot of babies and juveniles coming into rescues that are too small to hibernate, they haven't got the time to build up the fat reserves necessary to sleep till spring, it is necessary to keep them warm, so they don't hibernate, they would never wake up in spring otherwise. We are trying to boost their population so we do as much as we can, never forget they are protected, endangered and at risk of extinction so please help them where you can. If you see one, whatever size, out during the day please pick him or her up, pop in a high sided box, with a towel for them to hide in, and get help, Google Hedgehog Rescues.

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## The Earth is Dying, and Humans are Killing it

Dear Sir,  
I think most people now accept that we are damaging our natural environment – poisoning the rivers, culling the forests, polluting the seas. Meanwhile, although scientists squabble about actual numbers, they almost all agree that whole species of animals and plants are disappearing at a rate many times faster than at any moment in the earth's history since the Chicxulub asteroid crashed into the Gulf of Mexico 66 million years ago ... that we are witnessing an Extinction Level Event almost certainly caused by our ecocide. And this is before we even start to take into account the climate crisis starkly highlighted by the recent COP26 Conference in Glasgow.

### JUST BLAH, BLAH, BLAH?

It is not true to assert that "nothing" good came out of the Conference. But it is hard to avoid the overall impression that the Conference's main achievement was (begrudgingly) to agree promises which almost keep the promises already made a decade ago in Paris ... and that, whilst it has been suggested that the Conference managed to place the 1.5°C target "on life support", what we can actually expect are continuing increases in emissions to 2030, and levels of global warming somewhere between alarming and catastrophic by 2050. It all seemed to be about fair words for the future, with no guarantees and nothing about action now. Indeed, the most memorable idea coming out of COP26 has been the argument that, to create the wealth needed to transition to a green economy, we have to continue using fossil fuels – an argument which future historians will consider ironic, if there are any historians left alive to consider it.

Perhaps the greatest disillusionment has been the realisation that our politicians are impotent to influence the free market economy – it has simply grown beyond their control. The biggest delegation at COP26

was the fossil fuel lobby. There are now 2,755 billionaires in the world (up 660 from 2020) whose collective wealth has grown 86% in the last year ... but we dare not tax either them or the mega-corporations – which in turn helps explain why one of the claimed 'successes' of the Conference was an announcement by the banks that they saw a green transition as an investment opportunity.

### A DEADLY FAILURE?

To be fair, no national politicians could be expected to return home having agreed to job losses and energy crises consequent upon a not-yet-planned transition. What is unforgivable, however, is that our Parliament is not, "NOW\*:

- putting solar panels and battery storage into every building to reduce energy consumption (and cost);
- extending (and providing free) public transport to reduce traffic pollution; and
- extensively greening our cities and rewilding our countryside.

These are things for which we already possess the technology and means of funding ... all that lacks is the political will to act meaningfully.

Will humanity escape the Sixth Mass Extinction? I am increasingly despondent – our whole way of life is predicated on an economic model which is inexorably destroying the very narrow band of Nature which enables human existence. It will not come as a fiery apocalypse or a diluvian deluge. What I fear is social and political disintegration under the pressures of the cost of repairing infrastructure damaged by extreme weather events, of crop failures and goods shortages, of the consequent health & care issues, and of the accompanying international migrations and diplomatic tensions. Looking at the way things are going in the world at the moment, the worry is that these things may be upon us sooner than we would wish.

John D Clare

# 2022/23 Town Council Budget Setting Consultation

The Town Council is in the process of developing its Revenue and Capital Budget for the 2022/23 financial year. Clearly the budget that we set is important to our local community, both in terms of how our spending plans may impact on the provision of services and investment in assets for the benefit of the town, and in terms of the level of Council Tax that we need to raise from local taxpayers in order to fund these plans.

In overall terms, the Council is proposing a 2022/23 Budget that protects and maintains all of our current services next year. The Council is also maintaining some surplus resources in the budget which will allow it to replenish its balances and reserves. This will help ensure that we can continue to make capital investment in community assets such as our cemeteries, allotments, parks and play areas, for the benefit of the community, in the coming years.

In order to do so, the Council is proposing that it raises the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill by 1.99% next year. This increase is well below the current rate of inflation and, to achieve this, savings have been made across all budgets to limit the increase in the Town Council Tax element of the Council Tax bill to our local residents. This would increase the Town Council element of the Council Tax bill by £3.32 per year for the vast majority of local taxpayers i.e. those living in Band A properties. The Council appreciates that any increase in the monthly outgoings of our local taxpayers will not be popular in these difficult times. However, we hope you will agree that a monthly increase of 28p is a small price to pay to ensure that all the existing services provided by the Town Council can be protected for another year.

## Have Your Say

There is much more information on the Council's draft 2022/23 budget proposals, should you wish to read this, on the finance section of the Council's website. If you wish to comment on the draft budget, or provide your views on the services provided by the Town Council, we have recently issued our Annual Budget Survey. The survey can be accessed electronically via the links on the Council website and social media channels and copies are also available at various community facilities around the town including the Town Council Offices, Oak Leaf Sports and Golf Complexes. The survey will close at 12 noon on Friday 31st December.

## Obituary

## In Memoriam

### Alan Carr

Peacefully, on 8th November, at home surrounded by his loving family. Alan, aged 82 years. Beloved Husband of Brenda; much loved Dad of Alan, Susan, Karen and David; treasured Grandad of Michael, Callum, Gemma, Luke, Jordan, Lauren, Ami, Caitlin, Amber, Moon, Lily, Poppy, Caden, Finton, Gracie and Ada, also a special Great Grandad of Jacob, Alfie-Edward and Alfie-Joseph. Funeral Service to take place in Wear Valley Crematorium on Friday 3rd December at 1.30pm. All are welcome. No floral tributes please, by request.

### Eileen Marie Roberts



Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 2nd November at the age of 74, surrounded by husband and sons, after a long battle with dementia.

A loving and devoted Wife to John; much loved Mam to John and Liam; amazing Mother-in-Law to Sam and Fiona; Grandmother to Jessica, Mairead, Sadie and Emily; Great Grandmother to Bailey and Ayla; Sister to Anne Marie and Jim, Sister-in-Law to Kev, and all the family. Family and friends to meet at St. Bede Church, Sacriston (where John and Eileen were married), Wednesday 24th November at 1.30pm, followed by reception at the Duke Of Wellington Pub, Neville's Cross, Durham.

### Martha Braithwaite

Martha aged 90. Peacefully at home 10th November 2021. Wife of the late Stan, loving Mother and Mother-in-Law of Stephen and Joanne, Jean and Joe and much-loved Nana to Emily and Jack. Also dear Sister and Auntie. Funeral to take place 11:45 Monday 29th November at St. Clare's Church followed by cremation at Wear Valley Crematorium.

### David Atkins (Aky)

19th January 1977 - 2017

#### Son

It's four years since you left us Son. We love and miss you as much as ever. Harry

#### Daddy

Love and miss you Daddy. Jonathan Kraig

#### Brother

Sadly missed, but always remembered and always loved. Paul, Brogan, Brianna, Jade and Olivia

## Birthday Remembrance

### Beatrice Thornberry (Betty)

19th November 1921 - 25th November 2002 Mom, we are all thinking of you on what would have been your 100th birthday. We still love and miss you after all the years which have gone by. So, Happy Birthday from Daughter Lynn, Sons Tony, Alex and the late John and Mary

### Bob Graham

23rd November 1939 - 2nd July 2021 Bob passed away on 2nd July 2021 after struggling with his health. He is finally reunited with Maud, who he loved dearly. A much loved Dad, Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad. We all miss him so much with loving memories. Rob, Lisa, Gary, Kathleen, Laura, Jessica, Mason, Jaxx. Sleep tight xxxxx

### Lorraine Hall

Of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully in St. Teresa's Hospice on 9th November, aged 59 years. A much loved Mam to Mark and Ryan; a beloved Sister and Auntie. Family and friends please meet for funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium on Monday 29th November at 10.30am.

### William Kidd (Bill)

Of Aycliffe Village sadly passed away, after a short illness, surrounded by loved ones on 31st October 2021 aged 82. Dearly beloved Husband of the late Stella; much loved Dad, Grandad, Great Grandad, Brother and friend to many. Private cremation took place on Thursday 18th November 2021. R.I.P.

### Evelyn French

31st October 2021 Of Newton Aycliffe. Dearly loved Sister of Raymond; Cousin of Linda, Holly, Jimmy, Ray and Maisie. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service to take place at West Chapel, Darlington Crematorium on Friday 26th November at 11am, followed by a celebration of life at Glow Church, Newton Aycliffe.

### Kath Hall 20/11/2001 (nee Ward)

Hi Mam, two Decades have passed since the day you were taken from us and it's still quite raw when this time of year comes around. Hope you are looking after Billy, Grieve, Rose and Jimmy. You are always in our thoughts and prayers, we all have such a warm feeling in our hearts knowing you are watching over us, God Bless You Mam, until we meet again, all our love, Julie, Edward, David, Ali, Kim and Glenda Nanna Kath Love and miss you to the moon and back, Shaun, Natalie, Rachael, Ben, Alfie and Matthew Great Nanna Kath Love, big hugs and kisses Kate, Jazmin, Harry, Rose and George.

### Grant Edgar (Son)

Tragically killed on 16th November 1985. I hide my tears when I say your name, but the pain in my heart is still the same. Though I smile and seem care free, there's no one misses you more than me. Love, Mam, Paul, Lee and Andy xxxxx

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# N.A.F.C. REPORT

## Friday 12th November Ebac Northern League Division One Whickham 1 v Newton Aycliffe 0

It was a frustrating night for Newton Aycliffe at the First Mortgage Glebe Sports Ground as Brian Atkinson fell to a narrow defeat in his first game in charge of the club. A scrappy affair was settled in the 11th minute when Declan Bisset's whipped freekick evaded everyone in the penalty area, including goalkeeper Adam Pickford, for the only goal of the game.

Aycliffe dominated possession for large periods of the game and saw a penalty appeal, against the returning Ben Reay, waved away in the closing stages. But the Newtonian's were unable to find an equaliser against a resolute Lang Jacks backline including goalkeeper James Anderson who scooped the man of the match award.

Defeat leaves Aycliffe seventh in the Ebac Northern League Division One table having lost back-to-back games.

Atkinson made three changes to the Aycliffe starting XI who suffered a 1-0 reverse against West Allotment Celtic with Jack Naylor and Lewis Walton returning to the defence in place of Nick Green and Callum

Munro who missed out altogether.

Liam Jarvie also missed out in Atkinson's squad as a returning Reay made his second debut for the club after joining from Crook Town in the week.

Adam Burnicle and Andrei Ardelean led the line for Aycliffe but it was the home side, unbeaten since the arrival of Tony Fawcett, who started brighter with Bisset testing Pickford with an early freekick from the left. Bisset was almost provider in the ninth minute when his corner from the right was met by Kieran Galbraith with the defender's header stopped on the line.

But the hosts did take the lead two minutes later after winning a freekick on the left midway inside the Aycliffe half which Bisset curled in and found the corner with nobody in the area from either team able to get a touch on the ball.

The goal sparked Atkinson's side into life though as Aycliffe began to dominate possession as they pressed for an equaliser. And, Aycliffe saw appeals for a penalty waved away when Anderson clattered into the back of Ardelean when trying to collect a Joe Ferguson freekick, only for the referee to award the Lang Jacks stopper the decision. Anderson sent a long ball forward from the resulting freekick and it bounced between the Aycliffe lines to find Scott Jasper who had a clear run at goal from the right, but was denied by a smart save from Pickford. Ferguson tested Anderson on the half hour mark from range before Marc Costello almost capitalised on a fumble from the Whickham number one, but he couldn't generate enough power in his follow-up.

The lively Reay was next to try his luck when recycling an Aycliffe corner as he stung the palms of Anderson.

Zak Atkinson latched onto a long clearance to flash just wide of Pickford's post before Burnicle fizzed an effort just wide for the Newtonian's who trailed at the break.

Ferguson tried his luck from range again early in the second half before Burnicle this time hit the target from inside the area only for Anderson to parry away.

Jake Petitjean called Anderson into action once more, just after the hour, with a dipping freekick from outside the area as Atkinson's Aycliffe continued to look the more likely. Scott Robson brought a good save out of Pickford in a rare second half attack for the Lang Jacks as the game began to open up in the final 20 minutes.

Atkinson flashed wide as the home side threatened on the break before substitute Ben Dibb-Fuller sent his effort narrowly over the bar from the edge of the area. And then came the moment of controversy in the final stages, as Reay latched onto Ferguson's lofted ball and looked to have gotten the better of Lang Jacks defender Galbraith, before going down, but the referee remained unmoved as the home side held on, to record a narrow victory and condemn Atkinson to defeat in his first game in charge.

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