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Lifestyle Fitness Toy Appeal



Lifestyle Fitness staff have been collecting toys for 'The Big Toy Appeal' in aid of The Salvation Army, the gym members and people from the local area have been donating toys and gifts for children aged up to 18 years old.

The donations will be dropped off at the Salvation Army drop off point in the Church Hall in Shildon today (17th December). If people would still like to donate after this date, we will be happy to pass any toys or gifts onto the Salvation Army, although they won't be used as part of the big toy appeal.

We would like to thank all of our staff, members and the local community for donating the gifts to us to pass on to the Salvation Army.

Photo, left to right: Rebecca Smith (Lifestyle Fitness Membership Consultant), Karen Lamb (Leisure Assistant) and Rosie Hill (Leisure Assistant).

Donate Your Christmas Tree to Support Hospice

Residents in Newton Aycliffe will, next month, have the opportunity to easily dispose of their used Christmas trees and, at the same time, support one of the region's most valued hospices.

Over the weekend of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th January, volunteers from Darlington Rotary Club will tour the area collecting any size of tree from households and have it recycled into usable products. In return the homeowner donates a small sum to Darlington's St. Teresa's Hospice.

"This is a win-win venture all round," said rotary club organiser David Hayward. "Residents avoid the mess and fuss of tree disposals and the hospice benefits from much needed funds."

Armed with a fleet of 20 large vans and 70 volunteers, the rotary club hopes, over the weekend, to collect around 1700 trees from the Darlington and Newton Aycliffe area and generate over £13,000 for the hospice.

"Over the decade we have been offering this service we have collected, on average, around 80 trees every year from the Newton Aycliffe area alone," said Mr. Hayward. "Residents have proved to be very willing and generous participants."

Vans are being loaned free from Darlington Council, plus rental companies Enterprise and Charter. The venture is hosted by Drive Vauxhall, with Darlington's John Wade recycling centre, and tree surgeon Greenworx, converting the trees into fertilizer or biomass fuel.

To register your tree please visit www.darlingtonhospice.org.uk or phone 01325 254321 by 4th January.

Your donation will help the hospice raise the £3 million it needs every year to continue free its much praised 'end of life' and day care services to hundreds of local residents.



Christmas Hampers

This year as part of Woodham Academy's Christmas preparations they have been supporting Junction 7 to provide the local community with Christmas Hampers.

Junction 7 is a crisis intervention charity who help people with a variety of needs such as housing and operate an emergency food bank. The school wanted to help the charity and contribute to their efforts to help alleviate the pressures over the Christmas period.

Each tutor group were responsible for making a hamper and collectively worked together to donate food to those in need. Woodham's Student Ambassadors oversaw the project, helping different tutor groups design their Christmas Hampers and they promoted the cause around the school. Alongside this, the Leadership Academy have also been working with Darlington's A&E and Children's Ward.

Initiated by Y11 students Heston Reid and Maisie Bellamy, they have asked tutor groups to donate to those who find themselves in hospital over the Christmas period.

Mr Bell, Headteacher, said, "we are extremely proud of all the students in our Woodham community for their generosity, they have come together to make a difference to the lives of others."

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Santa Christmas Eve Tour

Good news! Santa has told us that he will be able to visit the parish of Great Aycliffe on Christmas Eve for his customary tour, which Great Aycliffe Town Council helps him to organise.

The annual Santa Tours on Christmas Eve (Friday 24th December – Evening) are split into sections of the Town. Please check the routes and times, remember the times are approximate so listen for the music and bells.

Merry Christmas, see you on Christmas Eve.

NEVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY

A fabulous day took place on Saturday 11th December at our Christmas Activity Day at Neville Community Centre.

Plenty of activities to keep old and young busy for a couple of hours including bouncy castle, crafting tables, play area for little ones, kidz tombola and tasty food. We had two sessions of two hours for 150 people in total. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who worked extremely hard to put this event on for our local community.

This event was funded from a grant received from the National Lottery and we thank their players for giving us the opportunity to provide this fun day.



Aycliffe Stinks

Dear Sir,
For about the last two years there has been an awful smell in the town. It comes from Emerald Biogas plant on the industrial estate, anyone living in the town must have smelt it. I live in Simpasture area and some days you can't open your windows for the smell. I have contacted the Environmental Agency on numerous occasions over last 2 years but nothing has been done about it, in fact it's worse than ever. I have contacted our MP and he contacted me back saying the Environment Agency hadn't had any complaints lately! Nobody seems interested and in the meantime we have to put up with this stench! I would like everyone who is fed up of this stink of rotten food/garlic/dead flesh to complain to the environment agency, the email is:
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Reclaim Our Town-Centre

Dear Sir,
At about 4pm on Monday 14th December, as the Town Centre was growing dark, teenagers on bikes were circling around on the precinct. They were using foul language, throwing dirt and threatening passers-by. One of these louts bumped into me. He clearly couldn't have cared less. An adult male, experiencing their anti-social behaviour and taunted by these miscreants, had to restrain himself and walk away. We must stop accepting this hooliganism before someone's Gran, Grandad, Mam, Dad or child is seriously injured by their lawless, dangerous behaviour. In my experience this is not a one-off occurrence on the Town-Centre. The 'powers that be' need to ensure that serious consequences deter this feral activity so we can reclaim our Town Centre for the benefit of businesses and residents alike.
Name and address supplied

Christmas Cheer



The PTA at Byerley Park organised a Christmas card competition for all of the children to take part in. The school were overwhelmed by the number of entries received, which were themed around joy, peace and happiness, the Christmas story and the fun of Christmas. Reverend Daniel from St Clare's Church was given the very difficult decision of judging the competition. Mrs Pattison announced the winners during a TEAM'S assembly on Wednesday. The winners of the competition were: Ella (R), William (Y1), Grace (Y2), Regan (Y3), Bella T (Y4), Harmony (Y5) and Chloe (Y6). All of the Christmas card entries will be delivered to local care homes in the hope of bringing some Christmas cheer to local residents.

Community Team Effort Ignored

Dear Sir,
It was disappointing to read the shameful disregard that the Durham and Newton Aycliffe Lib Dems have shown towards the people of Newton Aycliffe, Heighington and Darlington in last week's article regarding the rejection of the waste incinerator plant. It deliberately ignored the excellent work, time and effort put in by individual members of the public who made contributions of over 250 comments, objections and petition. Special thanks and recognition should also go to those people who spoke at committee; Mr & Mrs Longley, Penny Jackson, Eileen Brewis, David Story, Chrissy Walton representing Great Aycliffe Town Council, DCC Labour Councillors Jim Atkinson, Councillor Eddy Adam, Heighington Councillor Gerald Lee and GATC Councillor Carl Robinson. This Lib Dem article showed contempt towards those who took part and demonstrated the Lib Dem's own self-importance in trying to claim sole credit for rejecting the incinerator when, in actual fact, it was a non-political and a truly team effort. Cllr Eddy Adam
Aycliffe West

A Team Effort

Dear Sir,
As reported last week, on 7th December Durham County Council Planning Committee rejected the application to build an incinerator at Merchant Park. This decision was very welcome, and reflected the many strong objections submitted by residents, businesses and councillors based in Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, School Aycliffe and Heighington. At the hearing itself, several residents addressed the committee in person. One resident who couldn't be there sent in a letter, which was read out. There was no repetition, every speaker talked about their own fears and misgivings about the application. As well as the three councillors referred to in an article last week, the other Aycliffe Councillors who spoke eloquently and passionately deserve to be mentioned: Eddy Adams, Jim Atkinson and Carl Robinson. I must also mention Aycliffe Councillor Arun Chandran and Darlington Councillor Gerald Lee, who both gave excellent support throughout the campaign. It was a truly commendable cross-party effort by many local councillors, and a successful campaign by residents. Yours faithfully
Eileen Brewis

True Community Spirit Recognised



Dear Sir,
Above is PC Mike Welch of Newton Aycliffe Police receiving his certificate and medal from a grateful Santa and Mrs Claus in recognition of his continued and valuable assistance in helping with the Christmas Grotto over the years. He has given his own free time to our Community Spirit charity and we would like to express our gratitude for all he does. Santa and Mrs Claus
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Thank You

Dear Sir,
Following the recent By-Election on Thursday 9th December, I would sincerely like to thank all those that came out and voted for me. It was most appreciated and I would like to wish all residents of Newton Aycliffe a Soopa Doopa Christmas and a Happy, Safe New Year.
Cllr John Woodward

Joy-Marie Hairdressing

Would like to wish friends, neighbours and customers a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2022. I will be making a donation in lieu of Christmas cards to the Village Hall.

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4.15pm-5.55pm: Millfields, Durham Road, Atkinson Gardens, Village Green, Heighington Lane, Oaklea Mews, Congreve Terrace, Bickford Terrace.

6.00pm-7.45pm: North Cottages, The Garth, Eastfields, Millfields, Binchester, Burnynghill, Lord Neville Drive, Wilbore Croft, Forresters, Smythsons, High Barn, Springfields, High Barn, Hansard Close, Jenison, Westfields, High Barn.

Route 2 - Greenfield Way

3.45pm-4.15pm: Malvern Way, Colwell Court, Belford Way, Wilton Court, Belford Way.

4.15pm-5.00pm: Zetland Hunt, Staintondale, Hurworth Hunt, The Culvert, Stirrup, Bramham Chase, The Meet, Holdness, Hunters Green, Ainsty Hunt, Saddlery, The Post Horn, Bedale, Rookwood Hunt.

5.00pm-5.45pm: Luttryton Court, Lascelles Avenue, Hambleton Court, Ranulf Court, Jesmond Court, Colburn Avenue, Elswick Avenue, Claxton Court, Russell Court, Yoden Court, Wynyard Court.

5.45pm-6.30pm: Meadowfield Way, Stainmore Crescent, Burnhope, Grassholme, Winterburn Place, Greenlee Garth.

6.30pm-7.30pm: Blackton Close, Alston Crescent, Fewston Close, Greenwood Court, Stocks Green, Scholars Path, Angram Place, Derwent Place, Tindale Green, Hallington Head.

Route 3 - Bluebell Way

4.00pm-4.30pm: Meadowfield Way, Hareson Road, Cestria Way, Lisle Road, Hoode Close, Lockyer Close, Cheviot Place.

4.30pm-4.45pm: Kestral Court.

4.45pm-5.30pm: Bluebell Close, Bluebell Way, Coverdale Court, Bluebell Meadows.

5.30pm-6.45pm: Wolveston Drive, Alverton Drive, Hamsterley Road, Barton Close, Paxton Close.

6.45pm-7.45pm: Temple Way, Spooner Close, Raddive Close, Thwaites Close, Gamul Close, Lancelot Close, Eade Close.

Route 4 - Cobblers Hall and Woodham Gate

3.45pm-5.00pm: Foxglove Close, Ashtree Close, Pinewood Close, Forster Close, Patenson Court, Wakenshaw Drive, Youens Crescent, Annand Way, Haslewood Road, Blakiston Court, Carwardine Close, Bloomsley Close, Karles Close.

5.00pm-5.45pm: Bluestone Close, Oldwood, Sugarhill Crescent, Wellhouse Road.

5.45pm-6.15pm: Acle Burn, Acle Meadows, St Andrews Court, Ryder Court.

6.15pm-6.30pm: Woodham Gate, Bridle.

6.30pm-7.00pm: The Grange, High Green.

7.00pm-7.15pm: Spinney, Low Green

7.15pm-7.45pm: Sunningdale, Sandown

Drive, Tattersall Close, Beechers Grove, The Oaks.

Route 5 - Woodham (Stag Lane)

3.45pm-5.00pm: Campion Court, Harebell Meadows, Yarrow Court, Sorrel Wynd, Clover Court, Egerton Grove, Dudley Drive, Howson Crescent, Kirkham Close, Beaumont Close, Farnham Close, Village Close.

5.00pm-5.45pm: Hind Court, Fallow Road, Fawn Close, Stag Lane, Hickstead Rise, Cheltenham Way, Epsom Court, Kempton Close, Cowdray Close, Windsor Close, Gatcome, Kenilworth Court, Raby Drive.

5.45pm-6.00pm: Bamburgh Crescent, Chillingham Grove, Barnard Close, Alnwick Grove.

6.00pm-6.45pm: Lowther Drive, Brook Close, Mulgrave Court, Middleton Way, Helmsley Court, Burghley Mews, Badminton Grove, Stoneleigh Court, Lowther Drive.

6.45pm-7.00pm: Brafferton Close, Chilton Close, Grindon Court, Whitton Court, Grange Court.

7.00pm-7.45pm: Foxton Close, Rushyford Court, Layton Court, Butterwick Court, Hardwick Court, Herrington Court

Route 6 - Agnew/Burn Lane

3.45pm-4.45pm: Wellhouse Drive, Brookwell, Phoenix Place, Elmore, Deleval Close, Callerton Rise, Hutton Place, Fenell Green, Kimblesworth, Tanfield Place, The Ballarat, Wellhouse Ride, Stargate, Morrison Close.

4.45pm-5.30pm: The Moorlands, The Coppice, The Glade, Heatherburn Court.

5.30pm-6.30pm: Guthrum Place, Alfred, Osric Place, Kings Drive, Ida Place.

6.30pm-7.30pm: Sid Chapin Drive, Fox Place, Bates Close, Booth Walk, Bakewell Place, Merlin Court, Scott Place, Thornton Close, Brockett Close

Route 7 - Horndale

3.45pm-4.15pm: Ashfield.

4.15pm-5.15pm: Rylstone Close, Reeth Place, Malham Crescent, Askrigg Close, Skipton Close, Arncliffe Place, Aysgarth, Hawes Place, Keld Road, Stainforth.

5.15pm-6.15pm: Garburn Place, Hawkshead Place, Honister Place

6.15pm-7.15pm: Silverdale Place, Kirkstone Place, Langdale Place, Whinlatter, Eskdale Place.

Route 8 - Central Ave, Washington Crescent, Pease Way

3.45pm-4.15pm: Barrington Road, Beacon Court, Paulinus Road, Tunstall Road, Carileph Close, Ebba Close, Bruce Road.

4.15pm-5.30pm: Burn Lane, Elstob Close, Sanderson Close, Hamilton Close, Kendrew Close, Bousfield Crescent, Faber Close, Chandler Close, Chapman Close, Hardinge Road, Ewbank Close, Wiseman Walk.

5.30pm-6.00pm: Bellasis Close, Defoe Crescent, Porter Close, Lamb Close, Neile Road, Washington Cres, Felton Close.

6.00pm-7.30pm: Wolsey Close, Matthew

Close, Hylton Close, Hutchinson Walk, Escomb Close, Wren Close, Armstrong Close, Wycliffe, St Oswald's Court

Route 9 - Silkin Way, West Moreland Way

3-45pm-4.00pm: Church Close.

4.00pm-5.45pm: Silkin Way, Stead Close, Humphery Close, MacMillan Road, Lincoln Close, Stephenson Way, Lightfoot Road, Burdon Close, Marshall Road, Priestman Road, Wright Close.

5.45pm-6.15pm: West Moreland Way, Newburn Court, Thurlow Grove, Aylmer Grove, Whiteley Grove, Henson Grove.

6.15pm-7.30pm: Faulkner Road, Dalton Way, Hartley Road, Faulkner Road, Webb Close, Walcher Road, Lilburne Crescent, Alington Road, Hullcock Road, Bertie Road

Route 10 - Elmfield/Cumby/Emerson Way

3.45pm-4.45pm: Linden Place, Elmfield Place, Rowan Place, Beechfield, Oakfield.

4.45pm-5.30pm: Crosby Road, Doxford Road, Lowery Road, Cumby Road, Watson Road, St Godric's Road, Mills Close, Pease Way.

5.30pm-6.15pm: Emerson Way, Moule Close, Finchale Road, Lambton Close, Lee Green, Hopper Road, Dixon Road, Walker Lane.

6.15pm-7.30pm: Bowes Road, Lyon Walk, Bewick Crescent, Isherwood Close, Merz Road, Butler Road, Ritson, Marley Road, Wallas Road, Bowes Road, Castlereagh Cl., Emerson Way.

Route 11 - Neville Parade/Anne Swyft Road

3.45pm-5.00pm: Greville Way, Neville Parade, Acorn Gardens, Cosin Close, Gilpin Road, Palmer Road, Clanny Road,

Travellers Green L/Handside from St Cuthberts, Clarence Corner, Clarence Chare L/Handside from St Cuthberts, Clarence Close, Anne Swyft Walk,

Haverlock Close, Elizabeth Barrett Walk, Westcott Walk, Surtees Walk, Bede Crescent, Hackworth Close, Baliol.

5.00pm-6.00pm: Henderson Road, Crewe Road, Sharp Road, Hunter Road, Crawford Road, Sheraton Road, Sharp Road, Lumley Close, Sheraton Close.

6.00pm-7.30pm: Hatfield Road, Hatfield Crescent, Skirlaw Road, Flynn Court, Biscop Crescent, Eldon Close, Heild Close, Bek Road, Shafto Way.

Route 12 - Vane Road, Mellanby Crescent

3.45pm-5.30pm: Welbury Grove, Vane Road, Eden Road, Langley Road, Stanfield Road, Denham Place, Ramsey Place, Auckland Place, Kemble Green North, Maling Green, Mellanby Crescent, Bulmer Close.

5.30pm-7.30pm: Mellanby Crescent, Liddell Close, Creighton Road, Backhouse Walk, Yacley Close, Fowler Road, Warburton Close, Jackson Place, Moore Lane, Swan Walk, Gunn Lane, Greathead Crescent, Van Mildret Road, Shafto Way, Bury Road, Wilkinson Road.

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E-Scooters

Dear Sir,
I have noticed recently there are a number of people riding electric scooters, including children and adults. After Christmas there will probably be more out and about, BUT are the riders aware it is illegal to ride E-scooters anywhere other than on private property and should they be involved in any kind of accident they could be held responsible for any damage or injury caused?
Name and address supplied

Carol Service

A Carol Service, led by Mr David Bissenden, will be held at Neville Parade Methodist Church on Sunday 19th December at 11am. We extend a warm welcome to you.
A Christmas Day Service, led by Rev David Payne, will be held at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.
The members of the church would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. Take care and stay safe.

Notice of Designation of an area for Selective Licensing

This notice is published in accordance with Section 80 to 84 of the Housing Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Licensing and Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Houses (Miscellaneous Provisions)(England) Regulations 2006

The County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021

The County Council of Durham in exercise of their powers under section 80 of the Housing Act 2004 ("the Act") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it designates for selective licensing the areas described in paragraph 4.

CITATION, COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

1. This designation may be cited as the County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021.
2. The designations were approved by the Cabinet for The County Council of Durham on 16 September 2020 and requires confirmation by the Secretary of State, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
3. The Secretary of State confirmed on 30th November 2021 that the designations shall come into force on 1st April 2022 and shall cease to have effect five years after such date, namely 31st March 2027, or earlier if the Council revokes the scheme under Section 84 of the Act.

DESIGNATION AND AREA

4. The designations shall apply to the following Lower Super Output Areas of the County Council of Durham and as shown shaded on the map attached to this notice at Annex A.

Designation One

Chester Central 2	Dawdon South 2	Shildon West
Consett South	Haswell	Cockton Hill East
Consett West	Horden South	Cockton Hill North
Havannah South	West Cornforth	Newfield
Leadgate North	Stanley Crook	Roddy Moor
Leadgate Central	Tow Law Rural	Henknowle North
Kelloe	Dalton Park	Hunwick
Waterhouses	Murton East	Tow Law Central
Blackhall Rocks North	South Hetton East	

Designation Two

Catchgate North	Ferryhill Dean	Bank South
Murton Central	Sunnybrow	Passfield North

Designation Three

Moorside West	Eden Hill North	Woodham Village South West
Annfield Plain	Acre Rigg North	West North
Stanley Hall North	Acre Rigg South	West Central
Stanley Hall West	Eden Hill South	West South
Craghead North	Eden Hill Central	Middridge South
Pelton North	Dene House Central	Thickley
Pelton Fell	Dene House East	Shildon East
Chester West 2	Blackhall Colliery North	Woodhouse Close South
Murton Moor & South Hetton		Blackhall Rocks South
Low Spennymoor	Dalton le Dale	Passfield East
Middlestone Moor	Dawdon South 1	Shotton East
Willington Central	Seaham Harbour South	Shotton Colliery Central
Crook East	Easington Colliery South	Wingate West
Esh Winning	Horden North	Wheatley Hill South
Ushaw Moor East	Horden West	Trimdon South
Bearpark	Howletch East	

Designation Four

New Kyo	Blackhall Colliery South	Ferryhill South & Station
South Moor North	Wheatley Hill North	Ferryhill Dean Bank North
South Moor Central	Station Town	Spennymoor Central
South Moor South	Deaf Hill	Coundon South
Grange Villa	Sunnydale	Coundon Grange
Easington Colliery North	New Shildon	Eldon
Easington Colliery Central		Henknowle South
Toronto	Horden Central	West Auckland East
Crook Central 2	Horden East	Dawdon North 2

APPLICATION OF THE DESIGNATION

5. This designation applies to any house which is let or occupied under a tenancy or licence within the area described in paragraph 4 unless –
 - (a) The house is a house in multiple occupation and is required to be licensed under Part 2 of the Act;
 - (b) The tenancy or licence of the house has been granted by a registered social landlord;

- (c) The house is subject to an Interim or Final Management Order under Part 4 of the Act;
- (d) The house is subject to a temporary exemption under section 86 of the Act; or
- (e) The house is occupied under a tenancy or licence which is exempt under the Act or the occupation is of a building or part of a building so exempt as defined in The Selective Licensing of Houses (Specified Exemptions)(England) Order 2006 SI 2006/370.

EFFECT OF THE DESIGNATION

6. Subject to sub paragraphs 5(a) to (e) every house in the area specified in paragraph 4 that is occupied under a tenancy or licence shall be required to be licensed under section 85 of the Act
7. The County Council of Durham will comply with the notification requirements contained in section 83 of the Act and shall maintain a register of all houses registered under this designation, as required under section 232 of the Act

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO LICENCE A PROPERTY THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE LICENCED

8. Upon the Designation coming into force any person who operates a licensable property without a licence or allows a licensed property to be occupied by more households or persons other than as authorised by the licence, is, pursuant to the provisions of Section 95(1) of the Act, liable to prosecution (and upon summary conviction to an unlimited fine), or a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000.
 9. A person who breaches a condition of a licence shall either be liable to prosecution (and upon summary conviction to an unlimited fine), or a financial penalty not exceeding £30,000.
 10. Operating an unlicensed property may also lead to the Council, or a tenant, making an application to the First-tier Tribunal to obtain a Rent Repayment Order in respect of up to 12 months' rent or housing benefit monies paid.
 11. The Council is also empowered to take control of unlicensed premises by making an Interim Management Order.
 12. Furthermore, in relation to shorthold tenancies, no Section 21 notice may be served under the Housing Act 1988 in respect of an unlicensed property.
- Applying for a licence should be made online at:
<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2882/Selective-licensing-of-privately-rented-properties>

Maps of the designated areas are also available to view at the above website. Any landlord, managing agent or tenant within the Designated Areas of the County requiring further information or advice should contact the Council's Selective Licensing Team on 03000 260000 or by email to selectivelicensing@durham.gov.uk

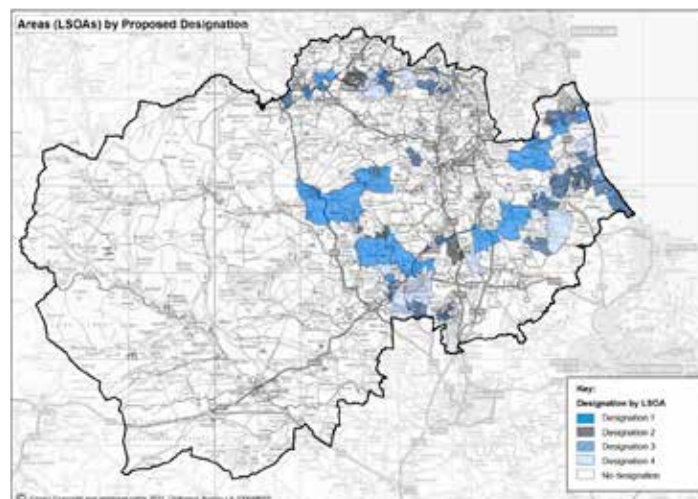
The Designation may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ and can be also obtained from the Council's website.

Date: 3rd December 2021



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

Annex A: Map showing the County Council of Durham Designations of Areas for Selective Licensing 2021.



SWANS Soar with Police Workshop



On Tuesday 7th December, the year 5 and 6 children at Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School (SWANS) spent the day working with officers from Durham Constabulary in a variety of workshops. They covered a range of topics including internet safety, crimes and consequences, bullying and antisocial behaviour. The workshops were very informative and got across some very important messages in an interactive, child friendly way. After the workshops, all of the children, staff and police officers came together for an assembly where the children received certificates in recognition of their hard work and contributions to the sessions and two very special guests made an appearance . . . Jet and Ben! The children (and staff) were very excited to meet the police dogs and they got to stroke them and have their photo taken with them. It was an excellent day for the children at Stephenson Way Academy and Nursery School; the children said that they enjoyed everything about it and they learned a lot about crime and the consequences, and how to keep themselves safe. We look forward to working with Durham Constabulary again on different projects. Thank you from Year 5/6 children and staff at Stephenson Way Academy.

Carols on the Green

This traditional event is on the green outside The County in Aycliffe Village on Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm. Afterwards, there will be refreshments provided by the pub. Money raised from a collection will be divided between St. Andrew's Church and Great Aycliffe Village Hall Association. We look forward to seeing you there!

N.A.F.C. REPORT

Saturday 11 December
Ebac Northern League Division One
Crook Town 3 v Newton Aycliffe 2

After two wins Aycliffe travelled to Crook hoping to add another 3 points to their tally. However, they lost out to the odd goal in 5, all scored in the second half. It was a game played in atrocious conditions and it wasn't surprising that both sides struggled in the first half. Unfortunately the only incident worthy of note was an injury to Joe Ferguson which saw him substituted just before half-time.

The home side began the second half in determined fashion & within two minutes had the ball in the net with a fine strike from the edge of the box beating Adam Pickford. Aycliffe bounced straight back and equalised on 51 minutes. A scramble in the box resulted in Marc Costello forcing the ball over the line. The drama continued and just a minute later Crook restored the lead beating the keeper from a tight angle. With twenty minutes left Crook extended the lead with a tap in.

Aycliffe brought on new signing James Beauchamp who promptly set what is probably a club record for the fastest booking after the referee ruled that he hadn't been given permission to come on. Beauchamp made amends, however, five minutes from time when he was able to head a cross beyond the Crook keeper. Aycliffe pressed for the equaliser but it wasn't to be and the home side held on for the points. The result leaves Aycliffe 4th in the League with 40 points, having played 22 games. Next match, the visit of Sunderland Ryhope



CW to the Beaumont Landscapes Stadium on Saturday 18th December (kick off 3pm) in what will be Aycliffe's last game of 2021. After the Christmas break Aycliffe visit Newcastle Benfield on 5th January before entertaining Billingham Town on Saturday 8th January.
Photo by Yvonne Wood of James Beauchamp scored on his debut.

Witness Appeal

Dear Sir,
An attack on my daughter took place on Saturday 24th July 2021 this year, she was attacked by two females and one male. The incident happened after the Shildonbury Festival finished at around 12.30am. It happened on the festival grounds and there were lots of people around trying to stop the attack. There was also a very helpful lady who assisted my daughter at the time. My daughter has sustained life changing injuries following this attack. If anyone was there, or witnessed the attack, please come forward and call 07877 049282. Thank you.

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The Dunwells Exclusive Christmas Radio Show

The Dunwells are an English Indie Folk/Rock band, formed in Leeds in 2009. The group consists of brothers Joseph Dunwell (vocals, guitar) and David Dunwell (guitar, vocals), along with friends Adam Taylor (drums, vocals) and Rob Clayton (bass, vocals). Their music is described as the result of fusing acoustic instrumentation and electronics with down to earth song writing and big choruses. Steve and Cols Folk/Rock Show on Aycliffe Radio have a very special two and a half hour show broadcasting on Boxing Day, 4pm-6.30pm, celebrating the music of The Dunwell brothers described as top Indie/Americana Folk/Rockers from Leeds. Joseph and David Dunwell, the two brothers from Leeds, formed the band over 10 years ago, they currently have five albums out with a new one due in 2022. They have played two amazing gigs at The Blacksmiths Arms (Hammer & Pincers) in Newton Aycliffe in the last two years organised by Ally Mendelsohn, an original 'Dunwells Army of Friends' group member, and plans are already in place for

another gig next year. Steve, from Aycliffe Radio's Steve 'n' Col Folk/Rock Show met them at the last gig this

Summer. He was totally captivated by their set and wanted to find out more about them, their music and their fans - 'The Army of Friends'.

At the start of the lockdown Joe and David did a daily live show for an hour at 6pm each day on their Facebook and YouTube channels. It was a really upbeat hour with great music, laughter and banter from the people in the comments from all over the world. They also wrote a song called 'The Army of Friends', about the pandemic and dedicated it to the NHS with all the proceeds going to NHS Charities, and a video was made with all the fans from the daily shows. This became the anthem of their fan group, who from then on were known as 'The Army of Friends'.

The Dunwells have toured extensively in the USA, played the awesome Red Rocks Stadium in Colorado, toured Europe and the UK, playing some huge venues including their own Leeds Arena, and have supported some very impressive artistes including Bryan Adams, Mumford & Sons, Elbow, Tom Jones and Scouting for Girls. They have also appeared on Jay Leno's Tonight Show in the USA. They are passionate and prolific singer song writers, and are also writing, recording and producing for other artistes. They are two of the most humble, genuine Yorkshiremen you could ever wish to meet.

Steve and Col decided to do a special show dedicated to The Dunwells music, so a visit was arranged to their studio in Leeds, along with Ally and Sarah from 'The Army of Friends' - to interview the boys and find out more about them. They had with them a list of questions from fans from around the world, in the show their early influences are revealed, and what they admire most about each other. The interview finished in the best way possible, with a couple of pints in the Brew Society local pub next door to the studio in Leeds, before Joe and Dave headed back into the studio to play a zoom show. The Aycliffe Radio show, on Boxing Day, will be a mixture of Dunwells music, interview reveals, and music from their own favourite artists that has influenced them since the early years. A great insight into a top band. It's guaranteed to be a great show (I've heard it) and if you haven't heard of them before it's well worth a listen, you'll be hooked and want to join 'The Army of Friends'. You can check them out beforehand at www.thedunwells.com or on their Facebook/YouTube sites, to join The Army go to The Dunwells Army of Friends on Facebook. Don't forget to tune in to Aycliffe Radio on Boxing Day, 4-6.30pm for the Steve 'n' Col Folk/Rock Show.



(A167 DURHAM COUNTY BOUNDARY WITH DARLINGTON TO FERRYHILL) (SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2005 (AMENDMENT ORDER NO.1) 2022

The Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 82, 83 & 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which is to introduce a 50mph speed limit on the A167 Newton Aycliffe from a point 110 metres north of the C187 Heighington Street in a northerly direction to a point 300 metres north of the junction of the B6443 Central Avenue, including the exit and entrance slips with Central Avenue, St Cuthbert's Avenue and Durham Road. 3. To amend Schedule 1 De-Restriction, Item number 2 by revoking the current wording in its entirety and replacing with the following:- From a point approx. 300m north of B6443 Central Avenue in a northerly direction to a point 160m southwest of the centre of West Chilton Terrace Roundabout. A copy of the draft Order and supporting information may be inspected at Newton Aycliffe Library and via the council's website. Any person who wishes to object to the proposed Order should send their grounds of objection in writing to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL or by email to highways.orders@durham.gov.uk (ref 31829) by 12 January 2022

Dated: 17 December 2021



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

(B6444 Heighington Lane, Aycliffe) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2022

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on 75 metres of B6444 Heighington Lane, Aycliffe from the junction with Station Road westwards to the entrance to Heighington Station car park to enable essential rail track inspection works to be undertaken. Alternative route will be available from the eastern side of the closure from B6444 Heighington Lane south easterly on B6444 St Andrews Way to A167 then southerly to A1(M) Junction 59 (Aycliffe) Interchange, south westerly on A1(M) to Burtree Interchange (J58) then northerly along A68 and A6072 to the roundabout junction with B6444 leading to the western side of the closure, and vice versa. A local (non-HGV) diversion will be signed from the eastern side of the closure, northerly via Spring Road and Whinbank Road, left onto Horndale Avenue then south westerly along School Aycliffe Lane to the A6072 roundabout junction with B6444 to the western side of the closure and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence from 10pm on 20/1/22 and are anticipated to be completed by 6.30am on 21/1/22. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

Dated: 17th December 2021



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

(Footpath No 5 Great Aycliffe Parish off Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe) (Temporary Footpath Closure) Order 2021

The Council on 10/12/21 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all pedestrian traffic from proceeding on 80 metres of Footpath Number 5 that extends westward from 20 metres west of the railway line, south of Heighington Lane, Newton Aycliffe to enable pumping main works to be undertaken. Alternative route will be provided locally to pedestrian traffic via a route south of the closed section. The maximum duration of the Order is 6 months. The proposed works are to commence on 5/1/22 and are anticipated to be completed in 3 days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

Dated: 17th December 2021



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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF OPEN SPACE

Notice is hereby given that Durham County Council proposes to dispose of:

- 119m² or thereabouts of land adjacent 21 Russell Court, Newton Aycliffe

A plan showing the area concerned may be inspected at the offices of Corporate Property and Land, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL.

By virtue of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the County Council is required to give formal notice of its intention to dispose of Open Space and consider any objections to the proposed disposal.

Any representations or objections to the disposal should be made in writing to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services at the address below or by emailing: highways.orders@durham.gov.uk before the 7th January 2022 and should state the grounds for objection.

Dated this 17th December 2021



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal and Democratic Services
County Hall Durham

A167 NEWTON AYCLIFFE) (ONE WAY, NO ENTRY AND PROHIBITION OF U TURNS) ORDER 2022

Notice is hereby given that the County Council of Durham intends to make an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which would be to introduce a **Prohibition of "U" turn** restriction on A167 Southbound carriageway at its junction with the B6443 St Cuthbert's Way. **One Way Restriction** on the A167 Durham Road Slip Road from its junction with the A167, southbound for its full length, to a point 75 metres north of 30A Durham Road, Aycliffe Village. **No Entry Restriction** on the A167 Durham Road slip road, northbound, for its full length, from a point 75 metres north of 30A Durham Road, Aycliffe Village to its junction with the A167. A copy of the draft Order together with supporting documents may be inspected at Newton Aycliffe Library during normal opening hours and via the Council website. Any person who wishes to object to the proposed Order should send their grounds of objection, in writing to Sharon Renwick, Legal Assistant, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL or by email to Highways.Orders@durham.gov.uk (ref: 31859) by no later than 12 January 2022

Dated: 17th December 2021



Helen Lynch
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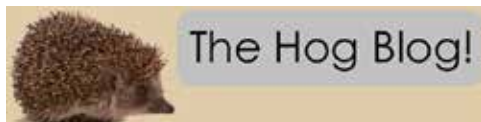
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Most hedgehogs will hopefully be hibernating now, the rescue hogs however will stay awake because they have health issues or they are too small. They will be kept indoors and they will be kept safe and well. We have Margaret's little hog, Ian, June's Angel, Josephine, who found a baby hog called Mitzi, Charley, from the allotment, little Cherub, Holly, Sem, Belle, Grace and Hermione and Ian's Hallie. All of these little hedgehogs came in with bad tummies due to parasite burden but have responded to treatment and are all gaining weight. Except Mitzi and Charley who have been suffering from mange and ringworm, poor Mitzi has lost most of her spines but responding to treatment. She is being kept warm and comfortable, the spines will return but it's a very slow process.

We still have some raffle tickets for sale, there are some lovely prizes that will be awarded to the winners before Christmas. Thanks given to everyone who has supported this rescue. It has enabled me to make sure that all the necessary medical supplies are here for them. Should you like to purchase any tickets you can email me pricklyhaven@yahoo.com.
Photo: Ian, isn't he lovely!

TIP OF THE WEEK: If you should see a hedgehog out during the day, whatever the size, please ring The British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801 or take to your nearest vet.

Where are the Ambulances?

Dear Sir,
My wife, Anne, rang me to pick her up after her hairdressing appointment in Greenwell Road. As I came round the court house corner I noticed my wife was laid on the ground with three people around her - it was approximately 12.30pm.

I was informed that Anne had fallen and hit her head. One of those present rang 999, the others were attempting to keep my wife warm and comfortable as it was freezing with a cold wind. I contacted our daughter who came to our aid and stayed with us. Natasha, who works at the court house and is a first aider, checked her over and put foil blankets over her, the van driver who was present made a wind shield from items in his van.

Becky continued to talk to the ambulance service, after 45 minutes I dialled 999 again. After 90 minutes a few people came from the fire station and checked Anne over and fetched a ground sheet and blankets as she was laid on her back on cold tarmac.

The firemen rolled Anne to one side and tried to contact the ambulance service again.

At approximately 3pm the firemen said that Anne had been on the floor long enough and lifted her into our car, my daughter and I took her to hospital. If we had not taken her, how long would we have waited? I would like an answer.

I would like to offer my thanks to Becky, Dave, Paul, Natasha and the firemen who offered their help and support.
Mr Sangster

We Need Your Help

FIVE ACRES COMMUNITY GARDEN CIC

This is our Christmas Appeal

We don't want any financial support, we need a little of your time to write a letter to support Five Acres with our planning application for our Brafferton site. The plans are in and all we are asking is that you draft a letter of support for this fantastic new project and submit to Darlington Borough Council. It is vital that everyone gets behind us on this to ensure we can continue to provide an invaluable bespoke service to further enhance the lives of our young adults, their families and the wider community.

The more support we have, the better chance we have of getting our plans passed, our application can be viewed on the Darlington Borough Council planning website:

Five Acres planning application number 21/00753/ful

Email your letters of support to: planning@darlington.gov.uk

Please don't forget to include the application number above, or post to: Planning Enquiries, Development Management, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT.

We cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given us since opening in May 2021. Please join us on our journey and make a difference. Please make sure your letters are sent to Darlington Borough Council as soon as possible as the deadline is 31st December 2021.

Thank You All and Merry Christmas

(If you require assistance writing or submitting a letter please contact deb.fiveacres@gmail.com)



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
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RUNNING CLUB NEWS

Saturday morning saw eighteen members turn out at the parkrun events at Darlington South Park, Hackworth and Sedgfield. At Darlington South Park parkrun, Craig Robinson set himself a new Personal Best (PB) for the event, completing the 5K run in 26:38. Ian Stothard also recorded a new best time at the event, finishing his run in 32:18. At Hackworth parkrun, Simon Turner was also setting himself a new PB for that event, completing the undulating three lap course in 23:39.

On Saturday afternoon one of the biggest running events in the North-East calendar took place in East Park, Sedgfield, with the running of the 115th North-Eastern Counties Athletic Association's Cross-Country (XC) Championship. Conditions on the day were perfect for XC running, and the event attracted some of the best runners in the North-East, including the 2020 National XC Champion, Calum Johnson, from Gateshead Harriers and Athletics Club.

In the Men's race, which took place over a distance of 12K (four large loops of the park), John Surtees was first home for the Club in 43:52. John was followed in by John Firby in 45:23, and Dez Fielden in 46:59. Paul Dalton was our fourth counter on the day, finishing in 48:20, followed by Richard Campbell in 49:12 and Trevor Dixon in 51:16. Matthew Heron completed the race in 55:50, with Peter Tennick having another solid run in 56:42. Richard Holland finished in 57:41, only just ahead of Shaun Dodd in 58:00, and Trevor Needham crossed the line in 59:42.

Our Men's Team (first six counters) finished 15th in the overall team standings which, for a Club the size of Aycliffe Running Club, was a tremendous achievement.

In the Ladies race, which took place over 8K, Carley Cooper was first home for the Club in 47:18, followed by Melanie Rowland in 48:12. Jayne Rudd wasn't too far behind, having an excellent run to cross the line in 48:43.

All at Aycliffe Running Club would like to extend our thanks to our friends at Sedgfield Harriers for organising a superb event.

On Sunday, Paul Rands completed his year of racing with a run in the Tatton Yule Yomp. This 10K race takes place on a multi-terrain, undulating one lap course, which runs through and around Tatton Park. The terrain consists of trail, grass, tarmac and gravel, with the final kilometre on a fully closed road. Paul completed this tough race in 51:24. We held our Annual General Meeting on Sunday evening and the Chair, Anne Kellett, extended her thanks both to the Officers and Coaches of the Club who give their time freely to ensure that the Club continues to function successfully, and to the Members, who had supported and engaged with the Club's activities throughout another difficult year.

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

What is Town Council Doing About Climate Change?

Dear Sir,
As many of you know, I resigned from Great Aycliffe Town Council last month. I had intended to resign next year when my wife and I moved house, but the sad death of Brian Hall forced a by-election in my ward, so I resigned early so that both seats could be decided at the same election (which they were last week) and thus save the Council money.

This left one loose end to tie up, which I had been waiting on the conclusion of COP26 to raise, which was seeking an update on the Town Council's progress on the climate emergency, which it had acknowledged in 2019.

I therefore raised the following issues last week as a member of the public:

1. What is the Town Council currently doing as regards climate impact?
2. What is being done to prepare a Climate Plan?

THE TOWN CLERK ANSWERS:

Of course I already knew the answer to Q1! GATC has been ahead of the game in this area for decades, and the Town Clerk was able to give a detailed account of the Council's significant achievements.

On the second issue, however, he was more cautious. Covid and the May election (and change of administration) had delayed progress, and no formal Plan or Policy

had been prepared. Moreover, given staff workload pressures, neither could he foresee rapid progress on the preparation of such a Plan in the near future. He suggested the possibility of establishing a Climate Change Reserve in the next budget, and shared that the local larger town councils were talking about maybe employing a Climate Change Officer jointly.

THE COUNCILLORS' DISCUSSION:

In the ensuing discussion, Cllr Eddy Adam declared the issue "something that we cannot avoid", and linked it to the ecological emergency and the 2021 Environment Act. Cllr Jed Hillary asked for a report to be brought back to Council.

Apart from Cllr Tony Armstrong, however, who welcomed the opportunity for joint-working, the ruling administration remained silent, which was a bit worrying.

FUTURE PROGRESS:

However, I have done all I can, and this issue is now a matter for the Town Councillors. Residents on the town may wish to keep up the pressure on GATC to 'do its bit' - not just for mitigation measures, but perhaps even more urgently for proactive adaptation, so that residents are not caught unprepared by the warming climate and increased extreme weather events.

John D Clare

Thank You



Dear Sir,
I would like to thank everyone who came out on Thursday 9th December and gave me their vote. I was overwhelmed from the comments and support. As an elected Councillor for Great Aycliffe Town Council I will do my very best to stand up for Simpsature Ward and the town. I thank you once again.
Cllr Andrew Hill



Vacancy Caretaker Position

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Visits to school can be arranged by appointment with the Head Teacher, Mrs L Adamson and are encouraged. Please contact the school office staff, Mrs D Swainston, to make an appointment.

Application packs can be downloaded from the County Council Jobs web page; alternatively, they can be obtained by emailing the school aycliffevillage@durhamlearning.net and completed forms should be returned to the school.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 5th January 2022. Interviews are anticipated to take place on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

The Governing body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Any offer of employment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced DBS check and appropriate references. Durham County Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer. We want to develop a more diverse workforce and we positively welcome applications from all sections of the community. Applicants with disabilities will be invited for interview if the essential job criteria are met.

The working pattern is as follows:

Split Shift: Monday-Thursday 6.00am-9.30am & 2.30pm-6.30pm
Friday 6.00am-9.30am & 2.30pm-6.00pm
52 weeks a year with an annual leave entitlement.
Annual leave must be taken in school holidays.

Tea with Santa

Come along and enjoy Tea with Santa on Monday 20th December at St Clare's Church for only £5 per person.

Tea session includes party food, hot or cold drink, a gift from Santa, Carols and crackers. Time slots available from 3.00-4.25pm and 4.45-6.00pm.

Breakfast with Santa

Monday 20th December from 9.15-10.30am or 10.45-12noon at St Clare's Church.

Breakfast session includes sausage or bacon bap, chocolate pancakes, hot or cold drink, a gift from Santa, Carols and crackers.

Booking for either event is essential, please book by contacting Elizabeth on 07817 217082. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Community Calendar 2022

With last week's edition of the Newton News you should have received your complimentary 2022 community calendar. 16,000 calendars have been published and printed by Newton Press supported by local businesses advertising their services. We hope you find the calendar useful over the next twelve months.

If you did not receive a copy, they are available at Newton Press reception and Walkers Butchers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers.



Parliament Talk

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

Well, unbelievably, two years have passed since I had the privilege of being elected your Member of Parliament. It's been amazing and full of many things I expected but so many more that I didn't anticipate. Despite all the issues we have had with Covid etc I still think I have a fantastic job and look forward to continuing to work for you all. We again see more Covid concerns to be dealt with and it's hoped we can maintain the current freedoms through the winter risk period.

As regards the introduction of Plan B I have been asked how I will vote. I have to say I am with the Government on this. Having spoken with the ministerial team I concluded that the three issues were proportionate. I do not see an issue with increased mask wearing in shops and on transport, this is a minor, short-term inconvenience that is worth it; when it comes to the so-called vaccine passport then the approach of allowing a lateral flow test as an option for access to large events is an appropriate alternative to needing to be vaccinated. The change between isolation and daily testing is actually a relaxing of restrictions. Seeing these as a whole then I believe the inconvenience is worth the gain. Hopefully this gives us the extra help needed and this will be as far as we need to go and, as winter progresses, we can start to think of releasing again.

Another issue to close off from last week is the frustrations we all feel from the news that there may have been some parties in government buildings last year. I can certainly reassure you all that I did not personally see any. I can clearly also assure you that I did not attend any parties last Christmas and I condemn anyone who did attend them when we were in such a difficult place as a country. Last week's work had a number of highlights starting with my Ten Minute Rule Bill which was an opportunity to put into the system the desire for a community wealth fund from the next release of dormant assets, if you want further details my speech is on my website. I had another BEIS session, this time on the Energy National Policy statements and I was able to ask a pertinent supplementary question with regards to the variations in regional responses to Storm Arwen. I joined a reception with Lord Baker celebrating the success of University Technical Colleges which included two students from our own South Durham UTC and I would like to offer my hearty congratulations to them both. Thursday was an amazing day, it started with a trip to Fishburn Primary School to thank them for designing my Christmas card, followed by joining an online seminar

with the innovative businesses on NETPark before topping the day off at Hitachi. As I am sure you have all seen, Hitachi have been awarded the £2Billion rolling stock contract for HS2. This is an incredible boost for the facility and a huge vote of confidence in Newton Aycliffe.

I hope this is the start of more good news as we hopefully come out of Covid through 2022. So, to finish, please get your jab or booster, follow the rules and let's hope for a better new year.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2022.

Paul Howell

Member of Parliament for Sedgefield

Incinerator Plan Rejection

Dear Sir,

After a blistering performance in the Council Chamber, by a great turn-out of Aycliffe devotees, objectors and campaigners, I was excited to read the Waste Incinerator Rejection story in the Newton News last week. My initial excitement, however, was deflated by the thumbnail picture at the head of the story.

None of the headline speakers were featured in the line-up. For some reason the unidentified author of the piece then went on to insult readers by making up a story leaving out all that was interesting and heaping most of the credit on the extras and wilfully missing out the storm troopers. Where was the news about the heroic East Ward Councillor speech, the detailed Council Officers heroic speech, the dedicated heroic public speakers, the studious residents objection contributions? These were the stories with the passion and information chiselled from hours of endless document scrutiny. These were the contributions so difficult to refute and rightly worthy of accreditation. No wonder the author shrinks from a signature.

Having dealt with many planning applications myself, I can state categorically this plan would have sailed through had it not been for all of the contributions made by the public. This Waste Incinerator was scheduled to be built in my ward and I was proud to be part of the residents' success in defeating the project. Local party issues were cast aside for the good of the fight and everyone deserves the credit.

Well done.

Cllr Jim Atkinson



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Resident Power Suppressed Incinerator Application

Dear Sir,
With reference to the articles in Newton News, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for their support and hard work in getting the application declined. I personally would like to thank all the residents who put forward questions to myself and Heighington Lane Incineration Plant Information Group. The numerous people who walked the streets to put leaflets through the doors to notify people of the application.

Residents Eileen Brewis, John Longley, David Storry, Gerald Lee, Anthony McMahon and Mark Rowcroft who all spent hours on Teams meetings discussing, researching and writing the paper, 'Residents Report', in order to present to DCC Planning Committee. Taking part in the Teams meeting for residents; Lobbying Councillors and MP to show strength of feeling of residents and businesses against the proposal; Protesting during site visit; Challenging Fornax, Castellum and MPs statements for clarity of the process; Questioning the impartiality of the process. I wish to thank all the people who spoke at the Planning Committee meeting. To dismiss that the residents were not an active and forceful element in this democratic process is very demeaning and insulting to the residents and businesses of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas. We have not been elected or paid to spend time challenging the proposal, we have done so for the benefit of all people working and living in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas, regardless of political persuasion. It is my opinion that working alongside/collectively with each other, not separately, could strengthen the union of democracy in the area. All parties who worked to stop the

building of the incinerator deserve credit for their part in the process.

The political landscape in County Durham and the North East is changing and all elected representatives need to adapt and serve their constituents in conjunction with all stakeholders to achieve objectives and political advancement.

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By-Election Results

Three by-elections for Great Aycliffe Town Council took place on Thursday 9th December following the deaths of Cllr Brian Hall, Cllr David Hardaker and the resignation of Cllr John D Clare.

By-elections Results:

(Labour loses all 3 seats).

Byerley Park, Horndale & Cobblers Hall Ward (2 seats)

Lindsey Aston,

Liberal Democrat - 249 Elected

Kane Shaw, Labour - 162

John Woodward,

Liberal Democrat - 275 Elected

Turnout 13%

Simpasture Ward (1 seat)

Andrew Hill, Independent - 167 Elected

Simon Hocking, Labour - 123

Turnout 23%

The balance on the Town Council now is:

Independents 13 (up 1), Lib Dems 7 (up 2),

Labour 10 (down 3).

Since the elections in May, the Independents

and Liberal Democrats on Great Aycliffe

Town Council have been working in close

co-operation and partnership and this seems

to have gone down well in the by-elections.

Councillor Arun M Chandran

Christmas Remembrance

Rita Smith

Merry Christmas Mam. The grief you feel equals the love you felt. From Ian and the rest of family.

Marilyn

18th December

On our anniversary, missing you at Christmas. Lots of love from your loving Husband and Grandchildren. In God's care you rest, we all miss you in words we cannot say. Your loving Husband Laurance, Andrea, Gemma; Grandchildren James, Jack, Eve, Faye; Sons-in-Law Lee and Michael

Christmas Greetings

Godfrey and Shirley Bennett

Seasonal Greetings to all our many Friends, old and new.

From Godfrey & Shirley Bennett

Cairns

We would like to wish all our much loved family, friends and special neighbours a very Happy Christmas, good health and best wishes for the year ahead.

Please spare a thought for all those no longer with us this year.

Stay safe all.

Regards from Ellen & Les Cairns

Cllr George Gray and his Wife Maud

Would like to wish the residents of the West Ward and also the rest of Newton Aycliffe a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022.

Please enjoy, but, please stay safe and thank you all for the support that you have given to me.

Enjoy the Festive Season, Alderman George Gray

Lol Storey

Would like to wish family and friends Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will not be sending cards, but will donate to charity.

Alan Brown

27th December 2020
Treasured memories of my dear Husband, you left without a goodbye and only God knows why. Your smile has gone forever and your voice I hear no more. Your life is a wonderful memory for me to keep and store. Till we meet again. Your loving Wife, Carol xxx

Patricia Fisk (Pat) & Eleanor Featherstone

Christmas wishes to our dear Pat. Daughter of Eleanor. Reunited in Heaven. Cherished always. Tony, Susan, Michael and family xxxx

Barbara & Les Sutton

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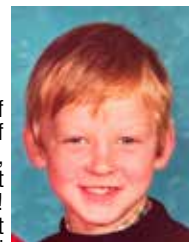
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Happy 50th birthday Dad and Grandad, hope you have the best day and enjoy every second, lots of love from Madison, Martin and Cayden xxx

Happy 50th Craig! Still handsome as always, love you. From Rachael, Gary and Nala xx

Hope you have the best birthday ever Craig. Paul xx
As time ticks by so very fast, Our special days should really last. So here's to you, the Birthday Brother, Happy 50th Craig and to another 50 other. Love, Simon

Happy birthday! 50 is not the half of it now. Enjoy the next half century. Love and best wishes Dad and Rachel

Big Congratulations to my lovely Nephew Craig on your 50th birthday! Hope you have a brilliant day, sending you all our love. From Auntie Bev, Dougie and all the family! Xxxx

Happy 50th birthday uncle Craig, hope you have the best birthday and enjoy the company, the gifts and the holidays. Lots of love from nephew no.1

Have a very happy, magical birthday Craig, it does not seem 50 years since you came into my arms, you were the biggest bundle of joy, so this is my birthday wish for you, love life, live long, cherish every day. Love & hugs, Mum, Davy and wuff from Ellie xx

Happy 50th birthday Dad. Hope you have the best day. Love, Macca xx

Happy 50th Craig, love from Joanne, Bradley, Callum, Nicole and Frankie xx

50 is so great Craig! Paul and I wish you have the best birthday with your lovely family. It was awesome meeting you and Sarah-Jane in Jamaica 2 years ago. The sort of coincidence that only brings joy to our lives. Your friendship means so much to us. Lots of love from across the pond, wishing that the 51st birthday is celebrated in NYC! Feliz Aniversario, Craig. Congratulations! Paul and Patricia.

Have a great 50th birthday Craig, you certainly don't look it. Enjoy your day. From Derrick.

Wishing a friend and genuinely good soul the best of birthdays. 50, eh mate, still ain't caught me up. Neil

Congratulations on reaching your half century, have a lovely birthday. Love Barbara xx

Happy 50th birthday Craig, love from Jay, Lisa, Jordan and Cerys xxxx

Happy 50th Craig. All the best, Stew

Happy birthday Craig, we hope you have an amazing birthday, lots of love, Connor, Mia, Carson and Indie xxx

Happy 50th Birthday, Craig! Love Gemma & James xxx

Happy Birthday to probably the worlds oldest Tiktok addict. Love Chris, Carlie & family xx

Happy 50th birthday Craig. Wishing you all the best on your special day. Paul & Emily x

Happy Birthday to a special friend, with love from your favourite nun xx

Happy birthday uncle Craig, wishing you the best today. Aron

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Craig Alan Johnston

Jilly, Alan, Natasha and Peter would like to thank Rev. Aaron Chaudhary, Pastor John Greenow and the members of The New Generation Church for the wonderful celebration of Craig's life, held at the Xcel Centre on 29th November. Thanks to all our family and friends who attended and to all who contributed to Craig's 'Just Giving' page, enabling him to surpass his target for Brain Tumour Research. Thanks to Tracey and Joling and all the staff at John Meynell Funeral Directors for their help and support through this trying time. A special thank you to all the lads and lasses of Aycliffe Triathlon Club, who provided a wonderful guard of honour for Craig, despite the freezing conditions. A memorial book will be available at John Meynell Funeral Directors until New Year's Eve for anyone wishing to pop in and write a message for Craig. Rest In Peace, Craig.

Esmond Fothergill

19th December 2020
It's been one year since you passed. Missing you lots. You will always be in our thoughts. From your Son, Paul and all the family xxx

John Leslie Stoddart

Passed away
22nd December 2020
Never got to say goodbye, and that still hurts today. No proper funeral to give you. It had to be the Covid way and for that I am so, so sorry. Love and miss you every single day, never out of my thoughts. Loving Wife, Jean.

Birthday Remembrance

Steve Toroni

20th December 1949
Remembering shared together, missing you massively. I'll love you forever. From your loving Wife, Jen xxx

Steve Toroni

20th December 1949
Happy birthday Dad. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure. Love today and always. From Kellie, Donna, Abby, Justin and Anthony xxx

Steve Toroni

20th December 1949
To our 'always favourite' Grandad. Happy birthday. Love and miss you every day. From your loving Grandchildren, Emily, Harrison, Thomas, Grace, Lily and Bowie

Glen Kipling

Our memories of you will never end. Our broken hearts will never mend. Our sad tears will never dry, because we never got to say goodbye. You were with us every day Glen, in everything we did. We will treasure those memories, but we wish we still had you. Loved and missed every day. From all your family xxx



John O'Kane

8/11/43-24/2/19
I thought of you today, I thought of you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name, all I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Greatly missed by all our family

Alan Brown

27th December 2020
Treasured memories of my dear Husband, you left without a goodbye and only God knows why. Your smile has gone forever and your voice I hear no more. Your life is a wonderful memory for me to keep and store. Till we meet again. Your loving Wife, Carol xxx

Alan Brown

27th December 2020
One year ago you left us Dad. Your golden heart stopped beating, your hard working hands to rest. It broke our hearts to lose you, God only takes the best. Your loving Children, Darren, Marlin, Keeley, Dawn, Suzanne and Colin xxx

Alan Brown

27th December 2020
To our special Grandad and Great Grandad, you always made us smile, if only we could have you back, just for a little while. So we could sit and talk again, you meant so much to us. Love always, your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren xxxxx

Patricia Hanson

23rd December 2020
A year has gone by since you closed your eyes and gained your angel wings. How we miss you every day and treasure the time we had with you. Forever in our hearts, always loved and will never be forgotten by your family and friends xxx

Dennis Archer - Dad

19th December 2010
Let this be a loving reminder, that someone is missing today. Someone our hearts still hold on to, as we travel along life's way. Someone who made life so special, for all those who gather here. Someone who won't be forgotten, but cherished from year to year. And now, as we pause to remember, let us all fondly recall, how dearly each of us loved him, and oh how he loved us all. Always in our thoughts. Love from Helen, Stephen and Natasha xxx

Emily Cook

Merry Christmas Emily, no other time could be as sad, or quite as hard to bear. As celebrating Christmas without you being there. You always feel close to us, and though you are far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.



Merry Christmas our beautiful Emily, the greatest gift we could receive, would be to have you back with us. Forever missed and loved.

Mam, Wayne, Holly and Morgan xxxx

Emily, Christmas wishes to you, our Granddaughters love is so special, a gift beyond compare. You only know the meaning when she is no longer there. A special time, her special face, our special Emily we can't replace. With our broken hearts we whisper low, Merry Christmas beautiful Emily, we love you so.

Nana and Grandad xx

Emily, my beautiful Niece, you are a diamond glistening on the snow, you are our sunlight on ripened grain, you are the gentle Autumn rain. You are the soft star that shines all night. Merry Christmas Emily, I do miss you. Auntie Nicola and Bella xx

Emily, Merry Christmas our Em, you left behind a trail of tears and lots of memories too. We loved the sunshine in your smile and the kindness in your heart. Emily you were just wonderful and words just can't describe, how much we love and miss you, wish that you were here. Love always, Uncle Michael and Auntie Caroline xxx

Our Cousin Emily, We close our eyes and imagine you are there. Sitting beside us in our chair. Living, laughing with seasonal joy, watching us playing with our toys. But when we open our eyes you are gone, back to Heaven where you belong. We will carry your love in our hearts for many years to come. Thomas, Michael and Matty Boy xxx

Emily, you are one of Heaven's angels now, a perfect little star. When you shine, the world can see how beautiful you are. Though our hearts are broken and your life was far too short. We thank you sweetest angel for the happiness you brought. Love and missed always, Auntie Lesley, Uncle Brian and Tyler xxx

Emily, I wonder, does Heaven have Christmas? Do you sit with our Lord above, as he celebrates his birthday? Do you sing Carols with the angels and do you dance among the stars? We wish you were here Emily, to celebrate Christmas with us, like you used to do. We can't send you a card or a present, but we send our prayers and plenty of love. You are forever in our hearts. Auntie Eleanor, Uncle Howard and David xxxx

Emily, Another Christmas comes around, it's filled with sad regret, it holds a day we'll never forget. The day that we lost you. They say that time's a healer, but we know that is not true, because we will never get over another Christmas without you. We hope the Lord cherishes you Emily, you really are one of the best. Love, Auntie Vicki, Uncle Dave and all your friends at The Hub xxxx

Emily, precious memories of our beautiful Emily, we will treasure our fun loving girl, full of happiness and love. Never a day goes by Emily, that we don't have you in our thoughts. Merry Christmas. Uncle Chris, Auntie Hayley xxx

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Heighington AFC Juniors

Heighington AFC U7s - RFYL

Heighington 5 - Doxford Vipers 1

We have reached the half way point in the season as we now start to play all the teams over again. We played Doxford the first ever game back in September and beat them 4-2 so we knew it was going to be a tricky game. It proved to be trickier than first thought because after 20 minutes the scores were level at 1-1, but changes to the team, to up the tempo, saw Heighington take full control of the game and see off a well drilled Doxford team.

Scoreline could have been more at the end but very happy to see the lads deal with the pressure at 1-1 and come through it to maintain an unbeaten throughout the season so far.

Goals: Isaac x3, Archie x1, Reuben x1.

Parents & Managers MOM: Isaac with 5 votes. Worked his socks off yet again for the team and is a constant threat with the ball.

Heighington AFC U10s - RFYL

Heighington 1 - 1 Hilda Park

The boys were not at their best today but can be proud of this point as they had to dig deep and fight for it. We were slow out of the traps today and the early morning start caught up with us in the first half as we found ourselves 0-1 down at half time. However, the boys never gave in and a much better second half display saw Lucas find the top corner from distance to level the game up. With chances few and far between, this ended up being a game of two defences as both teams looked to win the game but couldn't find the net again. A fair result as both teams gave everything, well done all involved.

MOTM: Isaac and James. Both put in a superb display and are fast becoming a solid partnership. Thanks to Sash Hardware for sponsoring our boys this season, Chris Harper.

Heighington AFC U12s - RFYL

Heighington AFC 3 v Ryton and Crawcrook Blues 1

The Mighty Red and Blacks got back to winning ways against third placed Ryton. It was a dominant display from the lads today. Their passing was crisp, they defended strongly and, most of all, played amazingly as a team.

Wallace was awarded a penalty after a brilliant turn in the box and the defender took his legs instead of the ball. Then, after composing himself, he smashed the ball into the roof of the net for his first Heighington goal.

Noah's goal was a piece of beauty. He got the ball outside the box, took a couple of touches, lifted his head and curled the ball beyond the keeper for his first Heighington goal. Jack's goal was very similar to Noah's, he received the ball, turned with it and calmly stuck it into the bottom corner away from the keeper.

Goals: Jack x1, his 12th goal of season, Wallace, pen, x1, Noah x1.

MOTM: Noah, for running the centre midfield and helping himself to an assist and his first goal for the team.

NAFC Junior Section

Under 9's Whites played Washington

Athletic, the Whites started slowly conceding a sloppy goal early on. It did not take long to get going and a strong end to the first half ensued, with goals from Ryley and Oscar.

The game ended in a draw, but, overall the boys never stopped fighting for the ball and worked hard throughout. MOTM was John who put in an impressive performance and played the unusual position of forward today.

Under 9's Blacks hosted Hartlepool Youth Whites in poor conditions. With players missing due to illness, the team put in an exceptional performance, but could not find the goal they deserved. Debuts were given to Liam and Tyler-Jay. MOTM was Max who played out of position as goalkeeper but put in a fantastic performance.

Under 10's Juniors travelled to Hurworth Juniors. Aycliffe played some lovely football, Aycliffe went and led at half time. In the second half Hurworth pressed from the start and got a goal through a deflected cross. Aycliffe kept absorbing the pressure and hit Hurworth on the counterattack. Goal of the game came right in the final whistle, a superb cross across goal for Jonah to volley into the roof of the net. The goals scored by Tyler, Sammy, Marley, Jonah and an OG. MOTM went to the defensive four of Dom (GK), Daniel, Mason and Tyler for playing brilliant under pressure.

Under 10's Blacks played Blackhall Monks. In a tough battle, Aycliffe played good football, but unfortunately it did not go our way. The team created good chances but just could not find the back of the net. Aycliffe stepped up in the second half, creating good chances and battling well to the final whistle. MOTM went to Charlie for his confidence in the box and fantastic saves.

Under 13's Whites extended their unbeaten run to five with a hard fought 0-0 draw at home to Seaton Carew. Under pressure for large periods of the game, Aycliffe defended hard and tried to catch them on the counter. This match had everything but goals. Jack hit the post, Ethan had a shot saved, Josh had a header tipped away. MOTM went to Trystan, who made numerous great saves. **Under 15's** entertained Guisborough in a mud bath of a pitch at Woodham. Starting brightly, the lads took a two-goal lead, with Travis grabbing both goals. Guisborough blazed a penalty over the bar on the stroke of half-time, meaning the lads led 2-0 at the break. Aycliffe started the second half quickly, with a goal coming from Jordan.



Guisborough pulled a goal back, before Leighton burst through the defence to make it 4-1. Guisborough scored a late consolation goal to make it 4-2 to Aycliffe. The lads maintain their 100% start to the season with seven wins from seven.

Under 18's hosted Seaton Carew, who sat two places above Aycliffe in the table. Aycliffe dominated the game from start to finish on a boggy pitch. The lads led 2-1 up at half time with Josh G grabbing both goals. In the second half, despite conceding one more, we scored another four goals, Josh completed his hat-trick and Jack C also bagged a hat-trick. Aycliffe missed the opportunity of more goals, with the final score 6-2 to Aycliffe. MOTM Josh G.

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