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Shine on Tour

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Shine on Tour

The last two years have been an uncertain time for us all and with Christmas 2021 approaching the team at SHINE Children's Community Choir were keen to spread some much needed cheer into the community.

Recognising it wasn't the time to put on their usual big Nativity production inside - they came up with a very different idea.

SHINE ON TOUR - Leader Helen McCormick explained, "We all know singing makes you feel good and hearing children sing makes others feel good too - That's where our SHINE Bright Like a Diamond mission project came into play. No one has been more affected by the impact of Covid than our care homes, it's residents, staff and visitors, so that's why we decided to Carol sing, safely outside, during the month of December to all six care homes across our town.

It was a big ask for our children and their families to commit to, but they did and, when able, came along and shared love and kindness through singing to the gathered residents. We must thank all choir members and their families who joined us and thank all of the care homes, the messages we have received, the smiles, laughs and tears made it a very special and very different experience for us all. A small act of giving, which has blessed many, including SHINE children".

Thanks must also go to the Rotary Club, for funding, which enabled us to purchase a portable outdoor speaker and our very own SHINE hats which helped keep us warm. Also to Newton Press for providing our Christmas Carol song sheets. More photographs / videos are available on our Facebook page: Shine Children Community Choir. Although we are uncertain about new restrictions that may come into place, we hope to celebrate SHINE returning in January (24th) 2022 with a new year, new start party.



3 Star Accreditation for Newton Aycliffe Youth FC

Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club are very proud to announce that they have been awarded the 3 star highest accreditation by England Football, which has replaced



the FA Charter Standard Scheme awarded to qualifying clubs for the past 20 years. There are only twenty four clubs across the Durham FA area to achieve this highest accreditation and it is a huge achievement to be recognised as leading the way in providing football pathways for girls and boys from 4 years old to adult football, as well as developing opportunities for disabled footballers.

Accreditation is also a clear signal to the Newton Aycliffe community that we value the importance of being sustainable and built to last off the pitch and that we want the very best for everybody: our players, coaches, spectators, volunteers, and officials. We are proud to say "Everyone counts. Everyone is valued."

England Football announced the changes as part of The FA rebranding and commented as follows "On-pitch and off-pitch criteria is the foundation to providing safe, respectful and inclusive pathways and environments for the game of football in England. In addition, we recognise Clubs that provide one or more of the accredited player pathways, either for male, or female, or for disability players. The star that a club achieves, and is then recognised for, demonstrates that they have football teams within their set-up that support the three accredited player pathways. It helps us to align the relevant support and services they need to become the best version of the Club".

Newton Aycliffe Youth FC were formed in 1989 and have continued since, to provide affordable football for all abilities, and now have twenty three teams and thriving football development sections, Little Eagles for boys and Wildcats for girls. If you need any further information contact Berni 07939 045242 or check out our website www.nayfc.com

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A 'Kerrang' national poll previously voted The Force one of the countries top ten unsigned bands.

Saturday 15th January - 'Alcatraz House Band'

Saturday 22nd January - 'Little Devil'

For more information on bands go to www.turbiniapub.co.uk or 313034

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Spreading Christmas Cheer for Cancer Patients

A kind hearted charity worker from the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP), was on a Secret Santa mission to give families impacted by cancer in County Durham festive fun experiences and gifts. Paula Spark, a Macmillan Joining the Dots Facilitator covering the South West Durham area, spread Christmas cheer with uplifting presents and toys through working in partnership with inspirational charity The Angel Trust.

Carol Gaskarth, Chief Executive of PCP, said: "Paula got in touch with The Angel Trust to organise a festive break to Ramside Treehouse in Durham for the Rickaby



family. Stephen Rickaby is currently awaiting a stem cell transplant and Paula recognised the difference a break would make for his family, including his wife, Anna, and their children, Harley, Jessie and Skylar.

"The family thought it was amazing and could not believe the kindness of The Angel Trust and Joining the Dots. Paula went over and above to support the family and I am extremely proud of her passion and enthusiasm for helping others."

Anne Rickaby, Stephen's wife, said: "Paula thank you so much for organising the Treehouse break it was a much needed boost to us all, we cannot believe the kindness people have shown us, it was so magical we can't thank you all enough." The Joining the Dots team would like to thank the Angel Trust for their generosity in making this all possible for families this Christmas.

Macmillan Cancer Support estimate there are 3 million people living with cancer in the UK, with this rising to nearly 3.5 million by 2025, 4 million by 2030, and 5.3 million by 2040. The Joining the Dots service in County Durham supports people aged 18 and over who have been diagnosed with cancer, they also support friends, carers and relatives of those with a cancer diagnosis.

To get in touch with the Joining the Dots team, visit: www.facebook.com/JTDDurham Visit the PCP's social media channels. PCP's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PCPandCentre, Twitter: @PioneeringCare and Instagram: @PioneeringCare If you would like to find out more about PCP generally, or to support our work, please contact: Jenny Lee, Senior Marketing & Media Officer: jenny.lee@pcp.uk.net

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Men Talking Together

This group is held every Monday, 12noon until 2.30pm at Unit 14A IES Centre, Aycliffe Business Park, behind the Blue Bridge Centre and Newton Press. The group has been active since 2019 meeting at Unit 14A and enjoying talking and meeting new people who have become friends, discussing future trips, the group have completed many train trips, local trips in the community, Mini Busto, Saltburn, Whitby, Hexham, across the Roman Wall to Vindolanda, finishing the year with a Christmas Lunch at the Bay Horse, Middridge.

We are planning to go to Lincoln, Edinburgh and many other places using our rail cards or the mini bus. This week the group visited Surfsiders Fish & Chip Restaurant at Seaton Carew, after a short walk along the sea front, we came back by Seal Sands and the bird sanctuaries etc.

Most of the members are over 50 years, but anyone is welcome to join us who want to meet new people and go to interesting places. For further details ring 01325 308094 or 07967 901477.

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Road Improvements?

Dear Sir,
There were 5 statutory notices in the last edition of Newton News, three of which involve proposals asking if there are objections, two of which will affect many people. These are near the back, in tiny print, just before Christmas when most people are far too busy to look at them and go to the trouble of objecting. One of these proposes a reduction in speed limit to 50 mph on the A167 from 300m north of the Central Avenue turn off to Aycliffe Village. Another proposes closure of the northern exit out of Aycliffe Village. The email address for objecting is highways.orders@durham.gov.uk and the deadline for doing so is 12 January. I have objected to the 50mph speed limit proposal. I am ambivalent about the Aycliffe Village one way system, but suspect many residents of the village will have strong views

and leave it to them to object if they wish to do so. My own response is reproduced below:
Subject: Objection to A167 50mph Speed Limit Proposal Reference 31829 - I strongly object to the imposition of a 50mph speed limit on the proposed section of the A167. This is a section of road I use regularly and is my main route to the A1(M), Darlington and Teesside from my home in Newton Aycliffe. Indeed part of the reason I chose my home was because of its proximity to the A167 as a swift means of access to my place of work.

The single carriageway section is marked with white diagonal warning lines in the centre. These thwart overtaking. The only place to overtake is on the dual carriageway. Reduction of the speed limit on this section will prevent progress of faster moving traffic, frustrating drivers stuck behind slow moving vehicles.

During busy times it is impossible to attain speeds in excess of 50mph. In fact, large sections of the road are almost at a standstill, so a 50mph speed limit would be irrelevant.

When the road is quiet, it is perfectly safe to travel on the national speed limits for single and dual carriageways. A 50mph speed limit would unnecessarily hinder progress.

The reasons offered for the imposition of a 50mph limit are to avoid danger or prevent the likelihood of danger to persons or other traffic, to facilitate passage of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), and to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

There is always potential danger when vehicles are involved, but there has to be some common sense judgement balancing the risk against the benefits. I am aware of no reason to think this section of road is disproportionately dangerous. No statistics are offered to substantiate the implied assertion that it is.

Inter city trains travel at much higher speeds than cars, and anyone who gets on the line and steps in front of one is highly likely to be killed (and quite a few people use them to commit suicide). This risk is mitigated by fencing off the tracks and making it illegal to trespass on the line, but some people still do it. As far as I know, nobody is arguing that train speeds should be reduced to 50mph to reduce this risk. A few less people might be killed, but hundreds of thousands of train users would be wasting many more hours of their lives on trains. The same logic should be applied to the road in question.

I do not see how the proposal would 'facilitate passage' of any class of traffic, and strongly argue that it would do precisely the opposite for the vast majority of road users. I do not see how the proposal would 'improve the amenities' of the area in any way.

John Snowball

Concert Postponed

Owing to concerns regarding the increase in Covid-19 Omicron cases in the area, Darlington Piano Society has postponed the recital by Lauren Zhang scheduled for 3pm Sunday 16th January in Central Hall, the Dolphin Centre. It is hoped to reschedule this recital for a later date.

Litter Picking



Happy New Year from the Great Aycliffe Tidy Team (GATT), aka Gray's Gang of Litter Pickers. We've been out this week around the Great Aycliffe Way, along Byerley Park and cleared litter, although the local litter pickers have done a great job too. We've tried to clear leaves and debris from the paths to allow better access for mobility scooter users. GATT thanks GATC for collecting this pile.

A Creative Spring at Greenfield Arts



Greenfield Arts are excited to launch their new spring programme. The programme offers exhibitions, projects and activities both within the arts centre facility and in the community that inspire creativity and the chance to try something new.

Our offer to young people and families includes projects and activities that are free of charge. Creative Explorers and Creative Collaborators will be led by artist Dawn Belshaw and include art projects that will run over a series of weeks with crafty workshops to spark curiosity, have fun, learn new skills, recycle materials and learn more about the world around us.

Our adult offer includes some amazing opportunities to try out new things for the new year, such as Cyanotype, Mixed Media Collage and Sketch to Create. The sessions are led by professional artists and are held in a bespoke studio in a lovely, comfortable and safe environment.

We also have a full exhibition programme and our popular open art exhibition is now open as we call out for artists. This year the theme 'Our Place' reflects on feelings about community and homeliness and what that means to us as people and artists.

Why not visit our website to find out more and find something to try in the new year at www.greenfield-arts.co.uk email info@greenfield-arts.co.uk or call 01325 379048 to speak to our friendly team.

Greenfield Arts provide and stimulate creativity, questioning and enquiry to encourage our community to explore a greater understanding of themselves and the world around them. To achieve this we collaborate to produce and commission high quality dynamic and stimulating arts and creativity.

Info Wanted

Dear Sir,
Would it be possible to ask if anyone has information about the Special Constables who served in the area during World War 2? Thank you.
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Aycliffe Youth Football News

Aycliffe U12 Angels Blue 3 v Beamish Lionesses 0

Saturday 18 December 2021

On a foggy morning at The OakLeaf, the Blues took on a tough and physical Beamish team with only nine players available as Heidi, Hannah and Daisy being unavailable. Freyja made her debut in our last game and had her first full 60 minute match, equipping herself well. A few half chances fell to Faith, Sophie and Evie, but our breakthrough came about halfway through the first half. Faith was fouled 10 yards outside of the Beamish area and Evie lined up the free kick. She struck the ball powerfully and found the gap between the keeper and the player on the post, to give us a deserved lead.

Then Faith took a good throw-in which beat the Beamish defence and Evie took the ball in her stride and made no mistake, Beamish put us under some good pressure in the first half, but Erin, Ella and Charli held firm, HT 2-0.

Into the second half, Faith was on a mission after finding this to be a bruising encounter and clearly converted her frustration into regular attacking runs down the left, producing numerous shots. She got her reward with 10-15 minutes to go. Isobel produced a superb pass out of midfield which Faith latched onto and lashed the ball home into the right hand corner of the net. FT 3-0. This win means that we now can't be caught at the top of the premier division with two games left to play. The girls are premier division champions and can enjoy the final two games in January, having retained the league.

Our results this season have been built on a rock solid defence which starts from our attacking players and works right the way through to Layken in goal. We've only conceded 11 goals in 12 games and the nearest defence in the league has conceded 24.

Star Players: Players choice: Faith, Coaches choice: Isobel.

Aycliffe U13 Eagles 3 v Hetton Juniors 5

A disappointing first half for the Eagles as they were on the back foot from the initial whistle. Hetton dominated the play. The Eagles did create, just didn't find the back of the net and found themselves 0-3 down



at half time. The second half however was much better and Olly played a ball over to Jake who smashed it past the keeper. Hetton came back and got another goal 1-4. The boys weren't giving up and got another goal with an awesome ball from Liam to Olly and a world class strike from Olly past the keeper. 2-4. Hetton again got another goal 2-5. The boys kept going until the final whistle and got another goal with a throw in from Will right into the box where Kaiden was waiting to tap it past the keeper. 3-5 FT. MOTM Zac **Aycliffe U8 Wildcats v Bishop Auckland** The girls started strongly and Macy finished calmly to open the scoring. Bishop fought back and drew level just before half time. The second half was again tight with Erin making a couple of brilliant saves to keep Bishop out. Ava, Elizabeth and Elsie all went close late in the game, whilst Brooke and Georgia kept it tight at the back. The game was a great advert for girls football and all the girls came off the pitch with smiles on their faces. **CLS Amazon Stompers 1 v Aycliffe U11 Girls 1**

From the start Aycliffe looked like the stronger team and wasted no time putting CLS under pressure. It took 20 minutes to get the breakthrough we needed when a superb corner from Lyra found Lily on the back post, who smashed it into the roof of the net with her left foot for an outstanding one touch finish. HT 0-1.

The second half was very even, with both teams looking just as strong as each other. Our defence had to work extremely hard throughout the next 30 minutes and did an excellent job keeping CLS at bay while our forwards kept looking for a second goal. Although we created more chances it was CLS that got the only goal of the second half 4 minutes from time and we had to settle for a draw. FT 1-1.

Players Star Player: Annabelle, Coaches Star Player: Phoebe.

Other results:

Under 12 Eagles 5 v Great Ayton 2

Under 15 Eagles 3 v Blackwell Rangers 3

Thornaby Reds 3 v Under 16 Boys 0

Skaters Collect Crisp Packets



Did you know it can take 80 years for a crisp packet to decompose? Did you know that 150 crisp packets can be ironed together and turned into a survival blanket for a homeless person and will help to keep their sleeping bag dry and insulated? The iron man project collect crisp packets and make survival blankets for the homeless. After hearing about Iron Man Survival Blankets, Team Spectrum decided to get involved with the project. Skater mum Jo Loring decided to take on the job of collecting, washing and sending off crisp packets. She called upon the skaters and families from Spectrum Roller Skating Club for support and together the club has sent off hundreds of packets to be made into blankets.

"Becoming an Iron Man Survival Volunteer is just one of the ways we can cultivate kindness and make a real difference in our communities this winter." Coach, Tracy Stevens.

If you would like to get involved with the project too, you can email: Theironman.frome@gmail.com

Or check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ironmanfrome/> Alternatively you can donate to their go fund me page:

<https://gf.me/u/y7cpuj>

The crisp packet postal address is: 37 Marley's Way, Frome, Somerset BA11 3NG

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

Wednesday 12th January 2022 - 7.15pm

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**** Updates from MP Paul Howell at 12noon weekdays ****

SATURDAY

9-10am	Eurovision Show	Simon Harding
10-12am	Moderation	Jack & Garvey
'LA Connection' Sponsored by Dale Care Services		
12-2pm	LA Connection	Emperor Rosko (USA)
2-4pm	The Retro Years	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	St Clare's Church
10-11am	Yesterdays Music Today	Alan Brown
11-12pm	Random Reiki Master	Phil Hawkins
12-2pm	Dave's Sunday Brunch	David Ringer

'Blues Show' Sponsored by Whitehouse Funeral Service

2-4pm	Bear Blues Show	Colin McNeillie
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 Request Show	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	Phill Hawkins
	11th Jan: Guests to be confirmed	
8-9.30pm	Jazz Time (R)	Mike Dixon
9.30-12am	Soul and Motown Selection	

WEDNESDAY

6-7pm	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	14th January - Martin Norris - Movin'	Melodies
10-12pm	BeatRoote	Graeme Roote
12-1am	Night Club Session	A DJ

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Rotary Thanks Residents and Volunteers



Rotary Newton Aycliffe had an extremely busy run up to Christmas and thanks must go to our volunteers, supporters and the community in general who have all been generous in their giving. We have been able to help many more families and individuals who are referred to us by various authorities, such as the Health Visitors and Social Services. The Reverse Advent Box Scheme was extremely successful with 83 hampers collected from Rotary members, their families and friends, on 4th December. Many of the hampers were contributed by members of the public who responded to our articles in The Newton News and on Facebook. We do not have the names of these people but thank you most sincerely for your kindness. We offer particular thanks to a gentleman from Youens Crescent who instigated support from his

colleagues at Babcock Engineering, Catterick. All hampers were distributed to foodbanks throughout the area. Fundraising by hardworking Rotarians at Christmas and throughout the year enabled 78 food vouchers to be distributed by our Health Visitors to families in Great Aycliffe. 14 food vouchers were given via The Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group to assist patients who require special diets and have no meaningful income. Newton Aycliffe Police requested help for some families in need and we duly supplied bags of 'goodies'. We were delighted to assist.

Last, but by no means least, our grateful thanks go to David Brassell, Steve Dawes, James Kelay and other members of Heighington Football Club as well as the young people from Acle Scouts. Without their assistance in door knocking, we could not have held our Santa Sleigh Runs around the streets of the town. Thanks also to Tesco and Community Champion, Shirley Cormack. Not forgetting our great friend, Alan Nelson and the giving of your time to our endeavours. What would we do without you? We are indeed indebted to you all.

Rotary Newton Aycliffe members hope everyone had a marvellous Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Please stay safe!



Vandalism

Dear Sir,
I would just like to air my disgust at the horrible kids who vandalised my elderly parents property in Oakfield on Tuesday evening, 28th December.
My parents, aged 91 and 83, live in a bungalow, at 6pm I dropped my father off at home after visiting family, Mother had been at home on her own.
When dad went to ring the doorbell he found that it was missing - it had been forcibly pulled from the wall.
My mother told him that not long before, the bell had rang and when she looked out of the window there was no one there.
During the lead up to Christmas, they had been pestered by kids, supposedly Carol singing, the same kids called about three times, but understandably, my elderly parents always look out of the window to see who is there before opening the door and never open the door to strangers, so each time these kids went away empty handed.
I am assuming that, because of this, the same kids have returned and pulled the doorbell from the wall. Carol singing seems to be a dying trend, but I would urge parents to tell their kids NOT to go knocking at bungalow doors and frightening old or disabled people.
Thank you.
Name & address supplied

A Moment of Magic

Dear Sir,
After enduring the last two torturous years, like everyone else, I got up on New Years Day and decided to blow the cobwebs off. I thought a good way to begin the year would be to get some exercise and fresh air while taking in a bit of nature.
With that in mind I set off from Newton Aycliffe station intending to walk to Shildon station and back. This walk is usually invigorating with the choice to see various wild birds, maybe a glance of a shy rabbit or, if you're really lucky, a distant fox on his way home. It's just a simple walk with the chance to see the changing face of nature - just the way to kick off the year.
As the year unfolds you can see all sorts of wild flowers, butterflies and are able to watch the cycle of seasons displaying their simple beauty. Little was I to know what was awaiting me . . .
I had only been walking for about ten minutes when I heard a noise off to my left, I looked over and was a bit alarmed to see a man walking on the other side of the lines in a camouflage jacket carrying what looked like a powerful rifle.
He was slowly stalking along the hedge line, gun at the ready, waiting to shoot whatever poor creature he flushed out or stumbled upon. This sight made me feel both sick at what he was doing and wondering if he was behaving legally.
Surely after the two years we have all

endured, of fear, death, isolation, the last thing the world needs is more of the same. Have we learned nothing? Is there no way this man can exist alongside wildlife without having to snuff its life out? Can he not look at it and appreciate it for its beauty, be amazed by it, photograph it, draw it or just remember it as a moment of magic?
Surely there is no need to cruelly destroy it for no reason, so that it never breathes again, or is enjoyed by others. I don't understand what sort of twisted pleasure he can derive from the needless taking of a small innocent life. A human with a large brain, cleverly camouflaged, armed with a high powered rifle, stalking unsuspecting little animals with small brains surely out trying to find food to live.
It's hardly an evenly matched contest of skill is it? I wonder how many he has killed or mutilated over the years, no wonder wildlife is so scarce for us all to see.
When will he stop? When there is nothing left alive in his hunting area? What then, move on to another area and begin his butchery there? For pities sake, whoever you are, think about what you are doing, the world and the animal kingdom needs help, not more fear, pain and death. It's not too late to change, you can enjoy all the aspects of nature, but please, don't be cruel any more. Here's to a better new year for all God's creatures.
Name and address supplied

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Racecourse Road

Dear Sir,
I have noticed that Durham County Council resurfaced part of Burnhill Way, (heading towards the roundabout at Cobblers Hall), not so long ago. However, at the junction of Stephenson Way and Burnhill Way, there are two large channels right across the road probably less than 25 feet before they started to resurface the road. Perhaps they should rename this road

Racecourse Road, as the channels are probably as deep as the jumps at Aintree, and certainly feels like it when you pass over them. This will cause damage to suspension and springs. Typical incompetence by the Council! Surely it would have made sense to repair those channels while they were resurfacing the rest of Burnhill Way? Name and address supplied

Reward Offered

Dear Sir,
Thieves wanting to climb the ladder have made a good start after stealing my ladders from my home in Kirkstone Place! Armed with bolt croppers, they were stolen at approximately 8pm on Tuesday 21st December. A reward is offered to any person who locates them. Mr J Minall
78 Kirkstone Place

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	Roddymoor
Leadgate Central	Tow Law Rural	Henknowle North
Kelroe	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 LICENSED

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

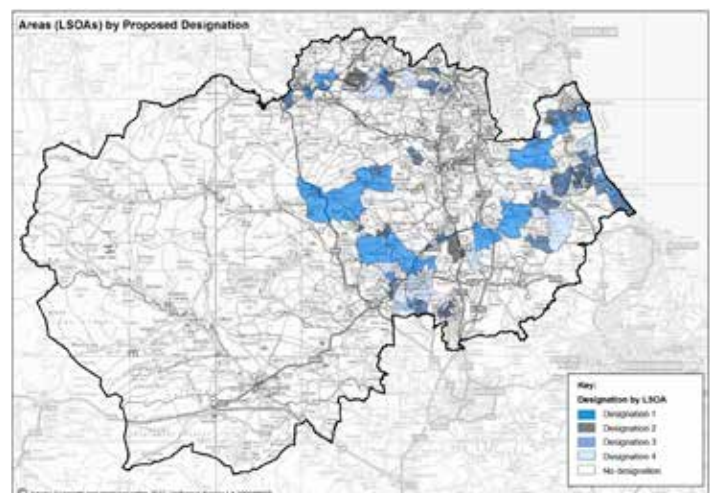
The Designation may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UQ and can be also obtained from the Council's website.

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.



Bringing Christmas Joy



On Friday 17th December, Vane Road children went on a festive trip around the local area delivering handmade Christmas cards. The children loved spreading Christmas joy to local residents and were even lucky enough to speak to some in person. Armed with giant candy canes and dressed in Christmas jumpers, the children sang Christmas songs and enjoyed being postman for the afternoon.



Representing the North East

Sedgefield Water Polo Club would like to congratulate Amelia Henderson and Simon McKim who were both selected to represent the North East U16 water polo teams at the Inter Regions competitions in Walsall recently. The boys played their competition at the end of November; results didn't quite go their way but the boys gained some valuable game play and match experience; this was their first competition since the before the first lockdown. The girls competition was held early December and they played exceptionally well and came away in second place, winning a very well deserved silver medal. The club now offer a beginners session on a Saturday afternoon for those boys and girls wishing to try this fun and exciting sport in the New Year. All sessions need



to be booked in advance so please check our website for further info and joining instructions; Contact us: sedgefieldwp@hotmail.com

Neville Community Association

Neville Community Association (NCA) has had two excellent days out recently. The first was a Christmas shopping trip to Boundary Mill in November and the second was a trip to see the panto Robin Hood at Durham Gala Theatre in December. 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 trip is to Wensleydale Creamery (including cheese making demonstration and lunch) on Wednesday 19th January 2022. The bus leaves the bus stop outside Neville Parade Methodist Church at 10.30am and leaves The Creamery at 3pm. Price £10 per seat. 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. Neville Community Association (NCA) are having a hot chocolate and marshmallows evening on Tuesday 18th January from 6.45pm in Neville Community Centre at Neville Parade. We are looking for ideas for trips and events for the next year....now's the time to put your ideas forward. If you have any questions for us please contact Heather Brewster on 07751 385250.

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New Year Hog Blog

For my first blog of 2022 and as always it's busy all year round, we admit poorly hedgehogs for the full 12 months of the year it has become the norm, baby hogs or very small ones have been coming in since last September. These hogs are far too small for hibernation so they need bringing into the warm where they will remain till spring.



I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this rescue, June who has always been on hand to help me when I am doing fairs, also for her very kind donation to help with her rescued hog, Angel. Lesley and Steve for their card and donation, Margaret for her donation for little Ian, Valerie for knitting lovely animals, Susan for making fabric animals. I would love to thank everyone but my list gets longer and longer, Denise for looking after Grace and Hermione, Peter and Terri who look after their own hog Henry, under my guidance. He would have certainly died had they not taken him in. We also did our first raffle, every winner got their prizes for Christmas, thank you everyone for your support. I would like to introduce to you all the littlest member of Prickly Haven, she is called Mitzi, I would like you to follow her recovery through the next few weeks and watch how she blossoms, she came in at a very tiny 137 grams in November, believe it or not, she is now 250 grams, she would have made an easy target for predators had Josephine not brought her in, she had an upset tummy but went on to show symptoms of mange and ringworm. The majority of her spines and hair have now, as you can see, gone but they will grow back, she will be safe here till she recovers. All hedgehogs in Rescue won't be released till spring, if they have come from a place of danger they won't go back there, we have release sites for all of these beautiful mammals where they can grow and be safe too. I would like to wish everyone who takes the time and trouble to read this blog a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society are still taking calls on 01584 890801 if you need any help. We have our own Facebook Page Prickly Haven Hedgehog Hotel or email: pricklyhaven@yahoo.com

Standing Up For Sedgefield!

Dear Sir,

Just before Christmas I received a leaflet (with my copy of Newton News) from Paul Howell MP, who is supposedly 'Standing up for Sedgefield', which prompts the following comments:

It would be interesting to know how much this leaflet, which I presume went to all homes in the Sedgefield Constituency, cost? It is certainly an example of how the Tories, with their wealthy backers, have an unfair advantage over other political parties.

Secondly, given the current situation, I doubt that the picture of Paul with Boris Johnson will have done Paul any favours!

I believe in the principle of Levelling Up, which Paul mentions several times. However, the Tories current funding is totally inadequate, and I doubt that even this will long survive Boris Johnson's (hopefully) imminent departure, with the majority of Tory MPs opposed to supporting the taxation which will be necessary for a real 'levelling up'. Moreover, I fear that more austerity is the likely policy of the next Tory Prime Minister.

Finally, he mentions the 98 extra Police Officers, who are indeed good news. However, he fails to mention that far more than this were lost as a result of previous Tory Government's Austerity cuts.

I have no doubt that Paul, whom I know personally, is trying his best to be a good local MP. However, this is not enough, when your parliamentary votes consistently support a Government of right-wing extremists, whose actions are against the real best interests of most Sedgefield electors.

Alan Jordan, Middridge

ACORN Residents Association

We wish all of our members and other residents best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2022.

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday 13th January at 6pm in the Phoenix Club (upstairs). We will be keeping you up to date with our events for the coming year and asking for your suggestions for any other events and excursions. Our visit to the pantomime at the Gala Theatre, Durham was once again a success and a good time was had by all.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us and have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two along with a chat. Hope to see you there.

Sedgefield 75 Swimmers Conquer Wales

The towns swimming club, Sedgefield 75, took the unusual step of competing at the Welsh National Winter Championships on the weekend of 17th-19th December. The competition is open to entries from any club in Britain and Sedgefield 75 opted to join fellow north-east clubs, Sunderland and Tynemouth, in taking on this new experience.

Three swimmers, meeting the qualification times requirements, made the long journey to the Wales National Pool in Swansea for three days of racing against Wales's finest swimmers. The competition had some top swimmers as Swim Wales was using it for selection for Commonwealth Games.

An age-group competition ran along with the seniors with medals up for grabs in 12/13 years old and 14/15 years old categories. Finals had to be qualified for in events of 200m and less, adding to the swimmer's workload.

On day one, Charlie McEwan swam in his one event, 50m freestyle and put in a personal best, 27.30 seconds, in his heat. Emma Price kicked off her competition qualifying second fastest for the 200m freestyle final and third fastest for the 100m butterfly final.

Filip Wilczynski also made it into his first two finals, fastest in 200m backstroke and fourth fastest in 100m butterfly.

Later in the evening came the finals and Filip matched his qualifying and won gold in the backstroke in a new club record and came 4th in the butterfly. Filip also moved to the top of the long course British rankings for 12-year-old boys. Emma also maintained her positions in the finals taking silver in the freestyle and bronze in her butterfly. A great start to the weekend.

In to day two and Emma cruised into the 200m individual medley final third fastest, setting a new club record. In the afternoon Emma swam the 800m freestyle, thankfully a heat declared winner event, also in a new club record and took the gold by a big margin, and a swim that ranks Emma as British number one. The exertions, however, took their toll as she came in 5th in the individual medley final later. Filip's second day saw him break club records in 100m backstroke and 50m butterfly on the way to finals again, fastest qualifier again for the backstroke. He managed to break the 100m backstroke record again in the final with a time of 1:07.82 and took the silver medal. Filip also took the British number one spot for 100m backstroke.

On to the Sunday and Filip was at it again with new club records in qualifying fastest for the final of 50m backstroke. He took another silver medal to finish, with a gold and two silvers from his five events and this considering Filip is 12 years old and was competing against 13-year-olds.

Emma set a new PB and qualified for the 100m freestyle final before taking silver in the 400m freestyle. Emma achieved one gold, two silver and a bronze in an impressive weekend of swimming.

An overall medal tally of two golds, four silvers and a bronze. Six new club records, three British number one rankings and two champions of Wales!

Not a bad first dabble in 'international' competition!



Megan in the Finals

Megan Holland, a music degree student at New College Durham, has made it to the finals of the national Soundwaves Music Competition taking place at the O2 Institute in Birmingham next May.

The Soundwaves Competition is open to all genres and solo acts and groups of different sizes. The main aim is to find the nations best talent and provide them with an unforgettable multinational platform to gain invaluable exposure.

Megan, or known as her stage name SheWayOut, is studying music at a degree level and is currently on her second year of learning. She is from Newton Aycliffe and hopes to make her mark on the world. She takes her inspiration from indie music such as The Night Café, Feverdream and Bombay Bicycle Club.

Megan has lived in Newton Aycliffe all her life along with all her family who all show great support with her music. Megan attended Sugar Hill Primary School, Greenfield and UTC. She has her own home studio, so a lot of her inspiration comes from looking out the window and seeing how the weather is affecting the town and the trees and the park she live next to, helping to set the mood for inspiration.

Megan said "It is great living here, there's so much countryside to inspire me. I visit the Iron Horse with my friends and they always try and make me get up on the karaoke, so far they have succeeded once!"

SheWayOut successfully made it through the first three stages of the competition: an audio clip, a face-to-face gig with other acts who made it through and submitting two pre-recorded videos of two songs to be judged.

If you wish to send SheWayOut, Megan, good luck you can follow her on Instagram under SheWayOut.music - you can also listen to her singles on YouTube, Apple Music, Spotify and all other major platforms either via the link through her Instagram bio or by searching her stage name SheWayOut.



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

Happy New Year to each and every one of you, I sincerely hope that we are all able to have a better year in 2022 than we were able to in 2021. It was disappointing to see a number of events cancelled due to Covid risks over the break, but I believe the restrictions implemented before Christmas were relatively light touch and appropriate and hope that these were followed with appropriate common sense by as many as possible. I must also say a huge thanks to Santa and Mrs Claus for getting out and about in the town in the days leading up to Christmas, the weather at times was particularly poor but I am sure they put smiles on many children's faces, so well done to you and your helpers Santa.

I also had the pleasure of calling in to the Royal Mail sorting office on the industrial estate to thank our posties for all their efforts, looking at the routes it brought back memories of my paper rounds on the town. Posties go out in all weathers and deserve our appreciation, particularly with all the extra cards and small parcels they deliver at this time of year.

We have all seen the tremendous progress on booster jabs and I was able to call in to see the team from the Jubilee practice working at the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP) a north east health and wellbeing charity with a base at Cobblers Hall, Newton Aycliffe. I am very grateful for their hard work and would like to thank them for their efforts, but they can only do their job if you do yours and turn up. Please can I encourage everyone to get jabbed or boosted as appropriate and reduce the risks as far as possible. There are walk-ins available but if you make an appointment and then find you can't make it, please remember to cancel it so we don't waste any vaccines.

Before heading to Westminster this week, I was able to do a session with the team from Play Café, this was a pleasure and I thank the team for all they do. The Play Café are a charity based at the Big Club in Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe and they offer free support during school holidays for families at risk of holiday hunger and social isolation. The team gift food, activities and groceries for the family at various pop-up cafe events across Newton Aycliffe.

The first week in January sees a relatively slow start in Westminster as the House did not return from recess until Wednesday and as usual it does not sit on Friday so I shall return north on Thursday. As I am writing this on Wednesday morning, I do not yet know how the business will go but Wednesday will see Prime Minister's Questions at 3.00pm rather than the usual 12.00pm. This is because as it is the first day back, we are sitting with 'Monday' timings which means we start at 2.30pm and finish close to 11.00pm in the evening. I will go to PMQs before then heading to a Bill Committee for the rest of the session. The Bill Committee I am on is the Finance Bill which looks at the Government's spending policy, following the spending review in December. This is what is called the committee stage where a cross party group of MPs review the Bill line by line before it returns to the House.

You may have noticed that in the final PMQs before Christmas I was able to bob for a question and the PM congratulated Hitachi on winning the HS2 contract and the team who submitted the bid for reopening Ferryhill railway station.

Once back in the Sedgefield constituency, I have meetings scheduled on Friday with the Fire Service and I am also looking forward to visiting businesses on Aycliffe industrial estate. We will soon put out our next schedule of surgeries but whilst my team are largely working from home we are still fully operational if you require our help. You can contact us at the usual email or phone numbers. Please stay safe, look after you and those around you and let's enjoy 2022.

Paul Howell, MP for Sedgefield

Christmas at St. Clare's Court

HC-One's St Clare's Court, residential and residential memory care home, in Newton Aycliffe would like to say a huge thank you! From everyone at St Clare's Court, they would like to say a massive thank you to Tesco for donated the Christmas tree and decorations to make the whole of the care home festive.

It is so nice to see the Residents so happy at this time of year, as they love all the decorations. It's the little things which make a huge difference to the Residents at this time of year. The Residents have loved looking at all the Christmas lights at night.

The staff would like to say a big thank you to Tie-Bird for making them festive t-shirts to wear, to get everyone in the festive spirit. Finally, a huge thank you goes to the community for the support they have given St Clare's Court throughout the past year. Everyone really appreciates everything that everyone has done for us! One Resident, commented, "Team spirit in the community is amazing!"

Helen Emerson, Care Home Manager, added, "I can't thank everyone enough. It has been a great year, and everyone in the community has really made St Clare's Court feel so special. And thank you to my team who have been so amazing."



Paul Howell
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Twenty-five Members started 2022 with a parkrun, with members visiting Darlington South Park, Durham, Hackworth, and Sedgfield parkrun events on New Year's Day.

Races also continued over the Christmas period, and several members travelled to north Yorkshire on Tuesday 28th December 2021, to take on the Jolly Holly Jog, a multi-terrain 10K race taking in part of the Studley Royal Park near Ripon. First home for the Club was John Firby in 40:44, and he was followed home by Paul Dalton, who crossed the line in 43:43. Stuart Joyce was next home in 48:35, with Richard Holland finishing in 51:14, and Simon Turner completing the race in 55:18. Alan Kellett was next home in 1:03:09, with wife Anne crossing the line in 1:09:25.

On Sunday 2nd January 2022, the club was represented at the Stuart Pailor Memorial (Old Monks) Trail Race, hosted by the Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers. Simon Turner was the first club member across the finish line, completing his race in 47:22. Craig Robinson was the next member home in 52:32. Trish Kay was the first female member of the club to finish, crossing the line in 58:30, only just ahead of Bev Phillipppo, who finished in 58:38. Eve Doe was the final Aycliffe runner home, in a time of 1:03:36.

Sandrine Hewitt was the club's sole representative at the Hamsterley Forest Winter Trail 10K on Sunday, which was hosted by Greener Miles Running. Sandrine completed the trails and tracks around the beautiful forest park in 1:18:18.

The Club was also represented at the North Tyneside Trail 12K ('Run for Bob') on Sunday, however the results had not been published at the time of going to press, and we will report on this race next week.

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

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A few weeks ago, one of our 'Angels' approached a new neighbour who was clearly living alone. That person was Anne, (not her real name) a stranger to the area, and she was glad of the chat and asked about clubs and groups, especially art groups. The 'Angel' was able to provide details of a ladies social group and a contact number for someone who runs weekly sketch walks and in turn he gave information on an art group in Newton Aycliffe. Anne joined them all and went along the very next week to the sketch walk which happened to be in Heighington.

They had a lovely afternoon, but it soon became quite cold and as they were passing the church heading home, a member of the clergy invited them inside for a warming drink and a chat. Anne was made aware that a church coffee morning was coming up and a musical evening the following week. She attended both and found her 'Angel' at the coffee morning. Her words to the 'Angel' were 'you have changed my life'. Those few words are worth a million to the Street Angels. Additional volunteers are needed especially for the 'new estates' and if you think you would be willing to share your local knowledge with residents, please ring Rev. Lissa 01325 312134.

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Cllr John Shuttleworth, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for rural communities and highways, said: "While we are still enjoying the milder weather, we need to be prepared for the frost and any potential for snow fall during the winter period. It's important that the winter maintenance fleet and salt stockpiles are ready to go as soon as the weather turns. All of the vehicles have to be well maintained and serviced as the conditions can be challenging for our divers and they need to be able to rely on these vehicles."

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Mary Whittaker

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In Memoriam

Roy Reed

Dad - 12.1.2021

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