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Welcome to One Darlington

Welcome to One Darlington. After what has seemed like an incredibly long and cold winter, spring is finally around the corner.

I manage the adult contact team, part of the council's adult services department. Adult services supports some of the most vulnerable people in our community. This includes adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, sensory impairments and people with long term conditions. We aim to promote the wellbeing of people we work with and take a personalised approach to providing support, working closely with the NHS and other partners.

It's a pleasure to introduce the team and share a little about what we do in the first in a series of articles on adult services. Turn to pages 8 and 9 to find out more and look out for features in future editions.

Elsewhere in this issue, we're looking forward to a busy summer of events in the town centre and further afield. There's a chance to win your share of £500 in town centre shopping vouchers on page 20 and you can head to the back page for a handy, cut-out-and-keep guide to the great events coming up over the next few months.

The town centre received a boost recently when its Purple Flag status was renewed, meaning you can be assured of a safe, secure and enjoyable evening out. See page 21.

We're also looking ahead to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the summer. Turn to pages 4 and 5 to find out how you can get involved.

Being eco-friendly is another theme that runs throughout this edition. Turn to page 7 to read how our highways team is using new technology to reduce the environmental impact of roadworks. On page 22 and 23, you can read about Green Doctors, the free service aimed at helping people save money on their energy and water bills, while making their homes more energy efficient.

Whatever you get up to this spring, I wish you every health and happiness. Enjoy the magazine.



Samantha Cairns
Team manager, adult services

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PLATINUM JU

Preparations are underway to celebrate HRH Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we want you to get involved!

There are lots of plans to mark the historic occasion, including a big screen showing of Mary Poppins, children's activities, a double decker bus bar, tea dance and live music in the Market Square over the specially extended Bank Holiday weekend in June. You'll also be able to come down and enjoy an afternoon tea on our specially laid lawn and watch live screenings from London including the Trooping of the Colour and The Party at the Palace

At 9.45pm on Thursday 2 June, we will be lighting one of more than 1,500 beacons in recognition of The Queen's long service and, in the run up to the Bank Holiday, we are asking for help to plant 3,500 trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

Keep your eye on our social media, website and the next edition of One Darlington for more details.

Time to start planning your celebrations

As part of the celebrations, The Big Jubilee Lunch is being held on Sunday 5 June to encourage everyone to hold a street party or neighbourhood celebration in honour of the Queen.

If you want to host a street party you need to start planning now, especially if you want to apply to close a road.

There are details of what to do, as well as advice and information on hosting any neighbourhood gatherings on our website at www.darlington.gov.uk/streetparties



Youngsters from Maidendale Nursery get in the Jubilee spirit with Councillors Kevin Nicholson, Steven Tait and Jonathan Dulston.

BILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Green Canopy

We are joining forces with communities across the country to plant tens of thousands of trees to mark the Jubilee. We need volunteers to help us plant them in various places in the borough.

Get the dates in your diary and check out our Facebook page for updates

Baydale Beck	Thursday 17 March	1-4pm	Meet at Edgecombe Drive/Staindrop Road
Rockwell	Saturday 19 March	10am-1pm	Meet at Riverside Way/Hutton Avenue
£5 Note Bridge	Tuesday 22 March	10am-1pm	Meet at Field Street
Wylam Ave	Thursday 24 March	10am-1pm	Meet at Wylam Avenue
Low Coniscliffe	Saturday 26 March	10am-1pm	Meet by the river (Wood Lane)
Brinkburn	Monday 28 March	10am-1pm	Meet at Hartington Way
Heighington	Tuesday 5 April	10am-1pm	Meet on the grass area next to Redworth Road/A6072
Brinkburn	Wednesday 6 April	10am-1pm	Meet at Hartington Way
Low Coniscliffe	Friday 7 April	10am-1pm	Meet by the river (Wood Lane)
Merrybent	Saturday 8 April	10am-1pm	Meet at the bench on the grass area next to the A67/A1M bridge

For more information please contact the ranger team on 406719 or email countryside@darlington.gov.uk

Share your 70th celebrations

Are you celebrating your 70th birthday or your platinum wedding anniversary during the Jubilee weekend? Has your family business been open for 70 years? If you have a personal reason to be celebrating during the Jubilee Bank Holiday we would love to hear from you. Email editor@onedarlington.org.uk



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On the road to greener highways

As part of our pledge to tackle climate change and reduce our carbon emissions, services across the council are looking at how they can reduce the impact of the work they do.

Our highways team is using new technology, new materials and new ways of working to tackle the carbon footprint caused by road resurfacing and repairs.

Thanks to their efforts, 147 tonnes of CO2 have been saved in the last three years – that's the same as driving 882,000 miles in a diesel car!

So, what has the highways team done differently?

When a road is being resurfaced, most carbon emissions come from trucks going to and from the site, removing old material and bringing in new.

Recycling the existing road surface by breaking it up, mixing it with a small amount of new material and then putting it back down – all in one continuous process, using one machine – saves dozens of truck movements each time.

The recycling method has been successfully used on Estoril Road South, The Fairway, Fenby Avenue, Cleveland Avenue and Hewitson Road.

In the last three years, this recycling method has saved 230 truck journeys and prevented 4,000 tonnes of road material going to landfill.

Another idea, trialled last year, saw 2,780 tonnes of road materials saved from other jobs and recycled back into the carriageway on Middleton Lane, in Sadberge.

This saved 146 wagon trips in one job and was finished almost two weeks earlier than traditional methods, meaning the road was reopened sooner, so there was less disruption for residents and highway users.

We'll use the same idea again this year on another large job.

Recycling isn't suitable for all roads. Where we have to use traditional methods we've used a warm rather than hot asphalt. This leads to an 8-10% reduction in carbon emissions, with the same quality material.

After successful trials last year, we'll be using warm asphalt on all suitable surfacing schemes this year.

We also carry out repairs to footpaths and have been looking at a one material process, instead of the old two step method. This halves the time to lay a footpath, reduces emissions and means less disruption for pedestrians.

Find out more about the work being done across the council to reduce carbon emissions at www.darlington.gov.uk/sustainable

Spotlight on:



Sam Cairns, centre, with Natalie Greaves, left, and Heather Relph

Looking after some of the most vulnerable people in our community is one of the council's most important duties.

In the first in a series of articles on adult social care, we take an in-depth look at one of the teams helping to deliver that service.

One of the many teams that makes up the council's adults services department is the Adult Contact Team (ACT).

It is made up of a range of different professionals, each committed to helping people as much as possible to build on their own strengths and networks as a means of meeting their social care needs.

The team's two main functions are:

- responding to requests for assessments of need, enquiries about safeguarding issues, advice and information about services, as well as responding to urgent or crisis situations
- a short-term casework element, enabling the provision of short-term social work for up to 16 weeks. This is for adults with a range of complex needs. The team works proactively with service users, their families, carers and other relevant professionals.

Sam Cairns, team manager: "I joined the council in 2011 as a newly qualified social worker, gaining valuable knowledge and experience in a range of areas. I have a strong passion for supporting the progression and development of others and believe in providing high challenge with high support. The council has supported me to develop and reach my goal and these values remain at the core of my approach as a manager."

Natalie Greaves, senior practitioner: "I started my career in the reablement team in 2018. This instilled in me a strength-based, person-centred approach, with a focus on helping people to live at home as independently as possible."

Heather Relph, senior practitioner: "I have more than nine years' experience working in adult social care. I have a particular interest in mental capacity and empowering adults in their own decision making."

If you, or someone you know (over the age of 18), needs support from adult social care, you can call 406111 or fill in the online support form. Visit www.darlington.gov.uk and search for adult social care.

adult social care



CASE STUDY

An elderly man with dementia was referred to the team from hospital. It was not safe for him to return home, so he was discharged into a temporary 24-hour care placement whilst further assessments could be completed. A multi-agency approach was taken to support his long-term needs.

It was identified his needs could be met in an Extra Care provision, which would continue to promote his independence whilst he received necessary support. He has now settled into his new accommodation. His daughter has seen a significant improvement in her dad's wellbeing and the move has also reduced her caring responsibilities allowing them to spend more quality time together.

What they said...

"ACT is a great place to work.

The team are very friendly and supportive of each other. You really get a sense of the support available to you, from colleagues and managers. You can easily build networks and relationships with other professions, around the people we work with. This enables close working relationships, which can really help to provide the support needed."

– social work apprentice

"Our social worker has been the person who has been constant in this painful journey. My emails are always answered promptly, he has been totally honest with us regarding the process, he has managed our expectations and has met with us on more than one occasion to answer our non-stop questions, in person and online... he has been able to point us in the right direction and reassure us. He is a credit to adult services, and we feel we were very lucky to have the responsibility for assessing and managing mum's care needs placed in his safe hands."

– service user's family member

"Since taking over this role, I have been constantly impressed by the dedication and hard work of our teams across the full range of disciplines. Keep up the great work, everyone!"

**– Lorraine Tostevin,
cabinet member for adult social care**

Tackling energy price rises



Many of us face an increase in our household bills as energy prices continue to rise, but there is help available if you are struggling with your finances or need some advice – you are not alone!

Darlington Citizen Advice (CAB) can help:

ENERGY HELP - a dedicated team of CAB energy workers can offer advice on what to do if you owe your supplier money as well as suggesting discounts and benefits to help you pay your energy bills. They can also give energy efficiency advice as the less you use the less you will pay.

DEBT - if you are at risk of going into debt or already struggling, CAB can help with free advice on budgeting, planning and debt management. The sooner you ask for help, the quicker you can get back in control of your finances.

BENEFITS - CAB can check if you are receiving all the benefits and support you are entitled to. Millions of pounds of unclaimed benefits are owed to Darlington residents, and you could be one of them.

If you are worried about how you are going to pay your bills this month, call CAB on 266888 ext 120, text 07394 187585 or email energy@darlingtoncab.co.uk

The team also runs drop-in sessions at The CORE on Church Row, Monday to Friday 10am to noon.

Call 0800 048 7023 and select option 1, Monday to Friday 10am-1pm or email debtappointment@darlingtoncab.co.uk

More advice is available at: www.darlington.gov.uk/homeenergy

Help to reduce your energy bills

By reducing the amount of energy you use and making your home as energy efficient as possible, you could help to lessen the effect of energy price rises and help the planet.

Simple things like switching lights off when you leave a room, closing doors, fitting draught excluders, using energy efficient lightbulbs, switching plugs off at the wall and turning the TV or radio off when you go out, all help to reduce the amount of energy you use.

As part of our commitment to tackling climate change, the council is working to reduce the amount of energy we use to help save money and the planet. The new boilers installed in the Hippodrome and Dolphin Centre have helped to improve the energy efficiency of these large venues and we have recently installed additional solar panels to help reduce our carbon footprint and our bills.

Find out more about what you can do and the steps we are taking to use less energy and tackle climate change at www.darlington.gov.uk/sustainable

Have a greener Easter

This Easter, look for eggs that are in recyclable packaging or have reduced packaging. Many companies have started producing eggs just in foil so there's no box or bag to throw away.

Buy your Easter treats from local supplies and bakers. The chances are they will use less packaging and there will be less food miles if items are baked or made locally reducing the impact on the environment.

RECYCLE BIN

Rigid plastic, cardboard and clean foil



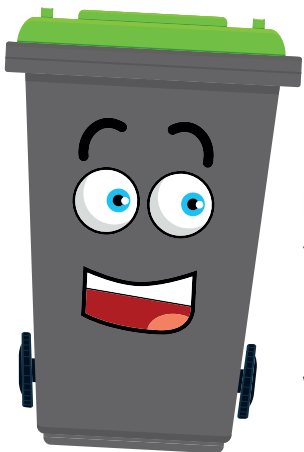
GENERAL WASTE

Wrappers, chocolate and soft plastic (like the window from the box)



GOOD NEWS

Bin collections will stay the same over the Easter holidays! Please put your bin out for collection by 7am and take it back in as soon as you can.



TURN YOUR BIN INTO BENJI

Pick up a free sticker and turn your recycling bin into your very own Benji Bin!

You can get your Benji face sticker from Darlington Library at Crown Street, Cockerton Library, Under the Sea soft play at the Dolphin Centre and the Head of Steam Railway Museum while stocks last!

We'd love to see your Benjis – you can email photos to feedback@darlington.gov.uk or tag us on social media and include the hashtag #BenjiBin

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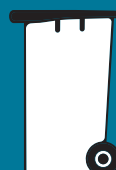
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The remaining £4.5m of funding is spent in areas such as regulation, financing costs, emergency planning and coroner costs.
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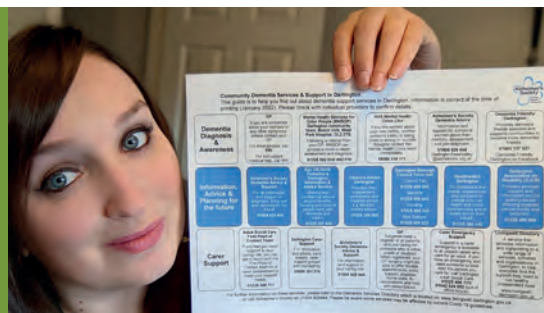
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New dementia support guide



A guide has been launched to help people affected by dementia find out what support is available to them.

Kathryn Hardwick, a dementia adviser for the Alzheimer's Society, came up with the idea of the dementia information card which brings together advice, group activities and services' details.

She said: "I have met so many people who are unaware of what services are available to

them in Darlington, especially at the point of diagnosis.

"I am also aware once people do get involved in services, they get a whole wealth of leaflets and booklets from different organisations which can be overwhelming.

"Having a one stop shop information card with all updated organisations and services makes it much easier to navigate and contact the most appropriate service to meet your needs."

To get a copy of the guide call the Alzheimer's Society on 01904 929444, email DarlingtonTeesValley@alzheimers.org.uk or visit the Dementia Friendly Darlington Facebook page and the Living Well Darlington website.

Library home delivery service

If you are over 60 or unable to get to the library due to ill health, disability or frailty, our staff and volunteers can deliver a selection of books to your door every month.

Beryl Westwood, 82, is among those who have already signed up. She said: "It's such a wonderful service, thank you for everything you do."

To find out more visit www.darlington.gov.uk/library and click on home library service, call 349610 or email library@darlington.gov.uk



Beryl Westwood and Bob Harwood, one of the library team



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A trip down memory lane

Library staff have created a series of special reminiscence boxes for older people and those with dementia to enjoy.

The boxes cover a range of themes – including the 1950s, 1960s, gardening, trains and the seaside – with more planned. Each box contains a range of books and objects to talk about and share memories.

Joan, 84, tried out one of the boxes and said: "I haven't been far from my house over the past couple of years and found that on those days that I did see someone I talked about the same things most of the time. It was lovely looking through what was in the box with my family and telling them about how things were for me in the 1950s, something we had never done."

The boxes can be loaned from the Centre for Local Studies in the Crown Street branch. You can reserve a box via the library's online catalogue or call in to see what is available. For more information about Darlington Library visit www.darlington.gov.uk/library



Joan with one of the new boxes

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Emailing councillors

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For example, if you want to email Heather Scott, type in heather.scott@darlington.gov.uk

The only exceptions are Andy Scott (Haughton and Springfield), Ian Bell (Harrowgate Hill) and Anne-Marie Curry (North Road). Their email addresses are shown with their contact details.

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Paul Baldwin (I) Tel: 07515 814007. **Jan Cossins (L)** Tel: 241124. **Eddie Heslop (L)** Tel: 406444.

COLLEGE

Bryony Holroyd (G) Tel: 07570 776553. **Matthew Snedker (G)** Tel: 07780 807059. Abbey Junior School, Monday, 21 March and 4 April, 6-7pm.

EASTBOURNE

Jonathan Dulston (C) Tel: 07775 555251. Firthmoor Community Centre, Wednesday 30 March and 27 April, 3-4pm. **Kevin Nicholson (I)** Tel: 07791 807629. **Steven Tait (I)** Tel: 07825 303036. Firthmoor Community Centre, Thursday 17 March and 21 April, 6-7pm.

HARROWGATE HILL

Ian Bell (C) Tel: 07581 300111, ian.bell2@darlington.gov.uk. **Jon Clarke (C)** Tel: 07875 057253. By appointment only at Whessoe Parish Hall, Wednesday 13 April, 6-7pm. **Lynn Paley (I)** Tel: 07963 706171. By appointment only at Harrowgate CIU Ltd, Wednesday 13 April, 6-7pm.

HAUGHTON AND SPRINGFIELD

Chris McEwan (L) Tel: 07947 016598. **Andy Scott (L)** Tel: 253707, andrew.scott@darlington.gov.uk. **Nick Wallis (L)** Tel: 07960 247554. Asda foyer, Saturday 2 April and 7 May, 10-11am.

HEIGHTINGTON AND CONISCLIFFE

Gerald Lee (C) Tel: 314622. **Paul Crudass (C)** Tel: 374537. Heighington Village Hall, Saturday 2 April, 10-11am; St Marys Church, Piercebridge, Saturday 7 May, 10-11am.

HUMMERSKNOTT

Charles Johnson (C) Tel: 463712. **Jack Sowerby (C)** Tel: 07730 480295. By appointment only at Hummersknott Academy, Monday 28 March and 25 April, 6-7pm.

HURWORTH

Christy Chou (C) Tel: 405998. **Lorraine Tostevin (C)** Tel: 333382. By appointment only at Hurworth Grange Library, Monday 4 April and 9 May, 6-7pm.

MOWDEN

Pauline Culley (C) Tel: 250482. **Alan Marshall (C)** Tel: 359138 or 07807 523106. Mowden Junior School, Monday 4 April and 9 May, 6.30-7.30pm.

NORTHGATE

Sajna Ali (L) Tel: 405998. **Eleanor Lister (L)** Tel: 406444.

NORTH ROAD

Hilary Allen (LD) Tel: 480277. **Nigel Boddy (LD)** Tel: 07583 174104. **Anne-Marie Curry (LD)** Tel: 07531 304050, annemarie.curry@darlington.gov.uk. Morrisons café, Tuesday 12 April and 10 May, 6-7pm; St Thomas Aquinas Church, Tuesday 22 March and 26 April, 1-2pm.

PARK EAST

Cyndi Hughes (L) Tel: 480975. **Libby McCollom (L)** Tel: 07910 369887. **Michael Nicholson (L)** Tel: 240750. The Forum, Tuesday 12 April, 6-7pm.

PARK WEST

Bob Donoghue (C) Tel: 07767 294194. **Heather Scott (C)** Tel: 468547.

PIERREMONT

Stephen Harker (L) Tel: 380039. **Linda Hughes (L)** Tel: 07904 772387; **Mary Layton (L)** 491802 or 07460 980776. Reid Street Primary School, Wednesday 6 April and 4 May, 6-7pm.

RED HALL AND LINGFIELD

Hilary Lucas (L) Tel: 249215. Ward surgeries: Red Hall Community Centre, 13 April, 6-7pm. **David Willis (C)** Tel: 07451 214343.

SADBERGE AND MIDDLETON ST GEORGE

Brian Jones (C) Tel: 332820. **Doris Jones (C)** Tel: 332820. **Deborah Laing (C)** Tel: 07747 863297.

STEPHENSON

Ian Haszeldine (L) Tel: 496548. **Mike Renton (C)** Tel: 07495 697592. St James the Great Church, Wednesday 30 March, 6-7.30pm; Wesley Court, Wednesday 27 April, 6-7.30pm.

WHINFIELD

Jamie Barch (C) Tel: 07554 645651. **Andy Keir (C)** Tel: 07597 297654. The Shuttle & Loom, Saturday 2 April and 7 May, 11am-noon.

MPs' SURGERIES:



Peter Gibson (Darlington MP)

can be contacted through his constituency office at 34 Duke Street, Darlington, DL3 7TZ. Call 711711 or email peter.gibson.mp@parliament.uk



Paul Howell (Sedgefield MP)

can be contacted by email at paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk



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“I love working for the council, because every day myself and the team have a positive impact on the lives of young people.”

#50 Faces

www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces

Steven Winterburn, coordinator for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

YEI is a programme designed to help young people in Darlington get into education, employment or training. It's been running since 2016 and I joined in 2017. It's funded by the European Social Fund and, for the last two years, our programme has been the most successful across the whole of the Tees Valley and has helped many young people into work.

No two days are ever the same. Early morning I'll update our Facebook page with work and training opportunities then drive to the Youth Hub where I may be doing financial claims, profiling, meeting an employer or checking paperwork. Sometimes I'll be helping someone find their birth certificate or open a bank account – all things that can be a barrier to finding work. Most of what I do has one underlying aim – to improve the career prospects of young people in Darlington.

Our team offers careers advice, help with applying for work and preparing for interviews and help to boost self-esteem and confidence. So far this year, I have met with EE and arranged for us to deliver a pre-contact centre course for young people, where they will be guaranteed an interview; arranged a recruitment event for Click Digital and St John of God and much more.

After lockdown we realised that seeing people face to face worked best for us, so last year we established Darlington Youth Hub. It has become a one stop shop with other agencies, including the Jobcentre and work coaches, making it easier for young people to get the help they need. We've also expanded our team so we can help even more people.

Working with young people, you get to know them, and seeing them a year or two later in the street and hearing how far they have progressed is what it is all about for me.

I have always worked in employment and training, mostly with younger people. How we work here in Darlington, with the Youth Hub, having close relations with the Jobcentre and treating each person as an individual works amazingly well – this type of success is not possible with a one size fits all approach. Having flexibility has made our YEI programme into what it is, that's why I love working for the council. Each day I go home with a smile on my face and wake up the following morning with that same smile!



Recycling

success

A record £16,575 was raised for St Teresa's Hospice this year thanks to their Christmas tree recycling scheme. More than 1,600 trees were collected by volunteers from Darlington Rotary Club from residents in return for a small donation. The scheme was supported by Drive Vauxhall, rental companies Enterprise and Charter, and MT Print.

Join the Big Spring Clean!

Do your bit to help the environment by joining in this year's Big Spring Clean, which runs until Monday 4 April. Join a local litter pick with friends, a community group, your school or businesses. To take part email litterfreedurham@darlington.gov.uk or call 406719.

Licence applications

From Monday 4 April, anyone applying for, or renewing, a licence as a taxi driver, private hire driver/operator, scrap metal site/collector, will need an HMRC code to confirm they are registered for tax. More information at www.darlington.gov.uk/licensing, email licensing@darlington.gov.uk or call 405888.

The Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum is now more accessible thanks to funding from the Tees Valley Museums National Portfolio Organisation and Arts Council England.

A series of British Sign Language films have been created with the funding to enable visitors with hearing impairments to enjoy star objects throughout the museum. To find out more or to plan your visit, go to www.head-of-steam.co.uk.



Sarah Gouldsbrough, learning & access officer

Time to get online!

Getting online can be daunting. Help is on hand from the Let's Do Digital team who can get you up and running and support you along the way. The friendly team can provide:

- a free iPad on loan
- free internet to get you online
- one to one support and training
- library membership
- free online resources to help you use the internet.

**DO IT
ONLINE**

Find out more on 349610 or visit www.darlington.gov.uk/letsdodigital

Working together to make our streets safer

Dozens of door staff have received new training as part of an initiative to help make our streets safer.

Police officers from Durham Constabulary have trained over 50 security industry authorised door staff from licensed premises across the town centre in how to spot vulnerability and potential predatory behaviour, and how to take action to prevent it.

The training is one of a series of education and development programmes being carried out thanks to funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets 3 Fund, designed to help women and girls feel safer in public spaces.

More than £450,000 has been awarded to the town, which is being used to help tackle the issues raised by residents through the Call It Out survey. The survey was run by Durham Constabulary last year to find out how safe women and girls feel and identify improvements they wanted to see.

Almost 1,300 people responded to the survey, which found that women felt significantly less safe on an evening when out and about in their neighbourhood or town centre.

The findings have informed a range of initiatives led by police and the council to help make the town a safer place for everyone, which include:

- the introduction of a dedicated police patrol car in the town centre on Friday and Saturday

nights to respond quickly to concerns

- improvements to street lighting as this was raised as a significant issue in the survey
- new e-bikes so police and council wardens can carry out more frequent, high visibility patrols in hard-to-reach places
- safety and empowerment sessions
- engagement with local students
- an improved radio network for the town's Pub Watch members
- increased and broader consultation with the community.

Chief Superintendent Adrian Green, from Durham Constabulary, said: "The Safer Streets Partnership is working hard and using the funding to provide the community with improvements that make the town a better and safer place, particularly for women and girls. This ranges from providing education to young people on healthy relationships, consent and boundaries right up to improved patrol and intervention capabilities."



SAFER STREETS

SECURE, DETER, PREVENT

£500 of vouchers to be won!

There's so much to enjoy in Darlington that we thought we'd offer the chance to win your share of £500 of vouchers to spend in the town, plus swimming vouchers for the Dolphin Centre.

Alongside the fantastic range of free family events taking place this year, you can read all about them on the back page, there's a wonderful range of shops, bars, restaurants and cafes to help make sure you enjoy our great town centre.

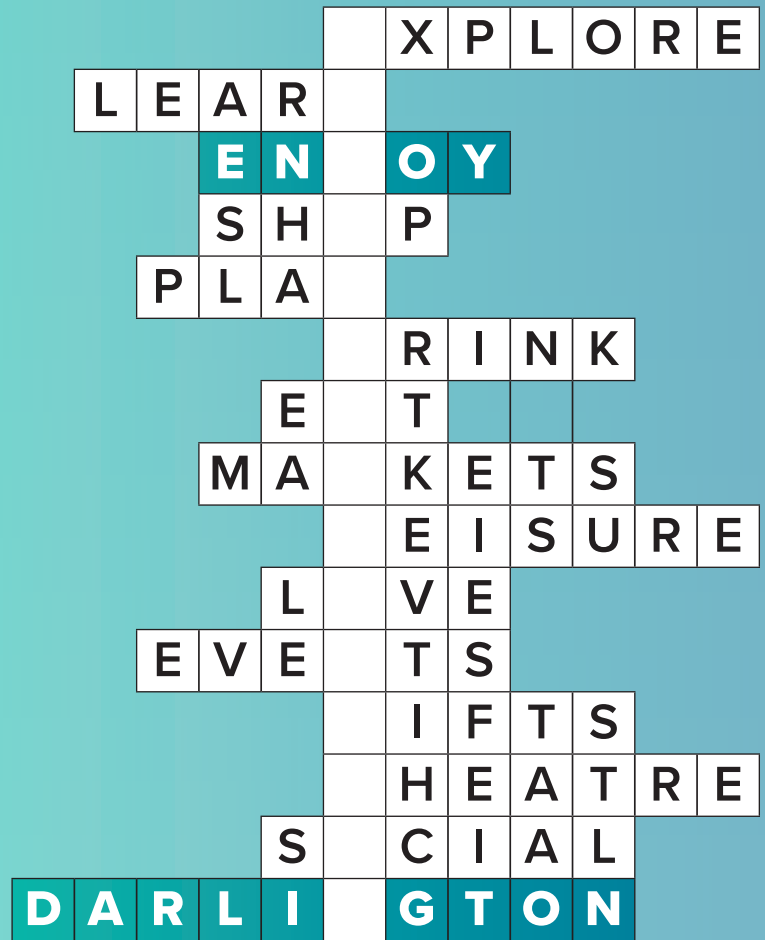
Why not take a wander down the wynds and yards with their fresh new look, or explore the delights of independent retailers, cafes, bars and restaurants in the Imperial Quarter of Grange Road and beyond. Duke Street offers a right royal welcome with even more independent retailers and don't forget the newly refurbished food hall area in the indoor market with treats from around the world.

With high street brands, indoor shopping centres, independent retailers and fabulous restaurants, bars and cafes, you really are spoilt for choice in Darlington.

Plus, you can park for free for two hours in council-run town centre car parks and on street parking - don't forget to display a ticket from the machine and read the signs!

There's always something new and exciting in Darlington. Make sure you don't miss anything, follow LoveDarlo on Facebook and keep an eye on enjoydarlington.co.uk and the council's Facebook and Instagram socials.

Take some time out now and you could win one of ten £50 vouchers to spend in our fantastic town.



For your chance to win simply solve this word puzzle. Once you've completed the puzzle, it will spell out two words.

Complete the entry coupon and pop it into the box in the reception area of the Dolphin Centre before 5pm on Thursday 31 March.

The first 10 correct entries drawn after the closing date will each win a £50 voucher to spend in Darlington. The following 10 correct entries drawn will each win a family swim voucher for the Dolphin Centre.

All entrants must be aged 16 or over on the closing date of the competition. **Good luck!**

Name.....

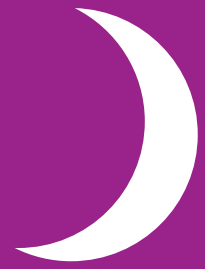
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.....Post code.....Daytime tel no.....

Email address.....



Flying the flag for a safe night out



Evening visitors to the town centre can be assured of a warm welcome, after our prestigious Purple Flag status was renewed for the third year in a row.

The national accreditation scheme, backed by government and police, rewards towns and cities that demonstrate they are safe, welcoming and diverse between the hours of 5pm and 5am.

The Association of Town and City Management (ATCM), which oversees the programme, visited the town centre to experience the nightlife.

The Purple Flag is awarded to places with a vibrant choice of leisure and entertainment appealing to people of all ages, lifestyles and cultures. Towns must show high standards of customer care and wellbeing of visitors must be a priority so everyone feels safe and can move around with ease.

During their visit, the ATCM was particularly impressed by the strong working relationship between the council, police, licensing and hospitality businesses.

The board also commented that the town had a diverse and varied evening and night-time economy, and a clear passion for securing Purple Flag status.

The award comes after members of the council's town centre team and community safety team continued to work closely with police and venue owners throughout the pandemic to provide a safe and welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

Brian Jones, chairman of the council's licensing committee, said: "This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone involved in this award, it takes a lot of hard work and dedication throughout the year to win this accreditation and I'm really proud that we're the only town in the North East to be recognised.

"Our night-time economy has taken a battering in the last couple of years but our pubs, bars, restaurants and entertainment venues have shown huge resilience, not only to survive but to thrive.

"The key to our success has been partnership working, between council teams, the police and venues themselves, to make Darlington a welcoming place for all after dark. We've got a great variety of venues, with something for everyone, including arts and culture, leisure, food and dining, education and events. I hope everyone will get behind our town day and night."



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Save money on heating and eating

Help is at hand for families dealing with the rising cost of heating, food and other living expenses.

Northern Powergrid is funding The Green Doctors project, which helps people save money on their bills, as well as providing advice on making their homes warmer and more energy efficient.

The Green Doctors are joining forces with the council and The Bread and Butter Thing at a series of drop-in advice sessions throughout March, April and May – details opposite. The advice is free and available to all.



Keep warm, keep well



Heat your home to at least 18°C



Ensure you have enough food, medication and warm clothes



Check if you are eligible for help to keep your home warm

Eat well too!

The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT) is an innovative, award-winning affordable food service. For just £7.50, members' shopping bags are filled with £35 worth of quality, nutritious food including fresh fruit and veg, chilled goods for the fridge and cupboard staples like pasta and cereal. Here are some key facts and figures...



More than 23,000 food packages distributed since 2020



1,370 food packages purchased in November/December last year



Total families helped so far: 24,487



That's the equivalent of 294,000kg of food or 700,000 meals



2021 saw 1,886 volunteers working a total of 4,850 hours at TBBT hubs

NORTHERN POWERGRID FUNDS GREEN DOCTORS IN DARLINGTON

The Green Doctor team is heading to Darlington. Every year, we help thousands of people save money on their energy and water bills and make their homes warmer and healthier at the same time.

Our service is completely free and available to anyone living in all types of property be that housing association homes, council properties, privately rented and privately owned.

Drop in and have a chat with a friendly expert who can review your energy bills, discuss how to make your home more energy efficient and help you access grants and additional support.

Northern Powergrid, the regional electricity distributor is funding our sessions in your area.

We're proud to be working in partnership with Darlington Borough Council and sharing these drop in events with **The Bread and Butter Thing**. Operating through a membership model, this brilliant charity helps people with limited disposable income access deeply discounted food to help their money go further.

Skerne Park Youth & Community Centre, DL1 5AN*
10:45am - 12:30pm - Mondays 21 March, 4 April, 25 April, 9 May

Corporation Road Primary School, DL3 6AD
1:30pm - 3:15pm - Wednesdays 23 March, 6 April, 27 April, 11 May

Red Hall Primary School, Headingley Crescent, DL1 2ST
12:45pm - 2:30pm - Thursdays 24 March, 7 April, 28 April, 12 May

Firthmoor Community Centre, Burnside Road, DL1 4SU
12:45pm - 2:30pm - Fridays 25 March, 8 April, 29 April, 13 May

Elim Pentecostal Church, Bowman Street, DL3 OHE
1:30pm - 3:15pm - Mondays 28 March, 11 April, 2 May, 16 May

Windsor Court, Newton Lane, DL3 9HF
12:45pm - 2:15pm - Tuesdays 29 March, 12 April, 3 May, 17 May

Clocktower, South Park, DL1 5TD
10am - 12 noon - Wednesdays 30 March, 4 May

Eastbourne Community Hub, Eastbourne Park, DL1 4AY
1:15pm - 2:45pm - Thursdays 31 March, 14 April, 5 May, 19 May

Head of Steam Museum, Station Rd, DL3 6ST*
10am - 12 noon - Wednesdays 13 April, 18 May

*Please note The Bread and Butter Thing will not be at these sessions



Can't make it to a session? Book a virtual meeting with us on Zoom: One to one sessions are available on Saturday 16 April from 9am until 12 noon.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/green-doctor-virtual-drop-in-advice-session-tickets-265075196047



For further information contact The Green Doctors on freephone 0808 168 3547 or 0113 238 0601
Email: greendoctorleeds@groundwork.org.uk

ENJOY WHAT'S ON

Spring is finally here and there's plenty going on to put a bounce in your step. Please be aware the events may be subject to change/postponement if government guidelines change. You should always check with event organisers/venues before travelling. For more details of what's on visit enjoydarlington.co.uk or follow Darlington Council on Facebook

Want to be in the next edition of One Darlington?

Email your events for May and June to communications@darlington.gov.uk

parkrun and junior parkrun – weekends, South Park. A free, weekly, timed run, walk or jog. The 5km event is on Saturdays at 9am. The 2km junior event, for those aged 4-14, is on Sundays at 9am.

From steam to green – Saturday 19 March – Sunday 19 June, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Exhibition looking at the role railways play in tackling climate change. Included in normal admission.

History Wardrobe presents Silk and Roses – Sunday 20, 1.30pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. A look at garden history and floral fashions. Tickets £12.50 includes refreshments. Book via Eventbrite.

Little Birds Market – Sunday 27, 10am-3pm, Darlington Market. Artisan market. Free entry.

Railway coffee morning – Thursday 31, 11am-1pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Open to all former railway employees.

MARCH



Zen Garden – runs until Sunday 1 May, 10am-2pm, The Hullabaloo. Zen Garden is a play adventure inspired by the peace and calm of the natural world. Free entry, no need to book. At busy times there may be a short wait.

Station Scamps – Friday 11 and 18, 10am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum, £2 for non-members, children aged 5 and under free, included in yearly passes.

Catch Me If You Can – Monday 15 – Saturday 19, various times, Darlington Hippodrome.

Dementia Café – Wednesday 16, 11am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum. For people living with dementia and their family and carers. Free admission.

Bounce Extreme inflatable session – Saturday 19 - Sunday 20, various times, Dolphin Centre. For 5-14yrs, two hours of bounce in our large inflatable area. Tickets £12, bookable online at Duneseventgroup.com.

APRIL

Station Scamps – Friday 1 and 8, 10am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum. £2 for non-members, children aged 5 and under free, included in yearly passes.

Baba Yaga – Saturday 9 – Saturday 16, various times, The Hullabaloo. A dark and funny fairytale. Tickets: £7/group ticket £24 (4 people, min 1 adult).

Pease Pudding Market – Thurs 7, 4-9pm, Darlington Market. Enjoy street food, drinks and live entertainment. Free entry.

Easter Wreath Making – Sunday 3, 1-4pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Wreath making workshop with florist Elizabeth Kelly School of Floristry. Tickets, £40 inc refreshments, must be booked in advance.



Eggstraspecial Easter fun – Sunday 17, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Face painting, mini train ride, Easter trail and lots more. £2 for adults, £1 for children, under fives free, included in yearly passes.

Dementia Café – Wednesday 20, 11am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum. For people living with dementia and their family and carers. Free admission, includes entry to museum.

Keep an eye on social media or visit enjoydarlington.co.uk for details of some EGGS-TRA SPECIAL EASTER EVENTS

IN DARLINGTON



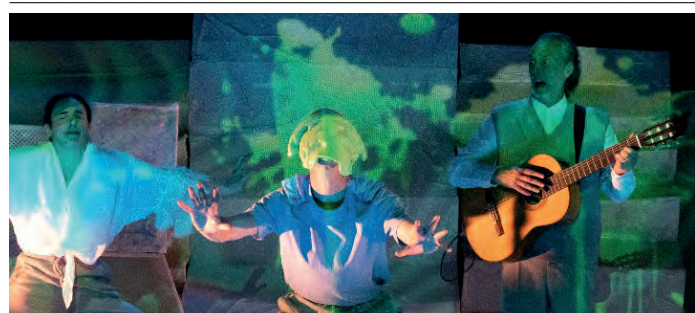
Secret Owl Society – Thursday 21, various times, The Hullabaloo. Interactive story and make an owl-themed craft to take home. Tickets: £7/group ticket £24 (4 people, min 1 adult).

Little Birds Market – Sunday 24, 10am-3pm, Darlington Market. Artisan market. Free entry.

Railway coffee morning – Thursday 28, 11am-1pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Open to all former railway employees.



Darlington Food & Drink Festival – Friday 29 – Monday 2 May, times vary. Four-day event packed full of delicious street food vendors, producer stalls, live music and cooking demonstrations. Free entry.



Squidge – Friday 29 – Saturday 30, various times, The Hullabaloo. A fun, interactive dance performance. Tickets: £7/group ticket £24 (4 people, min 1 adult).

MAY



Pease Pudding Market – Thurs 5, 4-9pm, Darlington Market. Enjoy street food, drinks and live entertainment. Free entry.

Darlington Dance Festival – Sunday 8, noon-3pm, Market Square. For more info email darlingtondfa@gmail.com.

Dinosaur World Live – Friday 13 – Sunday 15, various times, Darlington Hippodrome. A roarsome interactive show for all the family.

Dementia Café – Wednesday 18, 11am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum. For people living with dementia and their family and carers. Free admission, includes entry to museum.

Darlington Arts Festival – Friday 20 May – Sunday 22, various times, town centre and other venues. See the council's Facebook page for details.

CONTACTS

Darlington Hippodrome visit: www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk or call 405405

The Hullabaloo – call 405405 or visit www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk

Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum – call 405060, visit www.head-of-steam.co.uk or email headofsteam@darlington.gov.uk
Entrance fees apply in most cases and booking is essential.

Darlington Libraries – call 349610 or visit www.darlington.gov.uk/library.

Dolphin Centre – call 406000 or email healthydarlington@darlington.gov.uk

The Forum Music Studios – visit www.theforumonline.co.uk

Investing in our tenants' homes

As Darlington's biggest social housing provider, we produce a budget every year detailing what we will spend on our properties over the next 12 months.

This year we're continuing to invest in building more council homes in more places than we've ever done before, with the latest phase in the Lancaster Close development set to be complete by the end of May.

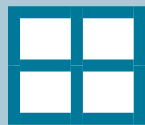


Councillor Kevin Nicholson and Michael Chapman, head of building services



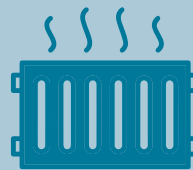
2%
Below inflation
rent increase
this year

New energy-efficient
double glazing in



1,400
properties by 2023

£1m allocated
to help reduce
tenants' energy bills



**Building
1,000**
new council
houses over the
next ten years

This work will contribute to the council's pledge to become carbon neutral by 2050. We want to encourage residents and businesses to join us on our journey towards a greener future.

More details are available at www.darlington.gov.uk/sustainable

Tackling nuisance issues

Tenants have welcomed a new agreement to help tackle anti-social behaviour and other nuisance issues in council homes.

The revised tenancy agreement, which came into force in February following a consultation, sets out a zero-tolerance approach for problem tenants, and their visitors.

Kevin Nicholson, cabinet member for health and housing, said: "The new terms and conditions put our communities first and will strengthen our position when dealing with problem tenants, making it easier for us to tackle some of the issues that blight our communities, such as anti-social behaviour. It also makes the agreement clearer and easier to

understand and ultimately is good news for tenants."

Ray Lockwood, who lives with his wife Janice in Earl Carlson Grove, said: "The new tenancy agreement can only be a good thing, as it further protects against anti-social behaviour. Although we don't suffer here, we have friends and family that do and we feel that all tenants should be protected."

View a copy of the tenancy agreement at www.darlington.gov.uk/housingtenancy, call 405333 or email housing@darlington.gov.uk to get a copy.

To find out more about the work of our housing department, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/housing or follow us on Facebook.



Tenants Ray and Janice Lockwood



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GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION

Don't miss out - sign up online!

Garden waste collections will start again in April and run until December.

Please remember to renew, or sign up, and pay your £37 annual fee online as soon as possible to benefit from the scheme. Sign up by Sunday 20 March to be included in the first collection.

What **CAN** and **CANNOT** go into your garden waste bin.



For more information, to renew or sign up and pay your annual fee, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/gardenwaste



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Please ensure you complete the correct form for either renewal or new sign up.

WHEN AROUND WATER...

...STOP AND THINK



STOP AND THINK!




LOOK FOR DANGERS:

- ◊ Read signs
- ◊ Do you know what is under the water?

STAY TOGETHER:

- ◊ Don't go near water alone
- ◊ Always let someone know where you are

WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

- ◊ Call 999 or 112
- ◊ If safe to do so, use  what3words
- ◊ If you fall in float on your back
- ◊ If someone falls in throw them a float/line



County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service

BE WATER AWARE

Bag it and Bin it

**or face a
£100 fine!**

**If you don't clean up after
your dog you could also be
named and shamed.**



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PLANS FOR £200M AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK UNVEILED

Details of the £200million airport business park set for the southside of Teesside Airport, and which will create skilled, well-paid jobs for the people of Darlington, have now been unveiled.

The original deal to buy the airport struck by Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen included 817 acres of developable land, giving the airport huge opportunities to drive inward investment across the whole site.

The Southside land, comprising 270 acres and running parallel to the

runway, is the largest area primed for development.

The new business park is expected to create up to 4,400 jobs when fully operational, made up of 1.9million sq. ft of logistics, distribution, and industrial buildings, with direct access from the A67.

The first phase will see the creation of four new units along a through road, with the ability to split them into as many as ten smaller units, covering 130,000sq ft. Subsequent phases would see plots of between

one to 200 acres developed as more businesses look to base themselves at the airport.

The new 1.5km A67 link road, running direct to the southside area will lead to the creation of a new roundabout close to Wilkinson's Plant Centre.

Work is set to begin on the new road infrastructure soon. Completion is due late summer with work starting on the business park shortly after.

Tees Valley Mayor | **Ben Houchen**

BANNATYNE SPA OPENS DOORS

The airport's Bannatyne Spa has welcomed its first customers following a £100,000 investment from the former Dragons' Den star.

The spa is offering, initially by appointment only, a range of 15-to-30-minute treatments and experiences including massage chairs, manicures and pedicures, hands-on massage and the latest

in skin revitalisation – LED face masks. There is also the opportunity to purchase skincare products, thanks to a partnership with Elemis.

The wellbeing environment is in a prime location in the airport's departure lounge, opposite Duty Free, and is open to people travelling from the airport.



It is the latest addition to the airport to give passengers the five-star treatment, alongside the executive Rockliffe Hall lounge, bookable at teessideinternational.com

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...to the places you love

LONDON HEATHROW 
PORTUGAL
ALICANTE
BULGARIA
LAKE GARDRA
BELFAST CITY
NEWQUAY
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AMSTERDAM 
MAJORCA
CORFU
TURKEY
DUBLIN 
JERSEY
SOUTHAMPTON
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connecting you to worldwide destinations

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Teesside International
Airport



Local Plan adopted

Councillors have voted to adopt the Darlington Local Plan 2016-36 – a legal document setting out a path for future economic and social development across the borough.

The Local Plan has taken five years to create and was subject to four separate periods of public consultation.

A government inspector carried out a three week examination of the plan late last year and found it to be sound, saying it was justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

The plan gives the council a stronger hand when dealing with developers and provides a framework to shape and maintain control of future development around the borough.

The aim of the Local Plan is to keep Darlington as a place where people want to live, work and visit, creating opportunities for all while mitigating and adapting to climate change, protecting and enhancing the environment, heritage and green infrastructure.

The plan also sets out where future housing developments, as well as economic zones, are considered suitable and sustainable as our population grows in coming decades.

More detail can be found at www.darlington.gov.uk/localplan

Skerningham Garden Village – get involved with developing a design code

One of the key elements of the Local Plan is the designation of the Skerningham Garden Village, an area of land to the north of Darlington which has been earmarked for housing and community facilities.

The inspector has agreed the proposal in the Local Plan that up to 1,650 houses and facilities such as a GP surgery and schools could be built during the plan period up to 2036. Beyond that date, there is scope for additional housing.

The inspector ruled that before any developers can submit planning applications, the council must act quickly to create and adopt a design code.

We agreed with that ruling and are working with an independent organisation called **designe** who will work with residents over the coming months to develop a design code for Skerningham.





National Model Design Code



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

What is a design code?

A design code sets out expectations about the look and feel of a development to make sure a new estate reflects local character and preferences. The design code will ensure that Skertingham Garden Village will be developed to a high-quality standard.

Once written, it will be debated by councillors, who will vote on whether to adopt the Skertingham design code as a supplementary planning document, which gives it strong legal weight and means it must be used by developers when coming up with their designs.

Who can get involved?

Anyone who lives or works in Darlington, young or old, is welcome to get involved in the development of the Skertingham design code, particularly those who live close to the area. We want to ensure the things people feel are important are in the design code, and help preserve the things they love about the area.

What can you influence?

You will be able to influence the future look and feel of buildings and green spaces in the area, making sure it ties in with existing developments while encouraging the best of modern design and build techniques. This could include looking at biodiversity and protecting existing landscapes and looking at what streets could look like to encourage outdoor play for children and activity for all residents.

The design code can also include things such as road safety and climate change features.



How we will engage with you

There will be three face to face sessions.

The first will be an initial explanatory session in Central Hall, the Dolphin Centre, on Thursday 24 March, between 5.30-7pm, with a presentation from designe and a Q&A opportunity.

There will be two follow up workshop sessions in a venue closer to Skertingham.

There will be a special section on our website with regular updates and useful learning material about how to contribute effectively to the development of the design code at www.darlington.gov.uk/planningpolicy



Electric cars are welcome in town



Electric car charging points are coming to seven town centre car parks thanks to investment from the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

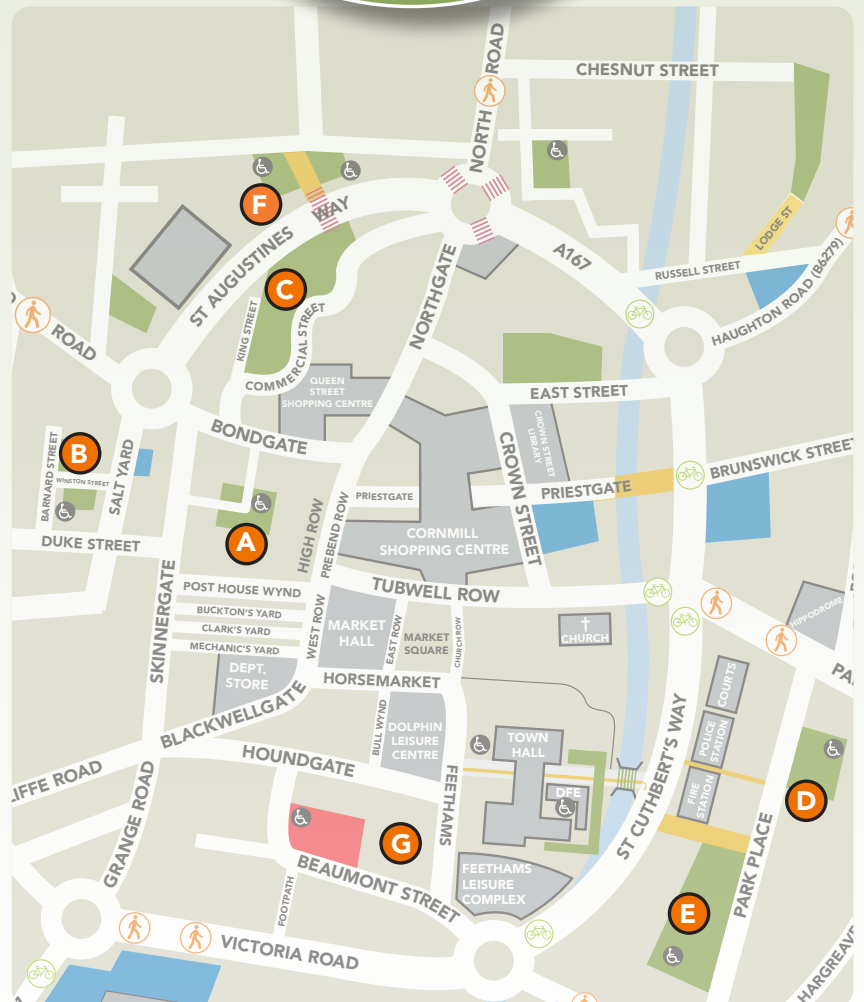
The new points are part of a rollout which will see chargers installed in 32 public car parks the length and breadth of the Tees Valley – boosting the number of available charging points by 75%.

It will make it easier for residents to charge their electric cars while out and about, and encourage more drivers to switch from traditional petrol or diesel vehicles to the cleaner alternative.

Studies are being carried out as to which other car parks across the region could also form part of this first phase of installations, leading to up to 40 sites benefitting from the new charging points.

The new charging points will be in

- A** Abbott's Yard
- B** Winston Street North
- C** Commercial Street West
- D** Park Place East
- E** Park Place West
- F** Kendrew Street West
- G** Feethams Multi Storey





Anti-social behaviour crackdown

Police are cracking down on anti-social behaviour caused by off-road bikes, quads and 4x4s.

New powers mean officers can seize vehicles straightaway if they are being misused and they are asking residents to help them catch offenders in the act.

Warning signs are being erected in hotspot areas and residents are being asked to report any anti-social behaviour caused by the vehicles as it happens to help identify those responsible.

The notices also cover e-scooters which are illegal to use anywhere other than private land.

Joy Allen, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: “This innovative initiative will be very much welcomed by local residents in the affected areas who have been calling for these illegally driven bikes to be confiscated immediately to prevent the drivers causing harassment, alarm and distress in their local communities as well as untold damage to community open spaces.

“I would urge anyone who knows where these bikes are being stored or who is riding them illegally to ring 101 and share vital community intelligence so we can seize the bikes and take enforcement action against the riders.”

To report a nuisance vehicle, call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 08000 555 111.



Police and council officers working together to tackle the issue

You can adopt with support from us.



There are children in your local area waiting to be adopted. We need more adopters to come forward to offer stability, love, and a permanent home to babies, older children, brother and sister groups and children with additional needs.

Adoption Tees Valley is a friendly and welcoming adoption agency and will be there to support you from the start of your adoption journey and for as long as you may need it. Every adopter receives a support plan upon being matched with a child. Ensuring, if/when a challenge arises, you are well equipped and supported to work through it.

Start or grow your family with Adoption Tees Valley.

Enquire today: adoptionteesvalley.org.uk, 01642 526400, info@adoptionteesvalley.org.uk

Become a Volunteer and Help Tackle Loneliness in Darlington's Elderly Community.

To make a difference in someone's life join our team of trusted volunteers. Here's how you can get involved:



Volunteer visitor

"I have witnessed first-hand happiness brought to those I have visited, who for whatever reason, find themselves isolated and lonely"

Volunteer - Luke Hewitson



Volunteer driver

"Being a volunteer driver has given me courage to meet new people. Listening to our "Friends" stories whilst driving to such a wide variety of places brings fun and laughter, and an insight into their interesting lives"

Volunteer - Vanessa Simpson



Volunteer Fund Raiser

Join the Fund raising team, all you need is enthusiasm, ideas and some organisational skills.

How much time do I need to commit?

Finding spare time can be difficult so we make it easy for you. You choose the days and times when you are free to help.

Call **07943 251357** and join us today. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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**Darlington
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Sanctuary for those at risk



The council has launched a scheme to support people at risk of domestic abuse to feel safe in their own home.

As part of the Sanctuary project, extra security measures can be added to the homes of people identified as vulnerable.

Bronwyn Lilley, the council's domestic abuse commissioning officer, said: "This important project was launched in January and is already helping people who have experienced abuse.

"The scheme can prevent disruption such as having to move home, moving away from support networks and children having to change school.

"A wide range of adaptations can be made to increase security at people's properties, to increase their peace of mind. The scheme also provides outreach support to assist those who have experienced abuse to move forward with their lives."

Once someone is referred for help, a risk assessment will be completed to decide whether the Sanctuary scheme is a safe and suitable option for them.

Professionals can make referrals to the Sanctuary scheme on behalf of people needing extra security at home, with their consent.

Details about the scheme are available at www.darlington.gov.uk/sanctuary

You can self-referral to get domestic abuse support or refer someone else, with their consent, via:

HARBOUR SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Info@myharbour.org.uk**
- **03000 202525**

Details of other local and national support services can be found at www.darlington.gov.uk/support

The Sanctuary scheme is not suitable for people needing refuge.

For refuge, contact Family Help Refuge CIO on 364486 or email contactus@familyhelp.org.uk

If you are at risk of homelessness, contact the council's housing options team on 405333 during working hours, or the out of hours emergency duty team on 01642 524552.



DARLINGTON
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Helping victims' voices be heard

Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, welcomes some special new recruits to her team.

"After only six months in my role I appointed three new safety champions to my team to strengthen the voice of victims of crime. The new recruits, who comprise an independent domestic abuse champion, an anti-social behaviour champion and a victims champion, are working alongside me to ensure planning, policy and commissioning decisions reflect the needs and views of victims of crime.

The new recruits, who took up their posts in early January, will also ensure local victims of crime have the opportunity to engage on issues or concerns that impact them and will be responsible for ensuring that I have a greater depth of understanding of victims' experiences. This will help me prioritise resources and interventions as part of my Police and Crime Plan.

I have listened very carefully to local people when they have told me the areas they would like to see improved and this has driven the creation of these new roles. Our new champions will independently scrutinise our current provision and performance and will ensure we work much more closely with the people our services benefit making any change real and tangible.

Their appointment will also boost the way in which I hold the force to account as I will ensure that

the victims' voices are heard at the highest level. Everything I do as commissioner has to make the lives of local people – especially victims of crime and anti-social behaviour – better and safer. I can only do that by listening to and involving the people who need and benefit from that help."



Andrea Patterson, anti-social behaviour champion, Joy Allen, Christine Mackay, domestic abuse and survivors' champion and Michael Banks, victims' champion

Dame Vera Baird, the Victims' Commissioner for England & Wales, said: *"I have been encouraging all PCCs to appoint local victims' champions – dedicated professionals committed to deepening the understanding of victim needs and ensuring that the victim's voice is heard in*

all local policy making and decisions.

"It's great to see that this vision is becoming a reality in Durham. I look forward to engaging with these champions and I hope this will be a model for PCCs across England & Wales to emulate."

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August 2022
10.30am**

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DARLINGTON EVENTS

April/May

Thu 28 - Fri 29 April	Various times	Darlington Jazz Festival	Town Centre
Sat 30 April - Mon 2 May	Various times	Darlington Food & Drink Festival hosted by Darlington Market	Town Centre
Sun 8 May	12noon - 3pm	Darlington Dance Festival	Market Square
Fri 20 - Sun 22	Various times	Darlington Arts Festival	Town Centre

June

Thur 2 - Sat 4	Various times	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Town Centre
Fri 10 - Sun 12	10am - 4pm (Sun 11am - 4pm)	Wool Fair	Market Square
Sat 25	12noon - 5pm	Darlington Community Carnival	Stanhope Park
Sun 26	3pm	Proms in the Park	South Park

July

Fri 1	10am	Freedom of the Borough	Market Square
Sat 2	11am - 4pm	Emergency Services Day	Market Square
Thu 21	11 - 3pm	GOLD Tea Dance	Market Square
Sat 23	12noon - 5pm	Vintage Vehicle Rally	Town Centre
Tue 26 - Thu 28	11am - 5pm	Darlington By The Sea	Market Square
Sat 30	11am - 5pm	Dolphin Centre 40th Birthday Party	Market Square

August

Sun 7	10.30am	SG Petch Darlington 10km Fun Run 9:00am Junior 3K 9:45am	Town Centre
Mon 8	5pm - late	Darlington Pride Weekender Gay Pride Night	Town Centre bars and Blackwellgate
Sat 13	12noon - 6pm	Darlington Pride Weekender festival & march	Market Square
Sun 14	12 - 3pm	Darlington Pride Weekender Family picnic	Market Square
Tue 16 - Thu 18	Various Times	Darlington Urban Street Festival	Market Square and Town Centre
Sat 27 - Sun 28	1pm - 8pm	Mish Mash Family Music Festival	Market Square

September

Fri 9 - Sun 11	Various times	Darlington Rhythm & Blues Festival	Town Centre
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Little Bird Markets (last Sunday of every month 10am to 3pm)

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Pease Pudding Markets (Thurs 7 April, 5 May, 7 July, 4 August, 1 September 4pm – 9pm)