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May 2022



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party!

**Darlington Town Centre,
Market Square**

Thursday 2 - Saturday 4 June

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Get together for Jubilee fun



We know that many of you are planning street parties and other community celebrations over the Jubilee weekend.

We would love to see photos of your bunting, painted faces, food and what you get up to!

Please tag Darlington Borough Council in your social media posts or email your photos to editor@onedarlington.org.uk over the weekend and we will share our favourites!

Don't forget there is lots of information on our website about hosting a safe and fun community event. Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/streetparty to find out more.



Lighting up the skies

We are delighted to be lighting one of the official Platinum Jubilee beacons on Thursday 2 June outside the Town Hall.

Come along to join in the celebrations as we become part of this historic event, which is being marked simultaneously across the Commonwealth.

At 2pm, Peter Stemmer, our town crier, will join hundreds of criers and Pearly Kings and Queens across the country in announcing a proclamation heralding the lighting of the beacons later that evening.

At 9pm the lighting ceremony will begin and at 9.35pm a piper will play *Diu Regnare*, a unique tune specially-written for the occasion by Pipe Major, Stuart Liddell, the world's leading piper. This will be followed by a cornet announcing the lighting of the beacon at 9.45pm. Our beacon will then be lit in front of the Town Hall followed by fireworks.

We hope as many of you as possible will come down and share in this very special moment of the Jubilee weekend.

Welcome to One Darlington

I'm Sue Snowdon. In 2013 I was appointed as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham. The roots of this historic office can be traced back to Tudor times when the first Lord-Lieutenant was appointed by Henry VIII.

My first and foremost duties are to uphold the dignity of the Crown and promote and encourage voluntary service, business and industrial life in my Lieutenancy area.

The role is a huge privilege and honour, made even more significant by the fact that I am the first woman in history to hold this position in County Durham, Darlington, Stockton-on-Tees and Hartlepool.

One of the great strengths of our area has been its ability to invent, pioneer and meet new challenges. We have always been able to adapt to evolving circumstances.

In the business world, CPI in Darlington is laying the groundwork for a diverse range of programmes designed to drive economic growth in the UK's manufacturing sector, offering advanced facilities for development of next generation products and facilities through its network of national centres.

In the arts, Darlington Hippodrome is a beautiful Edwardian theatre, rooted in the local community and is the jewel in Darlington's crown.

Looking to the future, whilst embracing the past, Darlington Rail Heritage Quarter is a major project that invests in the town's rail heritage ahead of the bicentennial anniversary of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 2025.

This year we celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

No British monarch has ever celebrated 70 years on the throne and I hope the people of Darlington will join me in celebrating Her Majesty's remarkable reign.

It's our opportunity to show our thanks and appreciation of the Queen's unwavering service. You can find out more about how to get involved in this special Jubilee edition of One Darlington.



Sue Snowdon
Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham

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A new chapter for the library



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Library manager Suzy Hill has been scaling new heights as work progresses on the restoration of the Grade II listed Crown Street branch library.

“It’s so exciting,” she says. “We’ve got the external scaffolding up and I’ve been up on the roof looking at the stonework and tiles as the first step has been to restore that and make the roof watertight.

“Inside we’ve moved everything down to the east side of the building, with the children’s activities in the art gallery, and have installed a temporary platform lift at the entrance to ensure access for everyone.

“The other side, the 1930s extension, is now closed with internal scaffolding in place to support the glass rooflights and allow work to be done safely. The plasterwork is amazing, back then it was mixed with horsehair and we’re restoring it using the ‘old ways’ but with goat’s hair. I did suggest using librarian’s hair, but we can’t do that,” she laughs.

“I’m so thrilled we’re able to do this, restoring the fabulous features that make the library so special such as the original shelving and woodwork. Our reference library will be transformed into The Study with a mix of non-fiction displays, computers, study areas and social seating.

“It’s a really complex building and I’m in awe of the designers and contractors working on the project, taking care to restore its heritage while also bringing in new systems and features to make the building more energy efficient and fit for the future.

“Different areas will be closed as work progresses but we’ll be keeping services running as much as possible throughout and I really can’t wait for everyone to see the transformation.”

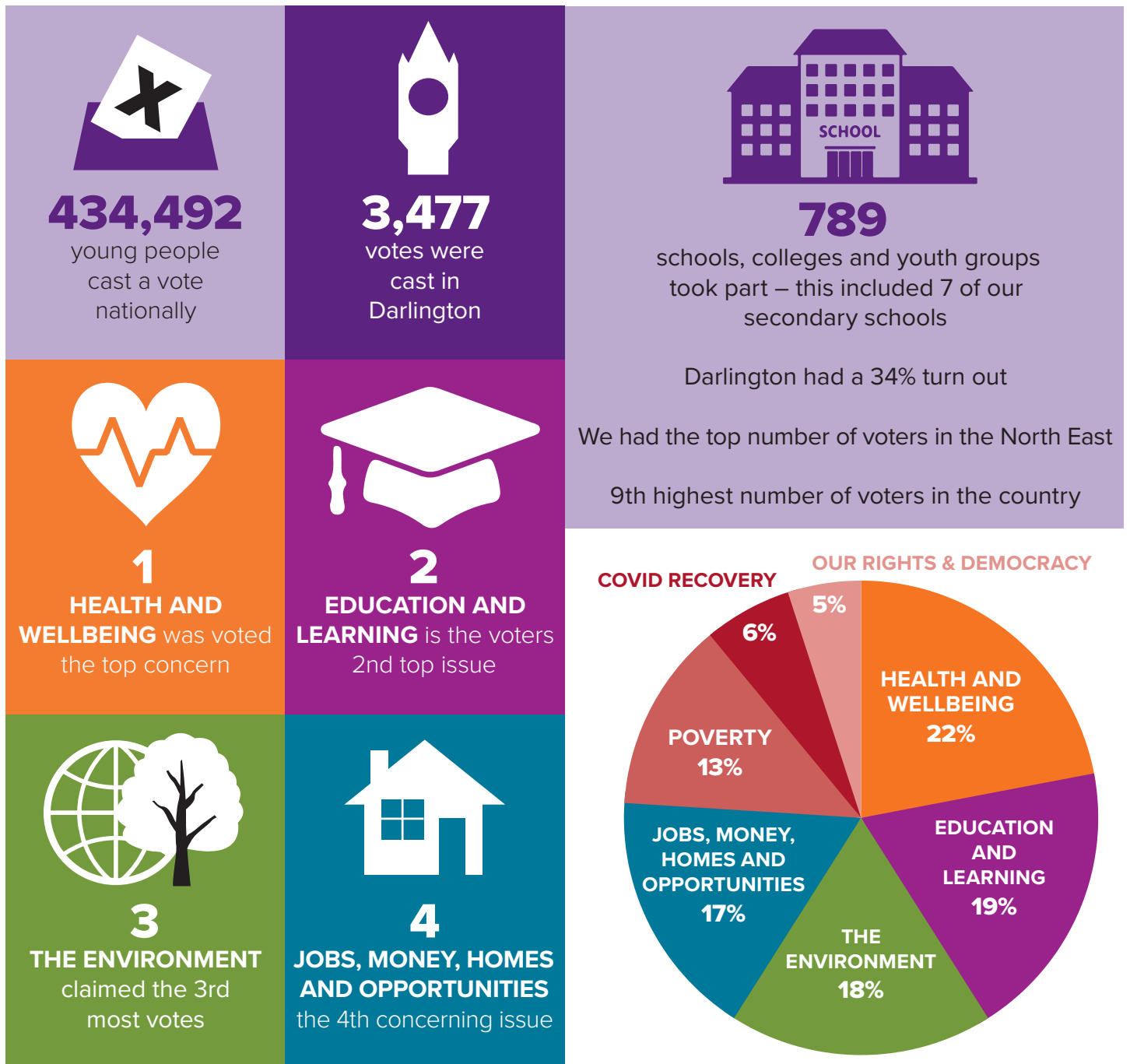
Remember you can renew books online by downloading the library app or by calling 349610. There is also a free home delivery service for borrowers aged 60 and over, as well as a free select and collect service for all users.

To find out more about the fantastic range of resources at the library and for details of online events and activities log onto the website www.darlington.gov.uk/library or download the Darlington Library App. You can also find the library service on Facebook @DarlingtonLibraries and on Twitter @DarlLibs



Youth Parliament results are in

Young people aged 11 to 18 recently had the opportunity to vote on the issues, decided by members of the youth parliament, that matter to them most.



To find out more and read the full report visit www.darlington.gov.uk and search youth partnership

To find out more about youth voice in Darlington and upcoming youth partnership meetings email mindofmyown@darlington.gov.uk or call 405639

British Youth Council
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Why not pop along to your councillor's next meeting? See pg 11 for details.

Thank you for helping cl



When we asked what sort of place you would rather live and invited you to support a new initiative to clean up our back lanes – your response was clear.

Now, thanks to the support of residents in two streets in the Denes area, a pilot scheme to tackle litter and rubbish, deliberate fires and fly tipping has proved such a success it's already been expanded into other streets.

More are being added all the time and we're now inviting you to nominate other areas to join in.

Chris lives with his wife in the Denes area and they have both been keen supporters of the scheme since its launch last year. He said: "The project, and the work the council has done, has made a real difference to the state of the lanes. We are very grateful for what has been achieved and will continue to support the council as much as we can."

The initiative has seen a drop in both fires and fly tipping in the back lanes and we're keen to replicate this success in other areas, as well as broaden its scope to encourage local takeaways and other businesses to get involved too.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



PUT your bin out on collection day and take it back into your property as soon as you can after it's emptied.



DON'T leave extra black bin bags out for collection. They won't be collected and could be ripped open by vermin, spreading your rubbish around.



NUMBER your bin, or make it identifiable, this will discourage people from taking it.



HOUSEHOLD items such as furniture, electrical appliances and mattresses will not be taken with your normal collections so don't leave them out.

To find out more and how you can get involved call 406999 or email Paul McQuillan, environmental crime coordinator, at paul.mcquillan@darlington.gov.uk

clean up our back lanes!

**YOUR WASTE
IS YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY**

If it's dumped in a
field or back lane

**YOU
COULD BE FINED!**

Most household items can be left at the tip
free of charge – find out more at
www.darlington.gov.uk/tip

You can book a bulky waste collection for
just £18.80 for up to six items at
www.darlington.gov.uk/bulkywaste

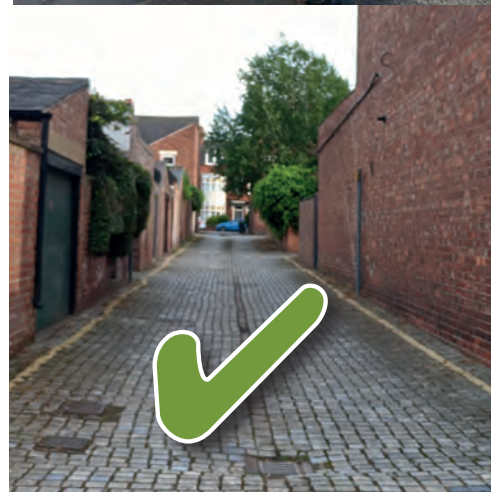
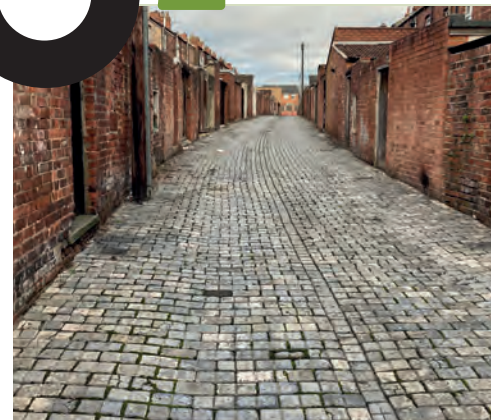
Local charities will take unwanted furniture
and electrical items in good condition.

If you use a private waste collection
company check it has a waste carrier
licence – you can do this at
environment.data.gov.uk/public-register
and ask for a waste transfer note.

If you see someone
fly-tipping let us know at
www.darlington.gov.uk/reportit



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Customer services —

Our customer services staff provide face to face support and guidance on behalf of most council services.

For more information or to book an appointment please call one of the numbers below or visit www.darlington.gov.uk/contactus and click on 'book a customer services appointment'.

You can make a payment at the customer services centre at the Town Hall, use a computer to access council services or use a scan station without an appointment.

HOW TO CONTACT US

You can access most council services online at www.darlington.gov.uk

If you are a council tenant you can see your rent account, report repairs, and update your details on Darlington Home Online at housing.darlington.gov.uk

BY EMAIL:

customerservices@darlington.gov.uk

BY TELEPHONE:

Adult social care	406111
Business rates	405666
Children & families social care	406222
Civic enforcement & antisocial behaviour	406999
Complaints, comments and compliments	406777
Council housing including homelessness	405333
Out of hours emergency homelessness	01642 524552
Council Tax	405555
Housing benefit	405444
Planning & property	406777
Street Scene & environment	405111
Transport & projects (including parking, blue badges & bus passes)	405222

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COUNCIL HOUSING

rent, repairs, homelessness, applying for a council house, antisocial behaviour, repair planning



Very Busy



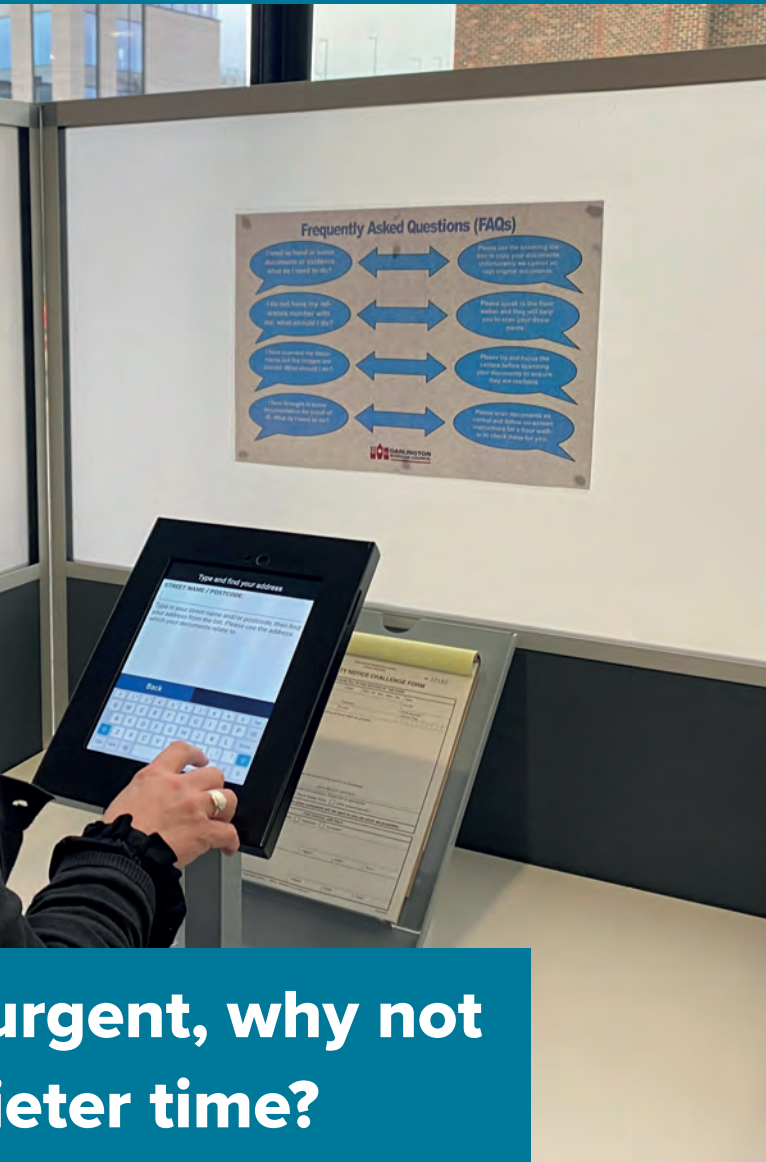
Busy



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we are here to help



urgent, why not
shorter time?

SCAN STATIONS

Do you need to provide documents or a photograph for a benefits, business rates, Council Tax, housing, parking permit or Blue Badge application?

You can use our scanning stations in the centre or go to darlington.scanstation.lookinglocal.gov.uk

OPENING TIMES:

To make a payment, use a scan station or use a computer

Monday 8.30am – 4.45pm

Tuesday 8.30am – 4.45pm

Wednesday 8.30am – 4.45pm

Thursday 9.30am – 4.45pm

Friday 8.30am – 4:15pm

For pre-arranged face to face appointments

Monday No appointments

Tuesday 9am – 4pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Thursday 9.30am – 4pm

Friday 9am – 4pm

CUSTOMER SERVICES

(street scene, highways, parking, blue badges, bus passes, planning, adult social care, civic enforcement, private sector housing)



 **Very Busy**

 **Busy**

 **Quieter**





Raising the flag for Armed Forces Day

A special Raise the Flag ceremony will be held on Monday 20 June in the Market Square to celebrate Reserves Day and Armed Forces Day.

The event is a chance to say thank you and show our support to those who make up our Armed Forces, service families, veterans and cadets. Led by the Mayor of Darlington, the event starts at 10.15am.

To find out more about how you can show your support for the Armed Forces, visit www.armedforcesday.org.uk



The council's first-ever heritage ambassador has set out plans to galvanise Darlington's local history community.

Councillor Mike Renton has had what he describes as a “massive passion” for heritage from a young age.

He feels a responsibility to champion and protect our many heritage gems for future generations.

One of his first tasks will be to pull together a network of interest groups and individuals who

share a common goal of preserving and promoting Darlington's rich and varied heritage.

He said: “There's a huge spectrum of organisations, from parish councils to friends groups, and I want to create a community so that I can take its voice into the council.”

Cllr Renton's new brief is the latest in a series of special interest roles created by the council in recent years – with Cllr Darrien Wright serving as LGBT+ ambassador and Cllr Scott Durham as autism ambassador.

Contact your councillor

Key: (C) Conservative
(G) Green (I) Independent
(L) Labour (LD) Liberal Democrats

Your councillor is there to listen to you and find out about the issues that are affecting life in your ward. Scheduled ward surgeries are detailed below, but you can email or call your local councillor.

Find out more at

www.darlington.gov.uk/your-council/democracy

Emailing councillors

To email your councillor, their email address is **firstname.lastname@darlington.gov.uk**

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.

BANK TOP AND LASCELLES

Helen Crumbie (L) Tel: 07743 191014. **Wendy Newall (L)** Tel: 251574. **Darrien Wright (I)** Tel: 07724 384264.

BRINKBURN AND FAVERDALE

Scott Durham (C) Tel: 07805 505156. **Rachel Mills (C)** Tel: 482906/07786 077189. **Lisa Preston (C)** Tel: 07793 662154.

COCKERTON

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 16 May and 20 June, 6-7pm.

EASTBOURNE

Jonathan Dulston (C) Tel: 07775 555251. Firthmoor Community Centre, Wednesday 25 May and 29 June, 3-4pm. **Kevin Nicholson (I)** Tel: 07791 807629. **Steven Tait (I)** Tel: 07825 303036. Firthmoor Community Centre, Thursday 19 May and 16 June, 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 Whesoe Parish Hall, Wednesday 11 May and 8 June, 6-7pm. **Lynn Paley (I)** Tel: 07963 706171. By appointment only at Harrowgate CIU Ltd, Wednesday 11 May and 8 June, 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 4 June and 2 July, 10-11am.

HEIGHINGTON AND CONISCLIFFE

Gerald Lee (C) Tel: 314622. **Paul Crudass (C)** Tel: 374537. Brafferton Village Hall, Saturday 4 June, 10-11am; Summerhouse Village Hall, Saturday 2 July, 10-11am.

HUMMERSKNOTT

Charles Johnson (C) Tel: 463712. **Jack Sowerby (C)** Tel: 07730 480295.

HURWORTH

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

MOWDEN

Pauline Culley (C) Tel: 250482. **Alan Marshall (C)** Tel: 359138 or 07807 523106. Mowden Junior School, Monday 6 June and 4 July, 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 10 May and 14 June, 6-7pm; St Thomas Aquinas Church, Tuesday 24 May and 28 June, 1-2pm.

PARK EAST

Cyndi Hughes (L) Tel: 480975. **Libby McCollom (L)** Tel: 07910 369887. **Michael Nicholson (L)** Tel: 240750. St Columba's, Friday 20 May, 6-7pm; St Augustine's 7 June, 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 8 June and 6 July, 6-7pm.

RED HALL AND LINGFIELD

Hilary Lucas (L) Tel: 249215. Red Hall Community Centre, Wednesday 8 June and 13 July, 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, Tuesday 24 May, 6-7pm; Wesley Court, Tuesday 28 June, 6-7pm.

WHINFIELD

Jamie Bartch (C) Tel: 07554 645651. **Andy Keir (C)** Tel: 07597 297654. The Shuttle & Loom, Saturday 7 May, 4 June and 2 July, 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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Teesside Airport Business Suite,
Teesside International Airport, Darlington DL2 1NJ
Tel: 01642 524401 or email mayor@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

A blooming marvellous competition

NIB



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Northumbria in Bloom runs a campaign every year to recognise, encourage and reward community groups who work together to transform their village, town or city through gardening.

In 2021 we achieved a silver gilt award for best city centre, with the judges commenting “the people of Darlington should be proud of what has been achieved in this difficult pandemic year. The town centre has a vibrant feel, and it is obvious that shoppers, visitors and residents are able to enjoy well cared for and open green spaces around the town.” This year we are going for gold!

Did you know?

Each year, the council gives away the bedding plants used in our colourful flower beds and roundabout displays. A selection of polyanthus, pansies and bellis daisies will be available for free, to collect from South Park in mid May, ready for you to plant in your own gardens. The date is weather dependent, keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information!

Mini Garden Competition

To encourage budding young gardeners, we are running a mini gardens competition! Recycle whatever receptacle you have on hand to create your own magical mini garden: old plant pots, buckets or tubs would be perfect (no bigger than a dinner plate).

Submit a picture to the council's Facebook page by Saturday 18 June, along with your child's first name and age. Entry pictures will be displayed in the Indoor Market and lucky winners will receive their very own fairy garden kit and a £20 Wilko voucher for gardening supplies.



Free, safe and anonymous mental health support.

For young people and adults in **County Durham and Tees Valley**



Chat with a professional



Try a wellbeing activity



Benefit from peer support



Read self help articles

Kooth.com
for ages 11-18



Scan QR to visit

Qwell.io
for ages 18+



Scan QR to visit



Council Tax Energy Rebate – how much will I get?

The rebate will be paid to residents who are liable for council tax and who are living in their property as their main, or only, home on 1 April 2022.

Which Council Tax band? This can be found on your bill

Main Scheme



Band
A, B, C or D



£150
payment

Discretionary Scheme



Band
E, F, G or H



**Receiving Council
Tax Support?**

Yes



£150
payment

No



Receiving any of the following?

- Disabled band reduction
- Discount due to one or more residents in the household being disregarded due to a disability
- Class U exemption (all members of the household are severely mentally impaired)



Yes



£150
payment

No



£42
payment

For more details on the rebate scheme, including how the £150 will be paid, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/energyrebate



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I'm more than help with bills
I am living on your own
and winning...

Could
you work in
adult care?



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Find opportunities in Darlington

www.darlington.gov.uk/xtra

Darlington Xtra gives you more

Welcome to Darlington Xtra, an interactive multi-agency website aimed at promoting and enhancing recruitment and retention opportunities in Darlington. Facilitated by our workforce development team, Darlington Xtra aims to highlight employment opportunities with a particular focus on those working with families, children, and adults.

The website, which was launched in April also offers training and development and valuable resources such as podcasts, videos and articles from professionals, families and young people who share their experiences and knowledge of topics including domestic abuse, safeguarding, becoming a social worker and hate crime.

Employers and services from across the borough have contributed to the website to not only encourage anyone thinking of working in adult care or working with children or families but also for existing staff and volunteers, to help progress in their current roles and to upskill and move into a new related role. The site also includes benefits related to some roles such as wellbeing packages

funded by the council for anyone working within adult care.

If you are considering a career in these areas, you can find a wealth of information on the site as well as useful links and contacts for other services which could help you on your journey in becoming a practitioner, foster carer, parent carer and many other rewarding, life changing roles in Darlington.

Take a look at www.darlington.gov.uk/xtra



Darlington Xtra

Meet the team



Front row left to right; Carolyn Horton, Lindsey Salkeld, Shauna Ferguson, Marie Nicholson , Deborah Mkapa
Back row left to right; Sandra Longstaff , Carmel Reilly, Lynn Roshier, Carley Jackson, Kim Parkinson, John Pearson , Simone Dillon

In this edition we're introducing you to the RIACT team who are part of the adult social care team based at Hundens Lane.

RIACT - responsive, integrated, assessment, care team consists of social workers, occupational therapists, community assessment officers, reablement coordinators and support workers. The team of 30 is responsible for assessing the needs of anyone who has experienced ill health or injury which has impacted their day to day living. The team then develop a reablement plan which provides short term support to people living in their own home.

When we become unwell our ability to manage practical everyday tasks such as getting washed and dressed can become difficult. The aim of the service is to work with you to support you to regain these skills, increase your confidence and independence and get you back on your feet.

If life has taken an unexpected turn and you find yourself relying on others to do the most basic things, or you're expecting a period of poor health such as leaving hospital after an operation, the RIACT team may be able to support you.

Carley Jackson, reablement coordinator, explains: "We have a wealth of experience in what we do and are able to provide a variety of support including, helping make meals, personal care and managing tasks at home, providing occupational and therapy physiotherapy. Our aim is to help you to regain independence as you recover, to assist you in continuing with your usual lifestyle choices such as living independently, returning to work, or enjoying a hobby and empowering you – all with the least restrictive intervention."

Kim Parkinson, senior practitioner, adds: "We are a health and social care team that works together with other services to provide short term, outcome focused support. We have a strong team identity, and our team motto is 'coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, working together is success'.

"It's a bit of a cliché, but no two days are ever the same! The most satisfying and rewarding part of my job is seeing someone get that smile back on their face when they realise they don't need us anymore, they've rebuilt the skills they had before being unwell and reenabled themselves to get back on their feet – it's why I do what I do."

If you would like to find out more about RIACT or how you

CASE STUDY

Thank you for giving me my life back

Like many elderly people, Harry Danes did not want to believe he was the age he was, mentally he felt much younger, but physically his body was starting to show its age.

Two years ago, Harry suffered a devastating stroke which left him with significant health issues including a brain infection and reduced mobility. Once a keen gardener, frequent fisher and sociable man, the 69-year-old now found himself in a care home due to the damage the stroke had caused.

Life had changed beyond comprehension, Harry relied on carers to do everything he was once able to do for himself and used a wheelchair to move around the care home. After 12 months in the home Harry decided enough was enough and he wanted to regain his independence and get 'the old fella' back!



the ability to prepare meals, manage his medication and walk independently. The stroke and neuro physiotherapy team also provided support and developed a low-level exercise plan to encourage movement and stability. Additional safety measures were put in place including a fall detector from the Lifeline team.

Harry aspired to go out into the community independently, to feel well enough and confident enough to meet with friends outside of his home, to build new friendships and to regain the independence he had lost due to his ill health.

Two months on and life has improved significantly. As a result of the initial referral and the intervention of the RIACT team, Harry is now living independently in his own home, he is walking with a wheeled walking aid and no longer requires his wheelchair. Daily tasks such as personal care and making basic meals has become more manageable and Harry is now able to join in with social activities with friends around the complex where he lives.

Speaking of his experience with the RIACT team, Harry said: "I am so very grateful to the wonderful team who have helped me. My daughter still helps me with my shopping and jobs around the house, but I am much happier in my own home, I can move around much more easily than before, and I have regained the independence I had wished for. Thank you for giving me my life back."

**“I have regained
the independence I
had wished for”**

The RIACT team received a referral for Harry made by the Darlington council housing team. A local flat was identified as a possible home for Harry which was close to his daughter and support network. The RIACT team assessed the premises to ensure it was safe and arranged for equipment to be fitted to allow for a smooth transition from the care home and to make life easier for Harry living on his own. A reablement assessment was carried out which developed a plan to be put in to place for the first four weeks after leaving the care home. The plan included four daily visits from reablement coordinators to assist with all aspects of daily living including personal care, meals, and medication, while Harry's daughter helped with housework and shopping.

A therapy plan was put in place to provide mobility practise and promote independence. The hope was that with the additional support, Harry would regain

You can refer yourself or someone you know, call 342111.



Alfie is nine and loves swimming, going to the park and playing football. When he's older, he wants to be a teacher, so that he can help other children. Alfie's mum is trying to find new, suitable accommodation for them both, and needs someone to look after Alfie while she finalises everything. He needs an outgoing, active foster carer to share their home with him for a few weeks.



Sophie is eleven and has dreams of being an actress. Her favourite subject in school is art, and she's a big fan of singing and dancing. Sophie has been living with her grandmother, Sylvia, who has unfortunately fallen ill. While Sylvia gets the treatment she needs, Sophie is looking for a creative and supportive foster carer who can look after her for a month.

Start your fostering journey today

Could you foster a child like Alfie or Sophie?

This Foster Care Fortnight (9 – 22 May), we're inviting you to consider fostering with Darlington Council.

We're always looking for new carers to help change the lives of children in Darlington and there are no special requirements – just a spare bedroom, the drive to make a difference and the ability to care for others. Take the first step on your fostering journey and get in touch with us today.

fostering@darlington.gov.uk | www.darlington.gov.uk/fostering | 406222



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We are improving your roads this summer

Busy commuter routes and residential roads across the town will be improved this summer, with a £3m programme of resurfacing and micro-asphalting works planned.

The 2022 programme will include 11 resurfacing schemes covering 3.6km of road length, including Neasham Road, Newton Lane and Coniscliffe Road.

The maintenance budget of £2.52m for 2022/23 will be used on the resurfacing schemes, while additional funding will be spent on a widespread programme of micro-asphalting, which seals a road surface helping prevent water damage, extending its life by up to 10 years.

Regular monitoring of the condition of road surfaces in Darlington means the highways team can make evidence-based decisions about the programme of works each year.

A more eco-friendly in situ recycling process – which recycles the existing carriageway material so saving on the cost of landfill and new materials – will be carried out on Burnside Road and Prior Street.

A recycling overlay scheme, which will use approximately 2,000 tonnes of road planings saved from some of last year's schemes, will be carried out on Newbiggin Lane.

Towards the end of summer, a micro-asphalt programme will be carried out on 46 streets across the town - a total 9.5km of road length.

All roadworks schemes are planned to minimise disruption on our road network as much as possible. The bigger schemes in this year's programme will take place during the school holidays, when traffic on the local network drops by up to 15% at rush hour.



The full list of schemes for 2022/23 will be available at www.darlington.gov.uk/highways - this also includes a link to more information about how and why micro-asphalting is carried out.

ENJOY WHAT'S ON

Summer's just around the corner and there's plenty to keep you entertained. Please be aware that events may be subject to change or postponement. 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 July and August 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.

MAY

Station Scamps – Fridays, 10am-noon, Head of Steam Railway Museum. A weekly programme of under-5s activities. Included in family annual passes and £2 per adult for non-members. Children aged five and under are free.

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

Vintage Vehicle Rally – Sunday 22, 1-4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Vintage vehicles on display, children's entertainer, Entry £2 adults, £1 children, under 5s are free, included in yearly passes.



Royal themed Open Days – Thursday 26 and Friday 27, 10am-4pm, Darlington Library, discover the wide range of photographs, souvenir brochures and programmes in the local studies collection with a local yet royal connection. Free entry, drop-in.

Railway Coffee Morning – Thursday 26, 11am-1pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Open to all former railway employees. Guests can catch up and share stories over a cuppa. Free entry.

Ed Blaney's Ultimate Bowie – Friday 27, 7.30-11pm, The Forum, Borough Road. Tickets £13.50.

Jubilee crafts – flags and bunting – Tuesday 31, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Fun, family friendly Jubilee-themed activity, included in admission and yearly passes.

JUNE



Little Mix Tribute – Wednesday 1, 2-4pm, Dolphin Centre, Tickets £9, available from the Dolphin Centre reception.

Jubilee crafts – flower making – Wednesday 1, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Planning a Jubilee celebration? Create your own tissue paper flowers to add that little something extra to your street party, included in admission and yearly passes.

ELO Beatles Beyond – Saturday 11, 7.30-11pm, The Forum, Borough Road. Tickets £12.50.

Locos &

Lemon Tops
– Saturday 25
June – Sunday
4 September,
10am-4pm,
Head of Steam,
Darlington
Railway Museum.
Discover more
about how the
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to the masses
and explore the
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seaside towns.



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

DARLINGTON EVENTS

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2022

May

Sun 8	Noon - 3pm	Darlington Dance Festival	Market Square
Fri 20 - Sun 22	Various times	Darlington Arts Festival	Town Centre

June

Thu 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	Noon - 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	11am - 3pm	GOLD Tea Dance	Market Square
Sat 23	10am - 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 9am Junior 3K 9.45am	Town Centre
Mon 8	5pm - late	Darlington Pride Weekender Gay Pride Night	Town Centre bars and Blackwellgate
Sat 13	Noon - 6pm	Darlington Pride Weekender Festival and March	Market Square
Sun 14	Noon - 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 Market (last Sunday of every month 10am - 3pm)

www.enjoydarlington.co.uk

Pease Pudding Market (Thurs 7 July, 4 August, 1 September 4pm - 9pm)



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01325 406000



Prince Charles touring the new facilities

VIP visitor at new cattle market



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Borough Council

The new cattle market at Humbleton Farm has received the royal seal of approval, following a recent visit from HRH Prince Charles.

Darlington Farmers Auction Market (DFAM) has been operating from its new purpose-built premises off the A68 since September 2020, and the prince's visit marked its official opening.

Bright, modern facilities have replaced the town centre auction mart in Clifton Road, which was no longer fit for purpose.

With its new auction centre, business park and exhibition space now fully operational at its out of town location, DFAM has the ideal platform to grow its business and encourage other agricultural activities to locate there in the future.

Did you know?

The council played a key role in helping the auction market relocate. Firstly through planning approval, but crucially by buying a plot of land from DFAM in Neasham Road, near the arena. This is being developed for a range of affordable council housing to rent as well as private housing. This helped DFAM to raise more funds to turn its relocation plans into reality.

Clifton Road future

Residents had long wished for the relocation to happen. Now it's done, the former mart site has been cleared in readiness for future development, complementing the exciting regeneration of Bank Top Station.

Fancy joining a c



Quakers Running Club

Darlington Orchestra

Many clubs and societies were forced to take an extended break during the pandemic. With restrictions now eased and summer just around the corner, there could hardly be a better time to pick up a new hobby, or revisit a forgotten passion.

In this specially extended clubs and societies section, we take a look at just some of the fabulous clubs on offer in Darlington.

Voices of Darlington: The Voices of Darlington Choirs meet every Monday, 5-9pm, at All Saints Church, Ravensdale Road. They run sessions for different age groups as well as one-to-one tuition and workshops throughout the week. For details, email voicesofdarlington@outlook.com or find them on Facebook.

Darlington Indoor Bowls Club: Open six days a week and based on the site of the North Road Locomotive Works, the club offers eight rink, international sized, flat green bowling to members and to the general public. New bowlers of all ages are welcome and can have a free taster session. Visit www.darlingtonibc.co.uk or call 485414 for more information.

Quakers Running Club: The club prides itself on being one of the friendliest running clubs in the

North East. They welcome runners of all abilities and hold various sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm, setting off from Abbey playing fields, Abbey Road. Quakers members recently staged a volunteer takeover at Darlington parkrun in South Park. Visit www.quakersrunningclub.org.uk

Darlington Ramblers Group: Walking with good company in pleasant countryside. Weekly Sunday walks between 5-10 miles. May to September Wednesday evening walks 3-5 miles. Contact Bob King 07707 030164 or David Reed 350997 for information.

ManClub: A peer to peer mental health support group for men. Free sessions run on a Monday and a Friday, 6-8pm at the Quaker Meeting House, Skinnergate and an online meeting is held every Sunday via Zoom. Paul Bannister, director of ManHealth, said: "Demand for our service has grown over the last year. We encourage men to come along and listen and share their issues and concerns, and be supported by other men who understand how they may be feeling. All sessions are run in a safe, non-judgemental, confidential environment and there is no requirement for a referral. There's no pressure to talk and sessions are free." Email info@manhealth.org.uk or call 01388 320023 to book a session.

Join this summer?



Darlington Operatic Society



Darlington RA Juniors

Haughton Badminton Club: Haughton Badminton Club meets every Wednesday at The Education Village sports hall, 8-10pm and hosts a variety of mens, ladies and mixed games – all players welcome. Visit www.haughtonbadmintonclub.webs.com or call 215713 for more details.

Ready Steady Mums: Ready Steady Mums meet on a Wednesday, 11am at South Park clock tower. A walking group for new mums and a perfect 'free and fun way to support other mums'. For more information, have a look at their group page www.facebook.com/ReadySteadyMumsDarlington

Darlington Orchestra: A community orchestra, featuring local musicians, with a reputation for giving high-quality and entertaining concerts built on a hugely varied repertoire. They rehearse once a week and currently have vacancies in most sections. So whether you're 15 or 95, get in touch! Rehearsals take place at St Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, North Road, 7-9pm, on Tuesdays during term time. Visit darlington-orchestra.org.uk, email admin@darlington-orchestra.org.uk or call Debbie on 251383 for more information.

Darlington Operatic Society: Darlington Operatic Society has a long history, dating back over 100 years and have been performing at the Hippodrome

since 1945. It is holding auditions for new members in May 2022 and you can also join as part of the backstage team. The group is currently performing Priscilla Queen of the Desert with Shrek and Grease coming soon! Visit www.darlingtonoperaticsociety.org.uk

Darlington RA Juniors: RA Juniors is a volunteer-led, grass roots football club looking for children aged over five years old to join its teams. The family friendly club has fantastic coaches who support children through their football journey. For more information email emmaelder1@yahoo.co.uk or search Darlington RA Juniors on Facebook.

Are you looking for a great way to explore new hobbies, learn new skills or meet new people?

Then check the clubs and society page on our website www.darlington.gov.uk/clubs.

If you would like your club or society featured in One Darlington or on the website please email editor@onedarlington.org.uk



MORE THAN 100 JOBS SECURED AT DARLINGTON TREASURY CAMPUS

Just over a year since the Darlington Economic Campus was announced, it has already hit a major milestone.

More than 110 Treasury members of staff are now in post, with the vast majority recruited locally and directly to the campus.

I met Chancellor Rishi Sunak on his visit to the town, where he heard from the new recruits about how they have settled into their roles at the heart of Government decision-making.

The department has reached a third of its target to have up to 300 Treasury

roles based at the new cross-Government hub, as part of a drive to have more than 1,100 new roles based there by 2025. The majority of staff have been recruited directly to the campus and the remainder are existing staff who have also chosen to relocate from London.

Brunswick and Central Park were also revealed as the remaining two contenders for the permanent site of the Campus - with the Brunswick site as the preferred location.

This has shown how local people from across Darlington can work at the

heart of Government without leaving the place they love and call home. This is only the beginning, with hundreds more upcoming jobs in the Civil Service giving people from the town huge opportunities to succeed.

The new campus will house staff from the Treasury alongside other key Government departments including the Department for International Trade and the Department for Levelling Up.

Visit [TeesValley.Jobs](https://teesvalley.jobs) for the latest vacancies.

Tees Valley Mayor | **Ben Houchen**

CPO RESULT PAVES THE WAY FOR STATION WORKS



Work to transform Darlington station can now get under way after a ruling on compulsory purchase proceedings.

The plans, backed by £25million of our funding will see a new platforms, entrance, station building and upgrades to its transport links.

To make the plans a reality, a compulsory purchase order was progressed by Darlington Borough Council for parcels of land to the east and west of the station. The Planning Inspectorate has now ruled that all the land in question can be

brought into public ownership. The work will create three new platforms on the east side of the existing station, a new station building and a footbridge linking the new platforms and building with the existing station.

An upgrade to the Victoria Road entrance and car park, pick up and drop off points on the western side of the station is planned, alongside widening pavements and improvements to walking and cycling access to make the station easier to reach.

TEESSIDE AIRSHOW

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Helping to make your nights out safer



Extra police officers are on the beat in town on a weekend to help keep you safe on a night out.

A dedicated rapid response vehicle has been introduced in the town centre on Friday and Saturday nights to help officers protect vulnerable people and deal with issues of predatory behaviour at pubs and clubs.

These officers are working with door staff and licensees who alert them to any vulnerable people and suspicious, predatory or harassing behaviour, allowing the officers to intervene more quickly.

The officers have been in place since December, where their presence has been well received by both door staff and those on nights out.

Since their introduction they have helped several vulnerable people and intervened in a number of incidents, including:

- responding to reports of a man who was exposing himself. Officers arrested a 50-year-old man on suspicion of indecent exposure. He was interviewed and released under investigation while further enquiries are carried out
- ensuring several lone women got home safely after becoming separated from their friends or partners
- arresting a man after a vulnerable 13-year-old approached officers and made them aware someone had stolen his spare change and bus ticket
- helping a young, disabled man get home after he had fallen and was struggling to get a taxi
- intervening after spotting a lone woman walking with two men in the early hours of the morning. Officers separated the woman from the men to ensure she was there of her own accord and that she knew the men.

We've also secured funding to supply door staff with more radios, allowing them to communicate easily with other venues and share information about ongoing

incidents and people who have been barred. The radios also enable police officers to be alerted to any potential issues and ensures people get the help they need quickly.

These initiatives are just one of several interventions being carried out thanks to funding from the Home Office's Safer Streets 3 fund, designed to help people, in particular women and girls, feel safer in public spaces.

It follows work carried out last year by Durham Constabulary through the Call It Out survey, which aimed to gauge 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.

Inspector Dean Haythornthwaite, from Darlington Neighbourhood Police Team, said: "We want everyone to feel safe when they come to Darlington - harassment, inappropriate behaviour or sexual offending is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

"The deployment of extra police officers has been really well received by members of the public, as well as the licensees and door staff. Many people have told us that their presence alone makes them feel safer, and that they have confidence to report any suspicious behaviour or incidents to them.

"These are just some of the many ways in which we are helping to keep people safe while making the streets a more hostile place for people looking to commit these offences."



SAFER STREETS

SECURE, DETER, PREVENT



County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Service

BE WATER AWARE

LOOK FOR DANGERS

READ SIGNS

Pay attention to information boards around navigational locks, and to warning signs.


STAY TOGETHER

Never go alone, and always let someone know where you are.

WHAT'S UNDER THE WATER?

There can be hazards you can't see from the surface.

EMERGENCY?

- ◆ Call 999 or 112
- ◆ Use  what3words for a precise location to give to the emergency services.
- ◆ If you fall in, float on your back
- ◆ If someone else falls in, throw them a float / line

Danger
Deep water



Danger
Strong Currents

Look what 700 Darlington people achieved in 25 years!



700 CLUB

Twenty-five years ago, an appeal was launched for 700 people to give £50 to make a difference to the lives of those who were homeless in Darlington and the 700 Club was born. Since then, the organisation has provided over 400,000 bed-nights to those in housing need and supported thousands of people to move forward positively in their lives.

People like Peter who was street-homeless, suffered addiction problems, but who is now employed and using his 'lived experience' to help others facing the same problems he faced. Also Sarah, who fled an abusive home, was provided with support from a 700 Club project, and who is now confident, outgoing, and living independently.

The 700 Club supports around 150 people daily, with services that are both accommodation and community based. Working in partnership with the council and a large number of local organisations, we offer holistic support, working alongside specialist agencies, to help people who are struggling to acquire secure accommodation, address their difficulties, and move forward in their life. "We help people to believe in themselves."



"I knew that only I could change my life, but the 700 Club helped me discover the strength to do it."

What could your gift achieve in the next 25 years?

To kick-start the next 25 years and mark the 700 Club's Silver Jubilee, we are again asking people to give to provide support to Darlington's most vulnerable residents, helping them to become the best that they can be.

To donate, click JUBILEE 700 at www.700club.org.uk

Text JUBILEE to 70580 to donate £10.



If you have previously used our services, or have worked alongside us, please come and join us, in our Head Office car park, Beaumont Street West, for a free afternoon of outdoor fun including stalls and games, a hog roast, live music and much more, to celebrate our silver anniversary and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 9 June 9, 12-3pm.

Men's Health

You are not alone...

It is well documented that rates of male suicide is significantly higher than for women.

But you are not alone - there is help available locally for anyone feeling that they can't cope with their feelings.

Here are some things to look out for in yourself when you're finding everyday life hard.

Maybe you can't quite put your finger on it, but you're not feeling okay. You might be feeling tired more often, be feeling emotional, and you might not want to do the things that you usually enjoy right now. Struggling to cope with everyday life doesn't look or feel the same in everyone. We can't generalise about how it'll make you feel or act.

In 2019, the rate of suicides among males was 15.4 per 100,000 population and among females it was 4.9 per 100,000. The rate of suicide has slightly decreased for both genders since the beginning of given time period of the statistic, although the 2019 rate is an increase from the preceding few years. However, the rate of suicide for men has remained significantly higher than for women. **What options are there in Darlington?** Here are just a few of them.



A weekly men's shed project held at Bellburn allotments in Darlington Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm.



The weekly sessions comprise of allotment work, woodwork, painting and clearance and for men aged 18+.



Darlington Mind has a range of services and the team will listen to you and support you. Telephone 01325 283169 or 07572 888084. darlingtonmind.com



Visit your GP surgery's website, or call the surgery. For urgent medical help call 111 if you are unable to get help online.



A live chat service is open EVERY SINGLE DAY from 6-10pm. It is a great option for those who can't get to groups, those who aren't ready to take that step yet, or those who need immediatesupport. manhealth.org.uk



The Samaritans are there, day or night for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. Call the Samaritans for free on 116 123. They are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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Tackling loneliness together

Feeling lonely can have a negative impact on your mental health, especially if these feelings have lasted a long time. Research suggests that loneliness is associated with an increased risk of depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, sleep problems and stress.

This year's Mental Health Awareness Week, which runs from 9 May, focuses on loneliness and how we can help ourselves and others to improve our mental health.

How can you help?

-  **Knock** on the door of someone you know who lives alone for a chat or to offer them a helping hand
-  **Visit** www.darlingtoncares.co.uk for volunteering opportunities
-  **Join a club** – see pages 24 and 25 for some ideas
-  **Enjoy nature** – a walk in the park or even a cuppa in your backyard
-  **Smile and be kind**

For free anonymous support

www.darlington.gov.uk and search mental health support

www.mentalhealth.org.uk

www.darlingtonmind.co.uk

Kooth.com

www.samaritans.org; call 116123 or email jo@samaritans.org



Caring Darlington

To mark Carers Week, between 6 and 12 June, the town clock will be lit in recognition of the 10,000+ unpaid carers in the area who regularly support relatives and friends.

Carers are continuing to face new challenges as a result of the pandemic with many people taking on more unpaid caring responsibilities.

Darlington Carers Support offers a range of help, including group and one-to-one support. They can help with counselling, training and carer breaks.

For more information visit

Web: www.dccarers.org

Phone: 0300 030 1215

Email: admin@darlingtoncarers.org

Skerningham Garden Village

- getting involved with developing a design code



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Picture:
Design for
Homes



What is a design code and what can you influence?

The Local Plan, which included the designation of the Skerningham Garden Village, was adopted by the council earlier this year. The agreement included a requirement to develop a design code for the area before any development can take place.

A design code sets out expectations about the look and feel of a development and will help to ensure the Skerningham Garden Village will be developed to a high standard.

To make sure the design code reflects local character and preferences we are encouraging people to get involved and help to develop the legally binding document.

How we will continue to engage with you.

There is a dedicated Skerningham section of our website available at www.darlington.gov.uk/planningpolicy which will be updated regularly.

By the time this edition comes through your door the first of the planned local workshops will have taken place and preparations are under way to hold the second round in week commencing May 16.

As well as local residents, we also want to hear from people with different experiences and viewpoints.

Have you recently moved into a new development and would you be willing to share your experiences?

If you have moved into a new development in Darlington in the last few years, we would welcome your involvement and contribution. The Skerningham design code will be shaped around the 10 characteristics of well-designed places. Your experiences, and those of your family, of living in a new area in the context of those characteristics would be an invaluable in helping shape the code. We want to know what is good, not so good and what else you would have liked to see in place. You can give your views anonymously.

Are you a young person and want to help shape Skerningham?

We would welcome involvement from young people in a variety of ways. We plan to work with further education and youth employment providers in the town - your involvement and contribution to shaping the future of this part of your town will be an important marker for any new development.

Contact skerninghamdesign@darlington.gov.uk if you'd like to take part.

Vera drops in

Back in January we were approached by ITV who were keen to use the Town Hall as a set for filming an episode of crime drama Vera. We accepted the unique opportunity and began working with the production team who had never filmed this far south before.

In April 80 cast and crew descended on the town centre and work began to create the backdrop to the hit show. You may have noticed several changes including some of our signage being removed to make way for fictitious Northumberland And City Council signs, a reception desk and signage were also installed inside.

We invited fans, colleagues, and members of the public to join us on the day to take a sneak peek at the filming set and watch out for any famous faces! Although DCI Vera Stanhope couldn't join us on the day, we did have DS Aidan Healy with us and Samantha Spiro who plays Belinda in the first episode of the new series. The crowd was greeted by Kenny Doughty who plays DS Healy as he happily



gave autographs and took photos with fans who came from as far as Middlesbrough and Barnard Castle.

The day provided a fantastic insight into the work that goes in to creating such a hit show and gave the Town Hall its five minutes of fame. The production team donated £500 to be divided between the mayor's charities, Darlington MIND and St Teresa's Hospice.

We're not sure exactly when the episode will air but we expect it to be late Autumn. Take a look at our Facebook page for more photos from the day.

We need your help to enrich elderly lives in Darlington



Please donate today

Every pound you give goes directly to making a local elderly person enjoy a happier life through relief from loneliness and isolation, socialising and having fun.

Your donations provide free outings for our "Friends" such as a trip to the seaside with a fish n chip lunch, a visit to a local garden centre with afternoon tea or a visit to the Hippodrome theatre.

Please help by giving a donation either via www.localgiving.com/darlingtontownmission or by sending a cheque payable to Darlington Town Mission to our registered address below.



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Tees Valley Business Growth Fund

If you're a SME based in the Tees Valley, including Darlington, with plans to grow or take on more employees, then you may be eligible to access grant funding through the Tees Valley Business Growth Fund.

You could access up to **55% grant** funding for business improvement projects up to a maximum grant of £20,000.



£1,000 Grant Helps Darlington Architectural Practice Build for the Future

Darlington-based architectural practice, Wardman Brown, needed a cash injection to help pay for the new equipment needed to take on another member of staff to its growing team.

Delivering projects for both residential and commercial clients right across the UK, Wardman Brown is a dynamic and forward-thinking firm which has been growing its portfolio since opening its doors in 2011.

Projects range from small residential extensions, large contemporary houses and barn conversions to large commercial office blocks and industrial developments.

After a busy year and a growing client list, Wardman Brown urgently needed to take on a Senior Architectural Technologist to support with project delivery and keep up with demand. But first, the business needed to upgrade its current systems and IT equipment.



Director, Lee Wardman, got in touch with Tees Valley Business to find out what funding and support was available. Working with a Business Growth Consultant, Lee put in a successful application to the Tees Valley Business Growth Fund and was able to access £1,100 in grant funding.

Lee explained: "Practically, the funding has enabled us to upgrade our existing IT server, giving us much-needed storage space to run our current projects and take on future work. The addition of another computer also allowed us to take on another Senior Architectural Technologist to assist our growing workload and ultimately help with the growth of the business."

"The process to apply was straightforward. It was just a case of getting quotations for the equipment and submitting an online application form. I would definitely recommend applying. It's simple and easy!"

Visit www.teesvalleybusiness.com to find out how we can support your business growth journey.

The Tees Valley Business Growth Fund is managed by Tees Valley Combined Authority and is receiving funding from the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014 – 2020.

Survey on adult social care support during the pandemic



Did you receive adult social care support, provided or commissioned by the council, during the pandemic?

Do you know someone who has received adult social care support?

This support could include home adaptations, carers to help in the home, reablement services after a hospital stay, a council-funded care home or sheltered accommodation/extra care permanent place or temporary visit (for carer respite or recovery after hospital).

The council's adults scrutiny committee want to find out how the changes which had to be made to adult social care services because of the pandemic impacted you (or the person who receives the care), whether you felt they were good or bad, or just different – and how and why.

We particularly want to hear if there were any changes that made things better, more convenient or more flexible for you. The council could then consider continuing offering the service, and giving residents the choice, to make our services easier for you to use. We'd really value your input!

Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/consultations to complete the survey or ask a friend, relative or carer to help you to complete it if you don't use the internet.

Your relative, friend or carer can also fill in the survey to give their views, as they may be different!

The survey will work on a smartphone, tablet or other internet-enabled device too. You can also get access to a computer in the library.

If you have any difficulties accessing the survey online, contact Paul Dalton on 405805, or email paul.dalton@darlington.gov.uk

We really value your views on what were the good aspects of the changes made, what were the bad and how we can continue to improve the service you receive.



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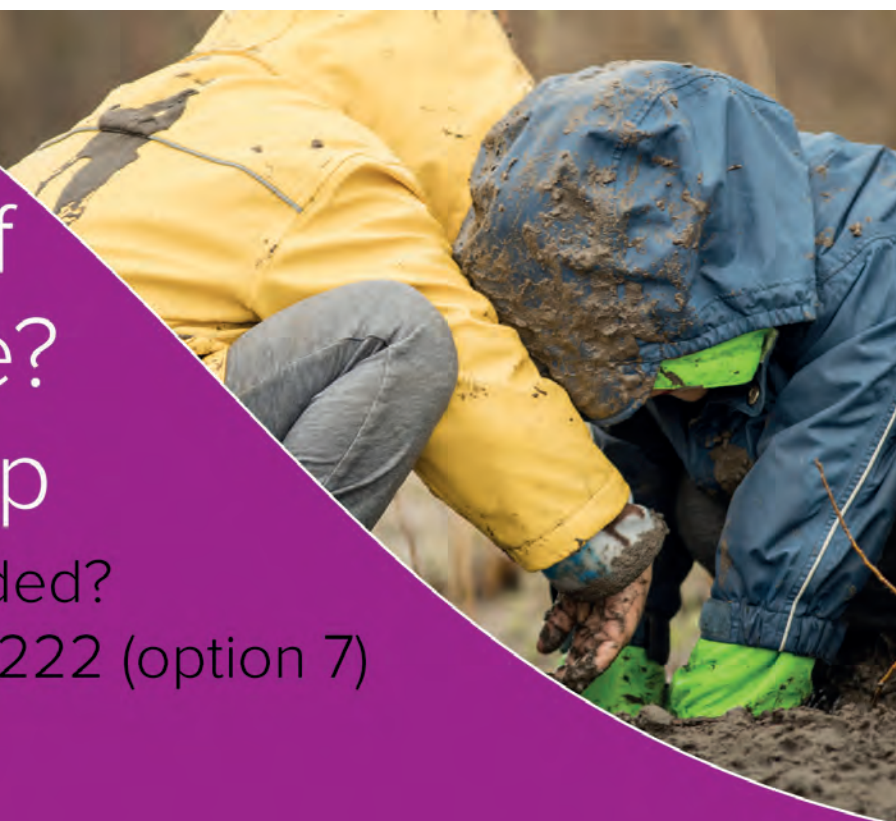
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Do you need out of school care? We can help

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Planting a tree for the Jubilee

Thank you to all the volunteers who came along to help plant more than 3,500 trees across the town as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

This unique tree planting initiative was held across the country to encourage everyone to learn about tree planting and provide a lasting legacy for the Jubilee.

Volunteers came out in all weathers to help us plant the trees – thank you for all your efforts and we hope future generations will enjoy the Green Canopy you have helped create across the town.

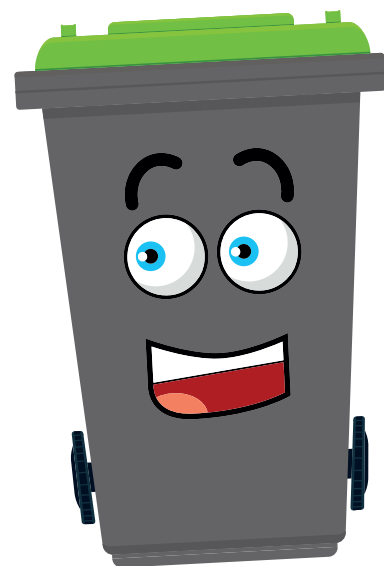


Good news!

Bin collections will stay the same during the Jubilee celebrations on Thursday and Friday.

Put your bin out by 7am on the day of collection and bring it back in as soon as possible.

Please make sure our wagons can get into your street on collection day.



Join in the fun

Come down to the Market Square over the Jubilee weekend for a fun packed timetable of family-friendly activities including face painting, hula hoop workshops, lino printing, cake decorating, paper crafts, embroidery, a green screen photo booth and giant colouring in!

There will be a host of performers on the main stage and a giant screen showing the highlights of the celebrations in London as well as a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious film!

See the back page for a full timetable!





Thursday 2 June

10am Live broadcast of the Queen's birthday parade, Trooping the Colour • **1pm** Brothers of Harmony vocal group performing well-loved songs from throughout the decades • **2pm Town Crier Proclamation** • **3.30pm** A large screen showing of Mary Poppins for everyone to sing-a-long to • **7pm** Beatlemania • **9pm** Lighting of the Beacon ceremony

Friday 3 June

11am Cockerton Prize Silver Band • **1pm** Homegrown: The UK's leading UB40 tribute band • **2.45pm** Amy Winehouse Tribute: Laura Jane Butler • **4.30pm** Cloneplay • **6.30pm** Subarctic Monkeys

Saturday 4 June

11am Kids Disco Hour • **12.30pm** Brass Band • **2pm** 1950s rhythm & blues band The Revolutionaires • **3.30pm** Party band, Discography. **4.30pm** Ukrainian musician, Nadia Violin • **The Finale** - Live broadcast of the BBC's Platinum Party at the Palace.



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