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Welcome to One Darlington

Welcome to this summer edition of One Darlington which, as ever, features some of the best things about the town.

As a small business owner I am passionate about the town and letting as many people as possible know what a great place it is to live and work in. I opened the Bakerman in 2020 and it's been a great success – there's often a queue out of the door and my parmesan and black pepper sourdough was crowned Britain's Best Loaf 2022! We're a not-for-profit community interest company, which means all our profits go into achieving our charitable objectives - promoting organic farming practices and the benefits of organic food and offering work-based experience to disadvantaged young adults.

We are looking for bigger premises as we need bigger ovens, fridges, mixers, bigger everything really! When we have our new premises we will be able to expand our work experience programmes, as well as starting bread making classes. I am so pleased that I started my business in Darlington – there is such a great community feel to the town and it's great when there are events in the town centre and visitors come in and see what we are all about.

I am not the only award-winning business in the town. Turn to pages 12-13 to find out about some of the other people making a great success of what they do.

As we move into summer there are lots of family-friendly events planned for the town centre. Fingers crossed that the sun will shine and we will all be able to come together and have fun. Find out more on page 24.

I love the great outdoors and the natural environment and I am delighted that Darlington is taking part in Northumbria in Bloom again this year. The town always looks so bright and colourful when the judges come and it's something to be really proud of. Find out more on page 18.

I hope you enjoy this edition of One Darlington. Why not fill in the survey on page 7 and tell us what else you would like to see in the magazine. You could win a £50 voucher to spend in one of our great town centre shops!



Dan Booth

The Bakerman, Clark's Yard

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Happy and glori



We've got a whole host of events planned for the town centre this summer. See pages 20-21 and 24 for more details!

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We had a wonderful long weekend commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Thousands of visitors enjoyed celebrations in the Market Square across the three-day event.

Whether you enjoyed sitting in the sun and watching the Trooping the Colour on the big screen, singing along to the great range of cover bands, getting creative with the various crafts, or dancing at the kids' disco – there really was something for everyone!

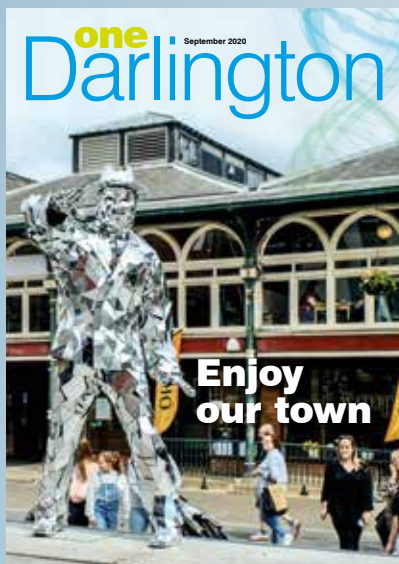
We loved seeing so many of you having such a great time. Check out our pictures on the council's facebook page, to see if you can spot yourself.



Reader survey



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Give us your views to win!

We want to know what you think of One Darlington – what you like and what we can do better. To say thank you for your time, if you give us your details you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £50 vouchers to spend in the town centre. You can also fill the survey in online at www.darlington.gov.uk/onedarlington

1. How often is One Darlington delivered to your home?

- I get every edition bi-monthly
- I get it about once every six months
- Less than once every six months
- I have never received it

If you have never received One Darlington, please give us your postcode

2. Have you ever read One Darlington online or listened to the audio version?

- Yes No

3. Have you seen a copy of One Darlington in a community venue (ie: community centre, GP surgery, Dolphin Centre)?

- Yes No

4. Please rate the following ways to receive the magazine from your most preferred (1) to least (3)

- Through my letterbox
- Pick it up at a community venue (ie: community centre, GP surgery, Dolphin Centre)
- Online/audio

5. Please rate your interest in the following regular features in One Darlington from 1 to 5 (1 - not interested at all; 5 – very interested)

- Business stories
- Police stories
- Fire service stories
- Health stories
- Community stories
- Charity/third sector stories
- What's On
- Clubs and societies
- Meet your councillors

6. Are there any topics you would like to see covered in One Darlington?

7. Please rate the quality of the following in One Darlington from 1 to 5 (1 – very poor; 5 – excellent)

- Content
- Ease of reading (font/size etc)
- Layout and design
- Photography
- Writing style/plain English

8. Please tick the statements about One Darlington that you agree with:

- There is a good mix of stories
- I read it to find out what's happening in the town
- I find it informative
- I like to read articles from different organisations (police, fire etc)
- I have attended an event I have read about
- I have contacted an organisation I have read about

9. What do you like most about One Darlington?

10. What would you change about One Darlington?

11. Any other comments?

Please send your completed survey to One Darlington reader survey, Room 106, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT by Monday 11 September. If you would like to be entered into our free prize draw to win one of two £50 vouchers to spend in the town centre, please fill in your details.

Name _____ Address _____

Phone number _____ Your details will only be used for the purpose of the draw.



Join the force



There has never been a better time to choose a career with Durham Constabulary.

Consistently rated as one of the UK's best performing police forces, Durham Constabulary has a reputation for being a hard-working, supportive, and forward-thinking organisation.

Our people are always our most valuable asset, and we expect great things from them - that's why we invest heavily in developing and nurturing our workforce, to ensure they can offer the best service for the people of County Durham and Darlington.

Want to kickstart your career with Durham Constabulary? Here are some of the roles we'll soon be recruiting:

POLICE OFFICER

Becoming a police officer gives you the power to make a difference in your community. You'll help reduce crime and provide a reassuring presence, making life safer and happier for the people you serve.

When you join the police, you'll develop both personally and professionally. Through the training you receive, you'll get skills for life that will serve you well as your career progresses.

Being a police officer is more accessible than ever thanks to our partnership with Northumbria University - whether you started work after school, went to college to pursue a trade, want to add a further specialism to your degree or fancy a change later in life, we will help you find the path that is best for you.

CALL HANDLERS

Our dedicated call handlers change lives with every call they answer. They are the first voice someone will hear when they are at their most vulnerable and must be calm, quick-thinking and resilient.

It is one of the most demanding jobs within the force, but it's also one of the most rewarding.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (PCSO)

Frontline PCSOs play a significant role in supporting the police, partner agencies and communities to help solve local issues, to reduce victimisation and make areas safer for everyone.

The PCSO role is demanding and rewarding. You need to be visible and be able to effectively communicate with people from different backgrounds and walks of life. No two days are the same and you will need to be prepared for challenging situations that will require you to draw on your training to find a resolution.



For more details on career opportunities at Durham Constabulary, visit durham.police.uk/recruitment or email human.resources@durham.police.uk

Thank YOU for saying 'NO'



Mark's usual spot was Commercial Street car park, close to the pay station. He was there for a few hours most days, whatever the weather, sitting on an old blanket.

He would say how he had been abused as a child, abused by his family, and had been sleeping rough for months because no one would help him. All he wanted was some money to buy a hot drink, some food, or the cost of a bus ticket to somewhere he knew he could stay – just small change to help him out.

But the truth was Mark was addicted to heroin and needed the money to feed a £50 a day habit.

Today Mark is clean, he's reunited with his family and his life is good. Talk to him now and he'll tell you how grateful he is to those who supported him through his recovery and encouraged within him the strength to change. He is grateful to his family for taking him back (he never was abused) and is grateful to all those who did not give him money when he asked for it, choosing instead to give to a charity.

Because YOU said 'NO'

- the money that sustained and deepened Mark's addiction stopped flowing

Because YOU said 'NO'

- Mark could not buy enough to overdose, so didn't become one of the 5,000+ victims of drug-poisoning each year in the UK

Because YOU said 'NO'

- Mark faced the destructive reality of addiction, and realised it couldn't go on

Because YOU said 'NO'

- he abandoned his spot in Commercial Street, so people who felt intimidated by him felt a lot safer

Because YOU said 'NO'

- he is no longer out in all weathers begging, so is healthier and has regained his self-esteem

Because YOU said 'NO'

- Mark is no longer taunted, threatened and kicked

Because YOU said 'NO'

- Mark is now clean, stable, and has a future.

In Darlington, a multi-agency partnership is working to help people like Mark. Support is offered on a daily basis, with the guiding principle that whatever we do is in the person's best interests, including any enforcement action by police. By addressing the needs of those who beg and because of your help, the number of people begging in Darlington is very low compared to four years ago.

Thank you for helping Mark and saying 'NO'

Have A Heart
GIVE SMART

If you are homeless, at risk of being homeless, or worried about someone who is, call the council on 405333 (from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm) or StreetLink on 0300 500 0914 (24 hours). For more information visit www.darlington.gov.uk/homelessness



The 700Club is a Darlington based charity working in partnership with the council, police and other agencies, to help people who are begging

You can text **BEGGING** to **70085** and a donation of **£5** will be made, or give online to Begging Appeal - find out more at www.700club.org.uk

All money given will go towards outreach work to help those who are begging.



Settling into their new roles



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A new leader of the council and a new mayor of Darlington have both taken office recently.

Jonathan Dulston is the new leader, having taken over from Heather Scott, who stood down after three years in the role.

Anne-Marie Curry is the new mayor, taking over the ceremonial role as Darlington's first citizen from Cyndi Hughes.

Jonathan chairs cabinet, the council's main policy-making body.

He has appointed Andy Keir as deputy leader of the council and Mike Renton as portfolio holder for stronger communities.

Jonathan Dulston,
leader of the
council



Jonathan said: "My first few weeks as leader have been a real whirlwind, starting with the wonderful Platinum Jubilee celebrations. There's hardly been a moment to catch my breath, but that's just how I like it."

Anne-Marie has carried out dozens of engagements since becoming mayor, meeting people from all walks of life.

She said: "It's a real honour to be appointed mayor and I look forward to meeting as many people as possible over the coming year."

The mayor's nominated charities will be Darlington Association on Disability and Family Help Darlington.



Anne-Marie Curry,
Mayor of Darlington

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 Jonathan Dulston, type jonathan.dulston@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 18 July, 6-7pm.

EASTBOURNE

Jonathan Dulston (C) Tel: 07775 555251. **Firthmoor Community Centre**, Wednesday 31 August, 3-4pm. **Kevin Nicholson (I)** Tel: 07791 807629. **Steven Tait (I)** Tel: 07825 303036. **Firthmoor Community Centre**, Thursday 21 July and 18 August, 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 July, 6-7pm. **Lynn Paley (I)** Tel: 07963 706171. By appointment only at Harrowgate CIU Ltd, Wednesday 13 July, 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 3 September, 10-11am.

HEIGHTON AND CONISCLIFFE

Gerald Lee (C) Tel: 314622. **Paul Crudass (C)** Tel: 374537. **High Coniscliffe Church Hall**, Saturday 6 August, 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 1 August and 5 September, 6-7pm.

MOWDEN

Pauline Culley (C) Tel: 250482. **Alan Marshall (C)** Tel: 359138 or 07807 523106. **Mowden Junior School**, Monday 5 September, 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 July, 6-7pm; **St Thomas Aquinas Church**, Tuesday 23 August, 1-2pm.

PARK EAST

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

RED HALL AND LINGFIELD

Hilary Lucas (L) Tel: 249215. **Red Hall Community Centre**, Wednesday 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 30 August, 6-7pm.

WHINFIELD

Jamie Bartch (C) Tel: 07554 645651. **Andy Keir (C)** Tel: 07597 297654. **Saturday 6 August and 3 September**, 11am-noon.

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Peter Gibson (Darlington MP)

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Paul Howell (Sedgefield MP)

can be contacted by email at paul.howell.mp@parliament.uk or through his constituency office at Unit 2, Sydney House, Ricknall Avenue, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6AS or call 790580.



Ben Houchen – TEES VALLEY MAYOR

Cavendish House, Teesdale Business Park, Stockton-on-Tees, Tees Valley, TS17 6QY
Call 01642 524401 or email mayor@teesvalley-ca.gov.uk

Awards success homegrown bus

Businesses across Darlington are celebrating after being recognised with national and international awards



Bakerman

Founded in 2020 by Dan Booth, Bakerman has proved a huge hit with customers, who often queue to buy fresh-baked from his shop in Clark's Yard.

Entering two categories in the Britain's Best Loaf competition, held annually at the NEC in Birmingham, Bakerman won both - Sourdough with Other Ingredients with their parmesan and black pepper sourdough and Innovation with a turmeric, red onion and nigella seed sourdough.

And, in a clean sweep, they were also named as the overall winner across six categories to take home the title of Britain's Best Loaf.



The Little Quaker Distillery

Also based in Clark's Yard, The Little Quaker Distillery was opened in April 2021 by husband and wife team Paul and Leanne Colman after starting a micro-distillery in an old wash house at the bottom of the garden during lockdown.

The business was named Gin Distillery of the Year by Corporate LiveWire after being nominated by a customer. The judges were impressed by the Colmans' use of technology to connect with customers during the pandemic and their move from trade to retail. The business has also won gold and silver awards at the London Spirits competition, a silver in the USA Spirits Awards and gold and silver in the European Spirits Awards.

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and accolades in recent weeks, recognising their passion, innovation and hard work.



Beanies Flavour Coffee

Based in Faverdale and founded in 2013, Beanies has captured the imagination of retailers and customers alike, offering more than 50 flavours in its instant coffee range.

Its factory has more than 40 employees and can be found on the shelves in Sainsburys and Lidl, as well as supplying retailers in 30 countries worldwide.

The company received The Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade for continuous year on year growth in export sales over the last six years, a proud achievement for the company.

Saks Apprenticeships

Competing in the Annual Apprenticeship Conference Awards, Saks Apprenticeships was recognised as National Hair and Beauty Apprenticeship Provider of the Year. Based out of its headquarters at the Saks Hair Academy, on Duke Street, the apprenticeships run by Saks train the next generation of stylists across the country.

The judges commented on Saks Apprenticeships' response to lockdown, changing to an online learning platform and giving learners practical kits at home so they could continue to develop their skills.

Uno Momento

The Blackwellgate restaurant was named Best Italian Establishment North at The Food Awards England which took place in Manchester. Serving customers for more than eight years, Uno Momento has established itself as a firm favourite in the town.

Sol Tapas, on Duke Street, was also nominated in the same awards for Best Mediterranean Establishment North.

We want to wish good luck to financial services provider Verve Group, nominated in the Tees Tech Awards in the For Good category to recognise its use of technology in delivering its not-for-profit initiative We Are Change, which provides training and qualifications to those who might not otherwise be able to join the industry.

Meanwhile sewerage solutions experts Jet Aire have been shortlisted in the Water Industry Awards 2022 for the Contractor of the Year.

Have we missed anyone? If your business, big or small, has had success in regional, national or international awards in recent months, let us know at editor@onedarlington.org.uk

Meet the team:



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Christine Thompson
Acting team manager



Lucy Norton
Deputy team manager



Claire Cox
Occupational therapy assistant



David Hugill
Deaf community support officer

In recent editions, we've introduced you to the adult contact team (ACT) and the responsive integrated assessment care team (RIACT), which both form important parts of the adult social care service.

This time, we're putting the occupational therapy (OT) and sensory impairment team in the spotlight - to give you an insight into what the team does and how it may be help you or someone you know.

The OT team supports people with any concerns they have about daily living ranging from complex neurological conditions or palliative care to general age-related frailty. The team of 11 aims to keep people in their own homes by providing equipment they may need to remain or gain independence. Equipment may include bathing aids, or minor/major adaptations such as grab rails, ramp access, stairlifts, wet rooms and specialist toilets. The OT team also works alongside other council departments to help clients with other aspects of their life including housing needs specific to their medical requirements. Some people may require a major adaptation to their home like an extension – such work is funded by the means tested disabled facility grant. Minor adaptations to the home or equipment are free of charge.

“ Our team is like a family, we support each other just like we support our clients. ”

Team manager, Christine Thompson, said: “Our team is like a family, we support each other just like we support our clients. The issues we deal with daily can be tough, we may be supporting an individual to return home after a significant injury and a prolonged stay in hospital.

“The provision of appropriate equipment and adaptations such as ramped access and a ground floor bathroom and bedroom can allow someone who has recently become a wheelchair user to return home and regain independence, this is life changing. Helping to put such things in place for people is really fulfilling, you can see the difference it makes to their physical and mental wellbeing.”

If you have a visual or hearing impairment, the sensory service may be able to support you. Consisting of a hearing impairment officer, community support officer and a visual impairment officer, the team aims to improve a person's quality of life and their independence.

occupational therapy and sensory impairment



support officer



Alison Rankin
Occupational therapy assistant



Louise Colley
Occupational therapist



Ruth Harrison
Business support

The team can make referrals to hearing support groups and Guide Dogs for the Blind which can help build confidence and encourage clients to get out into the community. The sensory team also organises social groups and activities to prevent isolation and supports people to make new friends.

Equipment such as pagers, doorbell sensors, smoke alarms, baby alarms, alarm clocks and TV and telephone aids are available depending on need, at no cost to the client. Concessionary bus travel, support with daily living tasks and information about exemptions such as VAT and TV licences and blue badges is also available.

David Hugill, community hearing support worker, has a hearing impairment and is supported in his role by Jayne Irving, communication support worker.

David explains: "It is a privilege to use my disability to help people in the community. I want to encourage anyone with an impairment to get out there, live your life and enjoy every day. There is nothing to stop you, especially when you have teams like ours to support you!"

There are currently two local groups that run weekly for the deaf community.

The over 55 group is on every Monday noon–3pm at 87 Park Place. Visitors can enjoy a cuppa, socialising, bingo, and raffles,

The deaf meet-up group takes place on a Thursday at the Havelock Centre, 34 Katherine Street from 1pm–4pm. This fun group is for people of any age to enjoy games, parties, refreshments and general socialising. Anyone learning British Sign Language is also welcomed to come along to practise their skills.

Councillor Lorraine Tostevin cabinet member for adults, said: "The adults team is an integral part of our communities, they are involved in many aspects of our daily living, helping those who are unwell or ageing to be independent and live life as fully as possible despite their ailments. I encourage anyone who would like advice or support to remain living in their own home while managing an illness to contact the team. Each team is friendly, experienced and ready to help."

**For more information about adult social care,
visit the council website and search living independently.**



PUTTING THE BRAKES ON NUISANCE OFF-ROAD BIKES



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COUNCIL TENANTS BE WARNED
– you could face eviction if anyone living at, or visiting your home, is found to be involved in this anti-social behaviour

The council has a zero tolerance approach to off-road vehicles causing a nuisance in our communities.

We have been working closely with Durham Constabulary and other partners to put the brakes on off-road drivers and tackle the nuisance caused by bikers, quads and 4x4s.

Operation Endurance, run by the police, has seen the introduction of new warning signs displayed in hotspots across the borough. Section 59 notices highlight new police powers to seize vehicles on the spot, rather than having to issue warnings in the first instance. This has already seen a number of nuisance off-road vehicles seized in recent months.

We are working with police to raise awareness of this successful scheme and we would encourage you to report any incidents as they happen to help identify those responsible.



**To report a nuisance vehicle, call 101
or Crimestoppers anonymously on 08000 555 111
or email: opendurance@durham.police.uk**



Spotlight on Supported Lodgings



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We're celebrating 10 years of Supported Lodgings this year! This is a vital service that helps young people from a range of care backgrounds with the next stages of life, and you could be a part of it.

When young people in care reach 16, there are options available for their next step in life. They may be able to stay with their care placement or leave the care system altogether and find a place of their own to start living independently. However, if they feel as though they need a little support to boost their confidence before living alone, they can move into Supported Lodgings.

Supported Lodgings is for people aged 16 to 21 who have previously been looked after, either in foster or residential care, to help them make the transition to independent living. The young person lives with someone, who can provide them with a room in their home; along with guidance and advice to help develop their skills. This could include teaching the young person how to cook, do laundry, budget or find a job – or even just offering them some emotional support.

10 years of Supported Lodgings

We recently caught up with Carol, one of our lovely, long established Supported Lodgings providers to find out how she finds the experience. She told us:

"I read a magazine article about Supported Lodgings around seven years ago which prompted me to find out more.

I like to think I am a caring, compassionate person and I had a spare room in my home, so I applied and have never looked back. The council supported me every step of the way, giving me access to other Supported Lodgings providers and help and training where it was needed.

I have many wonderful memories from the years of providing support for young people but, above all, being appreciated and having the chance to nurture a young person to develop into a confident caring adult is so rewarding.

If you are thinking of becoming a Supported Lodgings provider, please find out if it's for you – your help makes such a massive difference – not only to the young people whose lives you help, but to yours too."

While you don't need any special skills or qualifications to be a Supported Lodgings provider, you must be willing to help a young person on their journey. Having a sense of humour and enjoying young people's company can help too! However, the team provides lots of training opportunities to help you feel confident and ready to take on this new role.

If your application is successful, you'll be matched to a young person and receive a weekly allowance to help you cover any costs.

We have a team of professionals who would love to hear from you and will train and support you every step of your way.

Could you provide Supported Lodgings to a young person?

To find out more visit www.darlington.gov.uk and search Supported Lodgings

Call 406222 (choose option 5) Email supportedlodgings@darlington.gov.uk

Help us bloom and bring home a gold!

We are proud to be taking part in the annual Northumbria in Bloom competition, where judges recognise, encourage, and reward community groups who work together to transform their village, town, or city through gardening.

Last year we were awarded a Silver Gilt in the best city centre category. This year, with your support, we hope to strive one better and bring home gold.

This year we have entries in the following categories:

- 🌸 **Best city centre**
- 🌸 **Best religious establishment**
– Atisha KMC Buddhist Centre
- 🌸 **Best park** - South Park
- 🌸 **Best public house** - The Tapas Bar
- 🌸 **Best small commercial premises** – Hash bar

Two Northumbria in Bloom judges visited Darlington in May. They were greeted by our park and horticultural teams and guided around the town to assess some of the great work our teams do to make our town bloom beautifully.

The judges can't give too much of an insight of what they thought of our entries, but did say:

"The tree planting in containers in the market square, which are well and clearly labelled and the use of QR technology in both the labels and the Discover Darlington trail are excellent."

"The improvements to South Park and the use of the Street Champions and the Friends of South Park is to be commended."

They also advised they would love to see future work around St Cuthbert's Church and the riverside with continued wildflower planting and closer working with the river authorities, to keep the River Skerne clear of rubbish.

So, it's all hands to the spades, secateurs and sweeping brushes, as we prepare for their second, and final visit on 20 July!

Once again, the town will be on show, and we hope you will help us in our quest to strive for gold and put Darlington on the horticultural map. No matter how big or small your garden, garden, yard, communal piece of outdoor space - please enjoy keeping it tidy, clean, and cultivated.

**Darlington Cares organises litter picks to keep our town looking its best.
To find out dates and how you can join in, visit darlington.cares.co.uk**

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A lesson in water safety



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Sarah-Jayne Sams knows only too well the importance of learning to swim and staying safe in the water, having nearly drowned when she was 14.

Now working as a swim teacher and trainer assessor for lifeguards at the Dolphin Centre, Sarah-Jayne teaches others this vital life skill and has been visiting primary schools to highlight the dangers of water and how to stay safe to pupils.

“When I was 14, I had a bad experience in the sea, I was with a group of friends when one of them got into trouble in a rip tide,” explains Sarah-Jayne. “I went to help and managed to get her to where she could stand, but I got sucked back in and was stuck under the water, even though I was a strong swimmer and had done a few years of life saving. All I remember from the day is a burning sensation when the water was going down my throat, then wanting to go to sleep - I woke up in hospital with a very sore throat and sore ribs.

“So the water safety talks are very important to me, if I can help educate children in water safety it will hopefully help save their lives.”

We have also been running a programme of extra sessions in the pool to help improve children’s swimming skills after lessons were postponed during the pandemic.



Never let your children go near water without an adult



Never jump in or suddenly immerse yourself in cold water as the shock could kill you



Look out for warning signs and follow them



If you fall in the water, don’t panic – extend your arms and legs to float and shout for help



If you see someone in difficulty, don’t get into the water to try to rescue them - shout for help and dial 999 for the fire and rescue service, and if possible, throw them something that floats



Download the what3words app. It can help 999 know exactly where to send help.

WATER SAFETY CODE

For more useful tips visit the Royal Life Saving Society UK website www.rlss.org.uk

ENJOY WHAT'S ON

There's so much fun to be had this summer in Darlington! Please be aware the events may be subject to change/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

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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.

Darlington Libraries summer programme – there's a host of event at Darlington libraries during the school holidays. To find out more see the website and social media pages, or pick up a booklet from Darlington or Cockerton library.

JULY

Locos & Lemon Tops exhibition – until Sunday 4 September, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Normal admission applies and included in family membership passes.

Jazz with The Harry Keeble Quartet – Tuesday 12, 7pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Gasto Promotions presents Laurence Jones – Friday 15, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Nightshift playing pop and rock covers – Saturday 16, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Paddington meet and greet – Sunday 17, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Hilarity Bites Comedy Club presents Lou Conran – Wednesday 20, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.

GOLD tea dance – Thursday 21, 11am-3pm, Market Square.

Gasto Promotions presents Truly Collins – Friday 22, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Vintage vehicle rally – Saturday 23, 10am-5pm, town centre.



We Are Champion (Queen tribute) – Saturday 23, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.



Hilarity Bites presents Justin Moorhouse and Lauren Pattison – Tuesday 26, 7.30pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Creation Station dragon crafts – Tuesday 26, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Darlington by the sea – Tuesday 26-Thursday 28, 11am-5pm, Market Square.

Walworth Birds of Prey – Wednesday 27, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum, drop in session and flying displays, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Wonky Olympics & Move More activities – Thursday 28, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum, normal admission applies and included in family membership passes.



Summer crafts – Friday 29, 1– 3pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Drop in session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Original band night featuring local bands – Friday 29, The Forum Music Studios. See website for information.

Rebellion warm Up PunkNight – Saturday 30, 7pm, The Forum Music Studios.

Dolphin Centre 40th birthday party – Saturday 30, 11am-5pm, Market Square.

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AUGUST

Walworth Birds of Prey – Wednesday 3, 10, 17 and 23, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum, drop in session and flying displays, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Seaside crafts – Tuesday 2, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Bookable craft session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Jesse Ward bubbleologist – Thursday 4, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Walkabout and bookable shows, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Station Scamps – Friday 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10am – noon, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Under-fives activities. £2 per adult for non members and included in family membership passes.

Summer crafts – Friday 5, 12, 19, 26 and Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31, 1pm – 3pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Drop in session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.



SG Petch Darlington 10k, junior run and fun run – Sunday 7, 10.30am, town centre.

Creation Station various themed crafts – Tuesday 9, 16 and 23, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Bookable craft session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Darlington Pride Weekender festival and march

– Saturday 13 and Sunday 14, Market Square.

Darlington Pride family picnic – Sunday 14, noon-3pm. South Park.



Urban Street festival – Tuesday 16- Thursday 18, town centre.

Cool Chemistry workshop – Thursday 18, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Bookable session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Little Learners – Thursday 25, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Bookable session, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

Mish Mash family music festival – Saturday 27 and Sunday 28, 1-8pm, Market Square.

Pirate Day – Monday 29, 10am – 4pm, Head of Steam, Darlington Railway Museum. Drop in fun day, normal admission applies and included in family membership.

SEPTEMBER

Rhythm and Blues festival – Friday 9- Sunday 11, town centre..

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

Welcome JUNIOR MEMBERS OF YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Our new Junior members of Youth Parliament; Amy Edwards (in blue) and Ella Wallace, (in red) with (from left to right) Karen Sellars, teaching assistant and Alison Maddison, head teacher, Hurworth primary school, Councillor Jon Clarke, the council's cabinet member for children and young people, Jo Shutt, the council's young people's participation officer, and Michelle Rimmer, Reid Street primary school.

We have had a member of Youth Parliament (MYP) for many years, representing children from 11 years and upwards. It was recently agreed we needed to capture the voices of younger children too, and so it was decided we should elect a junior member of youth parliament (JMYP).

All primary school pupils in years four and five were given the opportunity to write a manifesto and stand in the election to become Darlington's first JMYP.

The manifestos were voted on by all pupils in years four, five and six. They were asked to think about who would best represent them and whose manifesto would make the most difference to the lives of children across the town.

After all voting concluded, it was decided that Amy Edwards would be our new JMYP and Ella Wallace would be deputy JMYP. They received certificates from Cllr Jon Clarke at a special assembly.

The girls will get the opportunity to work with other schools, council officers, councillors, our MP, partners, such as the police and the fire service, but most importantly with young people to ensure we listen to the voice of children and young people.

AMY EDWARDS – Hurworth Primary School

CHILDREN CHANGING OUR LIVES



My hobbies are gymnastics and dancing.

I think that I will be a great JMYP because I am kind and I care about others. I also think that all children should get a say in things that affect them.

We asked Amy why she thinks it is important that children and young people have a voice.

“Children are the best people to decide what is best for them! Empowering children to have a say in decisions that affect them will make Darlington a better place.”

ELLA WALLACE – Reid Street Primary School

**HONEST, KIND, AND TRUE
- THAT'S WHAT I WILL BE FOR YOU!**



I am a nice, generous, kind, responsible and sensible person. I am confident and a good speaker. I think this is an amazing opportunity and I hope to be a voice for children and young people.

We also asked Ella why she thinks it is important that children and young people have a voice.

“We are the future and adults need to know how we feel. It is important people are aware of what is happening around them and know that we can change lives.”

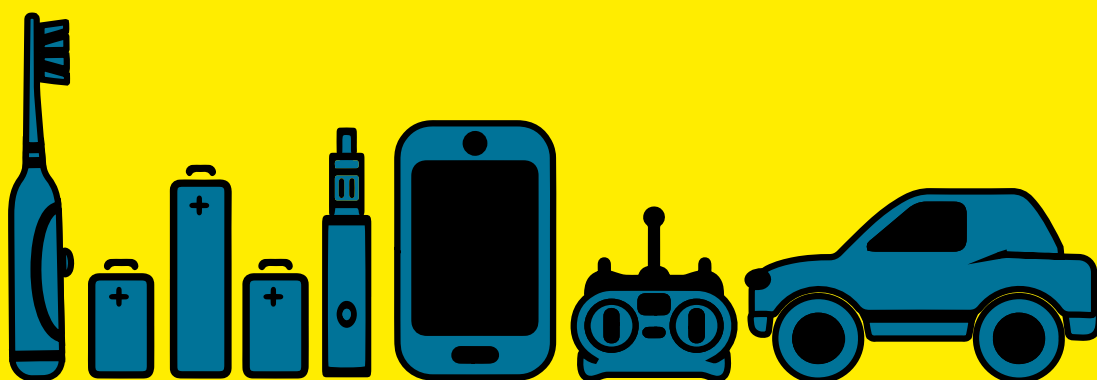


To find out more about the youth voice in Darlington and upcoming youth partnership meetings email mindofmyown@darlington.gov.uk or call 405639
To find out more about local democracy visit www.darlington.gov.uk/democracy



NEVER

PUT BATTERIES IN ANY OF YOUR BINS



Batteries and electrical items can cause fires if they are damaged during your bin collection or when we process your waste.

You can recycle batteries at the Household Waste Recycling Centre or check your local supermarket and shops.



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ENJOY DARLINGTON

this summer!

There's a host of great events in the town centre this summer. Enjoy all the fun of the seaside at Darlington By the Sea from Tuesday 26 to Thursday 28 July.

The Dolphin Centre celebrates its 40th birthday on Saturday 30 July with a day full of family activities. Runners of all ages will be limbering up on Sunday 7 August for the SG Petch Darlington 10k, fun run and junior 3km – please come down and support them! You can sign up to take part at www.enjoydarlington.co.uk/10k

Darlington Pride Weekender kicks off on Monday 8 August with Gay Pride Night in the town centre bars followed by a festival and march on Saturday 13 August in the town centre and a family picnic in South Park on Sunday 14 August.

The urban street festival, Mish Mash family music festival and rhythm and blues festival round off a jam-packed calendar of events with much more to come!

Visit enjoydarlington.co.uk to find out more



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An artist's impression of the new attraction

Full steam ahead for rail heritage plans



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Plans for a major new rail attraction at the Head of Steam museum have taken a major step forward thanks to a £300,000 Arts Council England grant.

Work began on the new attraction - part of our rail heritage quarter - earlier this year. It will be at the heart of the 2025 bicentenary celebrations for the Stockton & Darlington Railway, the world's first steam-powered passenger railway.

Also supported by £20million of funding from the Tees Valley Mayor and Combined Authority, essential improvements will be carried out on several historically significant buildings on the site, linking them together to create a cluster of attractions including the Skerne Bridge, the oldest working railway bridge in the world.

Opening in 2024, the attraction will feature a café and shop, show field, a new live engineering building alongside temporary exhibition space, archive, and extended car parking.

The award from Arts Council England will help fund exciting virtual reality experiences to help bring history to life, a new immersive ride and new railway-themed play areas.

Darren Henley, chief executive, Arts Council England, said: "World class creativity and culture needs a resilient and sustainable infrastructure to allow it to flourish. With these investments in the buildings, equipment, and digital systems of cultural organisations across England, we are helping to secure the future of that infrastructure and making sure that people from every part of the country can continue enjoying all the benefits it delivers for years to come."

Once reopened, the museum will offer an incredible experience for visitors and will breathe new life into an area that was once at the forefront of world rail engineering.



The high cost of fly-tipping



Fly-tip at Greenwell Steet

Fly-tipping is not only a blight on our environment but also a drain on the council's limited resources, with around £260,000 a year spent on clearing fly-tips across the borough.

It's an issue we're working hard to tackle and our civic enforcement officers will always investigate fly-tips and take action against those responsible where they can.

In two recent cases, two men were ordered to pay fines and costs running into hundreds of pounds.

George Hall, 31, of Hundens Lane, was fined £800 and ordered to pay £520 costs and £80 victim surcharge, after admitting he failed to dispose of waste correctly and two offences of failing to assist inquiries relating to three separate fly-tipping incidents.

Kieron Calvett, of Harris Street was also fined £400 and ordered to pay £150 costs and £40 victim surcharge after pleading guilty to being in control of a vehicle that was involved in fly-tipping.

It's important to remember that if you pay someone to remove your rubbish it's your legal duty to make sure it's disposed of properly – if it's dumped you could be fined even if you paid someone in good faith! Always check the person has a waste carrier licence, issued by the Environment Agency, and ask for a waste transfer note. You can check they are licensed at environment.data.gov.uk/public-register

Also, take a photo of the vehicle and its registration and ask which waste disposal facility they are taking your rubbish to.

Most household items such as furniture, cookers, rugs, furnishings, electrical items and toys, can be left at the tip for free – find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk/tip

If you can't get to the tip, we offer a bulky waste collection service, with up to six items taken away for £19.40 – to book visit www.darlington.gov.uk/bulkywaste

You could also donate furniture and other large items to charity.



Civic enforcement officers on patrol

If you see someone fly tipping let us know using our online form at www.darlington.gov.uk/reportit

Do you know the symptoms of dementia?

With dementia diagnosis rates at a five-year low, it's little surprise that the Alzheimer's Society's latest campaign seeks to address this worrying trend.

The pandemic has played its part in driving the numbers down, but the charity says confusion about the symptoms is also a major factor.

In a recent survey of people with dementia, commissioned for Dementia Action Week, more than 40% of respondents from the North East said they delayed getting a diagnosis because they assumed the symptoms they were experiencing were a natural part of ageing.

Dementia is a group of symptoms, caused by different diseases that damage the brain and there is currently no cure.

Getting a diagnosis of dementia can be daunting, but there are ways to live well with dementia which is why getting help early is so important.

If you're concerned about your memory loss or confusion or know someone who has signs of dementia, please talk to your GP or contact the Alzheimer's Society for advice at DarlingtonTeesValley@alzheimers.org.uk or call 01904 929444.

The symptoms of dementia get worse over time and include:



frequent memory loss



confusion and needing help with daily tasks



problems with language and understanding



changes in behaviour

Concessionary travel changes

Bus passengers using a concessionary pass will be able to travel for a flat fare before 9.30am after a deal was struck with bus companies.

Working in partnership with bus operators and the Tees Valley Combined Authority, a new offer is being launched to improve services. Concessionary pass holders will be able to travel anywhere in the borough, and the wider Tees Valley, for just 30p before 9.30am.

Until now, concessionary bus pass holders could not benefit from their pass until after 9.30am – the time set by the Government – and had to pay

full price to travel before 9.30am. Under the new arrangements, the flat fare of 30p will start each day from the first service offered until 9.30am. Travel with a concessionary bus pass is free between the hours of 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and bank holidays.

The move brings Darlington into line with the rest of the Tees Valley, where a deal was already in place for pre-9.30am travel.

Concessionary passes are those available to people of pension age or who meet the national criteria for a travel disability.

For more information on the concessionary bus pass scheme, or to apply for a pass, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/bus-pass



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Making the walk to school safer

Two road improvement schemes that aim to make it safer for children to walk, scoot or cycle to school will be carried out this summer.

The school safety schemes, on Whitby Way, outside the rear entrance to Mount Pleasant Primary School, in Branksome, and Roundhill Road, close to Hurworth Primary School, will install safe crossing points for pedestrians and introduce traffic calming measures.

In both areas the speed limit will be reduced to 20mph.

The two areas were identified as part of the Safe Route to School Programme, which aims to create a safer and more convenient highway network around schools.

Work to carry out the improvements is already underway in Whitby Way, with changes and improvements to the footpaths. Three speed tables, which are raised areas in the carriageway that will also act as pedestrian crossing points, will be installed during the school summer holidays. The road will be closed while the work is carried out – local residents will be informed of the arrangements before the work starts.

The improvements in Whitby Way will also see a redundant access point across the footpath removed with new verge and footway installed and a proper footpath to replace a dirt track shortcut to the convenience store.

In Hurworth, a speed table crossing point will be installed during the summer holidays. This will require a road closure, which will be signed before the work starts.

Summer programme of roads resurfacing

An eight-week programme of micro asphaltting will take place around the borough during August and September.

Micro asphaltting is a new thin surface laid over the top of the existing road surface to seal and protect it.

It's a cost-effective and quick way of extending the life of a road surface, repairing minor damage and preventing potholes from forming.

The process is weather dependent so residents of affected streets will be told by the site team when work is to take place.

In the first week or so after it's laid, the new surface won't look great - there is a lot of loose material that will be swept up as part of the works.

A full list of streets included in this year's programme can be found at www.darlington.gov.uk/highway-schemes



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Join our team and enjoy -

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- Training and development
- Free physiotherapy and counselling
- Health and wellbeing initiatives and discounted Dolphin Centre membership
- Generous maternity, paternity, adoption and parental leave schemes



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For more information or to apply, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers or if you have any queries, contact Liz Caygill on 07341 073772 or email liz.caygill@darlington.gov.uk

Free outdoor children's activities all summer!

From the first to the last day of the school summer holidays, free outdoor sports, games and challenges are coming to a field near you!

Whether it's a game of rounders, cricket, a kick about, or a team challenge, we have a full programme of free outdoor summer activities planned for every weekday during the summer holiday

Monday 25 July - Friday 2 September

for children aged 8-12

There's no need to book - children can simply turn up at the playing field where the activities will take place – but please ensure they:

- wear clothes and footwear they can run and have fun in
- wear a hat and sunscreen if required
- bring plenty of water to stay hydrated

For more information follow the council on facebook, visit our website and search [childrensfreesummeractivities](#), or pick up a leaflet from the libraries, Head of Steam Railway Museum, Dolphin Centre or customer services at the Town Hall.



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Get aboard the Digital Station

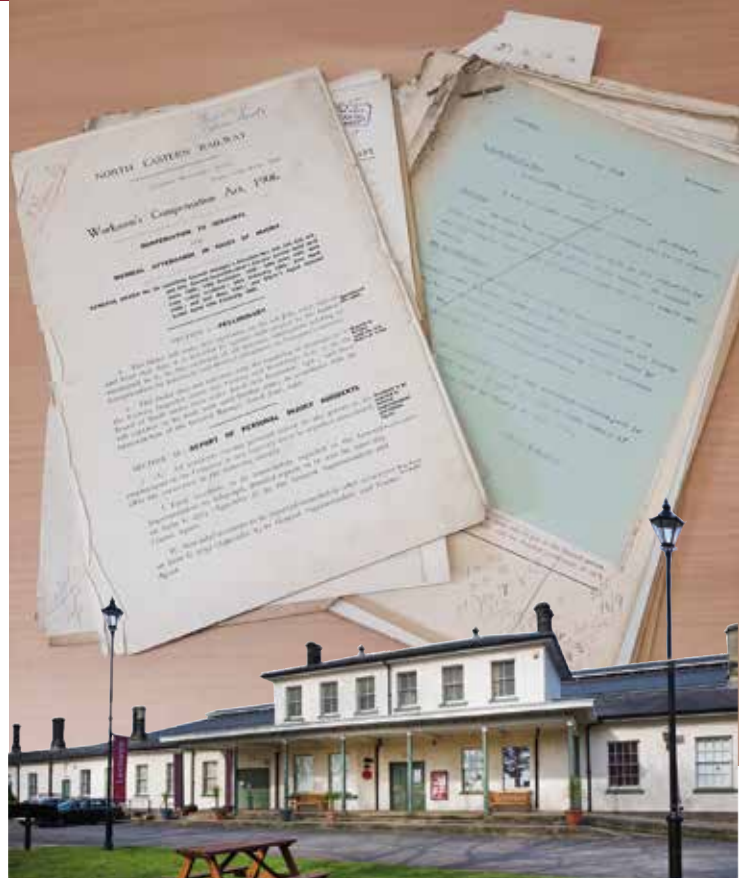
Could you help make tracks in Darlington's railway history? Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum is looking for volunteers to help with a special Digital Station project.

Volunteers are needed to help transcribe and document the museum's collection of railway staff accident reports, creating a database which will then be made available to the public for research.

The work will be carried out remotely, so can be done at a time and place that suits you, with no minimum time commitment required. There's no previous railway experience or knowledge necessary – just enthusiasm!

Natasha Anson, digital volunteer coordinator at the museum, said: "We're really excited to be able to offer opportunities for people to volunteer remotely with us. There are some fascinating stories within the records and we look forward to sharing some of those that are uncovered."

For more information or to register your interest, email natasha.anson@darlington.gov.uk

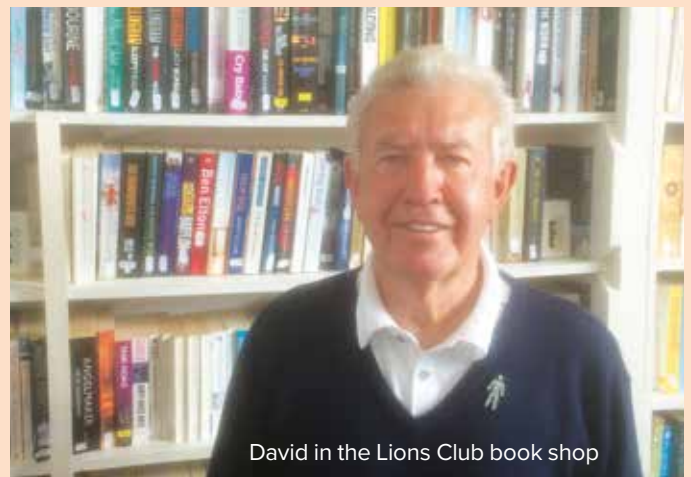


Prostate Cancer - get tested

Golf buddies and Lions Club members David Simmons and Richard Western are urging men to get tested for prostate cancer to ensure early diagnosis.

David, 75, explained: "I didn't have any symptoms, but I requested a free home test kit promoted by the Lions Club and within a few days I got a letter advising me to contact my GP as I had a high Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) level. It was the same situation for Richard.

"I was referred to a specialist for more tests and prostate cancer was confirmed. In May 2021 I started radiotherapy and am now continuing with medication and awaiting a follow up with my oncologist. Thanks to the test, and the care from NHS, it's being treated. Richard is going through similar treatment now and we'd urge others, whether they have any symptoms or not, to get tested."



For 25 years Darlington Lions Club has run a second-hand book shop in Houndgate Mews, with donations from local residents. It has raised thousands of pounds for local charities and since 2020 the club has supported free home PSA testing kits.

A PSA blood test event will be held at Blackwell Grange Golf Club on Friday 5 August, noon-7pm, where men, aged 40 and over, can get a free blood test. To book a test visit darllions.mypsatestests.org.uk and for more details email David at dave.simmons64@hotmail.co.uk

Teesside Airshow Takes Off Again

In June, the first Teesside Airshow for five years was held at Teesside Airport. The RAF's Red Arrows, Eurofighter Typhoon and more took to the skies for the event.

Here are some of the best pictures from on the day.





AIRPORT SKYBAR THROWS OPEN DOORS

Another piece of the puzzle at Teesside Airport’s terminal is now in place – with the new Skybar now welcoming its first customers.

Darlington Borough Council Leader Jonathan Dulston cut the ribbon to officially launch the new venue which will be accessible to everyone, regardless of whether they are catching a flight or not.

The scheme has seen ageing office space next to the security area landside transformed to create the bar, with an adjacent at-height viewing platform due to be completed later this year.

The bar has great views right across the runway to give passengers and public the chance to see, in comfort and style, the growing number of flights coming in and out of Teesside.

We’re already seeing more and more people from Darlington that aren’t even flying pop into our Landside Café, and this will be another draw. Anyone who makes a purchase in the Skybar will also receive two hours of free parking.

Designed by Darlington-based architects Corstorphine & Wright, work has been carried out by local firms Wharton Construction, 186 Property Solutions and ADL Developments, all of which were involved in the terminal’s wider multimillion-pound redevelopment.

We’ve been making headway on plans for the airport’s £200million Business Park, with work now under way on its new link road, due to be complete next spring.

Construction crews have been working since May to strip soil for the 2km road, which will run from a new roundabout close to Wilkinson’s Plant Centre on the A67 to the under-development business park. When operational, the logistics, distribution and industrial space is expected to create up to 4,400 jobs.

Ben Houchen | Tees Valley Mayor

Work Set to Begin on Draken’s New Hangar

One business already based at our airport has recently also showed even more confidence in our base.

Aviation services and technology firm Draken Europe is set to begin work on its new airport hangar after plans were given the green light.

The company currently maintains a fleet of five specially modified Dassault Falcon jets at its base at the airport, and recently took delivery of its first Alca L-159E “Honey Badger” advanced combat jets as part of a new contract.

It is now set to build a second state-of-the-art hangar measuring almost 5,000sq ft alongside its existing unit, to house the aircraft and support the critical role the firm plays in training combat pilots from the Royal Air Force, United States Air Force and other NATO member states.

The move will create up to 30 new jobs, with the first advertised in April.



Library weekend closure

The branch library in Crown Street will be closed from Saturday 16 July to Monday 18 July whilst the refurbishment continues. Cockerton branch library will be open as normal. Books can be renewed online, by downloading the library app or by calling 349610. There is also a free home delivery service for borrowers aged 60 and over. Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/library for more information.

Spreading the news

Darlington and District Talking Newspaper (DDTN) provides local news to blind and visually impaired residents and those who find it hard to hold or read a newspaper. Each week, volunteers record news from local press, which can be heard at darlingtontalkingnewspaper.co.uk or to receive it on a CD or USB stick through the post call 4651010 or email dtnewspaper@outlook.com. DDTN also record the audio version of this magazine which is available at www.darlington.gov.uk/onedarlington a couple of weeks after publication.

Join our zero waste map

We are looking for green businesses to feature on our new zero waste map. We want to identify all the businesses in Darlington who help us reduce, reuse and recycle. Among others, the map will feature zero waste shops, upcycling and repair shops, allotments and second hand shops. If you would like to be included please email climate@darlington.gov.uk



Benji Bin spreads his message to young recyclers!

We had a great time spreading the message about recycling right when we took one of our bin wagons to West Park Academy.

The pupils had the chance to look around the wagon, spot Benji Bin, ask questions and even climb into the cab – where some of them were delighted to find the horn!

Benji Bin is our recycling mascot who appears on the wagons and in online videos teaching everyone why it's important to recycle right.

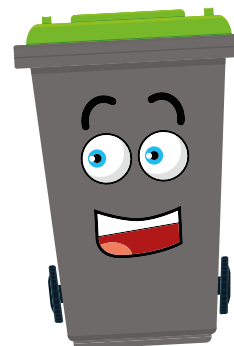
The children watched the videos before the wagon arrived and were given a sticker to turn their recycling bin at home into their very own Benji Bin to help their families remember what goes where when they recycle.

It is hoped that the school visit and the stickers will encourage people to think about recycling and make

sure they put the right thing in the right bin. If recycling is mixed up and not put in the right bin it can't easily be recycled and can cost the council money to get rid of.

David Fraser, teacher and ICT coordinator at the school, said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and in class they followed up by sorting recycling and making their own recycling mascot out of recycled materials."

If you would like to turn your bin into Benji you can pick a sticker up at the town's two libraries, the Head of Steam museum and the soft play in the Dolphin Centre. We'd love to see your Benji photos, so please tag us if you post them on social media.



Walk this way



We've teamed up with Dogs Trust as part of its Walk This Way programme to promote responsible dog ownership and tackle dog fouling,

Working in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy, Walk This Way aims to keep public spaces clean by making it easier for dog owners to clean up

after their pets. The Baydale Beck bridleway has become part of the scheme with more signs reminding dog walkers to clean up and directing them to the nearest bins along the 2.2km route.

It's proved to be a great success in other areas and we'll be keeping an eye on how effective it is here.

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406222 (option 7)



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Help fundraise to support Darlington's Elderly

Easy ways you can raise money

If you'd like to support us, one of the easiest ways is to have a donation box at your place of work, social or sports club.



Raise free funds for Darlington Town Mission simply by shopping online at over 4,400 big brands stores via Giveasyoulive.org



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OUR LATEST EVENT
Rev. John H Bower's recent art sale at St Cuthbert's Church was a real success, raising over £1800.



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Summer HOLIDAYS

CREATE A HULLABALOO!

Mon 25 - Fri 29 July 10am-4pm • Age: 6-12 years
2, 3 or 5 day creative workshops • £40 / £60 / £100

Children will build their theatre skills through singing, devising, drama games and more based around the theme of 'Create a Hullabaloo!' and saving the environment - with inspiration taken from the book 'Greta and the Giants.'

WOW! SAID THE OWL INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

Young Art Explorers Association

Tue 2 - Fri 19 August • 10am-2pm

Age: 0-5 years • Free to drop in, donations welcome

This bright and bold interactive play exhibition offers younger children a rich, sensory experience inspired by this much-loved picture book by Tim Hopgood. We are also offering bookable Neurodiverse Friendly Sessions via our website.



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Hullabaloo

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Eyesore building demolished to make way for redevelopment

Demolition work on the former Sports Direct building has taken place - creating space for new investment in the heart of the town centre.

Work to remove asbestos and strip out the old fittings took place over several weeks before the bulldozer moved in to knock the main building down in sections. Once the building is down, the debris will be cleared.

The site has been earmarked for quality residential development, in line with our town centre strategy and a number of developers have already enquired about the brownfield site.

Any development will look to capitalise on the town centre and riverside location. Proposals will also include green space and links to active travel for cyclists and walkers entering the town from the east and north.



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Clubs and Societies

Whatever your interests, there's bound to be a club or society where you can share your passion with others. You can find out about others on the clubs and societies page on our website.



CoderDojo is a new free programming club for young people, aged 7-17, who are interested in software, computers, or robotics. CoderDojo is part of a global network and has been running since April at Whessoe Parish Hall and is planning to launch at another Darlington venue soon. The club runs on Fridays, 4.30-6.30pm, roughly once a month. No experience necessary. Upcoming dates are 15 July, 19 August and 16 September. For more details, dates and to book your place, see www.facebook.com/DarlingtonCoderDojo or email darlington.wph.uk@coderdojo.com

Darlington Society of Arts is celebrating its centenary year. It meets every two weeks at Holy Trinity Youth and Community Centre, Pierremont Road on Thursdays, 7-9pm. The society welcomes members of all ages and abilities who have an interest in art. To find out more visit www.darlingtonsoa.co.uk or www.facebook.com/Darlingtonsoa

Darlington Junior Chess Club has been running for 10 years and is keen to welcome new members, aged 7-14 and older children who are just learning the game. The club meets on Monday nights, 6-7pm during school term time, at Cockerton Musicians' Institute. Players from the adult club, which also

meets on Mondays from 7pm, offer coaching and advice to junior members. The focus is always on enjoying the game and having fun. For more information email darlingtonchessclub@gmail.com or call Kevin on 07969326018 or visit www.facebook.com/darlingtonanddistrictchessclub

LGBTQ+ Tea and Talk is a new group for 16-25-year-olds, set up by Tees Valley YMCA in Darlington to create a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community and allies to come together to meet like-minded people. The weekly meet ups take place on Thursdays, 6-7pm in the Tees Valley YMCA Hub, Middleton Street, Darlington. For more details visit facebook.com/teesvalleyymca or www.teesvalleyymca.org.uk

Haughton Badminton Club meets every Wednesday night at Longfield Academy Sports Hall, 7.45-9.45pm. Play the world's fastest racket sport at a growing, competitive, fun and friendly club. Please email darren.clarke5@ntlworld.com or call 07779343315 before attending.

27th Darlington Scout Group meets on Wednesdays at The Coleridge Centre, Skerne Park. Beavers 5-6pm, Cubs 6-7pm, Scouts 7-8pm. For more details email gsi@27thdarlingtonscoutgroup.org.uk

You can add details of your club or society to our website using the online form at www.darlington.gov.uk/clubs If it is already listed, please take the time to check your details are correct.

If they need updating or if you would like it to be featured in One Darlington please email editor@onedarlington.org.uk



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

DARLINGTON LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The *No Brainers* are trying to take over the world by recruiting non-readers to join them on their mission to rid the world of readers!

We need you to help our heroes by reading as many books as possible this summer.

To receive superhero status and defeat the *No Brainers*, you must borrow and read as many books as possible from our Libraries. Each time you borrow you will be in with the chance to win some of our favourite prizes and superhero tech. You have from **Monday 18th July** to **Saturday 3rd September** to complete your mission. Good Luck.

Prizes include:

Meta Quest 2 VR Headset • Nintendo Switch
Kindle Fire • Night Mission Goggles • Harry Potter Lego Sets
Soft Toys • A Family ticket to Darlington Hippodrome's
Pantomime 'Adventures of Peter Pan' • Superhero Watches
Star Projector Night Light • Superhero Toys

Free for children aged 0 – 16

To enter: Borrow and read books from our Libraries. Enter your details on the slips provided in branch and pop it in the prize box of your choice. You can enter each time you visit to borrow books at Darlington and Cockerton Library. **One Visit = One Entry**



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