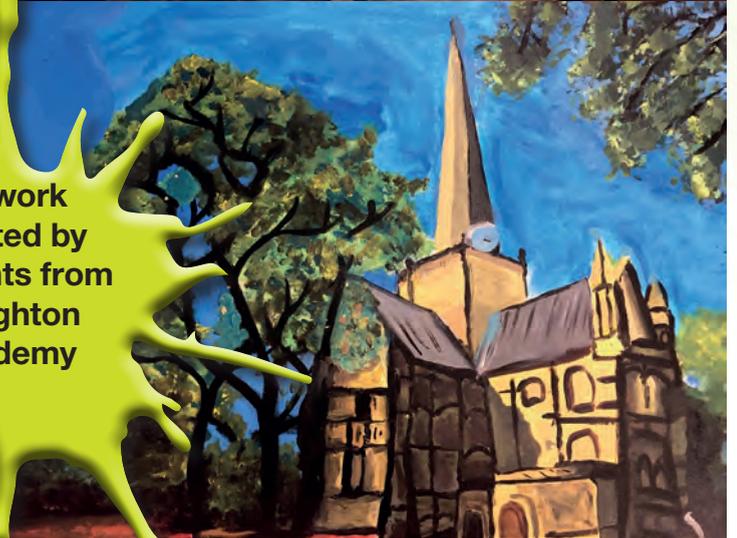


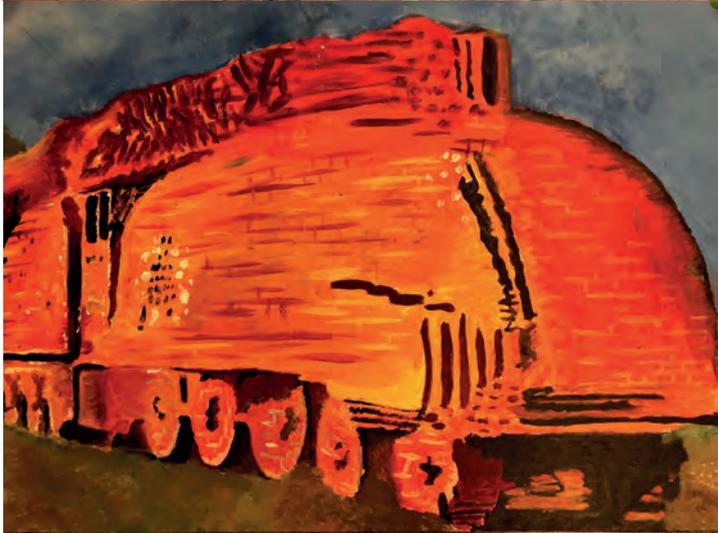
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Artwork
created by
students from
Haughton
Academy



I'm enjoying **FREE** childcare *...is your* **2 year old?**

Check your child's eligibility for up to 15 hours a week - just have your national insurance number to hand and go online www.darlington.gov.uk/childcarechecker, email pfis@darlington.gov.uk or call Darlington Families Information Team on **01325 406222** (option 7)



FREE 30 Hours

Childcare for 3 & 4 year olds of working families.

Do you earn less than £100,000 a year?

Are both parents, or the sole parent, working the equivalent of at least 16 hours per week at the national minimum wage?

Is your child attending childcare or nursery?

If so, they may be entitled to a further 15 hours of **FREE** childcare a week.

Welcome to One Darlington

I work for Cummins which is very proud to be a major employer in Darlington and our employees are committed to working with residents to enhance and improve the borough. Cummins support us, as staff, to help build better communities, focusing on creating healthy communities, a better environment, education and equal opportunities.

As an active member of Darlington Cares, our staff have volunteered hundreds of hours to support community projects.

Working with residents, me and my colleagues have helped breathe new life into Eastbourne Park. The old bowling pavilion has been transformed into a community hub and café, which attracts people throughout the week to meet friends, enjoy a hot meal and learn new skills.

We are continuing to make improvements and will help with the general upkeep of the park to ensure that it remains a real asset to everyone living in the area.

The theme of Cummins' centenary celebrations is "challenge the impossible" and we hope to continue to work with people in Darlington to make the impossible possible in local communities.

As Darlington Business Week approaches, you can find out more about what Darlington Cares and local businesses are achieving outside the boardroom on pages 10 and 11.

Working in Eastbourne Park and other areas of the town has made me more aware than ever about fly tipping and littering. Find out what the council is doing to clampdown on this anti-social behaviour on pages 16 and 17.

The amazing art work on the front cover of this edition of One Darlington was created by students at Haughton Academy and is reflected in the talent of two local artists featured on page 8. It's great to see so much local talent capturing everything great that Darlington has to offer.

The students' work depicts the borough's main landmarks, many of which are in the town centre. You can have your say on what the town centre has to offer and how you would like to see it develop as part of the council's town centre strategy consultation. Turn to page 9 to find out how you can join in the discussion.

I hope you enjoy this edition and if you get the chance to visit Eastbourne Park or get involved in Darlington Cares regular Pick, Pie and a Pint litter picks please do. We all have a responsibility to work together to make our town the best it can be.



Lorraine Bulloch
Cummins

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children have just started school in Darlington this September, a memory making moment for many families across our borough.

Darlington is
453

miles from Land's End and only

447

miles from John o' Groats making us almost exactly halfway from one tip of the UK to the other. No wonder people say we are perfectly placed!

About
106,000

people live in Darlington, that's more than the capacity of Wembley stadium!

Our oldest church is now an incredible

894

years old! St Andrews in Haughton was built around 1125, just

58

years before St Cuthbert's in the town centre.

It is
194

years since the Darlington to Stockton railway opened, not long now until we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary!

At the last count there were more than

40

places to eat out in our town centre – a fantastic choice!

We've just played host to the

32nd

Darlington 10km road race.

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There's room for
1,000
people to catch
the latest shows at
our award winning
Hippodrome.

There are
16
parks and ten
nature reserves to
enjoy across the
borough, great
for getting plenty
of fresh air and
exercise.

Our
indoor market
celebrated its
155th
birthday this year and is
set to be redeveloped so
it can continue to
be at the heart of
our town centre
for years to
come.

40
tonnes of sand are
transported into the
market square every
summer for our
annual Darlington
by the Sea
event.

We have
10
licensed venues for civil
wedding ceremonies right
across the borough, good
news for all you newly
engaged couples
– and those of you
thinking of popping
the question!

Taxis are
plentiful
with
183
Hackney carriages
and 99 private
hire vehicles!

Did you
know we have
1,332
hotel rooms available
in Darlington? Making
us the perfect place
to visit for a
weekend
break.

ENJOY DARLINGTON

Did you
enjoy Darlington
this summer?

The ever popular Festival of Ingenuity attracted a staggering 13,000 people in July and families enjoyed soaring temperatures at the start of Darlington by the Sea. Markets, live music, Darlington Pride and the 10k road race all helped to attract record numbers of people to events in the town this summer. Chart-topper Jess Glynne put Darlington on the musical map and new attractions like the Drum Festival and Mish Mash family music event went down a storm with the crowds too.

Rhythm & Blues Festival

Sunday 15 September, 1-5pm

Honey Show

Saturday 28 September,
10am-4pm

Honey tastings, activities and information from Darlington Beekeepers Association.





Vegan Festival

Saturday 19 October, 10am-4pm



Bag a prize with Enjoy Darlington

There's so much to enjoy in Darlington and we're delighted to offer you the chance to win a goody bag showcasing the best of what the town has to offer.

From the Hippodrome to the Dolphin Centre, town centre shops to the Head of Steam and a fantastic range of bars and restaurants, you're never stuck for something to do. We've got together with some of these great businesses to offer five Enjoy Darlington goody bags up for grabs.

The first entry randomly drawn after the closing date will win an Enjoy Darlington canvas bag, a family ticket for this year's panto Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hippodrome, an annual family pass for Head of Steam with some museum goodies, a swim voucher and gym pass for the Dolphin Centre and a framed Monte Darlo poster from the Poster Parlour. The next four entries drawn will each win an Enjoy Darlington canvas bag with vouchers for the Dolphin Centre and Head of Steam.

For your chance to win, tell us the three things a visitor to Darlington would most enjoy. Email communications@darlington.gov.uk or write to Enjoy Darlington Competition, Communications Team, Room 106, Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington DL1 5QT. Entries must be received by Friday 11 October 2019.



visit www.enjoydarlington.com and follow our Love Darlo Facebook page.

Picture this

local artists in the frame

There's lots to enjoy in Darlington, from independent shops, bars, restaurants, markets and events, to a thriving arts and culture scene. We talk to two artists who combine their creative talent with a love of the town.

Self-taught urban artist Lucas Roy has seen his hobby flourish into an online business. The 31-year-old dad of two said: "I am Darlington born and bred and proud of my town. I've always had an artistic eye and have used art as an escape from the stress of my work. I've experimented with many mediums and received lots of requests from friends.

"I am influenced by an urban/street art style which can send a message and add colour to people's lives."



Lucas, who narrowly missed out on appearing on the BBC's Big Painting Challenge, shows his work on Facebook (@lucasroyartwork) and Instagram. As his business grows, Lucas will be selling his work online.

Inspired by 20th century vintage travel posters, Jonny Lancaster designs fresh contemporary prints based on popular North East locations. Jonny aims to capture the beauty of the places on our doorstep and have fun with the region's landmarks and dialect.

Jonny said: "Two of my most successful prints are the 'Monte Darlo' and 'Meet me under the town clock'. If you've lived in Darlington, you've probably arranged to meet someone under our famous timekeeper and chances are you've referred to the town as Monte Darlo!"

His work is available in The Art Shop on Bondgate or on Instagram and Facebook (@theposterparlour).

Jonny also runs a relaxed monthly life drawing group, Lust For Life Drawing, with his wife, Grace. Sessions take place in venues around the town. Artists of all abilities are welcome. See Instagram and Facebook (@lustforlifedrawing) for more details.



The artwork on the front cover of this issue were created by talented students from Haughton Academy. A big thank you to them for letting us showcase their work!

Share your views on our town centre strategy

DARLINGTON
TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY
2019 -2030

Now is the time to have your say on how the town centre can be improved over the next ten years.

We are collecting views on the town centre strategy, which sets out the intended development plans for the next decade.

The strategy was approved by the council's cabinet in July and now we are gathering feedback from those living and working in the town to make sure the ideas and plans put forward in the strategy are the right ones.

In recent years there have been huge changes in shopping habits and lifestyle, so the role town centres play in our lives has to change. Moving with the times and responding to change is necessary to make sure our town continues to thrive into the future.

The strategy aims to improve the attractiveness of the town centre, celebrate our heritage, support economic growth, improve health and wellbeing and make Darlington a great place to live, work and visit.

Four main areas of the town have been identified for the majority of the development work: the indoor market, Skinnergate and the Yards, Northgate and Crown Street.

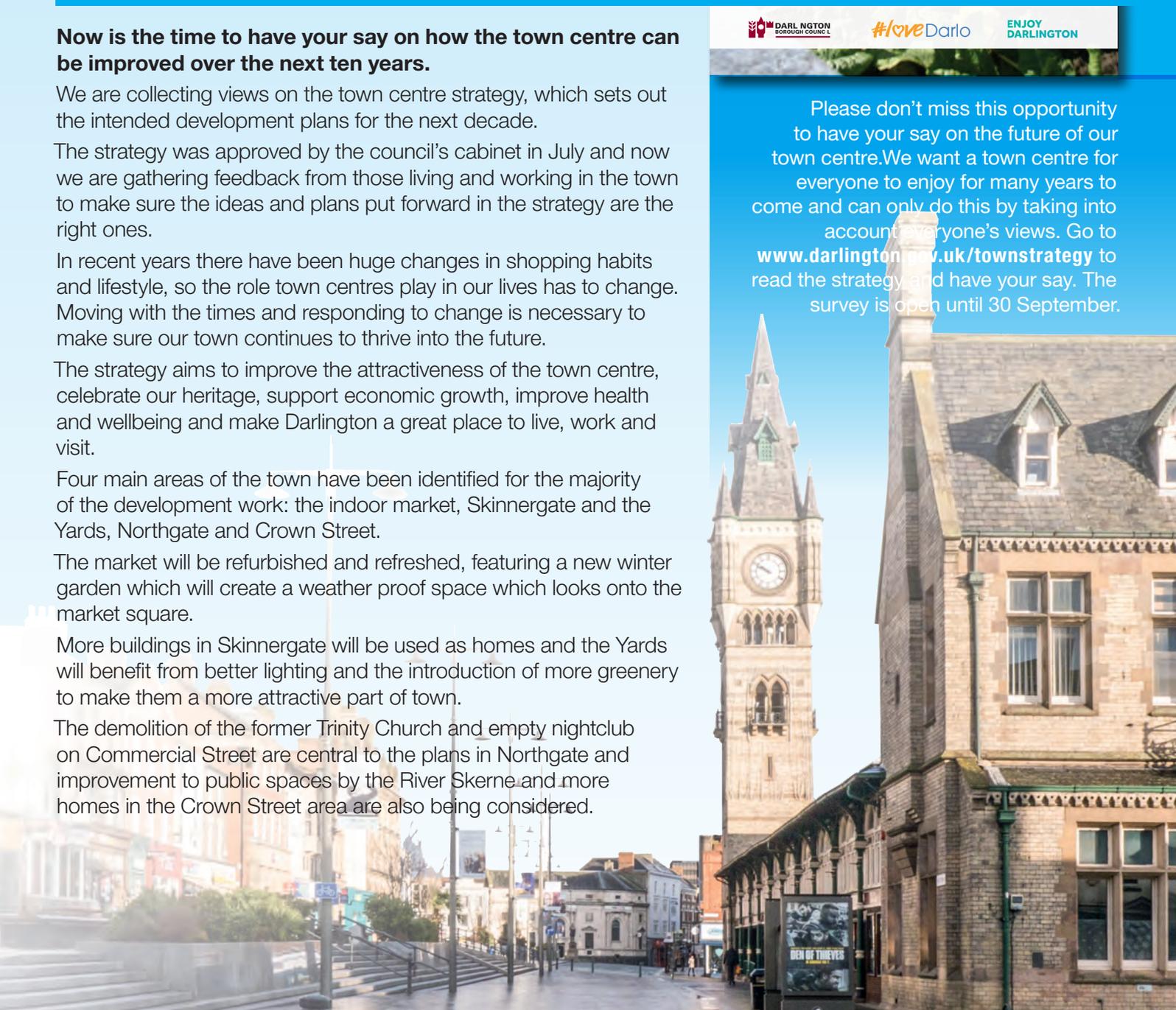
The market will be refurbished and refreshed, featuring a new winter garden which will create a weather proof space which looks onto the market square.

More buildings in Skinnergate will be used as homes and the Yards will benefit from better lighting and the introduction of more greenery to make them a more attractive part of town.

The demolition of the former Trinity Church and empty nightclub on Commercial Street are central to the plans in Northgate and improvement to public spaces by the River Skerne and more homes in the Crown Street area are also being considered.



Please don't miss this opportunity to have your say on the future of our town centre. We want a town centre for everyone to enjoy for many years to come and can only do this by taking into account everyone's views. Go to www.darlington.gov.uk/townstrategy to read the strategy and have your say. The survey is open until 30 September.



Caring enough to make

Being part of Darlington Cares is helping these major employers



Cummins is celebrating its centenary as a global leader in engine manufacture this year – and its commitment to Darlington is also historic, having opened its plant here in 1965. The company encourages its staff to volunteer their talents for the good of the local community. In the past year, staff have spent more than 2,000 hours helping to improve Eastbourne Park, with special attention paid to the bowling green and turning the pavilion into a café. Staff also won a global impact award for their work on STEM projects in schools, and their support of the Festival of Ingenuity. Meanwhile, the Cummins Foundation continues to give grants to a range of worthy causes.

...one of the borough's largest
...made an increasingly
...community projects.
...have spent an
...Green
...get
...to support their
...business benefits have also been
...of improved morale, increased staff
...and the opportunity to share good practice
...other businesses.

Darlington Building Society has remained true to its local roots for more than 160 years. The society's ethos is built on a pledge to invest five per cent of its profits into local causes. This equated to £80,000 in the last financial year, benefitting 88 organisations and 19,060 people. On top of this, staff spent 111 days volunteering in the community, spending 272 hours volunteering in North Leazes Park. DBS was also the main supporter of the Festival of Ingenuity, which helped to showcase local companies and career opportunities for young people.

If you run a business,

...all, and would like to find out more about

DARLINGTON CARES

The Department for Education

moved hundreds of staff into the town centre in 2015 and managers decided then to make a difference in the local community. Staff support different charities each year and everyone gets three days special leave a year to volunteer. Some people have used this time to join Darlington Cares' Busy Reader scheme whilst others will be taking part in the Maidment to help...



...and they have used... of ways. Staff spent 750 hours... park area, making a huge difference... planting flower beds and trees, and building benches. The business also teams up with schools and parents to provide work experience and last year, launched a six-month partnership with the Education Village, giving Year 8 pupils a valuable insight into working for a big company. A second programme starts this month. The Festival of Ingenuity is also a highlight in the company's calendar.



Nando's has played a vital role in the... successful homework club, launched... Darlington Cares, to support secondary... in the town. While volunteers go into... to help 11 to 13-year-olds with their... work, Nando's provides food to help... concentration. The company also... work experience by hosting schools... restaurant and letting pupils... . Nando's... k, Pie... hr



what Darlington Cares can do for you

www.darlingtoncares.co.uk

from 7-11 October, with events at venues
www.investindarlington.co.uk/events

DARLINGTON
BUSINESS
WEEK





County Durham
and Darlington
NHS Foundation Trust

change is in the air...

We are working towards a cleaner, healthier environment for all our staff, patients and visitors. From 1st October 2019 all our sites will be smoke free zones.

SMOKE FREE 2019
#SmokefreeCDDFT

If you need help quitting call:
County Durham: 0800 772 0565
Darlington: 0800 802 1850

Why is CDDFT going smoke free?

Smoking is the leading cause of premature death in the UK. Exposure to secondhand smoke also causes disease and premature death among non-smokers and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm. As an NHS organisation, we have a duty to protect and care for both the health and wellbeing of our staff and patients who are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of tobacco smoke. Going smoke free reflects our commitment and responsibility for improving health and wellbeing.

How will staff support patients who smoke?

We know that lots of smokers want support to stop and that refraining from smoking can be very difficult. Smokers are four times more likely to stop smoking with NHS support and the use of nicotine replacement. Patients who are admitted to one of our hospitals will be offered medication/nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) in the form of patches and inhalator, as well as a referral for ongoing support. We will also provide advice on how and where to access services and support to stop smoking for those attending as outpatients.

What are e-cigarettes?

E-cigarettes are devices that deliver nicotine via inhaled vapour. They do not contain tobacco, so the user is not exposed to poisonous gases that are in tobacco smoke and are reported to be up to 95% less harmful than cigarettes. E-cigarettes do not expose others to the harmful effects associated with second hand smoke. The trust allows the use of e-cigarettes in the grounds but not inside of buildings. These devices work well on their own or can be used alongside NRT. Having support from a trained stop smoking advisor alongside the use of NRT and/or e-cigarettes greatly increases your chances of success in quitting.

You're welcome to join us at a smoke free event on Thursday 17 October, 5.45-7.30pm in the lecture theatre at Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road.

This will be a chance to hear about what smoke free means for patients, visitors and staff and the support we will be offering. It is also an opportunity for us to listen to your views on our plans to become smoke free.

To book a place, visit www.cddft.eventbrite.co.uk or call 743786. If you have any queries, please email cdda-tr.communications@nhs.net



www.cddft.nhs.net

#50 Faces

www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces



Inspiring our with swimm



Sarah-Jayne Sams, swimming instructor

“I have been a swimming instructor for 20 years and I find it very rewarding. Seeing children progress from being nervous and scared right the way up to being confident to swim on their own, being a competitive swimmer or even becoming a lifeguard. I actually taught seven of the Dolphin Centre lifeguards how to swim – which makes me feel old!”

“I think everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim. No-one should be scared of the water – we live on an island after all so you are never too far away from water!”

“It’s all about safety. I want to make sure no one feels in danger in water. I know from personal experience what it feels like not to be able to get out of the water and relying on someone to come and help you. I was in the sea with a friend when I was 14 and she got caught in a rip tide. I had done my rookie lifeguard training so went to help her and managed to push her to safety but then I got caught in the rip tide myself and had to be rescued by the lifeguard. From then on I vowed that’s what I wanted to do – to make sure everyone has a fighting chance to get out of the water, whatever happens.”

“I am big into water safety but try to make it fun for people of all ages. I teach babies from nine weeks old up to my oldest pupil who is 99! I am a firm believer that anyone can learn to swim – all it takes is practice and patience. Everyone should have the opportunity to learn to swim. It’s never too late to learn a skill that could save your life!”

In the last issue, we introduced you to lollipop lady Trisha English, who has been helping Darlington youngsters get to school safely for more than 15 years.

For the latest instalment of our #50Faces series, in which we profile some of the council's unsung heroes, we meet three more people who make a huge difference to children's lives.



Suzy Hill and Laura Pattison, library events team



r children ing and song!



“I started at the library back in 2008 and Laura joined me in 2017. As a team we put on sessions and events for families to enjoy and try to encourage reading in the home and book borrowing.

“Our Rhymetime sessions are very popular, with about 170 under-fours attending each week for stories, songs and rhymes. We hold weekly Lego clubs for children of all ages every Saturday and provide large scale events such as BookFest, Bookstart in the Park and Harry Potter Night.

“The libraries hosted 60 events this summer for children aged up to 16. There was everything from magicians to storytelling, planetarium experiences and animation workshops.

“We love our job, we get to meet so many amazing families and share wonderful experiences with them.”

To hear from Sarah-Jayne, Suzy and Laura, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces

Environmental - don't add to

What is environmental crime?

Environmental crime covers a wide range of offences that have a real impact on our town and people's lives.

They include littering (including throwing rubbish from a vehicle), fly tipping, dog fouling, fly posting, graffiti, nuisance parking and abandoned vehicles.

Fines

As part of our ongoing battle to tackle environmental crime we are increasing fines (called Fixed Penalty Notices) from October 1. Fines will also apply to a wider range of offences.

The fine for littering will increase from £75 to £150 and fly tippers will face a £400 fine.

Fines are issued by civic enforcement officers and there is often a discount offered for prompt payment, but if you don't pay the fine you will be taken to court.

In some cases, such as large fly tips, organised crime and persistent offences, we will not issue a fine and will take court action straight away.

There's a full list of the fines and what they cover on our website.

Your waste – your responsibility

Fly tipping is a growing problem in Darlington, costing us around £1.18m a year to clean up.

Many people add to the problem without meaning to, but there are some simple steps you can take:

- Don't leave extra bags or other items next to your bin, on the street or in a back alley. This is fly tipping and you could be fined
- You can get rid of larger items for free at the Household Waste Recycling Centre or we can come and pick them up from you for a small fee
- Don't leave scrap (such as old washing machines) on your drive or in the street for someone to collect – if they are not a registered waste collector and they dump your items you could be held responsible and fined
- If you pay someone to collect your rubbish, ask to see their waste carrier licence, take their address and telephone number and make a note of the vehicle used; ask for a receipt which includes the business details.

You can check with the Environment Agency if a company has a licence by searching 'waste register' online or call 03708 506506. If you use an unregistered company and your waste gets dumped, you could be held responsible and fined.

For more information visit www.darlington.gov.uk

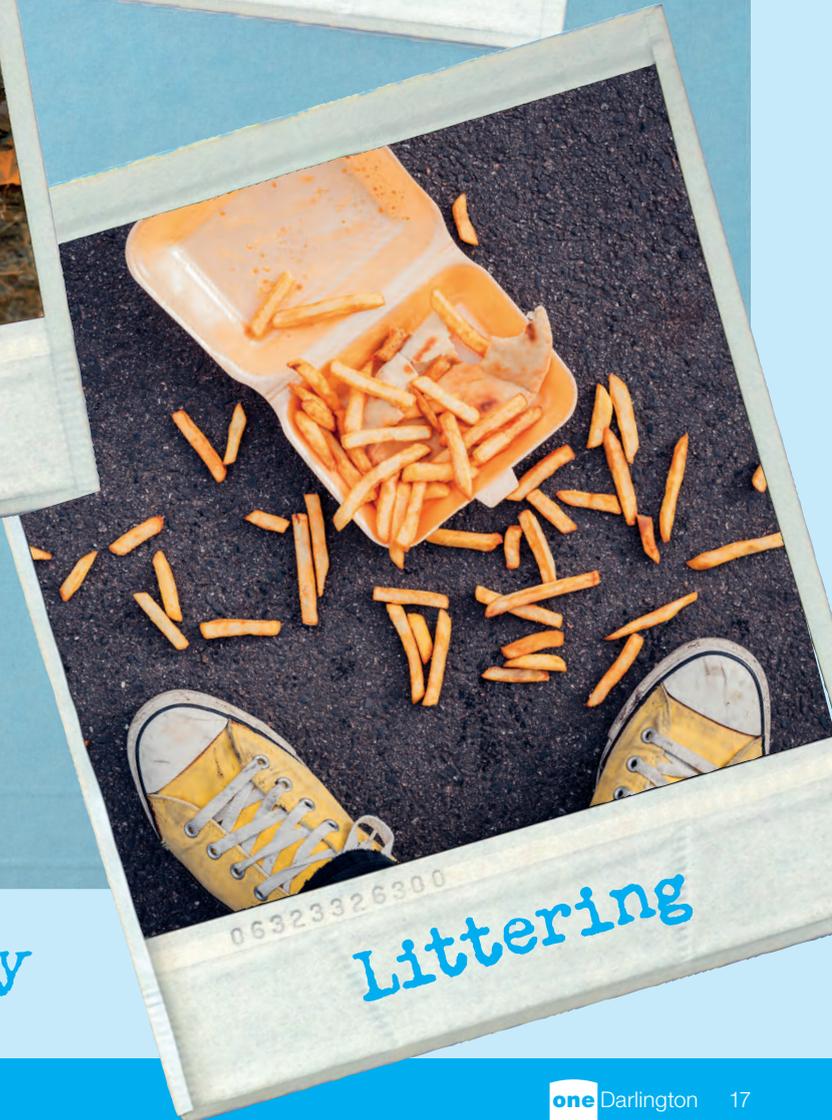
crime the problem!



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Fly-tipping



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Dog fouling



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Littering



DARLINGTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

gov.uk/communitysafety



Tell us what matters to you!

TALK TO US – that’s the message from Darlington neighbourhood inspector Chris Knox. The neighbourhood policing team is keen to hear from residents across the borough about what’s concerning you and what you feel is important for the police to tackle where you live.

Chris said: “We obviously take calls every day from people across Darlington who are reporting specific crimes or incidents and we respond to those, but what we are after is a more ongoing, general conversation with people. I want people to talk to my officers when they are out and about and share their concerns or niggles about what’s going on in their area. This will help us to understand our communities which means we can deliver the best possible policing service to the people of Darlington.

“All of my teams have recently been brushing up their skills at our confidence academy. This is a training event to give officers new ideas about getting the most from interactions with communities and developing their own skills to help them make the most of every opportunity when they are out and about talking to people.

“I have four sergeants in my team, each has a responsibility for a different part of the borough. Please talk to them and their teams and, if you’re interested, sign up for your local electronic newsletter by dropping your local sergeant an email.”

Please don’t use email to report crime. In an emergency, dial 999.

To sign up for your newsletter, contact the sergeant for your area.

Dean Haythornthwaite – east and east villages,
dean.haythornthwaite@durham.pnn.police.uk

Karl Lowe – west and west villages,
karl.lowe@durham.pnn.police.uk

Natalie Gilchrist – North Road and Haughton,
natalie.gilchrist@durham.pnn.police.uk

Matt Plumb – town centre,
matt.plumb@durham.pnn.police.uk

If you're not sure which area of the borough you live in, visit www.durham.police.uk



Inspector Chris Knox, centre, with (from left) sergeants Dean Haythornthwaite, Karl Lowe, Natalie Gilchrist and Matt Plumb

**We can't recycle caps,
pumps or triggers!**



We **can recycle the rest of
your bottles, tubs and trays!**

**We can't recycle
black plastics!**

Please put them in your normal bin.

www.darlington.gov.uk/recycleright

WHAT'S ON WHAT'S ON

parkrun - every Saturday, 9am, South Park. Free 5k run. To register visit www.parkrun.org.uk/darlingtonsouthpark



juniorparkrun - every Sunday, 9am, South Park. Free 2k run for ages four-14. To register visit www.parkrun.org.uk/southpark-juniors

SEPTEMBER



Heritage open days. A chance to see behind the scenes of some of the borough's most historical buildings for free!

Contact venues for times and details or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Crown Street Library - Saturday 14, Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Saturday 21

Elm Ridge Methodist Church - Saturday 14 and Sunday 15

Head of Steam - Saturday 14 and Sunday 15

St Andrew's Church, Haughton le Skerne, Thursday 19-Sunday 22

Farmers' market - first Sunday of every month, 10am-3pm, town centre.

NERA exhibition - trains, boats and planes (and other railway activities) - Tuesday 3 to Sunday 13 October, Head of Steam. Normal entrance fee.



Pease Pudding night market - first Thursday of every month, 4-9pm, town centre.

North Eastern Railway cottage homes 100th anniversary exhibition - Saturday 7 to Sunday 1 December, Head of Steam. Normal entrance fee.

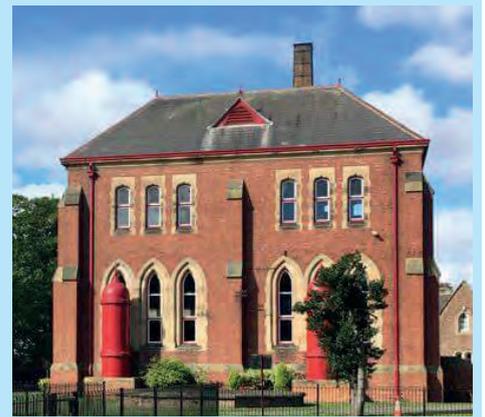
Last Train Home music and comedy festival - Saturday 7, 1-10.30pm, various town centre venues. More information www.tracksdarlington.co.uk

Roald Dahl Day - Friday 13, 10.30am & 2pm, Crown Street Library. Fun activities with Imagine Me. Tickets £2.50 per child from www.eventbrite.co.uk Recommended for children aged 2-5 year olds.



Rhythm & Blues Festival - Sunday 15, 1-5.30pm, Market Square and Riverside Park. Details see Darlington R&B club Facebook page.

Hurworth country fair - Saturday 14, 10.30am-5pm, Hurworth Grange. Entertainment, stalls and produce/craft competition.



Tees Cottage Pumping Station open days - Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 and Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October, 11am-5pm (last admission 4pm). Adults £5, concessions £4, children free. See the history of the water supply in Darlington at the pumping station on Coniscliffe Road. More details www.teescottage.co.uk



Bookstart Rhymetime - new sessions start Monday 16. See www2.darlington.gov.uk for details.

Dog's Trust check up and chip - Tuesday 24, 11am-3pm, Skerne Park community centre, Paddock Lane. Free dog health check and microchipping.



Miloš Karadagli classical guitarist - Tuesday 24, 7.30pm, Hippodrome.

Family fun day - Sunday 29, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam. Admission £2 adults; £1 for children (under fives and family members free).

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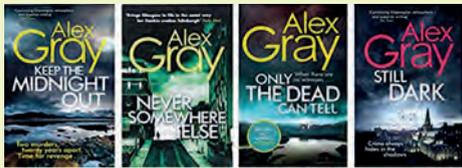
OCTOBER



Children's miniature train rides (steam and electric) – Sunday 6 and Sunday 3 November, 10am-12.30pm, Hurworth Grange.

Frank Skinner: Showbiz – Sunday 6, 7.30pm, Hippodrome.

The Afternoon Lectures: Three Greeners of Etherley and a Model Steam Engine - a talk by Dr Tom Walker - Thursday 3, 1.45pm, Head of Steam. Free to members of the Friends, non-members welcome, (call for details).



National Libraries Week, Monday 7-Saturday 12, Crown Street and Cockerton Libraries. See www2.darlington.gov.uk for details of crime-writing activities for adults.

Darlington Business Week, 7-13, various venues. See www.darlingtonbusinessclub.co.uk for details.

Jobs fair – Thursday 10, 10am-2pm, Dolphin Centre. Part of Darlington Business Week.

Tall tale mysteries (adults only murder mystery) – Friday 11, 7.30pm, Head of Steam. Tickets must be booked in advance. Tall tale mysteries for children – Thursday 31, 11am-3pm. Tickets must be booked in advance.

Vegan food festival, Saturday 19, town centre.

NOVEMBER



Alexander Armstrong: All mouth and some trousers – Monday 4, 7.30pm, Hippodrome.



Five – Wednesday 23 – Saturday 26, various times, Theatre Hullabaloo. Dance and musical performance for three-six year olds.



Little horrors at Halloween fun day – Sunday 27, 11am-3.30pm, Head of Steam. Normal entrance fee (family members free)

Captain Raggybeard – Wednesday 30, 11am-3.30pm, Head of Steam. Included in admission and yearly passes. Pirate themed fun.



Dog's Trust check up and chip – Wednesday 30, 11am-3pm, South Park education centre. Free dog health check and microchipping.

Halloween party - Thursday 31, 4-6pm, Dolphin Centre soft play. £8.50 per child (includes hot dog and party bag).

Halloween fun and parade - Thursday 31, 5pm, town centre.

CONTACTS

Darlington Hippodrome box office open 10am-8pm (6pm on non-performance days); Cornmill Centre ground floor open 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday; call 405405 10am-8pm Monday-Saturday (6pm on non-performance days); or visit www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk

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.

Darlington Libraries – call 349610.

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

The Forum – visit www.theforumonline.co.uk or call 363135.

All information is printed as provided. Please check with venue before travelling.

ENJOY TEES VALLEY

Festival of Thrift – Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September, Kirkleatham Museum, Redcar. Free entry, £5 to park. Visit www.festivalofthrift.co.uk

Middlesbrough art weekender – Thursday 26-Sunday 29 September, various venues. Free admission.

Andy Parsons: Healing the nation – Friday 4 October, Arc, Stockton www.arconline.co.uk

Hartlepool Folk Festival - Friday 18-Sunday 20 October, various venues. www.hartlepoolfolkfest.co.uk

For more details of what's on across the Tees Valley, visit www.enjoyteesvalley.com

Change a child's future

DENISE'S STORY

I've fostered children for 20 years, and in that time, I've cared for over 30 children. Becoming a foster carer was the best decision I've ever made, and I'm so glad I changed from my previous job as a bank manager.

My favourite thing about being a foster carer is that I can make a difference. I began my journey to keep two brothers together, and I keep in touch with my previous foster kids to see how they're getting on.

You don't need to be 'special' to do what I do - anyone can, especially with the help of the amazing fostering team. So, if you're thinking of fostering, just do it!

Denise Henri
foster carer



Denise

Becoming a foster carer or supported lodgings provider is one of the most rewarding things you can do. The power to change a child's future is in your hands, and with our help, it couldn't be easier.

When fostering or providing supported lodgings with us, you help local children achieve the best future possible. Help will always be on hand, both financially and from our fantastic social workers.

Anyone can help change a child's future – you just need room in your heart and a spare room in your home. Babies, children and teenagers need your love, care, and support.

Change a child's future – foster with us

For more information, including frequently asked questions, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/fostering email fostering@darlington.gov.uk or call 406222.

Information meetings are held at Central House Annex, Gladstone Street, DL3 6JX, from 6-7pm on the first Monday of every month.

Sessions will be held on Mondays 7 October and 4 November.

On the roads...

There's been lots going on to improve our roads. Here's just some of the work we've been busy with:

Repairing 103 roads between 1 April and 31 August - more than 11 miles of road!

Fixing unexpected issues, like the sewer collapse on Grange Road.

Repairing streets so they are pothole free for winter.

Maintaining nine of our busiest roads, including Carmel, McMullen and Victoria.

Opening Parkgate Bridge to pedestrians and cyclists'.

Completing improvement work on McMullen Road roundabout.

The road ahead...

Over the next few months we'll be busy:

- Changing Haughton Road throughabout to a roundabout
- Creating a new footpath and cycleway in Allington Way
- Improving Victoria Road near the train station
- Maintenance on Whinfield Road and School Aycliffe Lane.

New partnership

Arrangements for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults have been refreshed. The council is no longer the single lead for co-ordinating safeguarding arrangements. Three organisations – the council, Durham Constabulary and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group – now have joint and equal responsibility, under the name Darlington Safeguarding Partnership. The new arrangements will be closely monitored to ensure they are delivering what is needed.

Awards night

Nominations have now closed for the first ever #LoveDarlo awards. The event, which will be held at the Hippodrome on 17 November, is aimed at recognising and rewarding businesses in the town. The ceremony will celebrate those retailers, bars, restaurants, market traders, cafes and leisure venues which play such a vital role in making Darlington a great place for shopping, socialising and having fun. Find out more at www.enjoydarlington.co.uk/love-darlo-awards

Hungry Little Minds

The government has launched a three-year campaign encouraging parents and carers to help children's communication, language and literacy development. The campaign aims to show parents the massive impact they have on their child's learning. Reading, playing and chatting with children are simple ways to help them develop, even when they are too young to reply. For more information, visit hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk



Office building taking shape

Work is now well underway on the £8.5 million Feethams House office complex in the town centre.

On the site of the old Beaumont Street car park, the building has been funded by the council, Tees Valley Combined Authority and the European Regional Development Fund.

The five storey 3,900sq m building is expected to provide accommodation for small and medium businesses in the professional services, digital and creative fields.

The development will include open space for the public to enjoy, with the building attracting office workers who can take advantage of the town centre's cafes, bars, and shops.

The building is expected to be complete by next spring.

We're celebrating awards success

A range of council services have earned the seal of approval in various national awards in the past year – and more recognition could be on the horizon.

The council has been nominated in various categories of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) awards, which are due to be presented this month.

As well as being one of ten authorities shortlisted for best overall council for service delivery, the council is also nominated in three other categories, including best health and wellbeing initiative for the Healthy New Towns project.

In 2016, Darlington was chosen as one of ten destinations across the country for the NHS England pilot project. The council led on Healthy New Towns along with other public and private sector organisations.

Meanwhile, the multi-million pound Hippodrome regeneration project, which also saw the creation of children's theatre the Hullabaloo, has a string of accolades to its name.

Elsewhere, the council's new-build housing programme was named best social housing initiative in the Municipal Journal's local government awards 2019.





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Poppy success

The 2018/19 British Legion poppy appeal in Darlington raised £80,587.76. Thank you to everyone who donated and the volunteers who gave their time, especially Pat Stoddart who is stepping down after ten years of organising the borough's collection. If you are interested in helping the 2019/20 appeal email darlington.secretary@rbl.community

Homework club

Secondary school pupils are benefiting from a new homework club run by Darlington Cares and Darlington Building Society. Volunteers visit Longfield Academy to support 11 to 13-year-olds with homework and other subjects such as managing money, while Nando's provides food to help boost concentration levels. It is hoped the scheme will be expanded to other schools. For more details visit www.darlingtoncares.co.uk

Online help for young people

Kooth.com is a free, online counselling service for young people aged 11-18 years. It gives anonymous advice and support on wellbeing issues including bullying, anxiety and family problems. Counsellors run a free, live online chat service and young people can also connect with their peers through monitored forums. To find out more visit www.kooth.com

Fundraising praise



Staff from Sainsbury's and St Teresa's Hospice

St Teresa's Hospice has received more than £9,000 thanks to the fundraising efforts of staff and customers at Sainsbury's, Victoria Road.

Customers and staff voted to support the hospice, on Woodlands Road for a year and following a range of fundraising activities and generous donations, the store raised £9,675.26.

Sainsbury's community ambassador Marie Steward said: "Although our 12 month adoption has now officially ended we will still keep our close association with the hospice, supplying them with fresh flowers every day and donating Easter Eggs and Christmas presents for tombola and raffle prizes." The store has also pledged 150 days of volunteer support to the hospice to mark its 150th birthday.

Harriet makes a splash

A talented swimmer has set her sights on further success after winning two silver medals at the recent British championships.

Harriet Rogers, from Darlington Amateur Swimming Club (DASC), learnt to swim at the Dolphin Centre pool and still trains there with the club.

She qualified for the finals in Glasgow, in the 15-year-old age group, winning silver medals in the 50m and 100m freestyle and missing out on gold in the 50m by just 0.07 seconds.

DASC head coach Glen Fenby said: "Over the years, Harriet has progressed through the squads to become the most successful swimmer at DASC of the last decade.

"Her attitude, determination and hard work have brought her well-deserved success at national level.

"She is also an excellent role model for other young swimmers in the club to aspire to."



Harriet with her medals

Have a flu jab and stay well this winter!

If you are offered a free flu jab by your GP surgery please accept. You should have a flu jab, however well you feel if you are:

- pregnant
- aged six months or over and in an at risk group
- aged two-three years old
- aged 65 years and over
- living in a long-stay residential care home
- a carer
- in a clinical risk group
- in close contact with anyone who is immunocompromised.

The annual flu campaign forms a key part of General Practice funding. Your GP surgery does not receive this funding if you get your jab somewhere else. The funding is used to provide more appointments so please support your local GP surgery by making every effort to attend for your flu vaccine. **If you do not want to have your free flu vaccine please let your surgery know as soon as possible.**



Children aged 2 or 3, pregnant women, people with long-term health conditions and those aged 65 or older should get their free flu vaccine



Richard Pile, GP



Your GP surgery will be in touch with you at the end of September/ beginning of October when the flu vaccine has been delivered.

National award for running club

Move More Star



Darlington Harriers won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service



Club coach and development officer Paul Cook receives the award from Sue Snowdon

Both pictures: Karen Harland

Darlington Harriers Athletic Club has been honoured for supporting countless good causes over the years.

The club was founded in 1891 and has more than 400 members – ranging from eight to 84! The club has helped develop professional and Olympic athletes. All levels of ability are welcome.

Two members of the club were among the guests invited to Buckingham Palace for a garden party in honour of the recipients of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon, presented the award to the club at a local ceremony in recognition of everyone's contribution.

Well done, Harriers – you are this edition's Move More Stars!

Training sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, usually at Eastbourne Sports Complex.

The club also runs a couch to 5k group aimed at beginners. For more information, visit www.darlingtonharriers.co.uk or find the club on Facebook.



Bids open for community project funding

Do you know of a project or good cause in the Bank Top and Lascelles area which needs funding?

A total of £35,000 is up for grabs, with residents and organisations invited to bid for up to £7,500 for their project.

The best ideas will be invited to take part in a Dragons Den style event at Cleveland Bridge Social Club on 16 November, where they will compete to convince the audience to support them.

A vote will then be held to choose which projects will receive funding.



Entry forms are available from Firthmoor police station, the community hub in Eastbourne Park or the TEAM – Working Together for Bank Top and Lascelles page on Facebook.

For more details, or to request an entry form, email jeffrey.summerhill@durham.pnn.police.uk or wendy.newall@darlington.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 30 September.



Air Pollution

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Damages Health



Respiratory
Disease



Heart
Disease



Stroke

The solution...



Walk, cycle
and use public
transport
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If driving; consider car sharing,
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ensure correct tyre pressures
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Don't idle; turn
off your engine
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For more information, contact environmental health
on environmentalhealth@darlington.gov.uk or visit

www.darlington.gov.uk/airquality

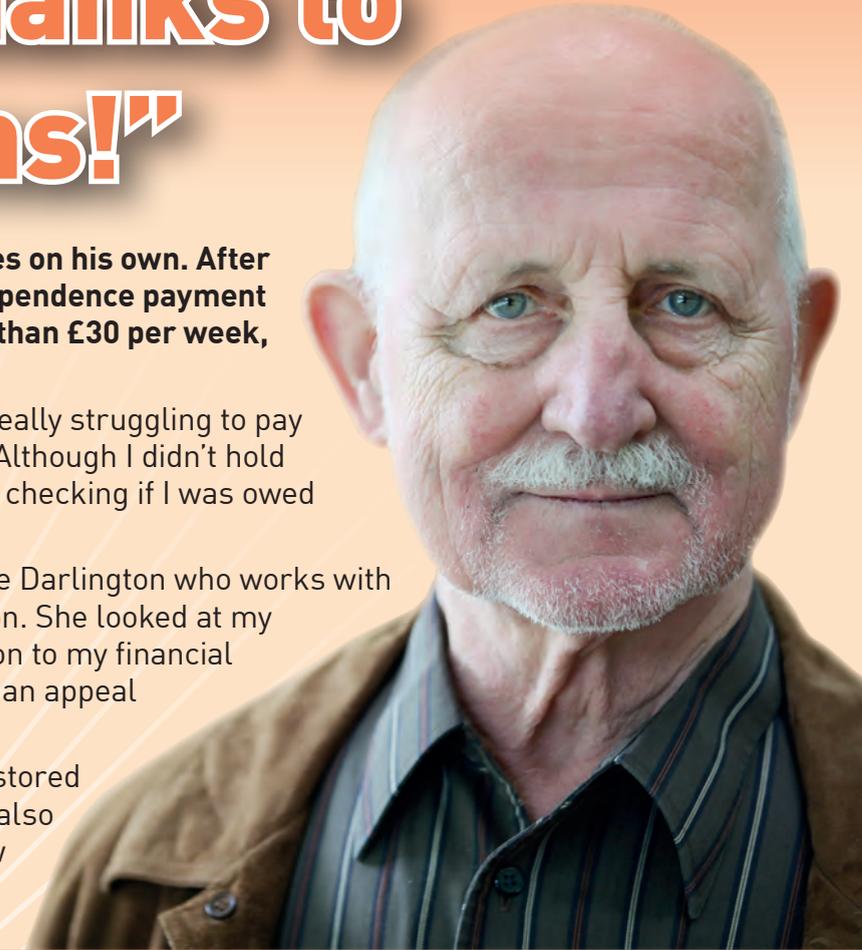
“I’m more than £90 a week better off thanks to DarloMillions!”

Brian, 60, who has suffered a brain injury, lives on his own. After a recent renewal claim, Brian’s personal independence payment (PIP) daily living award was reduced by more than £30 per week, which hit him really hard.

“My brain injury limits what I can do and I was really struggling to pay my bills. A friend told me about DarloMillions. Although I didn’t hold out much hope, I thought there was no harm in checking if I was owed anything.

“I was introduced to Angela from Citizens Advice Darlington who works with brain injury survival charity Headway Darlington. She looked at my case, advised me to appeal against the reduction to my financial payment, helped me gather evidence and draft an appeal letter.

“Within three months, my payment was fully restored and I was awarded an additional, higher rate. I also found out I didn’t have to pay road tax. I am now £90.15 per week better off due to DarloMillions and Angela’s support.”



Almost £2m has been paid to residents since the start of the DarloMillions campaign – there’s still about £24m to be paid to people who need it. Are you, or someone you know, owed money?

Some disabled people who lost out when they had to move to Universal Credit can claim compensation. Does this apply to you or someone you know? Check at darlingtoncab.co.uk/Initiatives/darlo-millions



To find out if you, or someone you know, is entitled to claim visit www.onedarlington.org.uk/darlo-millions

For advice or help to make a claim, email

darlomillions@darlingtoncab.co.uk

or call **734999**.



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Your journey, your way

Chris

car shares to work.

Saves some money.

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For help on how you can make small, sustainable changes in your life, go to:

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It's official - Teesside International Airport is back and it's set to take off for people and businesses across the region!

Just over a month ago, I was delighted to reveal that we had officially changed the name of our airport back to the one we all know, love and use. I also unveiled the new clean, modern branding which had been created in-house, with our local residents in mind.

In a poll last year, the people had overwhelmingly spoken, with 93% of those asked supporting my plan to change the name as part of plans to return the airport to its former glory. I know personally that many of those are Darlington residents who have long championed our airport and know the success it can be.

For the first time in 15 years, passengers are flying into Teesside International with a renewed sense of place, and flying out with pride.

That's not all. It's all well and good giving the airport a new name, but I've frequently said this alone won't turn its

fortunes around. We need to focus on the quality and frequency of flights for both leisure and business, and you can see some of the airport's latest developments on the opposite page.

Of course, there is still lots to be done and our 10-Year Rescue Plan will significantly grow passenger numbers, attract new routes, support onsite and local businesses and draw new companies to the airport site.

In the short-term, we're aiming to have all references to Durham Tees Valley Airport removed by the end of the year. Going forward, we're still aiming to secure a low-cost airline in the near future and are doing everything we can to secure even more popular routes.

With the airport's new attitude cemented by its new name, there's nothing stopping Teesside International now.



Worldwide from Teesside

The airport's twice-daily KLM flights to the award-winning Schiphol airport in Amsterdam opens us up to more than 200 destinations around the world. With many Darlington residents being a short drive away – if not within walking distance – you could be in New York in next to no time.

Flying direct may sound appealing, but once you've battled through the traffic to Newcastle, Manchester or Leeds Bradford, making sure you've got enough time to check in and get through security, hours are added to the journey. Flying from Teesside is faster, less stressful and you're supporting the region and our local jobs.

New York

Poolside from Teesside

Next year, for the first time in seven years, you'll once again be able to fly from Teesside to Palma, Majorca. The UK's most popular summer holiday destination will be served by the airport every Sunday from July 19 for ten weeks, the height of the summer season.

The company behind the flights, JetsGo, is seeing the potential in what we're doing and backing our airport by putting on these great value summer packages. These are available to book now by visiting www.jetsgoholidays.com

Balkan Holidays this year operated a weekly service to Bourgas in Bulgaria, taking in popular beach resorts such as Sunny Beach, Nessebar and Golden Sands. These breaks may be coming to an end for this year on September 14, but that isn't the end of the offers.

Thanks to the tremendous take-up of trips this year, the firm has already committed to a 2020 season of summer packages. They can also be booked now by visiting www.balkanholidays.com

Majorca

Sunny Beach, Bulgaria

Functional Skills

Are you 19 or over? Are your English, Maths or ICT skills a little rusty?

Take the opportunity to improve your skills and achieve a recognised Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 qualification (equivalent to a GCSE) and learn in a supportive, friendly, small class sized environment. The courses are free* and start throughout the academic year.

Courses run throughout the week across a variety of venues. We run classes during mornings, afternoons and evenings.

**The courses are free for people aged 19 or older, who are UK or EU citizens and who have lived continuously in UK or EU for the past three years.*

Please contact us to arrange an initial assessment.



Learning & Skills



**We
are...**



The organisation was set up in the summer of 1999 and was originally based at the Town Hall before expanding and moving to new locations across Darlington at The Coleridge Centre, L&S Tubwell Row and Lingfield Way.

Distance Learning

Distance Learning is a flexible way to study as you are able to choose where and when you study.

It has the benefit of allowing you to develop your career without the need to attend classes, worry about childcare issues or making changes to your work schedule.



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The Principles of the Prevention and Control of Infection in Health Care Settings

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Common Health Conditions

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Principles of Dementia Care

Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes

The Principles of End of Life Care

Understanding Dignity and Safeguarding in Adult Health and Social Care

Understanding Autism

Information, Advice and Guidance

Understanding Behaviour that Challenges

Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health

Understanding Nutrition and Health

Falls Prevention Awareness

Principles of Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities

Understanding Safeguarding and Prevent

You must attend one classroom based enrolment session to receive your free resource pack, your hand in dates and to obtain the tutor contact information. Our Distance Learning courses are free of charge and needs to be related to your career aspirations.

For further information please contact us via:

CALL 405601 TEXT 07932 869325

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www.darlington.gov.uk/learningandskills



The service has evolved over the years and offers Apprenticeships, Functional Skills, Family Learning, Study Programme, Adult Education, Intensive Support and much more.

"We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our staff for their service over the years and a huge thank you to all of our learners, past and present, for their trust and commitment to our service."



Celebrating the work of our emergency services ***SUPERHEROES!***

Thousands of people enjoyed the fourth annual Celebration of Superheroes organised by the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg.

Representatives from the police, fire service and other community safety services were at the event at Locomotion in Shildon. They spent time chatting to residents and showed off some of the equipment they use in their day-to-day work.

Ron said: "This annual event is now a firm family favourite. My plan of bringing the event forward for better weather certainly paid off. It was a glorious day, with lots of activities on offer and a great turnout.

"Lots of the work that organisations do isn't seen by everyone so this is an important way for us to show the hidden things and bust lots of myths as to how and why we do things."



More than 50 exhibitors were on hand including Teesdale and Weardale Search and Mountain Rescue, police dogs Jet and Ben, HM Coastguard and Highways England along with many community and voluntary organisations who support the work of the public services.

The event was supported by Durham police cadets who competed in a range of activities to be crowned the winners of the annual Ron Hogg Cadet Cup, presented by Ellen Terry, the Young Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner.



RON HOGG

DURHAM POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER

Clubs and Societies

Joining a club is a great way to get involved in the local community, have fun and meet new people. Here we feature stories of clubs that make a difference to the community.

Take a look at what else is available at www.darlington.gov.uk/clubs



Lunch for the over 50s

You can meet old friends and make new ones at one of Age UK's regular lunch clubs. Some offer a weekly lunch date whilst others meet on set days in the month. All the clubs include a two course lunch for £4.50 and transport can be arranged in advance. Here's a list of where and when you can enjoy your lunch:

- **Bradbury House**, Beaumont Street – every Wednesday and the second and fourth Thursday of the month
- **Willow Road Lunch Club** – Fridays
- **Branksome Lunch Club**, Branksome Hall Drive – first Thursday of the month
- **Elm Ridge Methodist Church** – second Tuesday of the month
- **Darlington Baptist Tabernacle**, Corporation Road – fourth Tuesday of the month
- **St James' Church**, Albert Hill – third Wednesday of the month.

No booking required, call 362832 for more details or to arrange transport if needed. For more information about what's going on at Age UK, visit www.ageuknyd.org.uk or call into the office at Bradbury House.



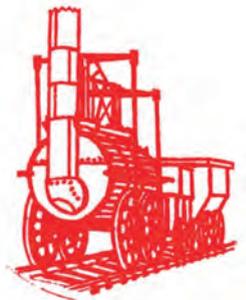
Award for history group

The efforts of members of Haughton Historical Society were rewarded when they won one of the chairman's awards at this year's Best of Darlington awards. Carol Atkinson, from the group, along with numerous volunteers, worked together on the Haughton Remembers project to help honour the memory of the 32 local men who died during the First World War.

A four-day exhibition at Haughton Methodist Chapel featured more than 1,000 knitted poppies draped down the building. Inside, there were pictures, stories and memorabilia on each of the men along with accounts from those who survived the conflict. Students from Haughton Academy created artwork for the exhibition.

Darlington Lecture

Association returns for its 137th year with a season that includes travel, art, ancient Egypt and more. For details, visit www.darlingtonlecture.org.uk or call 363350.



If you would like us to feature your club or society, email communications@darlington.gov.uk

Council Leader's Column



Darlington is a proud market town and I am delighted that the planning application has finally been submitted to transform the historic market hall, following the consultation on the ambitious plans which were overwhelmingly supported by traders and residents. We are still consulting on plans to reinvigorate the rest of the town centre.

You can find out more on page 9 and I would encourage everyone to give their views. We have been awarded £150,000 from the government to put forward a plan for more town centre funding and I am confident we will be able to present a compelling case for making a positive change, ensuring the town centre is at the heart of the community for years to come.

Our new community safety team is already having an impact around the town, especially in relation to fly tipping and littering. On pages 16 and 17 you can read about increases to fines which I hope will go some way to discouraging the minority of people who continue to spoil the local environment for the rest of us.

I am sure you agree that the flowers and planting around the town centre has been exceptional this year. I would like to thank those people and businesses who were involved in our Northumbria in Bloom entry – we will find out the result in the next few weeks, so fingers crossed! I am confident, as a local authority, we will continue to use common sense to support those who want to do their bit to make our town more attractive for everyone.

Thinking about the environment, we are setting up a cross party group to take forward our ambitions for reducing the impact of climate change as well as taking action to cut the amount of plastic we use as a local authority in all of our activities.

Since the last edition of One Darlington, we have held, and supported, many events in the town centre and I have been delighted to see so many people enjoying what's on offer. There are more events planned in the coming months and you can read about some of them on page 6 and 7. It is great to see so many people supporting the town and I hope everyone gets involved in the forthcoming events.

Finally a quick word about our roads – we are out there mending pot holes and refurbishing some of the most heavily used routes around the town. I know this work can sometimes cause delays but I hope you see we are doing everything we can to improve the road network.

In the last edition I talked about making our communication simpler and more transparent. I hope that you are beginning to see a difference and it is becoming clearer what we do as a local authority on your behalf. As part of this we are planning to move our cabinet meetings to locations around the town, rather than always being in the Town Hall. The first one is at Firthmoor Community Centre on Tuesday 10 September and anyone is welcome to come along. Cabinet members will also be attending events across the town whenever possible to become more visible and approachable to everyone.

Councillor Heather Scott OBE
Leader of Darlington Borough Council



Ward surgeries

Your councillor is there to listen to you and find out about the issues that are affecting life in your ward. You can email, telephone or meet your councillor at regular ward surgeries. Find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk

Emailing councillors

If you wish 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 ward surgery details.

BANK TOP AND LASCELLES

Helen Crumbie (L) Tel: 462642; **Wendy Newall (L)** Tel: 251574. King William Street Community Centre – Fri 20 Sep and 18 Oct – 5-6pm. Cleveland Bridge Social & Athletic Club – Sat 14 Sep and 12 Oct – 12-1pm. **Darrien Wright (I)** Tel: 07724 384264. Dance Wright Studio, Ridsdale Street – Thurs 12 Sep and 10 Oct – 5.30-6.30pm.

BRINKBURN AND FAVERDALE

Scott Durham (C) Tel: 07805 505156; **Rachel Mills (C)** Tel: 482906/07786 077189; **Lisa Preston (C)** Tel: 07793 662154. The Brinkburn pub – Mon 9 Sep and 14 Oct – 6-7pm. The White Heifer That Travelled – Tue 17 Sep and 15 Oct – 6-7pm.

COCKERTON

Paul Baldwin (L) Tel: 362690; **Jan Cossins (L)** Tel: 241124; **Eddie Heslop (L)** Tel: 354457. Windsor Court – Tue 10 Sep and 8 Oct – 10-11am. Cockerton Library – Thu 12 Sep and 10 Oct – 6-7pm.

COLLEGE

Bryony Holroyd (G) Tel: 07570 776553; **Matthew Snedker (G)** Tel: 07780 807059. Abbey Junior School – Thurs 12 Sep and 10 Oct – 6-7pm.

EASTBOURNE

Jonathan Dulston (C) Tel: 07944 344646; Firthmoor Community Centre – Wed 25 Sep and 30 Oct – 3-4pm. **Kevin Nicholson (I)** Tel: 07791 807629; **Steven Tait (I)** Tel: 07825 303036. Firthmoor Community Centre – Mon 16 Sep – 5-6pm and Mon 21 Oct – 1-2pm.

HARROWGATE HILL

Ian Bell (C) Tel: 07497 404448, ian.bell2@darlington.gov.uk; **Jon Clarke (C)** Tel: 07875 057253. The White Horse – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct – 6-7pm. **Lynn Paley (L)** Tel: 07963 706171. Harrowgate CIU Ltd – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct 6-7pm.

HAUGHTON AND SPRINGFIELD

Chris McEwan (L) Tel: 283262; **Andy Scott (L)** Tel: 253707, andrew.scott@darlington.gov.uk; **Nick Wallis (L)** Tel: 07960 247554. Salvation Army, Thompson St – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct – 6-7pm. Asda foyer – Sat 7 Sep, 5 Oct and 2 Nov – 10-11am.

HEIGHINGTON AND CONISCLIFFE

Gerald Lee (C) Tel: 314622; **Paul Crudass (C)** Tel: 374537. High Coniscliffe Church Hall – Sat 7 Sep and 2 Nov – 10-11am. Summerhouse Village Hall – Sat 5 Oct – 10-11am.

HUMMERSKNOTT

Charles Johnson (C) Tel: 463712; **Paul Howell (C)** Tel: 07464 688865. By appointment using contact details above.

HURWORTH

Christy Chou (C) Tel: 405998; **Lorraine Tostevin (C)** Tel: 333382. Hurworth Grange Community Library, Hurworth Road – Thu 5 Sep, 3 Oct and 7 Nov – 6-7pm.

MOWDEN

Pauline Culley (C) Tel: 250482; **Alan Marshall (C)** Tel: 359138. Mowden Junior School – Mon 2 Sep, 7 Oct and 4 Nov – 6.30-7.30pm.

NORTHGATE

Sajna Ali (L) Tel: 405998; **Eleanor Lister (L)** Tel: 254091. Corporation Road Primary School – Wed 4 Sep, 2 Oct and 6 Nov – 6-7pm.

NORTH ROAD

Hilary Allen (LD) Tel: 480277; **Nigel Boddy (LD)** Tel: 07890 053482; **Anne-Marie Curry (LD)** Tel: 07531 304050, annemarie.curry@darlington.gov.uk St Thomas Aquinas Church – Wed 25 Sep and 23 Oct – 6-7pm. Morrisons North Road café – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct – 1-2pm.

PARK EAST

Cyndi Hughes (L) Tel: 480975; **Libby McCollom (L)** Tel: 07910 369887; **Michael Nicholson (L)** Tel: 240750/07906 552714. The Forum Music Centre – Tue 10 Sep and 8 Oct – 6-7pm. St Columba's Church, Clifton Road – Fri 20 Sep and 18 Oct – 6-7pm. St Augustine's Parish Centre – Tue 3 Sep, 1 Oct and 5 Nov – 6.30-7.15pm.

PARK WEST

Bob Donoghue (C) Tel: 07767 294194; **Heather Scott (C)** Tel: 468547. 9 Ayton Drive – Fri 27 Sep and 18 Oct – 5-6pm. By appointment only using contact details above.

PIERREMONT

Stephen Harker (L) Tel: 380039; **Linda Hughes (L)** Tel: 07904 772387; **Mary Layton (L)** Tel: 350560. Reid Street Primary School – Wed 4 Sep, 2 Oct and 6 Nov – 6-7pm.

RED HALL AND LINGFIELD

Sam Howarth (L) Tel: 07807 709845; **Hilary Lucas (L)** Tel: 249215. Red Hall Community Centre, Headingley Crescent – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct 5 – 6-7pm. Heathfield Primary School – Wed 25 Sep and 23 Oct – 6-7pm.

SADBERGE AND MIDDLETON ST GEORGE

Brian Jones (C) Tel: 332820; **Doris Jones (C)** Tel: 332820; **Deborah Laing (C)** Tel: 07747 863297. By Appointment using contact details above.

STEPHENSON

Ian Haszeldine (L) Tel: 496548. St James the Great – Wed 11 Sep and 9 Oct – 6-7pm. **Mike Renton (C)** Tel: 07495 697592. St James the Great – Wed 25 Sep – 6-7.30pm. Wesley Court Community Centre – Wed 30 Oct – 6-7.30pm.

WHINFIELD

Jamie Bartch (C) Tel: 07554 645651; **Andy Keir (C)** Tel: 07597 297654. Whinfield Primary School – Sat 7 Sep and 5 Oct – 10am-noon.

MPs' SURGERIES:



Jenny Chapman (Darlington MP)

will be holding surgeries at her constituency office at 40a Coniscliffe Road, DL3 7RG on alternate Fridays, 9.30-11am. Call 382345 for an appointment.



Phil Wilson (Sedgefield MP)

has a constituency office at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4EE. For a dedicated surgery call 321603 or email phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk



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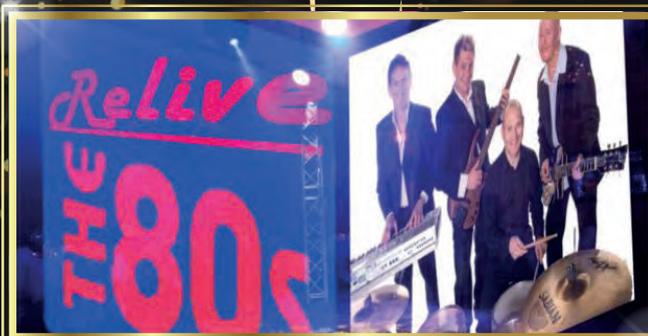
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CHRISTMAS

PARTY

NIGHTS

Friday 6th Dec 2019



80'S SENSATION

Back by popular demand after performing in 2018, 80's sensation will provide all your favourites allowing you to 'Relive the 80's', Hits by Wham, Spandau Ballet, ABC, Duran Duran and more.

Saturday 7th Dec 2019



MAMMA MIA TRIBUTE

Enjoy the ultimate celebration of Abba hits, including Dancing Queen, Super Trooper, Fernando & many more!

Friday 13th Dec 2019



SPICE GIRLS TRIBUTE

A spectacular tribute act created to celebrate the career of the World's biggest girl band, the Spice Girls. Featuring the greatest Spice Girls hits, this musical celebration recreates the era of Girl Power!

Saturday 14th Dec 2019



FEMALE LEGENDS NIGHT

Local band The Hootones provide a selection of Rock and Pop from some of the best female artists including Annie Lennox, Madonna, The Supremes, Blondie, Stevie Nicks, Amy Winehouse and more!

Tickets are priced at **£32.50 per person** and include a 3-course meal, complimentary drink on arrival and a disco in our marquee lined sports hall.

Doors open at 7pm, meal served at 7.30pm.

For further information, or to book your tickets, simply call the Dolphin Centre on 01325 406971.

