



Ferryhill in Bloom recognised with Silver Award



Ferryhill in Bloom was one of a number of projects recognised in the Northumbria in Bloom contest, picking up a Silver Award.

Ferryhill in Bloom is one of more than 20 groups throughout County Durham honoured for cleaning up their surroundings.

Durham County Council awarded a number of community organisations up to £500 each to put towards sprucing up an open space

in their area.

Volunteers took part in a range of projects, supported by council staff, including tidying up, full revamps and planting or adding floral displays to make areas more attractive and welcoming.

Each group that applied for funding entered via the Royal Horticultural Society's *It's Your Neighbourhood* campaign.

The scheme encourages volunteer-led community participation in environmental projects to "clean up" or "green up" their surroundings.

A total of 23 projects from across County Durham were recognised in the campaign and two even picked up awards in the Northumbria in Bloom competition, one of which was Ferryhill in Bloom, which received the Silver Award.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Durham

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Christmas parties and pantomime

The Chilton Community Sports and Social Club, formerly known as the Chilton WMC, is inviting senior citizens and their partners or carers to its annual Christmas Party on Saturday 19th December.

Tickets are priced at just £3 per person and include a plated buffet, entertainment and discounted drinks vouchers.

Tickets are available in advance at the club.

Younger members of the community haven't been forgotten either with the welcome return of the Club's annual Christmas

Panto.

This year's pantomime is *Sleeping Beauty* and is being showcased on Sunday 27th December at 7pm.

Tickets are completely free and are available for collection from the club.

It should be noted that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, otherwise admission will be refused. The kitchen and tuck shop will also be open during the performance.

Townfolk are advised to visit the club soon as tickets for both events are in limited quantities.

Singing for Pleasure

Kirk Merrington WI will host a *Singing for Pleasure* concert on Tuesday 24th November at 2pm in Kirk Merrington Community Centre.

The singing duo, Carole

and Malcolm Brown will entertain with a selection of songs from the shows.

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Died 15th November
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Peter and Brian
Irreplaceable to us both



Both thinking of you
xxx



Derek Mitton

Passed away
November 16th 2015



Derek will be sadly missed
by all his loving family and
friends

In Memoriam

Marie Dunlavy

19th November

We will always love and
remember you
Happy birthday Mam xx



Leon and Lavarna

Marie Dunlavy

19th November

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts



Mam & Dad
xx

Marie Dunlavy

A little message, sweet &
tender, just to say we still
remember



*Mick, Helen &
Family*

Marie Dunlavy

If roses grow in Heaven
Please Lord pick a bunch
for us
Place them in our Sister's
and Auntie Marie's hands
And tell her they're from us



Love & miss you so much
Andrew Katrina & Boys



Brian Alliston & Nora Hewitt

Loved husband
and Mam of
Eileen



In Memoriam

Marie Dunlavy

19-11-1986 - 23-11-2013
Sister / Auntie

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will
heal,
But neither time nor
reason,
Will change the way we
feel,
For no-one knows the
heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
We have broken down and
cried,
We want to tell you
something,
So there won't be any
doubt,
You're so wonderful to
think of
But so hard to be without



Love, John Kay Lois, Luna xxx

Marie Dunlavy

23 November 2013

In our home there is a
photo of a face more
precious than gold
And to those who love
and lost you, your
memory will never grow
old

Today we look at your
photo, at a face so loving
and true
No wonder our hearts are
breaking
Losing a daughter like you
But each day you walk
beside us, and when our
lives are through
We pray that God will
take our hands and lead
us straight to you



Love
Mam + Dad

My gorgeous Niece

Marie Dunlavy

Thinking of you on your
Birthday (19.11.86) and
memorial (23.11.13)

Miss you more every day
Not a day goes by we don't
talk about you.
We love you so much
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Love, Pearl & Mal,
Warren & Channy xx

Marie Dunlavy

On what would have been
your 29th Birthday
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In Memoriam

Marie Dunlavy

19-11-15

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Birthday in Heaven Marie
Missing you more and
more every day



Love John Kay Lois, Lula
xxx



Nanna

12th June 2014



Miss you unbelievable
amounts
There's not a day goes by
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I'm doing my best to make
you proud
Love you millions



Love Meg xx



Annie Barrass Robson

Nov 22nd 2005

10 years have passed
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So sadly missed



From loving husband Bill
and all the family
xxxx

Birthday Memories

Louis Blatchford

19th November

Happy birthday Louis
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Love
Mam, John, Matthew



Birthday Memories

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19th November

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Louis Blatchford

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Cathy Wheadon

21st 11 1935

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Gill, Bri & Geoff xxx

Cathy Wheadon (Gran)

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your grandchildren
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From Louise, Lee, Danielle,
Jamie, Reece & James and
all great grandchildren xx

Birthdays

Abby Louise Forster

14/11/97



Happy 18th



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Ferryhill Town Council unveil new PA System



Cllr Brian Avery with his dog Benji; Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Pauline Crathorne and Events Officer for Ferryhill Town Council, John Rogerson, with the new PA system.

A delighted Ferryhill Town Council has unveiled its new PA system after receiving £4,160 in external funding through County Councillor Brian Avery's Neighbourhood Budget. The state of the art system, which will be used during the town's programme of events on occasions such as Remembrance Sunday, the Christmas Fayre and carol singing services held in the Town Hall gardens, promises to be a real asset which will enable everyone in attendance to be able to hear event proceedings loud and clear. A spokesperson said: "With the old sound system being beyond repair, this has been a major problem in recent years and has no doubt deterred numerous residents from attending several of the town's events. "With the new system now in place these events promise to be bigger and better than ever and as such it is envisaged that more people will be encouraged to attend. "Ferryhill Town Council would like to say a huge thank you to Councillor Avery for supporting this project, which will make a huge difference to all of the events being organised by the Town Council in the future."

Shoe Box Appeal Success

Once again the Ferryhill Shoe Box Appeal in association with the Methodist Church has been a huge success. The appeal has grown over the years and this year there has been a very generous response from donors within the Ferryhill and surrounding communities. A spokesperson for the appeal said: "To all donors, be they schools, churches, chat and craft clubs or private individuals, the organising team wish to extend their heartfelt and sincere thanks for their generosity. "We would also like to thank all those who helped in any way during shoe box week. "The total number of boxes dispatched was 1,028 together with £1,113 towards transport costs. "It is planned for the boxes to be sent to Romania. Happy Christmas and best wishes to all from the organising team."

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Dear Editor,

Yet again unnecessary and unfounded comments appear on the social media network, on this occasion by Claire Clanfield and Sammy Bell on the Ferryhill Past and Present Facebook page.

I do not usually respond to comments on social media but on this occasion I am responding to comments that are factually incorrect and defame my character.

All Ferryhill Town Councillors are unpaid and give their time voluntarily for the good of the people of Ferryhill.

The two charities that I raised funds for in the previous year were Ferryhill Youth Football and the Ferryhill Girl Guides, who each received a cheque for £1,805.00.

I am sure that the two organisations were very grateful for the money raised and that this has been put to good use for the young people of Ferryhill.

As the Mayor, I arrange many events to raise funds for deserving causes. I spend a large amount of my own time on this and attending other civic events.

On many occasions I use my own money to purchase prizes for the tombola and raffles and the photograph below shows some items I have purchased for my next charity event,



the 'Elvis Charity Night', on Friday 20th November 2015 at Ferryhill Club in the town centre.

Tickets are still available or pay on the night for only £5. All support for this charity event is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Pauline Crathorne, Mayor of Ferryhill



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Innovations Christmas Fair

Innovations, the day care service provider for adults with disabilities, is inviting readers of the Chapter to visit its Christmas Fair.

The fair will be held at The Junction, 154 Newgate Street, Bishop Auckland on Friday 27th November between 11am and 2:30pm. The event will host a

number of stalls including hand crafted products, tombolas, raffles and refreshments.

A spokesperson said: "Everybody from the Ferryhill and Chilton area who is visiting Bishop Auckland on the day is very welcome. Please come along and lend us your support."

The Ferryhill & Chilton Medical Practice

Repeat Prescription Requests

From 1st January 2016, the practice will stop accepting telephone requests for repeat prescriptions.

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Mainsforth and Ferryhill Station men remembered



On Wednesday, 11th November, pupils from Ferryhill Station Primary School, accompanied by Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Sparrow and Cllr John Lindsay laid the County wreath at the Memorial Stone for the men of Mainsforth and Ferryhill Station who gave their lives during the First World War.

The often forgotten memorial is on a private property referred to as Memorial Cottage at Nurses Field, Ferryhill Station, once home to the District Nurses.

Left-right: Ebony McKinlay, Isabelle Dargue-Walker, Damian Sparrow (Deputy Head), Anthony McKinlay, McKenzie Kelly and Cllr John Lindsay.

Dean Bank aims to be a part of the local community

Dean Bank Primary School wants to be more than just a means of educating the children of Ferryhill - it wants to be part of the community.

Or at least that is the aim of Head Teacher, Pauline Northcott, who took over as principal of the school in September.

"We are trying to get people back into the school in a social capacity by organising things like coffee mornings and bingos," explained the head teacher. There have been concerns

that parents merely escort their children to school in the mornings and stand on the other side of the fence. "The parents are welcome onto the school yard in the mornings," assured Ms Northcott.

Plans have been turned into action in order to bring the school back to the forefront of the community: a pie and pea supper and bingo will take place at the school on Thursday 19th November at 6.30pm with a wallet-friendly £2.50 ticket price.

To book a place, call the school on 01740 654835 or visit the school's reception. Some plans have yet to come to fruition but Ms Northcott is determined to do more.

She hopes to set up a Friends of the school group or a Parent Teacher Association to replace the one that foundered a few years ago.

"We are trying to put the school back into the heart of the community rather than have it as a separate entity," she said.

Ferryhill in Bloom rewarded

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County Council, said: "We are delighted that more than 20 groups received funding and took part in the *It's Your Neighbourhood* scheme.

The results are fantastic and it is extra pleasing to see that two groups were also honoured in Northumbria in Bloom.

"Thanks to everyone who took part and demonstrated pride and commitment in improving their local area for all to enjoy.

"We'd like to remind community groups that there is still time to apply for funding - this is a great opportunity to make a positive change to the place they live, work or spend their leisure time and help make our county altogether greener."

Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Pauline Crathorne said: "I am delighted with the town's success at the Northumbria in Bloom Awards.

"I would like to say a big thank you to all of our works staff for their tireless efforts to ensure that stunning floral displays are maintained around the town and in the parks, giving pleasure to both the local community and visitors.

"I would also like to say a big thank you to the many local businesses who contribute by sponsoring flowerbeds in the town and to the many volunteers who assist in maintaining floral displays including Endeavour Woodcrafts, Ferryhill Brownies and FBEC Students, who were actively involved this year."

Cleves Cross open afternoon

Cleves Cross Primary School in Ferryhill is holding an 'Open Afternoon' for parents with children starting school in September 2016.

"Come along and visit us to see our school in action," said a spokesperson. "You can view the children at work and play in the class-

rooms, see our indoor and outdoor facilities, have an opportunity to meet the staff and even have a go at some challenges yourself if you would like to!"

The school will open its doors on Friday 20th November from 1.30-3pm for interested parents and children.

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On offer at the market, which commences at 2pm, include Yankee candles, personalised sweets, body shop products, jewellery,

personalised pictures, cakes, knitted toys and 'Little Hands Gifts of Distinction'.

There will also be a tombola, a raffle and a glass of mulled wine on arrival.

If anyone is interested in having their own stall at the fair, they can make a phone call to Bev on 01740 657200.

Town Band concert

Ferryhill Town Band's next concert will take place at St Edmund's Church, Sedgfield on Saturday 21st November from 7:30pm.

Tickets, costing £5 each, are available from Thinford Nurseries, Sedgfield Town Council offices, or pay at the door.

Attempted charity box theft

A Ferryhill man has received a 32 week prison sentence and fines totalling £260 for a number of crimes, one of which included attempting to steal a British Heart Foundation charity box that was chained to a desk in Santander Bank in Newton Aycliffe.

Sellathurai Sivagnanadaz was on his way back home from another court appearance when he attempted to steal the box on Wednesday, 4th November.

Sivagnanadaz pleaded guilty at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court to seven charges and five breaches of criminal behaviour between 26th October and

5th November.

As well as attempts to rob the charity box, Sivagnanadaz got into another man's car while he was stopped at a traffic lights and refused to budge; failed to vacate buses when he was caught without a ticket and failed to leave a Santander Bank when requested.

Dominic Tate, mitigating, said: "Thankfully, the charity box was not taken, but it is an indication of the level of desperation he experiences in his day to day life. He is trying to make his way around with little money and he has taken the wrong course of action."

Top children's authors to attend Durham City event

Young book lovers in Ferryhill and Chilton may be interested to learn that a collection of top children's authors and illustrators will meet their fans at a day of free book-based fun and entertainment in Durham city later this month.

The Northern Children's Book Festival Gala Day, on Saturday, 21st November, will also include art and craft workshops, storytelling sessions and a pop-up book shop.

This year, the event is being hosted by Durham County Council and will take place at Durham Town Hall and Clayport Library.

Among those already signed up to take part in the annual event are Vivian French, The Two Steves, Guy Bass, Jonathan Stroud, Philip Ardagh, Barry Hutchison, Julia Jarman, Lynne Chapman, Adam Bushnell, Liz Million, Kate Fox, Holly Sterling, Kjartan Poskitt and Neil Bushnell.

Youngsters can also settle down for a story read by Pascale Konyn or a representative from literary charity Beanstalk and make

their own book cover in the craft corner.

Blackwell's will be running a pop-up book shop and there'll be some interesting characters wandering the streets of Durham City throughout the day.

Activities are aimed at young bookworms of all ages, from pre-school children to teenagers.

The Gala Day, which runs from 10am to 5pm, marks the end of the two-week Northern Children's Book Festival, which sees library services across the region hosting reading activities in schools and libraries.

Linda Dobson, Durham County Council's principal library manager, said: "The Northern Children's Book Festival is a fantastic event, which offers a great way to get youngsters interested in reading and to encourage those who are already established readers to try something new."

This year's festival also includes a Consequences Family Evening at Durham Town Hall on Friday, 20th November.

Guest authors Vivian French,

Philip Ardagh, The Two Steves, Kate Fox and Barry Hutchison will be challenged to create a story on the spot with the opening line suggested by the audience.

Suitable for children aged seven-years-old and upwards, the evening, which runs from 7pm until 8pm and costs £5 for adults or £3 for children and concessions, promises to be great fun, giving fans the chance to find out how quick thinking the authors can be when put under pressure.

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22 November 1963

President John F. Kennedy is assassinated during a visit to Dallas, Texas. His death caused intense mourning in the United States and brought Vice President Lyndon Johnson to the presidency.

23 November 1859

The infamous Western outlaw, "Billy the Kid", is born in a poor Irish neighborhood on New York City's East Side. Before he was shot dead at age 21, Billy reputedly killed 27 people in the American West.

24 November 1859

A day after "Billy the Kid's" birth, the *Origin of Species* by Means of Natural Selection, a groundbreaking scientific work by British naturalist Charles Darwin, is published in England.

25 November 1970

World-renowned Japanese writer Yukio Mishima commits suicide after failing to win public support for his often extreme political beliefs.

26 November 1872

The Great Diamond Hoax, one of the most notorious mining swindles of the time, is exposed with an article in the San Francisco Evening Bulletin.

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Child's Play Nursery collects latest award for innovation



Owner and Manager of Child's Play Nursery, Laura Leigh Wayman, receives her Best Use of Innovation Award at the North East Women Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

Managing Director, Laura Leigh Wayman and her team from Child's Play Private Nursery in Ferryhill, have continued to build on their award-winning year at the North East Women Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, held in the Plaza Hotel, Newcastle on Friday 13th November. The nursery received the Best Use of Innovation Award for developments on the nursery website, which allows families and parents who use the nursery to

access personal information about their children at any time by logging in to their private online space. By logging in with their username and password, parents can read observations made by nursery staff about their child, comment on their progress and upload their own images from a mobile or computer wherever they are. The website boasts numerous other features including a feedback form and advice sheets.

Laura said: "I am absolutely over the moon that this year's judging panel have recognised the innovative work that we are doing. "It took a year to plan the online portal and get it live, but what a major success it has been. To date we have shared over 3,000 files with our families and received almost 500 home learning images from them. "We even have family members as far away as Italy logging in to see their children's learning journey."

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Dear Editor,

The 2015 Poppy Appeal collection in Chilton has resulted in a grand total of £1729.38 being raised.

As the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Chilton, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed so generously in order to support such an important and worthwhile charity.

Thank you,

Christine Potts

Hon. Organiser Poppy Appeal, Chilton

Dear Editor,

Ferryhill Methodist Church would like to thank the young members of Enter CIC who helped members of the congregation to load over 1,000 shoeboxes into the distribution vans on Sunday, after evening service. Their help was very much appreciated.

Great thanks must also go to the kind people who contributed in any way to achieve such a fantastic number.

Also, we hope that Enter CIC's forthcoming production of 'Scrooge', at Sunderland Empire, is a great success.

Thank you,

Ferryhill Methodist Church

Dear Editor,

All the members of Chilton & Windlestone Disabled Club would like to say a big thank you to Chilton Catholic Club for hosting their Halloween Charity Night.

A good night was had by all and raised £506.50. Thanks to everyone who gave or attended.

Yours sincerely,

Chilton & Windlestone Disabled Club

The Ferryhill & Chilton Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

The next Patient Participation Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 from 6 – 7.30 pm in the waiting area at Chilton Health Centre, Norman Terrace, Chilton. All are welcome.

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Ferryhill plumber responds to unusual SOS call



Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Under 13's SOS call for new playing kit and tracksuits was answered by Stephen O'Sullivan of S.O.S Plumbing & Heating Services in Ferryhill.

When Newton Aycliffe Youth FC Under 13 Falcons badly needed a new playing kit and winter tracksuits they asked for help and got an SOS response... quite literally!

Stephen O'Sullivan of S.O.S Plumbing & Heating Services in Ferryhill did what others

found difficult and put his hand in his pocket to sponsor the Falcons and purchase the new kit.

Falcons Team Manager Darren Williams said: "This extremely kind gesture from Stephen is massive to our team. This kind of financial and kit support

helps us continue to grow and develop as a grass roots football team and we cannot thank our new sponsor enough."

The Falcons are currently top of their TJFA Division and details on them can be found via www.naycafc.co.uk.

Ferryhill bodybuilding success



Paula Ellwood and Elliott Burrell from Sue Halls Allsports Fitness Gym won awards for bodybuilding.

Sue Hall's Allsports Fitness Gym in Ferryhill had two competitors at the Eddy Ellwoods 2015 British Isles Bodybuilding Show in Hartlepool, Bourgh Hall on Saturday 14th November.

The Under 18 Junior award went to Elliott Burrell while the Miss Athletic Figure award went to Paula

Ellwood.

Elliott won first place in his class and Paula won third place in a great line up. Both now qualify for the Novice Finals next weekend at Dudley.

Friends, family and gym members have wished them both good luck for the finals.

Bruising encounters for Ferryhill Youth Under 8s

Ferryhill under eights travelled to Billingham United on Sunday morning, 15th November, for a league game in what turned out to be a tough encounter on a heavy pitch.

Billingham started brightly and pushed forward from the first whistle and caught Ferryhill cold with a couple of quick goals.

Ferryhill found it hard to get a hold on the game but played some good football at times to create half

chances that couldn't be converted.

Billingham also created more chances of their own that they were able to take due to some good finishing. Ferryhill made some changes as it was a bruising encounter; Kole and Aaron both took knocks to the head and had to be replaced.

There was nothing Ferryhill could do though and the game ended 7-0 to Billingham.

In the second game it was a much closer affair and the play was end to end.

Some good passing moves from Ferryhill resulted in some great chances and three goals from Aaron F, George and Kole.

Unfortunately the game ended in a 7-3 defeat but it was a battling performance which wasn't reflected in the score line.

Next week the side journey to the coast to take on Hartlepool Youth.

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