



Chilton play and other areas suffering from vandalism



Mayor of Chilton, Cllr Tonya Duprey and Town Clerk, Paul Gray with a damaged dog control sign. Three other signs have been removed but not recovered.

Members of Chilton Town Council were notified at the Pentland's play area during the week that four signs recently erected

Space Protection Order for Dog Control have been removed.

Only one of the signs has been recovered, however it is evident it has been removed with force.

In addition, one of the rope ladders on the main feature apparatus, the crow's nest, located at the Pentland's play area has also been deliberately cut and is now in need of repair.

Other play areas are also enduring mindless vandalism and nuisance behaviour which seems to have recently increased at the skate park located within the Charlie Wayman Playing Fields.

"Our contractor and his staff have to regularly remove graffiti, clean up litter and lots of glass, which is normally from alcohol bottles, from the play areas," said a spokesperson for the town council, adding, "Sadly it

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Ferryhill car park refurb completed

Ferryhill Town Centre is looking brighter following the £25,665 refurbishment of the Market Place car park, which was completed on schedule recently.

The parking bay widths have been increased by approximately 150mm and five disabled parking spaces have been provided. Guidance states that a car park that exceeds 50 spaces should provide 4 percent specifically for disabled people, (2.36 spaces).

However, to try and ensure that the varying needs were met as far as practicable, within the limited space, five disabled spaces have been provided, all within adequate access and egress distance to a dropped kerb.

Due to the layout design of the car park it was not possible to situate one of the disabled bays exactly in alignment with a dropped kerb that is located centrally in the perimeter

kerbing, but a decision was made to install this bay as it is more than adequately situated to a nearby dropped kerb area.

An additional benefit of the completed works is that the heights of the general kerbs have been reduced by 40mm, making it easier access for all.

Town Clerk, Derek Snowball said: "In an ideal world we would like to be perfect, but I am sure it will be agreed that providing more disabled spaces than the guidance indicates and a fully refurbished car park is a positive outcome that will further enhance visitor experience to the town centre."

Councillor John Lindsay the Chairman and Mayor of Ferryhill Town Council also said: "I'm pleased that we have been able to complete this extensive works to our main town centre car park that shows how determined

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*Lots of love,
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John Nelson

25.6.12

Five years since you left us,
but in our thoughts
every day



*Love, Mary & family
xxx*



Alan Holmes

June 20th 1916

Gone are the days we used
to share
But in our hearts you are
always there



*Greatly missed,
Julie, Jack & family
x*

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and Granda

70!

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Birthdays

Diana Gibbons

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Love, Mam

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Forty drivers caught intoxicated since launch of campaign

Forty people have been found to be intoxicated whilst driving during the first two weeks of a summer drink and drug driving campaign.

437 tests have been carried out across Cleveland and Durham so far, meaning almost 10% of those drivers tested have been found to be driving whilst under the influence.

The campaign began on 1st June and will continue for the rest of the month. It aims to raise awareness of the dangers of driving whilst intoxicated by alcohol or drugs, one of the main causes of fatal collisions on UK roads.

Throughout the campaign officers will actively take part in educational and enforcement action by carrying out random checks on drivers.

Acting Inspector Phil Grieve, from the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "One driver found to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst driving is too many. It only takes one intoxicated driver to have a collision which could

end up killing or seriously injuring other innocent road users.

"Again I would repeat the message that, if you have information on drink drivers, maybe you know someone that drives home from the pub regularly after a few drinks, I would strongly urge you to come forward with that information.

"We will continue to be out in force for the rest of the campaign and beyond, to try to do everything we can to keep people as safe as possible on our roads."

During the campaign last summer, 66 people were found to have tested positive for driving whilst being under the influence of alcohol and 24 people were found to be driving under the influence of drugs.

Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims Commissioner for Durham, said:

"The majority of road users are responsible, yet this campaign is showing that some individuals are putting their lives, and those of others, in unnecessary danger. There is simply no acceptable reason why drivers should flout the law and drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "I fully support this campaign, and would repeat officer's appeals to anyone with information regarding drivers that get behind the wheel whilst intoxicated to come forward with that information. That information could save lives."

If you suspect anyone of driving whilst they are intoxicated, they can be reported to Durham Police on 101 or via Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Coffee morning at Royal British Legion

The next monthly coffee morning at the Royal British Legion Club is set to

take place on Tuesday 27th June at 10.30am. All are welcome to go along.

Flying the flag

The Armed Forces Day Flag will be flown outside of Chilton Town Council Offices at 10.30am on

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Ferryhill charity receives a fundraising boost

A local day service programme aimed at individuals with learning disabilities and mental health issues has been gifted £1,000.

Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC based at The Old Fire Station in Ferryhill was given the money by Persimmon Homes Durham through the company's Community Champions scheme.

The national match-funding programme seeks to support groups and charities working to improve the quality of life or environment for local people. The funding will be used by Endeavour Woodcrafts

CIC to deliver a series of art therapy workshops. The sessions will enable adults to express themselves creatively in a safe environment and promote self development and discovery.

Louise Killip, Service Manager for Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC, said: "I wish to thank Persimmon Homes Durham for this generous donation.

"This funding will make a huge difference to our service and will provide us with the opportunity to develop the valuable work we do with our members." Christine Cooper, sales and marketing director

for Persimmon Homes Durham, said: "This month we are delighted to donate to Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC.

"They provide a day service for the most vulnerable individuals within our community and help them to gain many new skills, independence, confidence and self worth.

"It is for these reasons that we are more than happy to be supporting them."

For more information about the Community Champions scheme and to apply for funding visit www.persimmonhomes.com/charity.

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is not only the play areas that have been targeted with vandalism. Both the notice board outside the library and the telephone box on Durham Road have also been recently smashed.

"These acts of vandalism and nuisance behaviour are completely unnecessary and ultimately cause extra works and costs to repair.

"The play areas should be a safe haven for our youngsters to enjoy.

"If anyone witnesses any vandalism or nuisance be-

haviour please report it by calling 101.

Chilton Mayor, Councillor Tonya Duprey said: "I would urge anyone with any information to report this behaviour as it is completely unnecessary and is spoiling the fun for users of our recreational facilities".

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Baz Travis. I am of the canine variety, a leg at each corner and a paintbrush tail.

This is about a recent article in the excellent 'Chapter' from Ferryhill Town Council entitled "Support For New Rules Regarding Dog Ownership".



Whilst these new provisions and the council's policy for dog walking and ownership are to be welcomed, the same cannot be said for the proposed enforcement of the new rules by the Town Council.

The new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) are designed to encourage and foster responsible dog ownership and ensure those individuals responsible for dogs pick up dog mess, keep dogs in their charge under control and leash a dog when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the council.

In addition, dogs may be restricted from entering designated areas especially those fenced off as play areas in a public space. Failure to comply with any of these new regulations will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) which may be a fine or possible criminal sanction for persistent offenders.

All the above is without doubt welcome news and the newly-formed Ferryhill Dog Walkers Association supports this new policy in principle. However, readers may be interested to learn that these new rules may be used for other purposes by both the Town and County Councils.

Some of you may be aware that Ferryhill Town Council proposes to fence-off a substantial part of Dean Bank Park thereby excluding all dog walkers and other members of the public from using that part of the park allocated to Ferryhill Town Youth Football Club. Such action will considerably restrict dog walking as well as other family activities.

This, combined with the new powers given to Local Authorities under the Anti Social Behavior Crime and Policing Act 2014 - which enables them to make Public Space Protection Orders - will allow Local Authorities to create exclusion zones in public places, which could affect dog walkers and dog walking activities.

Throughout Ferryhill and Chilton there are in excess of a thousand dog owners, the majority of which rely on public places to exercise their dogs both on and off leash. These owners take responsibility for their dogs and abide by whatever restrictions their councils impose.

However, as per usual, a small minority of individuals do not wish to comply with these rules. This results in the minority giving adverse publicity to the majority of law abiding dog owners.

Armed with the new powers and the proposals for Dean Bank Park, the Town Council will restrict the availability of dog walking provision within the park for many dog owners.

In addition, Dean Bank Park represents a safe and secure environment for dog walkers to exercise their dogs, particularly disabled and elderly dog owners.

If the proposals are correct and the football areas are fenced off, then what other suitable alternative will the council provide for dog walking purpose?

A concerned doggy,

(Owner's name and address withheld on request)

Dear Editor,

Could I thank sincerely Town Clerk Derek Snowball and retiring Mayor Peter Atkinson of Ferryhill Town Council for steering the council into a massive works programme last year.

All the workforce and staff must be congratulated for the way Ferryhill is moving forward.

The latest project was the resurfacing of the massive car park in the centre of the village. This was urgently needed with many pot hole hazards throughout the car park.

The finished job is magnificent. All credit to the contractors who finished the job in record time.

Mainsforth Sports Complex is looking magnificent with the new cricket season getting underway.

New children's play equipment has recently been installed; new play equipment and sports exercise equipment installed at King George V Playing Fields.

Karen, the Council's grants officer is working diligently to secure grants for Surtees Doorstep Green Play Area and the big one is a Dean Bank Park, where I wait in anticipation to see the finished product. I noticed yesterday that flower tubs, flower beds and hanging baskets are starting to appear in preparation for Britain in Bloom. This gives a magnificent show during the summer.

I am sure Derek Snowball will guide his newly elected Town Councillors to continue to improve Ferryhill. I can assure you of your County Councillors' continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Brian Avery, Durham County Council.

Dear Editor,

I would just like to say how much myself, daughter and friend enjoyed Tenlands Open Day celebrations.

Brilliant entertainment and a gorgeous afternoon tea.

The residents had a great time too.

A very well done to all who made it possible, much appreciated.

Thank you,

Mrs S Nelson.

Dear Editor,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent General Election, I am both proud and humbled to be re-elected as your MP.

As I said in the campaign I will always put the people of this constituency first, and will continue to work hard for the area, both locally and in Westminster.

Secondly, with the election over, my constituency office has been reopened.

Should you have an issue or a problem and would like help from myself or my team do not hesitate to get in touch.

Appointments to meet with my team can be made by telephone on 01325 321603.

Alternatively you can email me at phil.wilson.mp@parliament.uk or write to me at 4 Beveridge Walkway, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham, DL54EE.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Wilson MP, Sedgefield constituency

Tenlands Care Home enjoys fifth annual Open Day



Ferryhill Town Mayor, Cllr John Lindsay with Tenlands resident, Marjorie Daley and Home Manager, Victoria Leighton enjoy the Care Home Open Day at Tenlands.

Residents and relatives at HC-One's Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill, celebrated the fifth annual Care Home Open Day on 16th June.

Care Home Open Day is a national event that gives local people the opportunity to learn more about the services at the heart of their community.

This year's theme was 'HC-One Big Lunch', as they partnered with the UK's biggest annual neighbourly get together.

Residents, their loved ones and neighbours of the home celebrated with Ferryhill's Town Mayor, Cllr John Lindsay.

The Mayor opened the day and was the first person to take part in the tombola, which raised £167.

Entertainer Kevin Royale sang throughout the afternoon ensuring that all the residents, families and visitors joined in.

After all of the entertainment and activity, the day was rounded off with a deli-

cious High Tea.

The family of HC-One homes across the UK took part in activities throughout the day, which comes shortly after HC-One celebrated its own 5th anniversary last month and relaunched as 'HC-One The Kind Care Company', bringing to focus their ethos of delivering the kindest care.

Tenlands Home Manager, Victoria Leighton said: "Thank you for all the

support and generosity received.

"It was great to see our local community come together and make our Open Day a success.

"We all had a wonderful time singing along with Kevin Royale, who is a regular entertainer here at Tenlands.

"A big thank you to our local volunteers Margaret and Debra for their help on the day".

Alco ices spark police warning

Traffic officers are reminding drivers who are too chilled about the new gin and tonic ice lollies that they could land themselves in hot water.

The lollies, in gin and tonic, prosecco and peach bellini, have become more popular as the British weather heats up, but each has an alcohol content of around 4.5%.

With the same content as your average pint, police officers are warning drivers that they need to make sure they stick to the legal limits - like they would with alcoholic drinks.

The lollies are a new trend for the summer and officers who see the devastating effects of drink driving are concerned that in ice form, drivers could be lulled into a false sense of security.

The reminder comes as part of a national summer drink and drug drive campaign.

Acting Inspector Harry Simpson (pictured) from the Cleveland and Durham Operations Unit said: "These lollies are



becoming really popular and it's easy to forget that they contain alcohol and aren't just flavouring. On a hot summer's day it is easy to lose count of how many you have, and then get behind the wheel of a car. "If you wouldn't consider drinking a gin and tonic or cocktail when driving, then you shouldn't consider having one of these lollies. We always recommend that drivers refrain from any alcohol as the effects differ depending on age, weight and metabolism and to check packaging to understand if there is any alcohol in what they are eating or drinking."

Residents' meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents' Association will be held on Tuesday 27th June at The

Pavilion, Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

History Society

The next meeting of the Ferryhill History Society will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th June at The Eldon Arms in Ferryhill Station.

The speaker will be Lynn Defty with part two of her talk on her father's life

during the Second World War, his experiences as a German prisoner of war and the subsequent effect on his later life; *From Telegraph Boy to Bomber Boy part 2 - The Capture and the Great Escape.*



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A spokesperson for the group commented: "Please can you help us? We are appealing for information for any relatives you may have who served in World War One or World War Two. No matter how little you

know about your relatives, please get in touch as we are collating names and preparing histories, spreadsheets etc. to preserve for future generations.

"If you can help in any way, whether you have only a name or a photograph, or perhaps a detailed history, we would love to hear from you."

Contact Andy Denholm or Carol Hird by email at cornforthhistory@gmail.com or telephone Andy on 07891 204260.

Courses at Institute

Dean Bank and Ferryhill Institute are offering two courses next month, both of which are free to volunteers and those receiving benefits.

HSE Emergency at Work First Aid will take place on Friday 7th July, while

Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene will be held on Wednesday 12th July.

There are 12 places available on each course.

For more information or to book a place, contact the Institute on 01740 657221.

Cancer fundraisers

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is holding a Charity Fundraiser on Saturday 1st July at the Sports Hall, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

There will be professional sellers with a selection of items for sale as well as Bric-a-Brac, a cake sale and Tombola.

There will be kids entertainment and Woodham Dance Academy will be performing at noon.

The Police Interceptors will

also be making an appearance at some point during the day.

The following weekend, on 8th July, the charity will be hosting an Elvis Tribute Night at The Big Club in Newton Aycliffe.

Mark "Elvis" Nixon will be performing a tribute to the King. Tickets are £4 each and can be purchased behind the bar at the club. For any other information please contact Sharon (Secretary) on 07944 187877.

Car park refurb

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the council is to continue to look for and provide improvements.

"The work has been carried out quickly and efficiently, and we would like to thank people for their under-

standing while the car park was closed.

"We would also like to thank the officers for their patience and hard work in making this project happen and the high quality work provided by all of the contractors involved".

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Nominations requested for Ferryhill Civic Awards

Do you know someone who has gone that extra mile to help your community? Then Ferryhill Town Council wants to hear from you.

The Civic Awards are an opportunity to officially recognise the commitment and hard work of the most deserving.

Once a year, Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, requests residents and voluntary organisations nominate those unsung heroes who do so much to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill.

This year the awards are open to young people of Ferryhill as well as adults, so if you know a resident or young person of Ferryhill who has performed some act or helped in some way to benefit others living in the town, or any other action which has achieved success in any field, then why not nominate them for one of the Ferryhill Civic Awards.

The awards categories



Nominations are open for this year's Ferryhill Civic Awards. This year, the awards are open to young people as well as adults. Nominations must be received by 24th July.

are: Care in the Community; Working with Young People; Caring for the Environment and Deserving Young People.

Nomination forms are available from Ferryhill Town Hall and all applications should be returned by Monday 24th July.

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Public and businesses invited to enter Ferryhill in Bloom 2017

Following the success of previous years, Ferryhill Town Council would like to invite green fingered residents of Ferryhill to enter the town's Ferryhill in Bloom Competition 2017.

The categories this year are: Front Garden, Back Garden, Back Yard and Commercial Properties.

Judging is scheduled to take place on 25th and 26th July, with winners being officially announced during an evening ceremony to be held at the Freemasons on Tuesday 12th September, from 7pm to 9pm.

A spokesperson commented, "Ferryhill Town Council would like to say a big thank you to Thinford Nurseries for once again sponsoring this event. Their contribution is much appreciated."

To take part in this year's competition, simply complete the entry form adjacent and submit it to John Rogerson at Ferryhill Town Hall no later than 7th July 2017.

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Poetry Corner

A New Beginning

By Velma Dixon, Ferryhill

*To ones we love we say goodbye
And entrust their soul to a power on high.*

*They tried to follow a righteous path
Almost the tears they managed to laugh.*

*Doing their best to 'fight the good fight'
Struggling at times to get it right.*

*They tried their best to diminish their woes
Striving to be kind to friends and foes.*

*Remember in life whatever we do
When we get to Heaven we begin anew.*

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Ferryhill Workingmen's Club set to welcome Frank Bruno

Ferryhill Workingmen's Club, in conjunction with Seconds Out Boxing Academy, are set to host *An Evening With Frank Bruno* on Saturday 15th July. The evening will also include a compere and comedian.

"The aim of the evening is to help raise funds towards a minibus for Ferryhill's Seconds Out Boxing Academy," said a spokesperson for the organisers. "This is not just to take the boxing participants away, which at present the boxing academy have to pay privately for, but to also act as their outreach transportation."

At present, Seconds Out run schemes where young people from the Teesside area and the Darlington and Aycliffe areas go along and get involved, not only in boxing but to receive help with problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse.

Currently there is a big drive to raise the awareness of mental health issues within the community. "Over the last 18 months we have been host to three boxing events which have all been well supported and well run by Seconds Out," said Paul Mountford of Ferryhill Workingmen's Club.



"The proof of this is the club was able to get a special events license to stage these events, something that's not easily done, but with Paul Eddy and Seconds Out's close working relationships with the police, probation service and youth offending service we were successful."

"The committee of the club had no hesitation in voting for this event so please come along and give it your support."

Tickets are priced at £25 or VIP at £40. The VIP package includes a meet and greet and photo opportunity with Frank Bruno.

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Awards at Celtic presentation night

The final celebration of Ferryhill Celtic's double-winning season took place at the Dean and Chapter on Saturday 17th June when the club had their presentation night.

The Young Player of the Year accolade went to prolific striker, Dane Elthringham, who also starred last season for Sunderland AFC's Shildon-based Foundation of Light team, winning the National Football Youth League (U19) Golden Boot after scoring 37 goals.

However, Celtic's Top Goalscorer award went to Jonathan Agar.

The Committee's Player of the Year was awarded to Peter Robson while Jay White scooped a hat-trick of trophies, bagging Player of the Year, Player's Player of the Year and Manager's Player of the Year.

The side will compete in the Durham and District Sunday League's Premier Division next season having achieved four straight promotions on their way to the top flight. Having left Ferryhill Dynamos behind in Division One, they will be looking forward to derbies against the likes of Chilton WMC and Newton Aycliffe Locomotive FC.

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22 June 1941

Nazi Germany invades the Soviet Union in Operation Barbarossa.

23 June 1713

The French residents of Acadia are given one year to declare allegiance to Britain or leave Nova Scotia, Canada.

24 June 1939

Siam is renamed Thailand by Plaek Phibunsongkhram, the country's third prime minister.

25 June 1984

American singer Prince releases his most successful studio album Purple Rain.

26 June 2015

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