



VIEWS SOUGHT ON PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

RESIDENTS IN County Durham are being encouraged to give their views on proposals to change parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies was formally launched in 2021 by the Boundary Commission for England.

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The commission, an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, is required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency across the UK is 'more equal'.

In doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543.

The commission is currently undertaking an

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Archaeologists hope to engage the community in digging hundreds of test-pits across the town.

THE BISHOP BIG DIG SEEKS TO UNCOVER BISHOP AUCKLAND'S HIDDEN HISTORY

THROUGHOUT THIS year, a team of archaeologists from Durham University, in partnership with pupils from King James I Academy and local volunteers from The Auckland Project, are embarking on an ambitious plan to discover the hidden history of Bishop Auckland.

The Bishop Big Dig will explore the rich history of the town, from prehistory to the present day, and

the team of archaeologists are asking local residents for help to uncover what lies beneath the ground in their gardens.

After recent excavations at Binchester Roman Fort and Auckland Castle, a little more is known every year.

Until now, however, the town itself has not received the same level of archaeological attention.

There are lingering questions that the team say only an archaeological exploration of the town can help answer, such as: Who lived in Bishop Auckland before the bishops? Why did the bishops choose to live where they did. What are the origins of the medieval town and what was daily life in the past really like?

The archaeologists will

employ a tried and tested method called test-pitting, to dig hundreds of holes across Bishop Auckland town.

Test pits are discrete 1m by 1m holes, which are completely excavated and filled in again in a single day.

As these test-pits are dug layer-by-layer, the finds, like pottery, glass,

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TOWN TEAM ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE

THIS MARCH marks the
tenth anniversary of the
Bishop Auckland Town
Team.

The inaugural meeting
was arranged by Bishop
Auckland Town Council
in March 2012 to gather
support from anyone
who would like to help
apply for a bid of up to
£100,000 which the gov-
ernment was offering to
town and parish councils
for a dozen pilot schemes
throughout the country.

The funding was pro-
vided after the publica-
tion of an independent
review into the future of
high streets, carried out
by Mary Portas in 2011.

Tremendous support
from the local commu-
nity enabled the bid to
come together with new
ideas, new partners and a
shared vision to revitalise
the town.

An Events Team was
established to organ-
ise events which could
increase footfall into the
town centre to help the
shops and businesses.

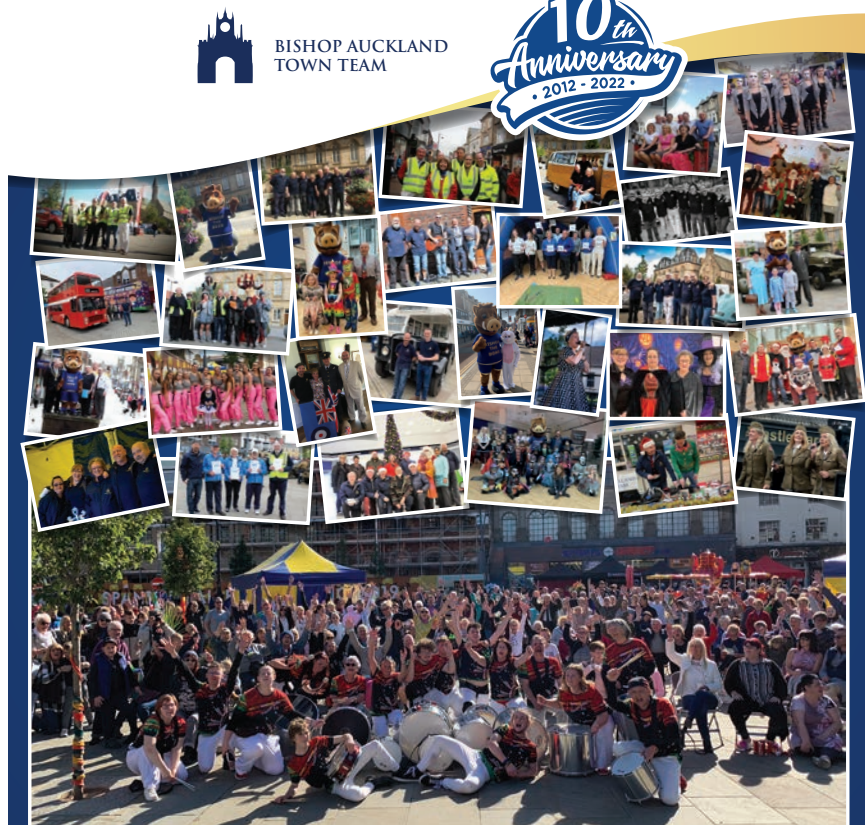
From organising a cou-
ple of events initially
in 2012, including the
Queen's Diamond Jubilee
and the Olympic Torch
relay to the success of
around 3,000 people
attending Bishop Cele-
brating Together in 2017.

Other popular events
have been introduced
over the years and have
included the Easter Egg-
stravaganza, Buskers Day,
Vintage and Classic Cars,
Busses Thru the Ages and
Monster Saturday.

Bishop Celebrating
Together (BCT) was an
idea brought to Bishop
Auckland Town Team by
blogger, Andrew Corry,
who wanted to organise a
celebration event for the
end of the first *Kynren* sea-
son to recognise the hard
work of the volunteers
throughout the town.



BISHOP AUCKLAND
TOWN TEAM



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Andrew met with Lee
Brownson of the Town
Team and Colin Wilkes of
Durham Markets and the
Full Moon Street Food
Markets and within six
weeks the idea trans-
formed into a full week-
end event.

The first BCT event took
place over one Septem-
ber weekend in 2017 and
included everything from
local singers and per-
formers, children's enter-
tainment and food stalls
with other partners and
organisations joining in.

It has since become
a mainstay and is one
of the highlights of the
town's events calendar.

One of the most pop-
ular Town Team events
is Santa and Christmas
Entertainment.

Since 2012, they have
brought Father Christmas
to Bishop Auckland every
December.

Over three Saturdays,
children are invited to
see Santa for free with an
opportunity to take home
a colour photo of their
experience.

Additional festive enter-
tainment is also provided
to entertain shoppers;
from the Sound Waves
Community Choir to Inno-
vations and the Salvation
Army.

In addition, vocalists
including Ruth Stapleton,
Steven Berry, Charlotte
Forman and Jenna High-
field have all sung the
Christmas classics.

The quality of events
has improved every year,
including a change of

staging company and
local sponsorship, which
has helped fund better
quality entertainment.

Overall, the Events Team
has been successful in
organising bigger and
more varied events in the
last four years, building
on the events established
in 2012.

The original goal of
increasing footfall and
bring customers to local
businesses has been a
resounding success.

If you are interested in
being part of the Town
Team, then simply get in
touch by emailing info@bishopaucklandtownteam.org.

Readers can also look
out for the new 2022
Events magazine will be
available soon.

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A test-pit being excavated in a private garden.

SIGN UP TO THE BISHOP BIG DIG

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buttons, and coins, are gathered together and analysed according to what soil level they came from.

John Castling, archaeologist at The Auckland Project and PhD researcher at Durham University said: "While one test-pit doesn't tell us a great deal, the information from lots of test-pits can help us pinpoint zones of historical activity, including where people lived, where different industries were concentrated and how these changed over time."

Explaining the test-pitting method, Professor of Archaeology at Durham University, Chris Gerrard told the *Bishop Press* that it "has been used really successfully in a number of different towns and villages across the UK."

"It has provided insights into the hidden histories of places which would otherwise have remained unknown.

"The great thing about

this technique is that it allows us to learn a lot about a big area where we wouldn't otherwise be able to excavate.

"Traditional excavations are costly, disruptive and take a long time whereas test-pitting is quick, tidy and can happen wherever there is open ground.

"The magic happens when we piece together all those snapshots into the past to create a bigger story".

To make this project a success, test-pits need to be dug in as many places as possible across the town, so the team are making an appeal to Bishop Auckland residents as they are seeking the use of private gardens and land wherever homeowners are willing and keen.

Project Officer and archaeologist Dr Caroline Smith explained: "In the past we have worked alongside homeowners who might have needed a hole dug for a new tree, or their flowerbeds and veg patches reworking.

"Other people have sim-

ply been fascinated to learn what history might lie beneath their lawns and have been very happy to let us dig our test-pit.

"Our techniques have been honed to cause as little disruption as possible.

"We put down tarpaulins, sieve the soil into sacks, and put the soil and turf back the way it came out of the ground so that we leave as little trace as possible.

"After the ground has resettled, the only lasting effect of us having been there will be the knowledge that residents have added a piece to the jigsaw of understanding Bishop Auckland's rich history."

If you are keen to find out more, or to sign up your garden to be part of *The Bishop Big Dig*, check out the project website at www.thebishopbigdig.com and email thebishopbigdig@gmail.com.

You can also find them on social media @thebishopbigdig on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

UNFORTUNATELY, MENTAL health still has a lot of stigma and shame attached to it.

I find that people often switch off or become uncomfortable after the word 'mental' and imagine insanity and asylums!

The word itself has been misused to describe people with psychiatric problems; or those that act out of character.

We need to look at Mental Health in a different light and understand that it concerns our thoughts, feelings and subsequent behaviours. It affects our daily living and is part of everything we do.

Maintaining good mental health is as important as maintaining good physical health; in fact the two go hand in hand.

Our minds are incredibly complex and are influenced by many internal and external things. Social and financial factors, life-style choices and our environments all contribute to our mental health.

Things like poverty, hunger, fear and loneliness can bring on feelings of depression and anxiety, whereas love, sex, beauty and achievements can bring on feelings of joy and happiness.

What we put in our bodies has a big effect, including what we eat, drink and anything else we ingest.

We can see how our mental health can easily be changed, just by something good or bad happening to us.

From little things like seeing something exciting or someone being kind to bigger life events like a bereavement or becoming physically unwell.

In my work I come across so many things that can affect people's mental wellness. What someone may consider as something small, to another person can be life changing.

All the messages we've collected in our lives have a bearing on how we think. Our core beliefs and values are shaped by our experiences and what information we've taken

on board. These can be passed from generation to generation without being questioned. Behaviours can be copied, some of which can be beneficial, others not so.

Our minds are filtering information all the time. Many people have 'negative self-talk' where they tell themselves things that are unhelpful such as 'I'm not good enough' or 'I'm a failure.'

Others find they over think things and analyse far too much. We often compare ourselves to others, which can leave us feeling low and worthless. Our self-esteem rises and falls.

Our moods can change in seconds depending on what is happening in our lives and what we're thinking. How we perceive things has a massive effect on our cognition and emotions.

Mental health isn't just about depression, PTSD, addictions, OCD or trauma – it's much more about what we think and feel. How we react to those determines our day-to-day wellbeing.

Part of my job is to help people look at the reasons behind their mental distress – to find the root causes and support them in dealing with them, however large or small.

Understanding our psyche can have more of a beneficial influence on our thoughts, emotions and behaviours than we realise.

Serenity and contentment is certainly achievable; but good mental health takes working at and looking after.

David Stanton is a Senior Psychotherapist and Counsellor living and working in County Durham. For information and appointments phone 07584 711488.

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John and Joan Sewell outside St Peter's Church.

JOHN AND JOAN CELEBRATE DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BISHOP AUCKLAND residents John and Joan Sewell recently celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary.

The couple returned to St Peter's Church on Saturday 19 February, 60 years, 3 months and 22 days after being married there in October 1961 by the Rev John Lake.

The couple, who were both smartly dressed and having their photo taken at the entrance of the church before heading inside to reminisce and to see what lies ahead now that The Bluebell Project have taken over.

John said; "The interior was much as I remember it especially the stained glass. Albeit now some small areas have been damaged and have been mended with plain glass. I also remember the font where our chil-

dren were baptised."

After having their photograph taken at the altar the couple spent some time talking to the volunteers there who were moving the pews and generally cleaning up.

John added; "As a young boy I was also in the choir and was asked to sing solo numerous times. I remember the *Songs of Praise* radio show in Bishop Auckland and it was through St Peter's Youth Club where I first met Joan on an outing to Newcastle.

The Bluebell Project group currently have volunteers cleaning the church both inside and out.

Pauline Hardman, from the Blue Bell Project, said; "We really enjoy hearing people's memories and this is such a lovely story."

RONDART EXHIBITION AT BISHOP AUCKLAND PEOPLE'S MUSEUM



Some of the memorabilia on display at the Rondart Exhibition.

AN EXHIBITION celebrating the novel talents of Ronald Tomlinson, aka Rondart is currently on display at the Bishop Auckland People's Museum.

Ronnie Tomlinson (1929-2005) was born in West Auckland.

He was both a unique darts player as well as great entertainer.

His novelty came from his astonishing ability to blow darts out of his mouth.

He enjoyed a career in television as well as variety and was known as the only professional dart blower in the world.

As well as playing normally by throwing darts while standing on the oche, Ron would blow darts at the dartboard from 18 feet away, specialising in landing as close to the bullseye as possible.

He would also blow darts into the neck of a bottle as well as knocking a cigarette off the top of a man's head.

During the 1950s he appeared on stage with



Rondart at the height of his fame. Image: Brithis Pathé.

Stan Laurel, Frankie Vaughan and Larry Grayson. In 1965 he appeared in *Billy Smart's Circus* on BBC1.

In 1967 he made an appearance on Japanese television and was a guest on the *Paul Daniel's Magic Show* in 1985.

Ron made his final television appearance in 1995 on Spanish TV in a show similar to our *Generation Game*.

He retired to Witton Park where he rekindled his childhood friendship with Ronnie and Dennis Pounder.

After both Dennis and

Ronnie passed away, Ronnie's daughter, Elaine Vizor discovered a wonderful collection of items that Ron had given them over the years.

Secretary of the People's Museum, Geraldine Hart said: "We would like to thank Ronnie's daughter, Elaine for the opportunity to display and share with the local community this wonderful memorabilia relating to the life and career of a local lad from West Auckland."

"Thanks also to the management of Majestic Bingo who own the Hippodrome building in Railway Street, where the museum is situated."

Bishop Auckland People's Museum was set up and is run by volunteers.

The Rondart Exhibition is on now and runs until Wednesday 6 April.

Opening times are Sundays and Mondays from 5pm to 11pm and Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 11pm.

Admission to the museum is just £1 per person.

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The proposed plan for the regeneration of the town published with the original consultation.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR TOWN REGENERATION

ALMOST 200 people attended a public meeting at Bishop Auckland Town Hall last Friday to hear the proposed plans for over £50m of investment allocated to the town centre.

Organised by Bishop Auckland Town Council, members from the Stronger Towns Board were in attendance along with representatives from the Regeneration department at Durham County Council to provide an update and answers questions.

In December 2020, Bishop Auckland was awarded £19.9 million to

deliver a programme of infrastructure and building alterations to bring property back into use.

An additional £32.2m has been awarded to the town from the Towns Fund, as well as a further £20m from the Levelling Up Fund.

The programme has been designed to maximise the benefits of this unique opportunity for local people, turning around a decade of town centre decline.

Planned improvements include increased car parking spaces, attractive walking routes through the town centre

to the heritage attractions, a redesigned bus station and road junction improvements.

With a high level of empty shops in the town centre, the allocated money will focus on changing the use of some of these buildings to bars, visitor accommodation, restaurants and leisure facilities.

Planners estimate that by 2024 the regeneration programme could increase the pre-2016 levels of 27,000 annual visitors to between 430,000 and 660,000 per year.

For more on this story, visit: swd.news.

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independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and will present final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023. The rules that the commission work to are such that wide scale change is inevitable.

Any changes will not affect local council services, with the boundary changes relating only to parliamentary constituencies, which is the area an MP is elected to represent in Parliament.

Local knowledge is needed to help reshape the map of constituencies.

As part of a second consultation following one which was carried out last year, members of the public are encouraged to visit the website to view maps showing the proposed new boundaries and also provide feedback.

Views must be submitted before Monday 4 April 2022.

People can provide feedback on anything from where the proposed boundaries are, to the commission's suggestions for new constituency names.

The commission has published over 34,000

responses received from its first consultation and following the conclusion of all consultation periods, it will look at all the evidence received and form its final recommendations.

A total of 32 public hearings will also be held across the country, at which people can tell the commission their views in person as part of a ten minute speaking slot.

Hearings in the North East will take place at Newcastle Civic Centre on Monday 28 March and Tuesday 29 March and at Middlesbrough Town Hall on Thursday 31 March and Friday 1 April.

Places to attend or to speak at the events can be booked online.

If the commission's proposals change, the organisation will hold a further four week written consultation on revised proposals inviting the public to give its views.

There will be no public hearings at this stage.

Those comments will be published along with a final report, which will be sent to Parliament by July 2023 and subsequently made into law.

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Need for more police doing more policing

PCC Joy Allen's monthly updates regular feature has prompted me to write in response.

They are a superb example of content devoid public sector spin; they tell us nothing.

Meanwhile, the residents of Bishop Auckland are subjected to increasing amounts of antisocial behaviour and crime connected to the production and selling of drugs.

The efforts of the police seem to be inadequate and futile even though Joy Allen seems to have endless chats and meetings about such matters whilst at the same time holding the constabulary to account.

Now she has three new safety champions to help her, responsible engagers who help the PCC understand the victims' experiences.

What we really need is more police doing more policing.

I hope this letter has ensured that my issues are captured and may contribute to key achievements and outcome of multi-agency action at the highest level.

Sincerely,
Simon Rewcastle (by email).

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Durham Constabulary have new powers to seize illegal off-road vehicles.

REPORT NUISANCE MOTORISTS

THAT'S THE message for residents across the County as new powers mean officers can seize illegal off-road vehicles more easily.

The new Section 59 signs act as an automatic warning, meaning anyone found driving illegally will have their vehicle seized and have already proved effective with nine illegal vehicles including quad bikes and off-road bikes being taken off the streets in the last week alone.

Operation Endurance is used in conjunction with Operation Takeaway

– a countywide driving offences scheme.

Strategic Inspector, Kev Salter, said: "The new powers under Operation Endurance are already proving effective with officers being able to seize nuisance vehicles immediately without the need for a warning."

"This is just one of the ways we are combatting this important issue and if you choose to ride an off-road bike illegally, you can expect to have it seized."

"I would also like to stress that parents or

carers who allow their child to use one of these vehicles illegally that officers will be taking action against them too," he added.

"The current areas were selected as the most problematic areas from reporting data so I would encourage any residents who have concerns to make sure they report it and we can address it."

If you would like to make a report, you can find contact details for your local neighbourhood policing team at www.durham.police.uk/contact-us.

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Creator of the 'Image of First Women UK' exhibition, Anita Corbin.

PIONEERING WOMEN EXHIBITION OPENS

A **DECADE-LONG** project to capture the portraits of 100 pioneering women of the 21st century will open at Bishop Auckland Town Hall gallery this month.

The exhibition, entitled *First Women UK*, was launched in 2018 by photographer Anita Corbin to mark the centenary of the Representation of the People Act, which granted the vote to women over 30 years old and paved the way for universal suffrage.

Anita first sprang to prominence in the early 1980s with her series of informal portraits of young women in subcultures called *Visible Girls* and went on to become a highly-regarded photographer. Now, her empowering 10-year project documenting 100 pioneering women of this century is touring the UK.

The exhibition opens as County Durham bids to be named UK City of Culture 2025 and will run at the gallery, which is managed by Durham County Council, from Friday 25 February until Sunday 24 April.

First Women UK trains its lens on 'ordinary women achieving extraordinary things' in a variety of disciplines, including sport, media, the military, faith, business, arts, music and politics, featuring portraits from celebrities and famous personalities.

From 1970s rocker Suzi Quatro to poker star and TV quiz show host Victoria Coren-Mitchell, newscaster Angela Rip-

pston to adventurer and TV presenter Helen Skelton, Anita has documented a broad swathe of Britain's foremost women.

Visitors will also see the likes of Major General Sharon Nesmith, First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon, business leader Dame Inga Beale, chef Clare Smyth and Olympic gold medal-winning boxer Nicola Adams.

Anita said: "From ages 18 to 102-years-old and in fields of expertise covering everything from beatboxing to bomb detection, I wanted to create an impressive visual story of female potential, fantastic role models that will hopefully inspire other women and men, of all generations, now and in the future."

"In a long history dominated by notable males, First Women UK asks 'What is it about women that can inspire you?'"

"I wanted the viewer to have a real visceral connection with the First Women."

First Women UK's patron, Baroness Betty Boothroyd – the first female Speaker of the

House of Commons – is a great supporter of the First Women UK project, which aims to develop the awareness of the possibilities available to women, not just in business – but to inspire and encourage.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said: "First Women UK promises to be a great spectacle for visitors to Bishop Auckland Town Hall, showcasing a wide variety of portraits of some of the country's most renowned female achievers."

"Hosting an exhibition such as this further showcases our county as a top-class destination for arts and culture as we bid to be named UK City of Culture 2025."

For more information, visit www.1stwomenuk.co.uk or follow @FirstWomenUK on Twitter.

For further details on Bishop Auckland Town Hall visit www.bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/gallery

SMALL SCALE DIGITAL RADIO COMING TO SOUTH DURHAM

AROUND 25 new digital radio stations are coming to South Durham under plans announced.

The channels will be available from Durham Digital who are bidding for an Ofcom licence to provide the channels to an area including Darlington, Aycliffe and Bishop Auckland.

The consortium is made up of local broadcasters Bishop FM, Aycliffe Radio, Prince Bishops Radio and others who will all be available on DAB, if the group are successful in the application to the broadcast regulator, Ofcom.

The group hopes that if it wins the licence, there'll be a greater choice of stations for listeners in Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe and the surrounding areas.

These stations will include Bishop FM (already on FM in and around Bishop Auckland) as well as Aycliffe Radio (currently online) and Prince Bishops Hospital Radio (available in hospitals in South Durham and online).

Many stations are expected to join the platform including other existing local broadcasters, new stations in the area and specialist stations focussing on particular communities or different types of music.

The transmissions have been made possible under an Ofcom plan called "Small scale DAB". The idea is to get community radio and smaller broadcasters onto DAB Digital Radio.

In the past, the cost of this made giving digital space to smaller broadcasters difficult.

New technology means the equipment is cheaper and accessible to more stations.

According to the most recent audience survey, RAJAR, DAB is becoming an increasingly popular way for listeners to tune into their favourite stations.

Gary Burgham, Programme Director at

Bishop FM said, "I'm thrilled to be part of a great team presenting the opportunity to bring a community based DAB service to Bishop Auckland, Aycliffe and my hometown of Darlington."

Chairman of Prince Bishops Hospital Radio, Craig Robinson, said: "Prince Bishops Hospital Radio has been part of the hospital community for over 40 years."

We have always been innovative in how we reach our audience and promote health throughout County Durham and Darlington. We look forward to this exciting opportunity to work with Durham Digital and bring hospital radio further into the communities we serve"

One of the best known names in managing local radio, Brian Lister, is part of the team. Brian has an impressive track record in broadcasting.

He was the boss at TFM, part of the management team at Metro Radio, helped to set up stations in Durham and Barnard Castle and has acted as a consultant for hundreds of local and community radio projects around the UK.

He's joined by Richard Finch who is part of the team at Tyneside Community Digital – the company will switch on its own DAB transmitters in Newcastle and Gateshead later this year.

Richard said; "I'm delighted to be part of the team that aims to bring this exciting new service to the people of South Durham."

Small Scale DAB will bring a diverse range of new and local radio stations, increasing listener choice and helping to build stronger communities."

There are already a number of stations who have expressed an interest in being on the new service.

Any stations interested can contact the group through their website at www.durham.digital

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LOTS OF LITTLE DRIBBLERS JOIN UP AT ST MARY'S



One of the Little Dribblers raises his award aloft.

A FEW games managed to get played at St Mary's, even in the adverse weather conditions, reports **Steve Coulthard**, with the U7 Kings winning at North Ormesby.

Goals came from Jack (4), Vinnie (2), Will and Reuben while Harrison recorded a clean sheet.

The U8 Bishops played Great Ayton with star man Charlie scoring two and assisting the other goals from Joseph and Oliver.

The U11 Kings drew 0-0 with Hurworth with Zac playing a starring role.

The U13 Aces lost narrowly 2-1 in very poor conditions. Leon scored for the Aces with Freddie putting in a man of the match performance.

The Under 14s won 3-1 against Thirsk Falcons with Tyler notching a hat trick. The U15s lost out to Boro Rangers in a good game.

Bishop FC XI recorded a come from behind 3-2 win over the league leaders, Billingham Town Reserves, with goals from Dylan Rutherford, Corbyn Mitchell and Calum Watkinson.

Next week they take on another tough game away to Hartlepool.

The Little Dribblers, U4 Little Stars, U5s and U6s are going fantastic with over thirty under 6's now wanting to play, which will be enough for four U7 teams: Aces, Kings, Jacks and Bishops next season.

MIXED RESULTS FOR TWO BLUES



Action from the Auckland derby in the Durham Challenge Cup.

ically competitive local derby in the Durham Challenge Cup Quarter Final against West Auckland.

With the scores level at 1-1 after 90 minutes, the game went straight to penalties with West Auckland holding their nerve to go through 6-5.

This was followed last Saturday by a close game at Ashington but Bishops lost out 2-1 after taking the lead through Matty Waters.

This Saturday, Bishops host Northallerton and are hopeful a big support will go along to get behind the players.

The following Wednesday is a trip to Penrith in the First Division Cup followed by a home league match against Billingham Town on Saturday 5 March.

BISHOP AFC had three hard games in the last fortnight, starting with a vital 2-0 away win in the league at Sunderland RCA.

Wayne Whitfield and Dale Milburn scored the crucial goals.

This was followed on Tuesday night by a typ-

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