

**FUNDING AVAILABLE
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FUNDING IS available for activities for children young people and families during the Easter Holidays.

The scheme aims to support local community groups and organisations based in the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP area to deliver enriching holiday activities during the school holidays including healthy food.

Applicants can apply for amounts over £500 and delivery must take place during the school holidays. However please note that funding is limited and applicants are encouraged to maximise match funding opportunities.

Applicants must provide face to face enriching activities and at least one healthy meal (breakfast, lunch or tea) that meets School Food Standards and Food Safety Requirements.

Application forms can be requested from Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP by calling 03000 268 663 or emailing bishopshildonaap@durham.gov.uk.

A spokesperson for BASH AAP said: "All fully completed applications

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Claire Storey, Andrea Jones, and Jennifer Jones, of Durham County Council's Community Action Team.

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COUNDON

PEOPLE IN Coundon and Leeholme can share their thoughts on how to improve their community from next week.

Durham County Council's Community Action Team (CAT) will be carrying out work in these areas from Monday 23 January to Sunday 9 April.

Now in its 11th year of operation, CAT tackles housing and environmental issues identified by the community, working in partnership with Durham Constabulary, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, housing associations, Groundwork North East and Cum-

bria, local community groups and residents.

Working with these partners, CAT has identified a focus area within Coundon and Leeholme of around 1,300 properties, which have a higher proportion of private lets, where most of the work will be carried out.

Cllr John Shuttleworth, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for rural communities, highways and community safety, said: "For over a decade the Community Action Team has been working with residents and part-

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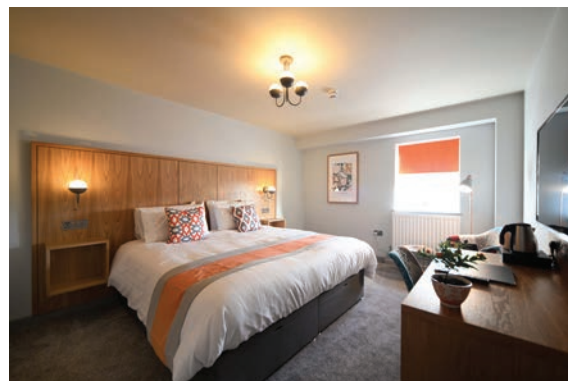
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PARK HEAD HOTEL REOPENS NEXT WEEK

PARK HEAD Hotel and Restaurant will welcome guests once again from Wednesday 1 February, after being transformed inside and out by regeneration charity, The Auckland Project.

The Auckland Project, which works to bring about positive and lasting change for those living, working and visiting Bishop Auckland, purchased the popular hotel and restaurant in May 2021 and embarked on an extensive top-down refurbishment programme.

Offering 38 stylish en-suite bedrooms, the new-look Park Head Hotel will give a welcome boost to the overnight stay options for those visiting Bishop Auckland – encouraging people from outside the area to make the most of their time in County Durham.

General Manager, Andrew Hogg, said: "Park

Head Hotel has been at the heart of the local community for many years, and we are excited to welcome guests from near and far to the hotel and restaurant when we reopen next week."

Meanwhile the 80-cover Oak Room Restaurant and Bar will ensure local people and visitors to the town are well catered for, thanks to a range of tempting menus and seasonal specials, brimming with local produce including fruit and vegetables grown in the Walled Garden of nearby Auckland Castle.

From daily breakfasts and light lunchtime options to generous Sunday lunches, the Oak Room kitchen team are promising 'timeless classics with a twist'. Menus are available on the Park Head Hotel website.

Alongside the Oak Room Restaurant and

Bar, the Laurel Room is available for hire for family celebrations, funerals, conferences, weddings and much more.

It's not only the interior of the Park Head Hotel which has been transformed; guests will also be invited to enjoy the newly-landscaped outdoor spaces during their time there.

Design consultant, Sarah Fortin Townsend, who has been overseeing the refurbishment from

the start, said: "While we want to provide visitors with quality accommodation, beautifully wholesome food and a warm welcome, making sure the Park Head continues to be an important place for local residents of Bishop Auckland has remained paramount throughout the project."

To book a room at Park Head Hotel or make a reservation for the Oak Room Restaurant, call 01388 661727 or visit <https://parkheadhotel.co.uk/>

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WALKING CLUB VISIT EAST YORKSHIRE

AYCLIFFE FELL Walking Club enjoyed a fine winter's day in the East Yorkshire Wolds earlier this month, writes **Andrew Jakob**.

Whilst three members took on the longest, 16.5 mile walk from Fridaythorpe via the Yorkshire Wolds Way, others started from the B1248 just west of Towthorpe.

Walking westward to scenic shallow dales, others arrived to the site of the Medieval village of Wharram Percy.

We were treated to a gory story from Ken of the village's past where bodies were exhumed and dismembered thus ensuring that they didn't come back!

Leaving the village via a disused railway track, we came to Wharram le Street and onto the Yorkshire Wolds Way.

Despite the recent rainfall, the route remained dry underfoot throughout and we quickly found ourselves strolling through



AFWC members arriving at the medieval village of Wharram Percy.

the delightful village of Settrington and onto the Centenary Way which took us to Norton On Derwent and across the river to the town of Malton.

Next month on February 11th, AFWC returns to the Lakes for the first time since lockdown to tackle walks up the side of Skiddaw, Bassenthwaite and the Workington River Walk, all ending up in Cockermouth.

It should be noted that AFWC outings involve enough choice so that if you are new to walking, you can choose a shorter

walk whilst braver and more experienced walkers may choose the longer and more demanding routes.

There are walks for everyone's needs at a cost (to cover the coach) of only £15 per person per outing. Annual club membership is only £10.

The coach picks up walkers in several places, including South Church and Bishop Auckland.

Anyone interested can visit our website www.aycliffefellwalkingclub.com and book a seat on the coach using the online form.

LOCAL COUNCIL TAX TO INCREASE BY 5%

THE AMOUNT of Council Tax residents of Bishop Auckland will pay will increase for 2023-24 by 5% the Town Council agreed an increase at the meeting of full council last week.

This equates to an increase of £2.61 a year or 5 pence per week for a property in Council Tax Band D.

The Chair of the Finance Committee Cllr David Wilson, said: "This last year brought with it some of the of the most difficult times for our residents, and as we now move into 2023 these challenging times are growing.

"And whilst the council do not wish to add to anyone's burden, we are faced with a deficit.

"Whilst the council agreed it is never ideal to increase taxes, we feel that after freezing Council Tax for the past couple of years, this couldn't continue as it not financially viable to continually take from reserves to balance the books.

"This was not an easy decision for the council

to agree.

"It generated lots of debate and initially it was hoped that the increase could be capped at 3%. However, this left a larger deficit to fill.

"With an increase of 5% a small deficit remains, but we are confident with stringent planning that we can look to make savings to reduce the deficit moving forward."

Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Cllr Michael Siddle added: "Whilst Covid-19 delayed some of our plans for events and activities, last year saw us come back with some fabulous events and activities to help bring people back together in Bishop Auckland.

"The likes of the fabulous Jubilee Celebrations, and the wonderful Christmas Town Activity increased footfall in our town, which helped to boost our local economy.

"We hope to do more activities in partnership with others to support our communities during 2023."

It was recorded that that Bishop Auckland Town Council Precept for the forthcoming year 2021-22 will be £237,621, which is a band D equivalent of £54.71.

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YOUNG VOLUNTEERS WANTED

THE OFFICE of the County Durham and Darlington Police and Crime Commissioner and Durham Constabulary are looking to jointly recruit several individuals aged between 14 and 18 years old, to become scrutiny panel volunteers.

The purpose of the panels is to bring the important voice of young people and their experiences of stop and search ses-

sions, in order to inform organisational learning for Durham Constabulary.

Scrutiny Panel Volunteers will need to be available to meet four times each year.

To learn more about the role email General.enquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk

The closing date for applications of interest is Tuesday, 31 January.

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and supporting documents must be received by Wednesday, 15 February at 12 noon.

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Any one who works with people of Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend this event where we will:

- Start a wider conversation about mental health and the factors that impact it
- Help residents to survive and thrive
- Reduce Stigma
- Create better connections between organisations
- Make every contact count
- Share our assets better
- Boost resilience

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The workshop intends to start a wider conversation about mental health and the factors that impact it.

BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

FOLLOWING A prevalence of issues related to deteriorating mental health in the area, Durham County Council, Wellbeing for Life, Stamp it Out and the Area Action Partnership have come together to provide a workshop in which they will explore issues and strengthen

alliances aimed at building community and individual resilience in the Bishop Auckland area.

This will build on the work of Time To Talk and will launch a programme of activities for residents and those who work with them in the Bishop Auckland and surrounding

area.

They request key stakeholders in the area to attend and help build an alliance of champions supporting the people of Bishop Auckland and surrounding areas.

To join, visit buytickets.at/wellbeingforlife/832416/

BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION DEADLINE

PEOPLE IN County Durham are being reminded to have their say on potential new council boundaries.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is asking for residents' views on proposed new electoral divisions for Durham County Council.

The commission, an independent body which determines electoral boundaries, is reviewing arrangements in the county to ensure councillors represent a similar number of electors.

It has proposed the number of councillors in the county should be reduced from 126 to 98 and will be drawing up new boundaries to reflect the suggested change.

A ten-week consultation is being held to gather residents' views on the proposals and is due to close on Monday 30 January.

Residents living in the county have just under one week left to have their say on the new boundary proposals.

The commission will

use the feedback to draw up proposals for new boundaries.

There will then be a further phase of consultation before boundaries are finalised.

Residents can get involved in the online consultation by visiting www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/38197

Feedback can also be provided via email at reviews@lgbce.org.uk or by post, by writing to: Review Officer (County Durham), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY GARDEN QUERIES?



Gardening expert, Sarah Hopps.

JOIN GARDEN expert, Sarah Hopps, on Monday, 6 February at Shildon Civic Hall from 7.30pm to solve your garden queries and problems.

Sarah is a regular presenter at the garden theatre at Harrogate and other major Flower Shows, answering gardeners' questions and demonstrating the best way to design and enhance one's garden.

She also organises

many garden holiday tours and can source and supply specialist plants.

Sarah appears as part of Shildon and District Flower Club's annual programme of talks and demonstrations.

Entry is free to members while visitors can also attend by paying £5 on the door.

There will be plants and floral sundries to buy and refreshments will be available to purchase.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM C34 BONE MILL BANK, BISHOP AUCLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 23/1/2023 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on a 268 metres length of the C34 Bone Mill Bank, Bishop Auckland from the junction with Riverside in a northerly direction to the junction with Wescott Drive to enable traffic signal refurbishment works to be undertaken. Throughout the period of closure, a diversion will be available to vehicular traffic from south side of closure in a southerly direction on Bone Mill Bank then south westerly on B6282 Auckland Road then north easterly on A688 then easterly on Douglas Crescent and southerly on Bone Mill Bank to northern end of closure and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence at 8am on 30/01/2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 19 Days. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

DATED: 28th January 2023



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COMMUNITY ACTION IN COUNDON

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ners to utilise their experience and knowledge to make real long-term difference to local communities.

"We want to hear from residents living in Coundon and Leeholme so that our action can be tailored towards the needs of the community. There are a range of ways for residents to let us know their concerns, so I would encourage anyone living in these areas to contact us and get involved."

Residents can inform the team of any suggested areas of work by completing a survey online.

They can also attend one of three engagement

events taking place on:

- Tuesday 24 January, 10am to 12pm, at Coundon and Leeholme Welfare Hall, Leeholme Road;
- Friday 27 January, 10am to 12pm, Food Bank, Journey Building, 13 Tees Walk;
- Tuesday 31 January, 6pm to 7.30pm, Coundon and District Working Men's Club and Women's Club, Crescent View.

CAT will then agree a seven-week action plan focussing on the priority issues highlighted during the engagement period.

Resident surgeries will take place during the programme to allow people to give feedback on the work being carried out.

The team will also be working with the council's Selective Licensing team to ensure that landlords who rent out properties in the focus area apply for a license where needed.

Residents can complete the engagement survey online at online1.snap-surveys.com/CATCL or by calling customer services, who will be able to help residents complete the survey over the telephone, on 03000 260 000.

Alternatively, residents can email communityactionteam@durham.gov.uk for more information or to request a call back.

Further information on the community action project and work taking place is available at www.durham.gov.uk/cat/



Shildon Community Bus is a locally registered charity.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS WANTED

DO YOU have time spare? Shildon Community Bus are currently recruiting for volunteer mini bus drivers.

The Community Bus operates an Accessible Transport Service for the use of charitable organisations and voluntary groups in Shildon and the surrounding areas.

The scheme operates two vehicles, one of which is accessible and has a tail lift.

Each vehicle has sixteen seats (not including the driver) and seats can

be removed to accommodate wheelchair users.

Ideally, they'd like prospective volunteers to have a current MIDAS certificate but training can be provided by their in-house trainer and is free of charge.

If you would like more information, contact by phone on 01388 773666 or by email at shildonbus@yahoo.com or visit Bus Office, Methodist Church Hall.

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Durham Police & Crime Commissioner, Joy Allen, has called on the Home Secretary to urgently address concerns on nitrous oxide.

PCC CALLS ON HOME SECRETARY TO ADDRESS NITROUS OXIDE CONCERNS

COUNTY DURHAM and Darlington Police and Crime Commissioner, Joy Allen, has written to the Home Secretary requesting the urgent publication of new research into the dangers of the drug nitrous oxide.

As Joint National Leads for Addiction and Substance Misuse on behalf of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), Commissioner Allen and Dorset PCC David Sidwick told Home Secretary Suella Braverman it was imperative the findings of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs' (ACMD) review were made public as soon as possible.

This, they said, would help PCCs and forces respond to misuse of the drug in their communities – including new evidence suggesting it had become a factor in serious road traffic accidents and fatalities.

The ACMD was asked to analyse the health and societal impacts of nitrous oxide by the Home Office in September 2021 following reports of young people being harmed by the substance and increasing concerns about its link to anti-social behaviour.

Nitrous oxide, otherwise known as 'laughing gas',

is used as pain relief during medical procedures such as dental work.

It is now the second-most used drug among 16 to 18-year-olds in the UK, behind cannabis.

While the sale of nitrous oxide is illegal to anyone under the age of 18, it is not currently a crime to possess the drug.

Campaigners hope the review will recommend further legal restrictions on the drug to protect the lives of young people and help police robustly tackle its associated problems.

However, despite previous calls for action, the outcome of the research has yet to be published.

In her joint letter to the Home Secretary, Commissioner Allen said: "We welcomed the Home Secretary's decision to ask the ACMD for this review.

"We were hearing from members of the public who were troubled by large groups gathering in parks and other public places to use this drug, behaving erratically, and leaving silver canisters, balloons and other litter behind.

"There was widespread concern, of course, about the health impacts and we feared that this was a starting point for some young people to progress

to harder drugs.

"A year later, in September 2022, we repeated our call for action.

"We have still not heard anything further on the conclusions of the ACMD's review.

"This is even more concerning, given growing evidence from policing colleagues that nitrous oxide misuse is increasingly being identified as a key factor in road traffic incidents, including serious, fatal accidents, and that its exclusion from the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 may be making it more difficult to respond appropriately to this extremely worrying and life-threatening development."

Commissioner Allen and her colleague welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Home Secretary to further discuss how best to respond to misuse of the drug in future.

"We would urge you to do everything that you can as Home Secretary to ensure the findings and recommendations of the ACMD Review are published, so we have the evidence base for developing policy that tackles a key source of anti-social behaviour in our communities and drug driving on our roads," the PCCs added.



Roads across County Durham being resurfaced with the sustainable asphalt solution.

COUNTY'S ROADS HELP REDUCE PLASTIC POLLUTION

A DURHAM County Council scheme to make the county's roads smoother and safer for longer is also doing its bit to reduce plastic pollution whilst making.

In the course of last year's resurfacing programme, the local authority covered more than 126,000 square metres of road with a sustainable asphalt solution.

The solution, which is mixed with recycled single-use plastic waste and rubber from vehicle tyres, reduces the volume of newly mined aggregates, with locally sourced tyres used.

Cllr John Shuttleworth, Cabinet member for highways, rural communities and community safety, said: "This is a fantastic initiative.

"As well as having a positive environmental impact by stopping material from going to a landfill site, the combined properties from the rubber and plastic enhance the performance of the road.

"It creates a more water-resistant surface, reducing the risk of future potholes.

"It also makes the sur-

face less likely to crack, more resistant to wear and tear and less likely to distort in hot weather than traditional asphalt mixes.

"These factors will help our road surfaces to last longer.

"The materials can also be reprocessed and used again when the road surface does need replacing, helping to further reduce our environmental impact."

Over the last year, 28,569 tonnes of recycled material have been used on roads across the county – the equivalent of more than two million two-litre plastic milk cartons.

The council was one of the first local authorities to trial the Plastipave solution, which was developed by Rain-ton Construction to provide an environmentally friendly approach to highway maintenance.

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON DOG CONTROL

PEOPLE ARE being invited to have their say on a review of dog control measures in County Durham.

Durham County Council introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control in 2017 in response to community concerns about irresponsible dog ownership.

The PSPO, which gives the council powers to issue fines for offences such as dog fouling and allowing a dog to stray, is due for renewal in May.

The existing PSPO gives the council powers to issue a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice for the following offences:

- Allowing a dog to foul without picking it up;
- Allowing a dog to stray;
- Failure to put a dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised person;
- Allowing a dog in a fenced off play area.

The additional measures proposed include:

- Banning dogs from fenced off play areas, tennis courts and games areas;
- Keeping dogs on leads in churchyards, cemeteries and crematoria;
- Requiring dogs to be on leads on identified marked sports pitches;
- Restricting dog walkers to walk a maximum of six dogs at once;
- Requiring all dogs in an open space to have a collar and tag;
- Banning dogs from the "slope" beach in Seaham between 10am

and 6pm from May to September – this is the small beach accessible from the marina area.

The consultation period started Monday 23 January and will run for seven weeks before closing on Monday 13 March.

If agreed, the new PSPO would be introduced in May 2023 and reviewed after three years.

To take part in the consultation, visit www.durham.gov.uk/consultation.

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COUNTY DURHAM residents are being urged to make sure they are prepared to vote. The need to show photo ID at the polling station comes into effect in May.

Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, driving licences and concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass. Voters will also be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photograph.

John Hewitt, Durham County Council's returning officer, said: "With the possibility of an election taking place at any time, it is important that those who want to vote make sure they have an accepted form of ID."

"Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of identification can apply for free ID either online or by completing a paper application form and sending this to our electoral services team."

Residents can contact the team for support in applying for the free ID at 03000 261 212 or by emailing electoralser-vices@durham.gov.uk

A full list of accepted photo ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement, at www.electoralcommis-sion.org.uk/voterID.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of photo identification can also apply for free ID online at www.voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/ or by completing a paper form from Monday, 16 January.

Anyone who wants to have their say in an election must also be registered to vote.

It only takes five minutes to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Anyone wanting to apply for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM FORE BONDGATE, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 23/1/23 made the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding on a 190 metre length of Fore Bondgate, Bishop Auckland from junction with Finkle Street at western side of closure in an easterly direction to junction with Newgate Street to enable sewer cleanse and CCTV survey works to be undertaken. No alternative route will be available during the closure period. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed works are to commence on 29/1/23 from 6am and are anticipated to be completed in 6 hours. On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly.

DATED: 28th January 2023



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U10 GIRLS TO 'WALK TO WEMBLEY'

BISHOP AUCKLAND
Girls FC U10s are raising much needed funds for their team by walking the virtual miles from their home ground at Hunwick to Wembley Stadium.

Over the months of February and March, each girl will contribute towards a massive total of 258 miles.

Money raised will go towards training kit and tournaments for the girls



Bishop Auckland FC Girls U10s are fundraising

over the next year.

You can help this group of fantastic girls reach their target by visiting

their [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) page by searching for 'BGFC Under 10s Walk to Wembley'.



Action from Bishop's loss to Pickering. Image: Joe Gorman Photography.

PICKERING SHOCK BISHOPS

BISHOP AUCKLAND FC went down to a shock last minute defeat at lowly Pickering Town in their last league outing a fortnight ago, heating up the fight for automatic promotion.

The defeat was their second loss in their last three games with the other, crucially, to local rivals Newton Aycliffe, who now join Bishops level on points at the top of the table.

Bishops continue to lead the division, courtesy of their superior goal difference, but the gap to the chasing pack has now closed significantly.

Hot on the heels of the top two are Whitley Bay and Ashington, who sit five and six points behind respectively, but both have three games in hand over the top two as wether postponements continue to plague clubs at every level.

The Two Blues do not have a game scheduled this weekend, but hope to be back in action at home on Tuesday night, when Seaham Red Star are

scheduled to visit.

After another empty Saturday the following weekend, Bishops will host Guisborough on Tuesday 7 February.

Both games kick off at 7.45pm.

Meanwhile, it was another great weekend on the 3G for St Mary's Juniors, with all the grass pitches unplayable, reports *Steve Coulthard*.

U8 Kings booked their place in the semi-final of the League Cup with a home win against Whitby with goals from Woodward (3), Martin, Heaviside and Falls.

The Under 10 Aces beat Nunthorpe, playing class football for little kids. It was just a joy to watch them with Oliver and Tyler both netting doubles.

U11 Kings won the Local derby v the Aces with goals for Albie (3) Alfie, Craig and Matty.

U13 Aces beat Redcar Royals 4-3 with Alex scoring the winner from outside the box on 70 mins.

The Reserves lost narrowly 4-3 to Hebburn in the Durham Minor Cup QF.



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Registration 9.30am - games KO 10am.

Boys U7 5-a-side, Sunday 16 July (Max 10 players per team).
Registration 1.30pm - games KO 2pm.

Information:

All teams must be affiliated to their County FA for the 2023-24 season. **Age groups are 2023-24 (this is a pre-season tournament).**

Maximum 8 teams per age group. Entry is £35 per team.

Trophy for the winning team in the final and medals to all participants.

For further details, please contact

BAFC Club Secretary, Catherine Pearson on 07890 340138.

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