



Local residents and families in the DL4 and DL14 postcode areas are set to benefit from a new unlimited entry Local Annual Pass to visit all of The Auckland Project's attractions.

NEW ANNUAL PASS FOR THE AUCKLAND PROJECT

THE AUCKLAND Project has launched a new Annual Pass this week, making it easier for visitors to explore The Auckland Project's diverse range of attractions.

The Auckland Project is a unique collection of heritage attractions, gardens and parkland centred around Auckland Castle.

The Auckland Project's attractions include Auckland Castle and Gardens, the Spanish Gallery, the Mining Art Gallery and the Faith Museum (opening in autumn 2023).

Together, The Auckland Project's attractions tell the remarkable story of Bishop Auckland, from the powerful Prince Bishops of Durham to the

town's surprising connection to the Golden Age of Spanish Art.

The new Annual Pass will provide unlimited entry to The Auckland Project's attractions for 12 months, along with a changing programme of exhibitions and events throughout the year.

Exhibition highlights for 2023 include *Coal:*

Mining the Gemini Collection in the Mining Art Gallery, *Missing Women* in Auckland Castle, *Sin: The National Gallery Touring Exhibition* also in Auckland Castle, and the launch of the Faith Museum in the autumn.

Edward Perry, CEO of The Auckland Project, said: "There is so much to do at The Auckland

Project, and we want to inspire our visitors to curiously explore the links between our attractions. We hope people will show their support for The Auckland Project by purchasing our new annual pass and revisiting our attractions time and time again."

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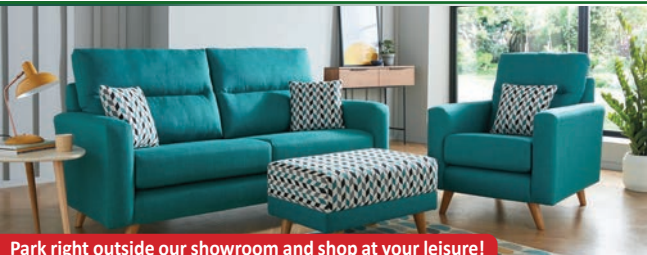
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BISHOP AUCKLAND YOUTH AWARDS

BISHOP AUCKLAND Town
Council has relaunched
its Youth Awards.

The awards ceremony
will take place on Monday
19 June at Bishop Auck-
land Town Hall.

Mayor of Bishop Auck-
land, Cllr Michael Siddle
said: "We are thrilled to
be bringing back these
awards, after having a
hiatus due to the pan-
demic.

"The awards give rec-
ognition to outstanding
young people of Bishop
Auckland. We look for-
ward to receiving the
nominations, and I know
it's going to be hard to
select the winners, as
the town is full of inspira-
tional young people.

"It will be wonderful to
welcome the winners to
the town hall, and cele-
brate their success.

"We are also looking to
involve local businesses
and organisations, as
key partners in this cel-
ebration event through
sponsorship. So, if you
are interested in being
involved, please do not
hesitate to contact us."

There are nine catego-
ries to nominate for:
Young Carer Award. This
award recognises some-
one who has showed self-
less dedication, achieve-
ments and on a regular
basis contributed to look-
ing after a family mem-
ber or friend who has a
physical or mental health
condition.

Personal Challenge/ Overcoming Personal Difficulties Award.

This award recognises some-
one who has overcome
or striving to overcome
a life altering situation
whether this be personal
or a direct impact on the
young person due to a
family circumstance.

Young Volunteer Award.
This award recognises
a young person who has
taken pride in volunteer-
ing, has demonstrated
accountability to making
a difference to people
within the community.

**Inspirational Young Per-
son Award.** This award
recognises someone
who has been involved in
social education and peer
support for others. They
have helped inspire oth-
ers to grow and develop
in a new skill. They have
helped make a difference
to another individual or
groups lives.



Young Achiever Award.

This award recognises
someone's outstanding
self-belief in all aspects
of their life. This person
has overcome social bar-
riers to go on and excel
in their life whether it be
social, academic or per-
sonal. They have a pos-
itive outlook and inspire
others.

Making a Difference (social action) Award.

This award recognises an
individual that has used
their initiative or organ-
isational skills to help
make a lasting change to
someone else's life.

Young Person Act of Brav- ery Award.

This award recognises
someone who has shown
great strength and brave-
ry to overcome a barrier
or situation in their life.
This could be by speak-
ing out against others,
standing up for them-
selves or a peer or

something similar.

Young Person Green

Award. This award recog-
nises someone who has
gone above and beyond
to try and promote or
demonstrate the require-
ment for greener living.

Team of the Year Award.
This award recognises
a group of young people
who have come together
and made a difference, be
it in sport, through social
action, through art or cul-
ture projects, etc.

Nominations are open
until 5 May via an online
form (hard copies are
also available) following
which a panel will meet
to select two winners per
category, one from age
group 7-10 (KS2) and one
from age 11 to 18 (KS3).

Each winner will receive
a trophy, certificate and
voucher as their prize.

Afternoon tea-style
refreshments will be pro-
vided. Nominees either
need to be a resident in
the town council area or
attend school or a com-
munity group in the area.

A full list of rules can
be found on the town
council website at bishop-auckland-tc.gov.uk.

Businesses and organ-
isations are also invited
to get onboard with the
awards, through sponsor-
ship. Each category can
be sponsored for £100, in
return for promotion and
the opportunity to help to
present the award.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM BREWER STREET (REAR), BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council on 3rd April 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 13 metre
length of Brewer Street (Rear), Bishop Auckland from the rear
of no. 1 to 2 Brewer Street to enable new water connection
works to be undertaken. The alternative route is from east side
of closure north on Brewer Street to Cleveland Avenue then east
on Cleveland Avenue to C130 Cockton Hill Road then south on
Cockton Hill Road to Brewer Street to southern end of closure
and vice versa. The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months.
The works are expected to commence from 8:00am Monday on
17th April 2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 5 days.
On occasions, alternative dates for closure may be necessary and
these will be signed accordingly.

DATED: 8 April 2023



Helen Lynch
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 1UL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DURHAM RAMSEY CRESCENT, BISHOP AUCKLAND (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2023

The Council proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic
Regulation Act, 1984 as amended, Section 14 (1) to prohibit
all vehicular traffic from proceeding on a 60 metres length of
Ramsey Crescent, Bishop Auckland from junction with Lusby
Crescent at eastern side of closure in a westerly direction to
junction with Harrison Crescent to enable new telecom ducting
works to be undertaken. The alternative route is from the east
side of closure in an easterly direction on Lusby Crescent then
southerly on Gudmunson Avenue then westerly on Greenfields
Road to Harrison Crescent then north easterly on Ramsey
Crescent leading to the western side of the closure and vice versa.
The maximum duration of the Order is 18 months. The proposed
works are to commence from 8:00am on 02/05/23 and are
anticipated to be completed in 4 days. On occasions, alternative
dates for closure may be necessary and these will be signed on
site accordingly.

DATED: 8 April 2023



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Head of Legal & Democratic Services
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Receiving their awards from Chief Superintendent, Richard Allen were, clockwise from top left: Paul Aldsworth, Lee Gustard, Stuart Taylor and Dave Mills.

PUBLIC AND OFFICERS RECOGNISED FOR ACTIONS IN SAVING LIVES

A GROUP of officers and members of the public have been recognised for their actions in saving the lives of nine County Durham people, including a man in distress on the viaduct at Bishop Auckland.

The recipients gathered at a special ceremony held at police headquarters on Wednesday afternoon, March 22 where they received certificates of commendation from Chief Superintendent Richard Allen.

In the first part of the ceremony, a team of officers from Bishop Auckland response, alongside Mr Paul Aldsworth, his son Oscar Eckley-Aldsworth, Lee Gustard, Stuart Taylor and Dave Mills were

recognised for their efforts in coming to the aid of a man on the wrong side of the viaduct railings at Bishop Auckland, last February.

Mr Paul Aldsworth said: "As we ran over to him, I was saying 'don't do it mate. He turned around, I knew he was going to go, and I said to my son 'grab him'.

"He grabbed one arm and I grabbed the other. We managed to pull him up and to get his arms on the top of the bridge."

PC Murtagh was first to arrive on scene at the viaduct where he witnessed Paul and Oscar, who had by then been joined by Lee and Stuart, desperately holding on to the man, preventing him from

falling.

PC Murtagh could see that the group were starting to struggle so rushed over to help cling on to the man until further officers arrived.

PC's Cowley and Arneil then joined and took over holding on as others tired.

Soon after, Street warden Dave Mills along with PC's Sneath, Reed, Cave, Fox and Robinson arrived and all played a part in clutching onto the man at various stages.

PC's Baker and Thompson were all the while dealing with the crowd that had gathered close-by.

Eventually, the man brought his leg up to the railings, firefighters joined and were able to secure him into a harness and pull him over.

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THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that Barton Leisure Ltd has applied to Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as:

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Regulated entertainment - recorded music (indoors) Friday and Saturday 23.00 - 01.00.

The sale by retail of alcohol (on sales) 11.00 - 23.00 Monday to Thursday inclusive, Friday & Saturday 11.00 - 01.00 and 12.00 - 23.00 Sunday.

A record of this application may be inspected at the Council's offices at Annand House, John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS on weekdays between 9.30 am and 4.00pm.

Any representations about this application must be made in writing by the 20th April 2023 and sent to: -

Durham County Council, Licensing, PO Box 617, Durham DH1 9HZ or e-mail to Licensing@durham.gov.uk

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The Hungry Chefs will be making an appearance at this year's Bishop Auckland Food Festival.

FOOD FESTIVAL LINE UP CONFIRMED

DANCING 'GRANNIES', human hedges, singing waiters, and chefs on stilts are among the free family acts performing at Bishop Auckland Food Festival, organisers have confirmed.

The festival, run by Durham County Council, returns to the town on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 April.

While a weekend of delicious food is in store, with around 150 stalls selling the best of local produce, and five celebrity chefs taking to the cookery demonstration stage, there's plenty of family fun to be had too.

Taking to the streets on both days will be tree-like characters, Human Hedges, stilt-walking double act, *Hungry Chefs*, and the North Tyneside Steel Band.

BBC Introducing singer/songwriter, David Aryn, will perform on the Saturday, while TikTok sensations, *Waiter Surprise*, will fill the town with song on the Sunday.

Also appearing on the Sunday will be the hilarious *Granny Turismo* – the world's first (and only!) shopping trolley dance display team.

There are free family-friendly craft workshops on both days too, with the chance to make lino print tote bags with

Daisy Arts, or try spray painting with Dan Walls from Illumination Wall Art.

The Auckland Project is also getting in on the act by putting on family activities across the weekend.

The project is hosting a children's dinner party with dressing up and games at No.43 in the Market Place, plus Spanish Gallery-inspired art activities in Auckland Tower.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, said: "There are only three weeks to go until Bishop Auckland Food Festival and although the food and drink stalls and the cookery demonstrations spring to mind as soon as you mention the event, the street entertainment is a very big draw in itself.

"We've got a great programme this year, with family photo opportunities and laughs aplenty.

"The little ones in particular seem to love the walkabout street theatre acts and are sure to be talking about it for days.

"We've also got a quality music offer – David Aryn is a *BBC Introducing* Artist of the Week, while *Waiter Surprise* have burst into song at many a wedding reception and are no strangers to a viral TikTok video either!

"We're well on with event preparations now and we'll soon have a confirmed list of traders to share. It's going to be quite a weekend!"

This year's celebrity chefs at Bishop Auckland Food Festival are Phil Vickery, Rachel Allen, Kenny Tutt, Sandro Farmhouse and Janusz Domagala.

Bishop Auckland Food Festival is just one of the many cultural events taking place in County Durham this year, cementing Durham's position as the 'culture county' and demonstrating the council's ongoing commitment to culture-led regeneration.

This includes delivering key projects within County Durham's short-listed UK City of Culture bid; progressing major capital projects and raising the county's profile as a fantastic place to live, work, visit and invest.

Bishop Auckland Food Festival is supported by Bishop Auckland Town Council and Durham County Council's Towns & Villages programme.

To keep updated on all the latest Bishop Auckland Food Festival news visit the event's website www.bishopaucklandfoodfestival.co.uk and follow its social media channels.



Connaught Brass will perform at the first Bishop Auckland Music Society concert of their summer season.

FIRST BAMS SUMMER CONCERT

BISHOP AUCKLAND Music Society (BAMS) presents its first concert of the 2023 season on Friday, April 14th at 7.30pm in Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.

Connaught Brass are a quintet of young musicians who are making a name for themselves in the chamber music world.

Aaron Akugbo and Harry Plant on trumpets, Robyn Blair (french horn), Chris Brewster (trombone) and Aled Meredith-Barrett on tuba showcase their unique collective sound.

From the *Renaissance* of Gabrieli, through Bizet to the 20th century and beyond, this programme will present a thrilling performance.

Advance tickets at £16 are available from Brian Varley by telephone on 01388 606075 or by email at brianvarley@orpheusmail.co.uk.

Tickets can also be purchased at Brothertons Music shop at 205 Newgate Street in Bishop Auckland.

Tickets will cost £18 on the door and under 18s can attend free of charge.

Meanwhile, tickets are also available for the next concert in the series as Iorian Mitrea prepares to play Solo Piano on Friday 5th May at 7.30pm.

Florian played to a thrilled Bishop Auckland audience in 2021 and the society is delighted to welcome him back.

The concert will include two well known Beethoven sonatas, preludes by Debussy and pieces by Liszt and Chopin.

This will delight people who enjoy listening to late 18th and 19th century classical music.

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The Auckland Project Annual Pass will cost £25 for adults, £37.50 for a family of one adult and up to four children, and £62.50 for a family of two adults and up to four children.

People living in households with a DL4 or DL14 postcode will be able to take advantage of a

new Local Annual Pass, which costs just £15 for adults, £22.50 for a family of one adult and up to four children, and £37.50 for a family of two adults and up to four children.

The Annual Pass is available to purchase now, both online and in-person, and the Local Annual Pass will be available to purchase now in Auckland Tower.

Proof of postcode is required to purchase the Local Annual Pass, which is not available to buy online.

The Auckland Project's attractions are open from 10.30am – 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

To book tickets or to find out more about The Auckland Project, visit the project website at aucklandproject.org.

AAP FUNDING FOR HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH HEALTHY FOOD

FUNDING IS available for activities for children young people and families during the May half term holidays.

The scheme aims to support local community groups and organisations based in the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership area to deliver enriching holiday activities during the school holidays, including the provision of 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.

All fully completed applications and supporting documents must be received by 12 noon on Wednesday 12 April.

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Open 10.30am-4pm, Wednesday to Sunday

Terms and conditions: The Local Annual Pass can be purchased from any of The Auckland Project's attractions and is not available online. Proof of postcode required.



BLIND LIFE SEEKS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



BLIND LIFE in Durham is seeking volunteer drivers.

The charity for people with sight loss relies on volunteers to keep doing its highly valued work.

It has been running since 2004 and has around 20 volunteers whose input is vital.

The purpose of the role is to provide transportation to members which will allow them to partici-

pate in the wide variety of events the charity offers.

The necessary training is also available. Volunteers would be contacted before any event to see if you are available. The choice is yours, so you are always in control.

One member, describing what the help meant to them said: "Because of the courtesy and thoughtfulness of the drivers, a sense of trust

and well-being is experienced by the passengers."

Volunteers will also be welcome to participate in any of the events and will have the opportunity to present new ideas which will benefit members and volunteers alike.

The position will suit anyone who wants to keep active, meet and help new people, use current skills and obtain new skills and who wants to be part of a valued team.

The recruitment process is straightforward with a chat on the phone, an informal interview, an application form, references, a DBS check and then a half day induction.

If you are interested in finding out further details and/or applying, contact blindlifeindurham@gmail.com or call 01388 763501.

ELDON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Eldon Parish Council is a small friendly Council in South Durham consisting of five Councillors. We hope to appoint a Parish Clerk and RFO as part of our inclusive team in the coming months. The successful applicant (the sole employee of the Council) will need to be able to work on their own, be well organised, computer literate (Word, Excel and Email), and maintain the Parish Council Website.

The Council recognises and supports the relevant development and training needs of the Clerk, including membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks, so this is a great opportunity for applicants to gain knowledge and experience in this area of work.

Working mainly from home, the post is for a flexible 25 hours a month, at a salary of £12.73 per hour, plus a monthly allowance of £10 towards telephone calls. Mileage will also be paid for official business as appropriate. A laptop and printer will be provided, with the Council paying for consumables and stationery.

The Council meets every other month from January onwards, usually on the last Tuesday at 7pm, in Eldon Community Centre, plus any other special meetings that may be necessary. The successful applicant will be expected to reside within a reasonable travelling distance of Eldon.

A full job description can be obtained from the current Clerk whose contact details are below. You can also write to the Clerk at the postal address below. If you are interested, we would really like to hear from you with a CV including details of two referees and a covering letter by **28th April 2023**. We hope to hold interviews in May or early June.



Tom Bolton
(Clerk to the Council)
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Tutor Lindsey Moses (second left) with BA (Hons) Integrative Counselling students Sandra Dodds, Nicola Williamson, Karen Bell, Claire Preston and Craig Preston at the woods at Windlestone Hall.

UNIQUE MASTERS 'A FIRST' FOR COLLEGE

IF YOU go down to the woods today, you could be in for a big surprise... you might just stumble across a counselling session among the cedar and chestnut trees.

For Bishop Auckland College is launching a first for the region – a Masters Degree in Psychotherapy Studies which includes a 'wild therapy' module.

Students on the course won't be just joining lectures in the classroom – they will also be undertaking part of their studies at outdoor locations including the woodland scout camp at Windlestone Hall, near Rushyford.

Described as a 'contemporary higher education programme' which will provide an 'extraordinary learning experience', the Level 7 MA course promises "experiential learning, lucid conversation and reflective practice within creative, contemporary and natural 'wild' environments".

It includes weekend outdoor residentials where the students will explore their relationship with the wild - the weather, cosmos, animals, birds, trees, plants, rocks, water - and consider how they might harness these experiences therapeutically.

Programme leader Lindsey Moses explained: "Wild therapy is a relatively new theoretical concept which challenges the mainstream model of psychotherapy and counselling being solely associated with a room and a couch.

"Therapy is instead taken outdoors where the client can spend time in nature in direct contact with the world through their senses, which can help them to feel less alone, less inhibited, less anxious and more relaxed. Later the outdoors is brought back into the therapy room where the therapist and client can reflect on the wild experience."

Other modules include a 12,000-word thesis, research methodologies, personal and professional development and contemporary approaches in psychotherapy.

Open University assessors were hugely impressed by the unique curriculum, developed in accordance with the QAA Counselling & Psychotherapy Benchmark 2022 and British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy guidelines.

They have just approved its official OU accreditation, making it the only Masters Degree offered by any further education college in the North East and Cumbria and the only course of its kind in the country believed to offer the 'wild therapy' module.

Lindsey added: "This unique programme has been developed in response to the current market demand for highly skilled advanced practitioners in both private and organisational therapeutic work, which has been mirrored by demand from our own undergraduate counselling students.

"Our Masters graduates will have a huge advan-

tage in terms of professional status and recognition - we have already had several applications for our first intake this September and can't wait to get started."

The two-year part-time course runs on Mondays, starting on September 11, so is suitable for people in employment. The £6,000 per year course fee is eligible for a Student Finance loan covering the full cost. Applicants will need a 2:1 degree in counselling and to have completed 100 hours of therapeutic placement.

Principal and Chief Executive of Bishop Auckland College, Natalie Davison-Terranova, said: "We are absolutely delighted that the Open University has accredited our Masters Degree in Psychotherapy Studies. It is extremely rare for a further education college to offer a Level 7 programme so it truly is a 'first' for the college.

"It's an amazing milestone in our higher education growth strategy; the Open University validation panel were glowing in their praise for this innovative programme and Lindsey and her team will be rightly proud when they see their first graduates pass out at Durham Cathedral in 2025."

• People interested in the MA in Psychotherapy Studies can find out more at bacoll.ac.uk/Courses/BACP4613-231A or attend the college's Higher Education open event at the main Woodhouse Lane campus on Thursday April 27 from 5pm to 8.30pm.

WHAT'S ON

Submit your listing

List your event in all our publications for up to a month in advance for just £5 per event per week. Email your event information to advertising@swd.news by no later than Friday to be included in next week's papers.

SHILDON

Shildon Railway Institute (shildonrailway.institute)
Sat 8 April: 101 Band - part of monthly Forge night, feat soul, ska, punk music. Main hall. 7pm. £5 on door.

Shildon Railway Institute (shildonrailway.institute)
Sat 29 April: Live Lounge - Bosko Green. The highly likeable singer/guitarist is back. 8pm in the Bar. Free.

BISHOP AUCKLAND

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church
Fri 14th April: Connaught Brass. Bishop Auckland Music Society. 7.30pm. £16 advance, £18 on door.

Market Place
Sat 22, Sun 23 April: Bishop Auckland Food Festival. Celebrity chefs, fun, festivities, workshops - and food!

FERRYHILL

Surtees and Yard of Ale Brewery
Wed 19 April: Brewery Tour.
In aid of Ferryhill Town Mayor's charities. 6.30pm, £15.

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Sport

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Danni Lay levels for Bishops in Carlisle, but it would be the Two Blues who would end the game on their knees when their hosts struck back in the second half to win. Photo: Joe Gorman Photography.

BISHOPS CLING TO PROMOTION HOPES

A SURPRISING 3-1 away defeat at lowly Carlisle City last Saturday has left Bishop Auckland FC hanging on to their third place in the Northern League Division One table with just three matches remaining in the season.

Having suffered a 2-0 midweek reverse at home at the hands of Whickham just over two weeks ago, Bishops returned to winning ways the following Saturday with a 5-1 thrashing of Sunderland RCA.

Callum Patton's 17th minute opener and Craig Gott's 62nd minute fifth sandwiched a Louis Johnson double and an own goal, while Alex Bruton netted RCA's consolation in the 51st minute.

The Two Blues will have crossed the Pennines in expectation of a positive result in Carlisle, but were quickly disabused of the notion when Carlisle took the lead through Jay Kelly in the fourth minute.

Danni Lay levelled pro-

ceedings ten minutes from the break, but it was the home side who claimed all the points when Samuel Atkinson put them in front in the 73rd minute and Jordan Palmer made certain of the points at the death.

This weekend, Bishops host Heaton Stannington before travelling back across the Pennines to Penrith on 10 April and then a final, potentially crunch promotion decider against second place Ashington at Heritage park to finish the season.

Meanwhile, at St Mary's Juniors, the U14 Kings drew 3-3 with Seaton

Carew with Hutton scoring all three goals, writes *Steve Coulthard*.

The U13 Aces won 4-2 against Hartlepool Reds with Alex, Blake and Roman scoring.

The U12s had a great 5-2 win over Boro Rangers while the U10 Kings lost out to Redcar Royals.

U9 Kings won against Boro Rangers away with goals from Mason (3), Hugo (2), Reuben (2) Bradley and Jacob.

The U8 Kings lost out at home to Leven Woodward while the U8 Aces drew with Cleveland Juniors. and the U7 Bishops won against Riverside Juniors Madrid.

JUDO CLUB SET TO HOST FIRST LEVEL 1 COMPETITION

RESPECT JUDO, which has been recently established in Bishop Auckland, is set to host its first ever Level 1 Judo Competition at its home venue in Bishop Barrington Academy Sports Centre.

Children from Judo clubs in the area will be invited to enter and the club hopes to attract between 50 and 75 entries across the age range of 8 to 16 years, with a focus on the lower grades.

Respect Judo runs classes at Bishop Barrington on Fridays, starting with fun exercise for the under 8s from 6pm.

The older children get

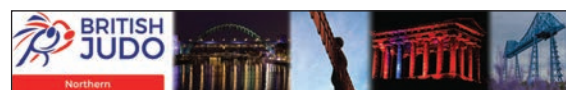
started from 6.30pm and while they will still have lots of fun, they focus on a lot more of the technical application of judo.

"The competition will be our first ever green belt and under kids competition," said instructor, Richard Leybourne.

"It is a development event and everyone will receive a medal and a new experience.

"Entries are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

"It's also the first competition in this area in a long time, so if it is successful we can look at hosting more in the future."



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