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Welcome to One Darlington

Welcome to the September edition of One Darlington magazine, I hope you had a lovely summer.

My name is Bronwyn Lilley and I am domestic abuse commissioning officer for the council. All councils have new responsibilities, set out in law, to ensure help and support in relation to domestic abuse is available to anyone who needs it, within a safe environment. My role is to help ensure that Darlington meets this responsibility.

Part of this process is to map out what domestic abuse services are currently available and what is needed to meet the needs of the community. The council would like to hear from anyone affected by domestic abuse. You can have your say by completing an online survey, which is available until Friday 10 September, at <https://arcg.is/1ie1Oz>

If you prefer, or you miss the deadline, you can contact one of Darlington's domestic abuse services and they will be able to help. This includes Harbour on 03000 202525 or info@myharbour.org.uk and Family Help on 364486 or info@familyhelp.org.uk / contactus@familyhelp.org.uk

Alternatively, you can contact me directly by emailing bronwyn.lilley@darlington.gov.uk by Friday 17 September.

Domestic abuse is not exclusive to one section of the community. It affects all parts of our society and we will not be able to tackle this crime, and support victims/survivors effectively, if we are not aware of this fact. It has become a priority of the council to listen to as wide a cross-section of voices in our community as possible on this subject. That way, we will be able to develop a fuller, more accurate picture of how we can do things better in the future.

Domestic abuse is a difficult subject to discuss, and it is not easy to admit how widespread it is in our community. So widespread in fact, that domestic abuse has been called the 'shadow pandemic', which illustrates the gravity of this alarming reality.

The issue continues while it remains hidden behind closed doors. We need to be prepared to have uncomfortable conversations and raise awareness until things change. I was pleased to have been given the opportunity to highlight the issue of domestic abuse in One Darlington, and look forward to reporting back on our progress in future editions of the magazine.

Elsewhere in this edition, you can read about why it's so important for the council's fostering team to find nurturing, supportive homes for teenagers. Read more on page 15. We also look forward to the Stronger Communities Awards, celebrating the best of Darlington, on pages 18 and 19. And on pages 32 and 33, you can find out how businesses are helping to tackle climate change.

Thanks for reading. I hope you enjoy this edition of One Darlington.



Bronwyn Lilley

Domestic abuse commissioning officer

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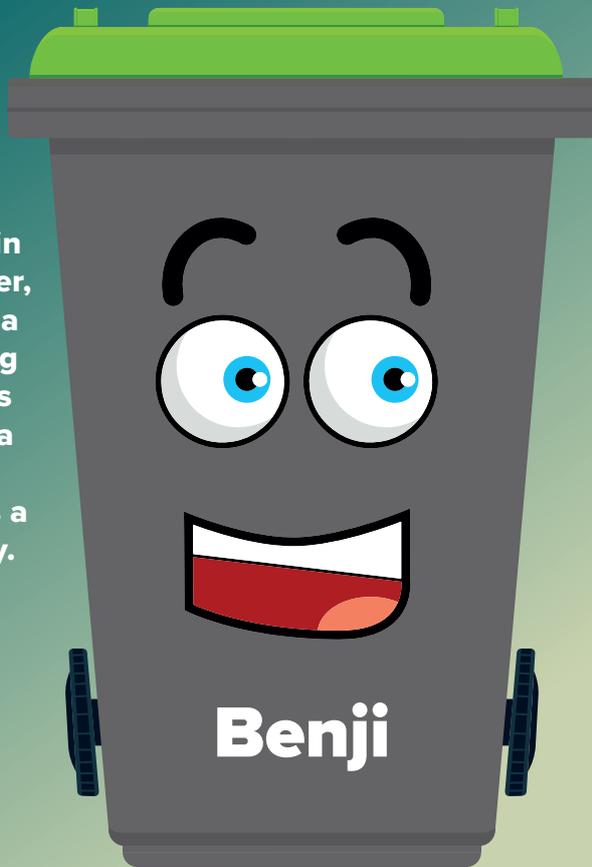
The next issue will be out in early November. If you have not received a copy by mid-November, please call 0800 160 1552.

An audio version of One Darlington is also available at www.darlington.gov.uk/onedarlington

Meet Benji and

Some friendly faces have moved into Darlington to

Our main character, Benji is a recycling bin. He's a bit of a worrier but he's a nice guy.



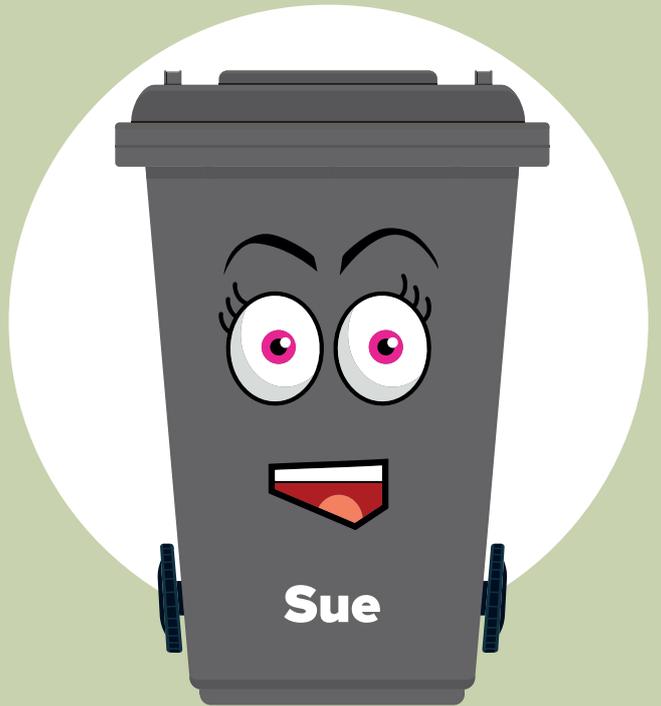
Pauline is a great neighbour and will do anything for anyone.

You will be seeing a lot more of Benji and his friends in the coming months on social media, around town and, possibly, even in a street near you so we thought we should introduce you to the gang!

Please remember to put the right rubbish in the right bin to give Benji and his friends something to smile about! You can find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk/recyclerright

The more we recycle, the better it is for the environment and the more money we receive to spend on a range of services. But even the rubbish in your household waste bin doesn't head to landfill – most of it is treated and turned into fuel for the construction industry.

**Keep your bin happy
– recycle right**



Sue likes to keep the other bins in line.

the gang



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help us spread the message about recycling right.



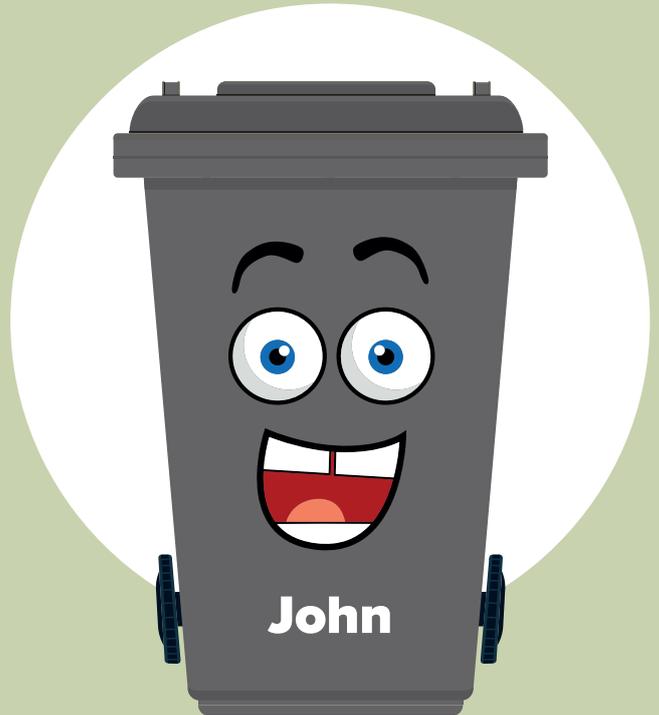
Sean is an average bin. He's quite quiet and very reliable.



Mick is a bit of a softie. He adores Sue but is scared of her!



Lenny is a bit older than the other bins and can be grumpy.



John can be a wind up merchant and doesn't take himself (or anything else) too seriously.



Feeling anxious about easing of restrictions?

For most people, the easing of COVID restrictions has been welcome news.

So why are some of us feeling worried about the lifting of restrictions? You might be feeling more anxious than you expected, unsure about the pace of the changes or what the future may bring.

You're not alone

It's important to be patient with yourself and with your feelings. The pandemic has been challenging for all of us in Darlington and beyond.

Even positive changes can lead to anxiety, and it can take time to readjust to our old routines and social lives.

Feelings of post-lockdown anxiety are likely to pass with time as we get back to normal, but it's still important to recognise our feelings and take care of our mental health.

Here are our top three tips for taking care of your mental health in these changing times.

1. Go at your own pace

During the pandemic, you may have missed regular catch-ups with friends and family, but trying to take too much on at once can make you feel overwhelmed.

Take it step by step, and only do what feels comfortable and safe for you. Even though

restrictions have eased, we need to be considerate of our own needs as well as others – make sure you take socialising again at your own pace.

2. Do not avoid things entirely

As always, it's about striking a balance. If you avoid the activities that make you feel anxious, it can make it harder to start facing your fears in the longer term.

Instead, try to set yourself small but manageable targets. Start with activities that are important to you and feel achievable – like meeting friends for a coffee – and build up from there.

3. Tell someone how you feel

It's easy to feel more isolated than ever when we're struggling. But chances are that someone you know is feeling the same way.

Opening up to someone you trust can be helpful - whether it's a friend, family member or local mental health group.

For more information on mental health support in Darlington, search for 'mental health' on our website at www.darlington.gov.uk.

You can also reach out to Darlington Mind by visiting www.darlingtonmind.com or phoning 283169.

Get a test to keep Darlington at its best

Why it's especially important to keep testing regularly to keep Darlington businesses and communities thriving

As restrictions have eased across the nation, including the legal requirement to wear masks and social distance, many residents are looking forward to getting back to normal – that's to say, the new normal.

Yet it's still so important for all of us to play our part in keeping COVID cases low across the borough to keep Darlington at its best.

Up to one in three people who have COVID do not show any symptoms at all, and now that restrictions have eased, it means they may be spreading it easier than ever without even realising.

By taking regular rapid tests, you can ensure that you are not passing it on to your friends, family, colleagues, or our wider communities – including those who may be in contact with our most vulnerable residents, such as people over the age of 70 and anyone with a long-term health condition.

Taking rapid tests twice a week can also help to keep Darlington businesses open – as it could take just one staff member to test positive to have a huge impact on the business, which may need to close for 10 days if the entire team are required to self-isolate.

By being considerate and building testing into your weekly routine, especially if you live with younger unvaccinated people who can still catch and pass on the disease, you can support us and the NHS to keep Darlington on the right track.

Get your tests

Rapid (lateral flow) tests can be done at home and give a result in under 30 minutes.

You can pick up your free kit of 14 rapid tests (two boxes of seven) in Darlington at one of our five locations.

All testing kits must be booked for collection in advance. To book yours, visit www.darlington.gov.uk/testing

Click and collect



-  **The Dolphin Centre**
-  **Head of Steam Railway Museum**
-  **Firthmoor Community Centre**
-  **Eastbourne Sports Complex**
-  **Darlington Hippodrome**

Collect two boxes of lateral flow tests (14 in total) to take at home.

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Play Your Part

Vaccination bus offers

Over the summer, our very own vaccine bus has been hitting the road across Darlington to encourage more people to get on board with having their COVID-19 vaccines.

From regular walk-in clinics at the Darlington Arena Large Vaccination Centre, Firthmoor Community Centre and Cockerton Pharmacy, to pop-ups in the town centre for events such as Darlington Pride, getting your COVID vaccine in Darlington was quicker and easier than ever before.

Yet, the vaccines were still not accessible to all residents, such as those without their own transport, or those who were hesitant around visiting a vaccine site in the town.

Last month, the council-owned vaccine bus, formally a mobile library, started its tour visiting sites across the borough to offer eligible residents the opportunity to get vaccinated close to their homes.

By providing the bus, the council aimed to remove as many barriers as possible for its communities.

The onboard team and supporting volunteers could also offer advice and support to those who are hesitant about getting their vaccines for other reasons – such as concerns about side effects.

The volunteers, including from Darlington's Primary Care Network and COVID Ambassadors, were able to offer support and reassurance to residents by visiting the homes near the clinics the day before the bus was scheduled to visit.

The mobile clinic also aimed to boost vaccination rates in areas of the town where uptake has been lower than average by providing pop-up clinics in convenient locations, such as Eastbourne Sports Complex.

Anyone who had yet to come forward for their first dose of a vaccine, or anyone who had yet to come forward for their second dose a minimum of eight weeks after their first, was eligible to stop by a clinic to have their vaccinations.



KEEPING DARLINGTON

easier route to COVID-19 jabs



Driving vaccine uptake: Director of public health Penny Spring, Dr Sunil Kumar and Councillor Kevin Nicholson, cabinet member for health and housing

Appointments were not required, and an on-board team of vaccinators and support staff were on hand to answer questions or address any issues of vaccine hesitancy, from the fear of needles to being unsure if they may be allergic to an ingredient in the vaccine.

The quick and easy nature of grabbing a jab at one of the mobile clinics was especially appealing to younger residents, who did not have the time to visit a site for an appointment.

To find out more about the ongoing COVID vaccination programme in Darlington, including where you can get your booster jabs, please follow the council's social media channels as well as its website for regular updates.

Appointments are still available to book via the national NHS system. To book your COVID vaccine, please call 119 or visit the NHS booking site at www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination.

Anyone who is concerned about getting the COVID vaccine, or has any questions related to the vaccine, can phone 119 or visit the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/CovidVaccine.



ON THE RIGHT TRACK

School appeals panel members needed

We are looking for new members for our independent school admissions appeals and exclusion review panels - could YOU help?

School admission appeals panels consider appeals by parents/carers whose children have been refused admission to their preferred school. Exclusion review panels consider appeals by parents/carers whose children have been permanently excluded from a school. You don't need experience, a background in education or any legal expertise as all training and support is given. A background of sitting on panels or tribunals may be an advantage, but is not essential. You must have the ability to evaluate facts presented to you and make logical, fair decisions. Being a panel member is voluntary, so is unpaid, but you can claim expenses and refreshments are provided.

To find out more email education.schoolsappeal@darlington.gov.uk or call **405801**

Testimonial from one of our current panel members

"I've been a panel member for over 20 years. Appeals can be challenging sometimes, but there's plenty of help and support available if you need it. I've made lots of new friends and really look forward to working with them and helping ensure fair decisions. It's a really rewarding experience to feel like you are helping."

Back to school

Our schools and colleges have been busy preparing for a happy and healthy return for everybody.

Face to face education is a priority, as evidence is clear that being out of education causes harm to educational attainment, life chances, emotional and physical health.

Procedures, although more relaxed, will still be in place to ensure everyone can work together to help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. We all need to do our bit with regular hand washing and sanitizing; as well as coughing and sneezing into a tissue or sleeve, never hands.

School admissions:

Parents of Y6 pupils starting secondary education in 2022 can apply from 13 September 2021 either online using the portal on the council's website or by requesting a paper copy from school admissions on 406333. Closing date for applications is 31 October 2021.

Parents of little ones starting education in primary in September 2022 can also apply from 13 September, as above. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.

Uniform exchange shop

If you have any school uniform or coat needs pop to the uniform exchange shop in Queen Street shopping centre, usually open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am – 4pm, but check on Darlington Cares facebook page before you plan your visit.

 [Facebook.com/Darlingtoncares](https://www.facebook.com/Darlingtoncares)

Contact your councillor

Key: (C) Conservative
(G) Green (I) Independent
(L) Labour (LD) Liberal Democrats

Your councillor is there to listen to you and find out about the issues that are affecting life in your ward. There are no ward surgeries at the moment but you can still email or call your local councillor.

Find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk

Emailing councillors

To email your councillor, their email address is **firstname.lastname@darlington.gov.uk**

For example, if you want to email Heather Scott, type in heather.scott@darlington.gov.uk

The only exceptions are Andy Scott (Haughton and Springfield), Ian Bell (Harrowgate Hill) and Anne-Marie Curry (North Road). Their email addresses are shown with their contact details.

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Thank you for all

As hospital and community-based NHS staff working for County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust faced the challenges of Covid-19, an army of individuals, organisations and businesses stepped up to support them.

Pat Chambers, the Trust's charity manager, explains: "We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the pandemic. As the Trust's charity, we use donations and legacies to deliver a whole range of projects which make a difference to patients' experiences as well as supporting our hardworking colleagues.

"We also raise funds ourselves by hosting events and help those who want to get involved to find ways to do so. These contributions make a significant difference to the experience our patients have in our care - for example, in recent years our charity helped ensure the Trust was able to purchase state of the art MRI scanners for our hospitals in Darlington and Bishop Auckland.

"Last year, at the very time the money almost stopped coming in, the need for things our charity would usually support increased significantly. The national guidance and lockdowns limited sponsored activities and community events – both of which help keep donations coming in.

"As part of the Trust's rapid planning for the pandemic, we knew that our clinical colleagues would be under immense pressure, working long shifts, caring for very ill people with a virus we knew nothing about and as a charity we wanted to support their health and wellbeing.

"Thanks to emergency grant funding from NHS Charities Together, we were able to create comfortable rest areas with large recliner chairs in our two acute hospitals in Durham and Darlington. We were also able to provide toasters, fridges and microwaves for staff on wards, departments and community teams to give some home comforts during their breaks.



your support



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NHS Foundation Trust

“We were able to buy televisions and radios to help combat patients’ loneliness and isolation due to visitor restrictions and iPads to help them keep in touch with family and friends. We also purchased assisted listening devices to support patients with hearing impairments to better help them understand what was being said by staff wearing masks.



“Holland and Barrett, Darlington, delivered almost 50 goodie bags for colleagues, each packed with lots of their high quality skin care, vitamins and things to eat.

“And with a very different Christmas period, staff were kindly given special treats from Ferrero Rocher who donated 7,000 advent

calendars as well as donations of chocolate reindeers and cakes from Mars.

“Schools, colleges, universities and businesses donated their supplies of PPE and those with sewing and knitting skills turned their hands to creating scrubs for our staff, whilst others made laundry bags.

“It’s made the world of difference to know our hard working teams have been in so many people’s hearts during such a difficult time for everyone. We’re so grateful.

“When the shelves in shops were being stripped bare, donations of pizza, cake and other goodies flooded in. We also had an amazing response to our call for toiletries for patients - bridging the gap created by families not being able to bring items in with them during normal visiting. Special thanks to Morrison’s, Asda and Rockcliffe Hall Hotel for their generosity and ongoing support.

“A large portion of our fundraising and donations usually comes from events that we run and that are run for us and, of course, these haven’t taken place for well over a year. We’re delighted, however, that in July, fundraising slowly began to return.

“Darlington based, Fabrications North East made an amazing metal rainbow bench for Darlington Memorial Hospital, which is incredibly popular with staff and visitors alike. Many families sent their children’s artwork to us and we continue to display these on newly created wellness walls across our hospital sites.



“A golf day at Rockcliffe Hall saw 18 teams of four enjoy a much missed friendly competition in glorious sunshine – raising around £6,000 and some of our braver staff took part in tandem skydives. Healthcare assistants Jenna Cohen and Caylie Maclean (left) were the first to jump – raising almost £1,000 between them.

“We can’t stress enough how much we still need people to support us in any way they can. If you can help with a donation or by organising a fundraiser, please contact the team on 01325 743781 or email cddft.charity@nhs.net – thank you!”

A bridge to art for the community

#50 Faces

www.darlington.gov.uk/50faces

Laurence Ward, community art coordinator

“I run the community art project at The Bridge - one of the council’s day services for adults with learning disabilities.

People are referred to us by their social worker. They come to the studio and can try out a variety of visual arts activities - drawing, painting, printing, photography or digital art – whatever they are inspired to use.

The people who come here don’t need any experience in art. All we ask is they are interested and want to have a go. We do sometimes get people with a background in art but, more often than not, they have never done anything like this before.

There are other artists and groups based at The Bridge so our artists are working in the same venue as other creative people which can be very inspiring and helps to break down barriers and form friendships and support networks.

We encourage people to experiment with lots of different media and find what they are good at and what they enjoy doing. It’s not an art class – it’s about finding your own style or way of creating. I am an artist by trade but I am here to support our service users not tell them what to do. We are all about valuing people and their work. We celebrate difference and encourage people to express themselves however they wish to.

Most people come to us once a week, either travelling independently or, if they are in supported living, they might be brought by a member of care

staff. It’s not a structured course but we try to help people develop new skills over time. We work to build a new interest for them and encourage them to become more independent.

It is not just about experimenting with art - being creative can be very therapeutic. Taking part can decrease stress and anxiety and build confidence and self esteem.

Many of our artists have shown their work, whether in exhibitions in the local community or further afield where they have to compete with national or international artists. They have shown work in prestigious exhibitions in places such as Munich, New York, Glasgow and London. We also visit exhibitions to see other people’s work.

This gives our artists motivation and expands their horizons.

I find this work very rewarding - you can see how people benefit, improving their confidence and their lives through their achievements and their love of art.”



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Do you have time for teens?



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Jane Shade, fostering team manager

Looked after teens need your help. Just under a third of Darlington's children in care are aged between 13 and 17.

Jane Shade, fostering team manager, explains why it's so important for local young people to find nurturing foster carers and supported lodgings providers.

Why is it so important to help looked after teens in Darlington?

"We want to give our young people the opportunities and life skills to be the best they can be."

Are there any myths about looking after teens?

"People make assumptions about caring for teenagers - but really, the reasons they come into care may be the same as younger children - in that they need a safe place to live."

What is supported lodgings, and how does it help?

"Supported Lodgings is an accommodation scheme for young people aged 16 and over, who are not ready to live independently. It is a 'stepping stone' from being in care to living independently and aims to provide young people with practical and emotional assistance, in the safety and security of a family environment."

Kristin is one of our care leavers – she left care two years ago:

"I've been in care on and off since I was a toddler. I've had ups and downs in foster care but I've always felt supported by the council's fostering team. I moved out recently and Faye, one of the PAs in the team, helped me to find a flat. She's been amazing, and we've kept in touch."

"I'm still involved with the team and have helped to write rules and guidelines and am also involved in the recruitment process for new carers."

"Not as many people want to foster teens compared to younger kids, but it's so important that teens get placed in a loving home as it's the start of them becoming an adult."

We're looking for kind, caring, and passionate people to become foster carers and help looked after teens.

Visit www.darlington.gov.uk/fostering

Call 01325 406222

Email Fostering@darlington.gov.uk

Where would you

These pictures were taken in back lanes around our town - I'm sure we'd all agree where we'd prefer to live.

We're determined to clean up our back lanes and tackle the ongoing problems relating to rubbish, deliberate fires and fly tipping – but we need your help.

Paul McQuillan has taken on the challenge as our new environmental crime coordinator. He will be contacting some of you as part of a pilot scheme to check you have the right bins and equipment to deal with your rubbish and explain how you can play your part. He will also provide numbers to put on your bins so you know which is yours.

Paul said: "It'll be small steps at first and I'm keen to ensure everyone has what they need and knows what is expected of them.

"I'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to get more involved in improving your local area and hope to supply and plant wildflowers to add some colour to our lanes. Working together we can make a difference."

Find out more by calling 406999 or email civicenforcement@darlington.gov.uk



rather live?



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How you can help:

- Only put your bin out on collection day (don't leave it out overnight) and take it back into your property as soon as you can after it's emptied
- Don't leave extra black bin bags out for collection – they won't be taken. They could be ripped open by vermin – not only unsightly but also a health hazard
- Number your bin, or make it identifiable, this will discourage people from taking it
- Household items such as furniture, electrical appliances and mattresses will not be taken with your normal collections.



Your waste is your responsibility - if it is dumped in a field or back lane, you could be fined

Most household items can be left at the tip free of charge – book your slot and find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk/tip

You can book a bulky waste collection (up to six items for £18.80) at www.darlington.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Several local charities will take unwanted furniture and electrical items in good condition. Find out more at www.darlington.gov.uk/bulkywaste

If you use a private waste collection company remember to check it has a waste carrier licence and ask for a waste transfer note.

You can check if a company is licensed at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register>

If you see someone fly-tipping let us know via our online form at www.darlington.gov.uk/reportit



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To make a nomination, visit
www.darlington.gov.uk/communities

Do you know a local superstar or unsung hero who deserves to be celebrated?

Nominations are open for the Stronger Communities Awards, which will be presented at a glittering ceremony at the Dolphin Centre on Friday 12 November.

There are 17 categories, covering all aspects of life in Darlington, including business, education, health, the environment, the arts, sport, public service and volunteering.

Councillor Jonathan Dulston, the council's cabinet member for stronger communities, said: "There is so much to celebrate in Darlington and these awards are designed to bring together all those who enrich the local community.

"We want to hear about people – young and old – who are out there making a difference in all kinds of areas and who might otherwise go unrecognised. This is all about putting the stars of Darlington on a pedestal, so please send in your nominations."

A new category for 2021 will see one of the nominees receive the special Stronger Communities award.

The categories are as follows

PUBLIC SERVICE HERO

An individual(s) who has gone far above and beyond their public duty, either in a one-off exceptional incident, or consistently in their line of work.

EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER

A person or group who has shown outstanding commitment in their voluntary work.

EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG VOLUNTEER

A young person (under the age of 18) or group who have shown outstanding commitment to volunteering.

BRINGING SUCCESS TO DARLINGTON

A business whose achievement has been recognised on the regional, national or international stage, adding to Darlington's reputation.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS

An individual or group who has made a major contribution to the arts.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT

An individual, community group or business that is having a positive impact on the environment through particular initiatives.



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For a paper copy of the nomination form, call **405757**
or email **bestofdarlington@darlington.gov.uk**

CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

An individual or group involved in activities aimed at improving where they live.

BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

A business with a passion and commitment to giving something back to local communities.

ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD – Business contribution to Darlington during the Covid-19 pandemic

A business which has gone above and beyond to selflessly contribute its time and effort to others during the pandemic.

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

An individual of any age who has engaged in vocational learning and whose achievement has been outstanding.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

An individual who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement that deserves wider recognition.

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT

A student who deserves recognition for the extraordinary effort they have made, or for remaining committed to their learning in the face of adversity.

CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION

Those hardworking, dedicated members of school staff who have been so important to you or your family's education.

EXCEPTIONAL CARE

Those people whose support or compassion makes a difference to people's wellbeing. They may be a professional carer or someone else who has helped you, a member of your family or a friend, to live a healthy life.

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT

A group or individual who has made a major contribution to local sport.

PERFORMANCE IN SPORT

An individual or group that has excelled in their chosen sport.

COVID HERO

Those special people whose extraordinary kindness and effort enabled others to overcome difficulties they were facing throughout the pandemic.

**Closing date for nominations is
Friday 1 October**

There's lots of fun to be had around Darlington this autumn. Please be aware the events may be subject to change/postponement if government guidelines change, and you should always check with event organisers/venues before travelling.

For more details of what's on visit enjoydarlington.co.uk or follow #LoveDarlo on Facebook.

Want to be in the next edition of One Darlington? Email your events for early November–January to communications@darlington.gov.uk

parkrun and junior parkrun – weekends, South Park. A free, weekly, timed run, walk or jog. The 5km event is on Saturdays at 9am. The 2km junior event, for those aged 4-14, is on Sundays at 9am.

Station Scamps and Crafts – Fridays, Station Scamps 10am-noon, crafts 1-3pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Activities for under-5s and their grown ups.



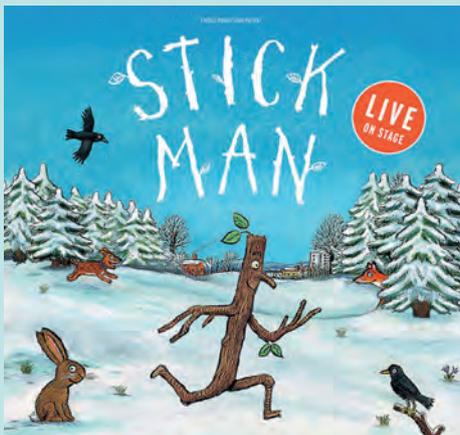
Saturday Lego Club – Saturdays, 10am-noon, Darlington Library. Book a table via www.darlington.gov.uk/library for this free building club.

SEPTEMBER

A Dialogue with Age – open until Thursday 23, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm, Crown Street Art Gallery, Darlington Library. Exhibition of acrylic paintings by Dawn Broughton.

Rumours of Fleetwood Mac – Tuesday 7, 7.30pm, Darlington Hippodrome. Celebrating the very best of the band and blues set paying tribute to the Peter Green era.

Heritage Open Days – Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 and 18&19, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Free admission to the museum.



Stick Man – Friday- Sunday 10-12, 10.30am & 1pm, Darlington Hippodrome. Adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's book. Tickets £11.50 to £14.50



Fu Fighters (tribute to Foo Fighters) – Saturday 11, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £10.

We Are Champion (tribute to Queen) – Friday 17, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £12.

Are You Experienced (tribute to Jimi Hendrix) – Saturday 18, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £14.

Stereosonics – Saturday 25, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £13 16+.

Family Fun Day – Sunday 26, 10am-4pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Entry £2 for adults, £1 for children, under 5s and annual passes go free.

Glacial Plains – Monday 27–Wednesday 17 November, Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm, Crown Street Art Gallery, Darlington Library. An exhibition by Darlington Association of Photographers.



Al Murray – Tuesday 28, Darlington Hippodrome. Comedian. Tickets £22 to £29.50.

OCTOBER

UK Subs & Zero Tolerance – Friday 1, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Iconic punk band. Tickets £11.

Limehouse Lizzy (Thin Lizzy tribute) – Thursday 7, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £15.

Darlington RnB Club – Malone Sibun

– Friday 8, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £12.

Dragons & Mythical Beasts

– Friday-Sunday 8-10, Darlington Hippodrome. Interactive show for all the family. Tickets £11 to £14.

State of Quo (Status Quo tribute) –

Friday 15, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £13.

Roxy Magic (Roxy Music tribute) –

Saturday 16, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £12.



Strictly Musicals 3

– Wednesday 20-Saturday 30, Darlington Hippodrome. Darlington OS presents a musical theatre blockbuster. Tickets from www.darlingtonos.org.uk

Puss in Boots

– Saturday 23, The Hullabaloo. Theatre for ages 4+.

Little Horrors at Halloween

– Sunday 24, 11am-3.30pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Come along in your favourite Halloween costume for some spooky fun! Included in normal admission and annual passes.

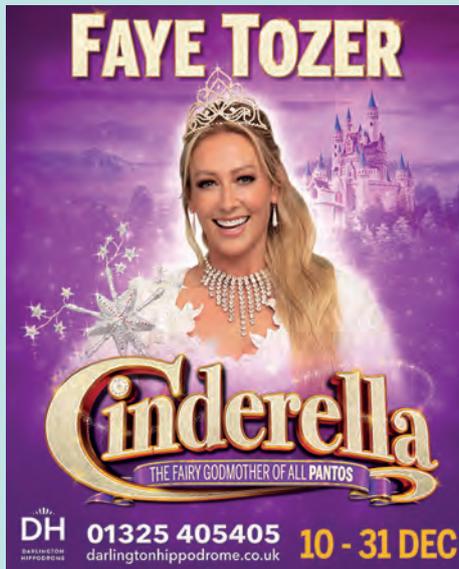
Frightening Family Fun

– Wednesday 27-Friday 29, 11am-3pm, Head of Steam Railway Museum. Seasonal half term activities. Included in normal admission and annual passes.

Definitely Oasis (Oasis tribute) –

Saturday 30, doors open 7.30pm, The Forum. Tickets £12.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD



Cinderella – Friday 10-Friday 31 December, Darlington Hippodrome. Steps star Faye Tozer heads the cast of the festive family pantomime. Tickets £17.50 to £37.50.

CONTACTS

Darlington Hippodrome visit: www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk or call 405405

The Hullabaloo – call 405405 or visit www.theatrehullabaloo.org.uk

Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum – call 405060, visit www.head-of-steam.co.uk or email headofsteam@darlington.gov.uk Entrance fees apply in most cases and booking is essential.

Darlington Libraries – call 349610 or visit www.darlington.gov.uk/library.

Dolphin Centre – call 406000 or email healthydarlington@darlington.gov.uk

The Forum Darlington – visit www.theforumonline.co.uk

ENJOY TEES VALLEY

There's lots to see and do across the Tees Valley. Visit www.enjoyteesvalley.com for full details.

TOWN CENTRE EVENTS

Summer may be over but there's a warm welcome in Darlington town centre with a fantastic range of events for all the family.

Keep an eye out for updates through #LoveDarlo on Facebook and at enjoydarlington.co.uk

Darlington Rhythm & Blues Festival

– Friday 10–Sunday 12 September, town centre and market square.

The ever-popular Rhythm & Blues Festival marks a belated 25th anniversary. There'll be fantastic free music throughout the town all weekend with an outdoor stage in the market square. Visit enjoydarlington.co.uk for more details.

Pease Pudding Market

– Thursday 16 September, 4-9pm, market square. Enjoy alfresco dining and free entertainment.



Arts Festival

– Friday 24–Monday 27 September, market square. Darlington for Culture's celebration of creativity in the town with local artists. Displays, exhibitions, art sales and classes in a marquee in the market square. In conjunction with Creative Darlington and Newcastle Building Society.

Halloween – Saturday 30 – town centre. Dare you venture into town? Check out the living statues, devilish drums and terrifying trails. Visit #LoveDarlo on Facebook and enjoydarlington.co.uk for details.

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Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen

New street surveillance cameras are set to be installed in Darlington and County Durham as part of an £830,000 scheme to reduce crime in our neighbourhoods.

Earlier this year, the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's Office, together with Durham Constabulary, submitted two bids to the Home Office's £18.3 million Safer Streets Fund, which provides money to evidence-based initiatives across the country that aim to make streets safer and clamp down on burglary and vehicle theft.

Both bids were successful, resulting in £333,290 being awarded to Darlington (town centre and surrounding streets) and £505,294 for Easington.

The bid had to meet exacting crime prevention criteria and the funding will be used to pay for several new CCTV and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras. Crime prevention advice, specific to the target areas, will also be provided. It will also fund new security measures for victims of burglary in Easington.

It is hoped these positive changes will improve the community and make it a safer place to live and work. The improvements aim to not only reduce the amount of crime but deter criminal activity and make streets safer.

The projects will be delivered by Durham Constabulary, in partnership with Darlington Borough Council, Durham County Council and the Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS).

Last year the first round of Safer Streets funding allowed homes across Darlington in Northgate and North Road to receive free home security

You can find out more information on SaferStreets@d



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measures. Since the Safer Streets initiative began, over 1,000 people in Darlington have benefitted from crime prevention advice from neighbourhood wardens, police community support officers and crime prevention leaflets. Additional measures such as defensive trellis, replacement gates, and crime prevention packs were also funded.

Chief Constable Jo Farrell, of Durham Constabulary, said: "The funding provided by Safer Streets will make a significant difference to Darlington and Easington which formed the focus of our bid.

"The CCTV and ANPR cameras, as well as the new security measures, will not only act as a deterrent to people thinking of getting involved in any criminal behaviour but also make the community feel safer.

"This funding will enable positive changes to take place - making it safer and improving the quality of life for those that live there."

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen said: "It is great news that we are going to be able provide further security measures to prevent crime, protect individuals and make homes safer across Easington and Darlington.

"The fund will enable more local communities to receive targeted crime prevention advice through work with our local partners. The addition of more CCTV and ANPR cameras as well as securing more properties to prevent burglaries, will help make the communities of County Durham and Darlington safer, stronger and more resilient to crime for many years to come."

in the Safer Streets fund by emailing [durham.police.uk](mailto:saferstreets@durham.police.uk)



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Chief Constable Jo Farrell, of Durham Constabulary

Did you **ENJOY DARLINGTON?**

Wow, what a summer we had. Thousands of families attended and joined in our events, activities, and challenges!

Did you have a go at roller skating; putting your way around the world our mini golf course; take part in or support at our prestigious 10K road or family fun run; or meet up with pals for a boogie at our PRIDE event? Perhaps your little one

enjoyed our FREE outdoor activities or holiday activity fun sessions; or listened to a VIP read to them on the special story bench at the library?

Whatever you experienced, we hope you had fun! We'd love your feedback... Drop us a line at editor@onedarlington.gov.uk with what you've loved and what you'd like to see more of.

Here's a reminder of what we organised to help you **ENJOY DARLINGTON** this summer!



Turn to page 20 to see what's on this and next month and keep updated with what's on at enjoydarlington.co.uk and follow us on **Facebook**

Staff join street champions



Staff at Sainsbury's Local in Duke Street have become the latest to join our growing army of street champions helping to keep our streets and parks clear of litter.

Jo Robinson, trading assistant, spurred the team into action as part of this year's Great British Spring Clean.

They will be carrying out weekly litter picks in the area, including Stanhope Park and the grounds of the Memorial Hospital.

Jo said: "We are passionate about keeping this area clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy and felt a litter pick would be a great idea. We're now doing it weekly and have had some great feedback from the hospital and residents in the area."

If you are interested in becoming a street champion visit

www.darlington.gov.uk/streetchampions

email the countryside team at

countryside@darlington.gov.uk or call 406719.

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Wharton's legacy continues to inspire

More than 90 years after his death, Arthur Wharton – the world's first black professional footballer – remains an inspiration for people around the world.

Nowhere more so than here in his adopted home town, where he played as a goalkeeper and where the charitable foundation that bears his name and protects his legacy, is based.

The foundation, based in a former Scout hut near the Denes, was founded by Shaun Campbell, who has been championing Arthur for almost 15 years.

Shaun was inspired to research Arthur's story as a sporting trailblazer after giving a speech in Middlesbrough as part of Black History Month in 2007.

Since then, Shaun, and the foundation, have racked up a fantastic array of achievements as they sought to bring Arthur's story to prominence.

Famous faces from the worlds of music, sport and showbusiness have joined the call for Arthur's achievements to be recognised and since the campaign began a 16-foot statue of Arthur has been installed at St George's Park, the Staffordshire headquarters of England's national football teams.

Last year, to mark Black History Month and the 155th anniversary of Arthur's birth, a stunning mural by street artist Jay Kaes was unveiled at the foundation's HQ.

Since then, Shaun and his team have used the walls at the foundation to draw attention to other noteworthy individuals and causes, including Team GB's Olympic medallists and Darlington

born footballer and Scotland captain James Morrison.

Shaun has promised to constantly update the walls so watch this space to see what the next artwork will be.

Shaun is keen for the foundation to become a hub of learning for those with an interest in Arthur's story.



Working with BT, the foundation has produced a new video giving an introduction to Arthur's story. Find out more at arthurwhartonfoundation.org

School's new play area unveiled

Pupils at Corporation Road Primary School will have a new state-of-the-art wooden play area to enjoy when they return from their summer holidays this month.

The play area was officially opened just in time for the youngsters breaking up for their holidays.

Work to install the new facility – which includes accessible play equipment – was supported by the Splash Project, a national organisation which helps to deliver community learning projects.

Those working on the project included local councillors, Darlington Rotary Club members and young people from YH Training Services.



Headteacher Ann Pringleton described the new play area as an “amazing space” for students to enjoy.



In the swim

Dozens of youngsters made a splash at the Dolphin Centre during one of the busiest summers ever in the pool.

Free intensive swimming sessions were offered to children who had missed out on lessons due to the pandemic in the hope that as many Year 6 pupils as possible would be able to swim 25 metres unaided by the time they started secondary school.

As Covid restrictions eased a huge number of families visited the Dolphin Centre to use the pool, bowling, soft play and other facilities.

Lee Hutton, aquatics and aquatic education manager said: “It was great to be able to offer a much broader pool programme over the summer holidays. We were delighted so many people wanted to come for a swim - it was the busiest I can ever remember. Thank you to everyone who came along – we hope to see you all again really soon.”

Water Safety

- Never let your children go near water without an adult
- Never jump in or suddenly immerse yourself in cold water as the shock could kill you
- Look out for warning signs and follow them
- If you see someone in difficulty shout for help and dial 999 for the fire and rescue service
- Download the what3words app. It can help 999 know exactly where to send help.

For more useful tips visit the Royal Life Saving Society UK website www.rlss.org.uk



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Did you know you could benefit from up to £10,000 of energy efficiency measures thanks to funding provided by Local Authority Delivery.

We are working with E.ON to deliver the Green Homes Grant scheme so that eligible households can benefit from energy efficiency upgrades. Improvements could include a whole host of heating and insulation measures such as solar panels, solid wall insulation or double glazing.

If your home has an EPC energy efficiency rating of D, E, F or G and your household income is less than £30,000 then you may qualify for the grant.

If you're eligible, one of E.ON's assessors will visit and survey your home to determine the best energy efficient measures for you. They will then discuss the options and explain more about the measures that could be installed in your property.

Free gas central heating

If you don't have central heating you may be eligible to receive a free efficient gas boiler thanks to the Tees Valley Warm Homes Fund. If your home isn't connected to gas you could still be offered a free central heating system powered by an air source heat pump.

The scheme also offers free energy saving advice and advisors will work with you to see how you can save money on your gas and electricity bills.

For more information and to find out if you qualify for these schemes visit www.darlington.gov.uk/homeenergy

MARKET HALL



Councillor Alan Marshall, cabinet member for economy with council chief executive Ian Williams

New look indoor market

The first phase of the market's redevelopment is now complete and open for everyone to look around.

The iconic building has had a revamp to include six street food vendors, a bar, communal seating and a stage for live events. Visitors can now sample street food from around the world, supplied by high quality small businesses who are passionate about great food.

A programme of free, family-friendly events will be held each week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings for everyone to enjoy.

Other work includes new public toilets for shoppers, diners and town centre visitors, including a disabled toilet and baby change facilities.

The Indoor Market continues to be home to traditional independent businesses, including butchers, greengrocers and fishmongers.

Next time you are in town, pop along and have a look.

Watch out for updates and event information on Darlington Market's Facebook page.





market doors open

Welcome to the new street food vendors

One Darlington caught up with Sarah England of the Yorkie Wrap Company as she was putting the finishing touches to her stall.

She said: “We can’t wait to open and we are looking forward to putting down roots in Darlington. Up until now we have focused on festival catering but things have changed with Covid.

“We are excited to bring our unique range of food

to the town. We created the original Yorkie wrap (a giant Yorkshire pudding) and serve them with a range of fillings including our slow roasted whole silverside of British beef – it’s like a Sunday dinner but without the veg!

“We also offer roasties, tatertots (bite-size hash browns), slow cooked hog roast, chicken and cater for vegan, gluten-free and other free-from needs.

“As a sweet treat, our special cookie dough and ice cream is a winner. We offer daily and weekly specials – just search for The Yorkie Wrap Company on Facebook.”



Businesses help to ta



Eco principles bring rewards

A growing economy and addressing climate change are two things that don't always go hand in hand. However, some of the town's businesses are keen to show that the two can work side by side.

The council declared a climate change emergency in July 2019 and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2050. Here we look at how other local businesses are tackling climate change.

Eco House in Duke Street is the brainchild of hairdresser Sarah-Jane Garnett, founder of the Eco Hair Salon Darlington, which recently celebrated a year in business. A move to bigger premises means that the venue is now home to a range of therapists including eco beauty

and a sports physiotherapist.

Sarah-Jane said: "I'm Darlington born and bred, but I have travelled around the world. This has helped me to value our natural resources and follow eco principles in my business. We use organic, cruelty-free products and glass bottles that our customers can buy and have them refilled to save on waste. We are part of the Green Salon Collective - they recycle all our foils and even put hair sweepings to good use, rather than going straight in the bin. Even our counter is made from recycled wood."

To find out more, search for the Eco Hair Salon Darlington on Facebook, email info@ecohairsalondarlington.co.uk or call 355315.



Providing sustain

Travel also proved to be the inspiration to set up an eco business for Laura Phoenix, who owns Earth Warriors in Skinnergate with her husband Anthony.

She said: "We began the business after travelling in south east Asia. We visited isolated areas where the wildest animals live and still saw tonnes of plastic bags and man-made waste.

"We returned home and wanted to make a positive impact and spread the word about the perils of plastic waste. We opened Earth Warriors (then Mutiny Zero Waste) in 2019 to provide plastic free and sustainable shopping for our lovely town.



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“We supply loose, bulk wholefoods as well as household refills such as laundry liquid and washing up liquid and we host sustainability workshops.

“We would love to see more businesses take their own waste seriously and promote a more eco-friendly way of shopping. We offer free eco-friendly consultations to other businesses and we also offer trade discounts.”

Earth Warriors also provides hot food deliveries and can cater for birthday parties and other events.

Find out more at www.earthwarriors.uk or search on Facebook



Green award for Acorn Dairy

The family-run Acorn Dairy has recently been awarded a Queen’s Award for Enterprise for sustainable development.

Based in Archdeacon Newton and run by directors, and siblings, Caroline Bell and Graham Twedde, the family has been farming since 1928. They converted to organic status in 1998, launching deliveries two years later.

Caroline said: “Sustainability is at the heart of everything we do, from how we feed the herd to how we generate our power.

“We are committed to producing organically, using no pesticides

or artificial fertilisers, and avoiding routine antibiotics for our 500-strong herd.

“The farm sources its energy from our own on-site wind turbine, we bottle all milk in our own plant, reducing unnecessary food miles, and use glass bottles, cutting 425kg per week of plastic from the local food chain. Our next goal is to feed 100% UK-produced food to our herd, no longer relying on any imported maize protein.”



More information on the council’s commitment to becoming carbon neutral by 2050, along with business climate change advice, can be found at www.darlington.gov.uk/sustainable



Council chief executive Ian Williams, Tees Valley mayor Ben Houchen and Alan Marshall, cabinet member for economy

Darlington Business Week

Now in its fifth year, Darlington Business Week brings together a full programme of events to help support businesses at all stages of their development.

From an idea to start your own business, to growing your business through online and international sales, there is an event to support you. All events are free and will be a mix of either in-person or online sessions (places must be booked in advance).

Business Week 2021 starts with a series of interactive workshops to help businesses with aspects of recovery, including support for going digital, developing new markets, and exploring the opportunity for improving workforce skills.

If you've dreamed of starting your own business or being your own boss, but you're not sure where to start, then help is at hand. TEDCO is a professional organisation dedicated to supporting people as they set up their own business from concept to conception. They can help you develop your idea, look at where you can get financial support and how best to reach your customers. They will be running a full programme of online workshops throughout Business Week to support those who wish to follow their dream and set up their own business.

If you're an established business and want to know what financial support and advice is available

to help you grow and develop, the business funding, finance and support update is just for you. Featuring numerous support, grant funding and financial organisations, all ready to answer your questions and provide you with impartial advice, this event takes place on Tuesday 5 October.

Teesside University returns on Wednesday 6 October with their business exchange, featuring guest speaker Paul McGee, one of the world's leading motivational speakers on change, workplace relationships, leadership, and customer service. Paul's work has been endorsed by Sir Clive Woodward of the British Olympic Association, and he has appeared on BBC Breakfast television and is a regular contributor to Radio 5 Live.

The week ends with presentations by the council's chief executive, Ian Williams, and Tees Valley Mayor, Ben Houchen on how new developments in Darlington and the Tees Valley are set to have a positive impact on the area and the wide ranging benefits and opportunities they will bring.

For a full list of all of the free events and to book a place, visit www.investindarlington.co.uk/events or email business.support@darlington.gov.uk

Darlington Business Week has been organised by the council's business support team who are on hand throughout the year to offer advice and assistance to local businesses and those who are considering moving to the area.



Paul McGee

DARLINGTON BUSINESS WEEK

4 - 8 October 2021



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Monday 4 - Friday 8 October





TUI LAUNCHES NEW SUMMER 2022 ROUTE

TUI, the UK's biggest holiday firm, has given another vote of confidence in Teesside Airport by launching a second summer 2022 destination to Turkey.

Holidays to the city of Antalya, on the country's stunning south-west coast, are now on sale at Tui.com, so people from Darlington can book now for a well-deserved break next year.

TUI's first holiday flights to Majorca haven't even taken off yet, but those sales are looking so strong they've already committed to this new route, giving local people the chance to fly to a much-requested location that boasts a combination of stunning beaches and traditional Turkish heritage.

The flights will depart every Thursday from 26 May to 22 September, joining the service to Palma, Majorca, which will run every Tuesday from 10 May 2022.

TUI announced its return to Teesside after nine years last October and this

is the 15th new route to be secured since I brought the airport back into public ownership to save it from closure.

To make the terminal even better for passengers taking advantage of flights like these, we have also

recently begun work on the new duty free shop in the departure lounge.

Brilliant Darlington-based businesses are benefitting from the work, with Wharton Construction, which carried out work on the airport's Goosepool





AS WORK ON DUTY FREE STORE RAMPS UP

Bar and shop, chosen to lead the work. It is being supported by the town's Powercare Electrical Services, which also was part of the redevelopment of the terminal.

Construction on the 1,860sq ft space will be completed soon, and when it's up and running, World Duty Free's store will join other new outlets in the terminal.

Local producers and creators are being championed at House of Zana and Rejoy, both of which are also located in Darlington, plus News Essentials, which gives passengers everything they need before they jet off on their break.

As we continue to grow our routes with our airline partners Loganair, Ryanair, Balkan Holidays, KLM and TUI, and with an even brighter and better 2022 to look forward to, our partnership with World Duty Free will prove another real asset to our airport.

Tees Valley Mayor | Ben Houchen

More Government Jobs Coming to Darlington

In yet another boost for Darlington, it has recently been announced that the Office of National Statistics is the latest Government department to base staff at the town's Northern Economic Campus.

This joins three of the most powerful and important Government departments – the Treasury, Department

for International Trade and Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy – who are bringing more than 1,300 civil servants to the town.

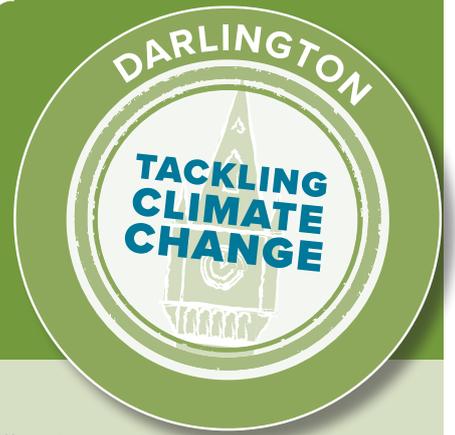
Securing Treasury North right here means that talented local people can secure a rewarding career at the heart of Government without having to leave the region they love for Manchester or London, and a number of jobs have already been advertised.

You can keep up to date with the latest Government jobs on offer in Darlington, and those being created by companies right across the region, by visiting [Teesvalley.jobs](https://www.teesvalley.gov.uk/jobs)



Clubs and Societies

You can play your part in tackling climate change!



In July 2019 the council declared a climate change emergency and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2050.

Everyone can play their part in tackling climate change. You can get involved in practical volunteering, litter picking, tree planting, conservation work and much more. There are links to how you can get involved including clubs, groups and societies, on our climate change web page at www.darlington.gov.uk/sustainable

Here we look at two local groups who are keen to tackle the issues around climate change.

Darlington Friends of the Earth – meets online and in person at the Friends Meeting house from September on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The group has been campaigning since 2004 and is one of 200 local groups that make up the UK's largest environmental campaign organisation. Members are dedicated to the wellbeing and protection of the natural world and everyone in it. They hope to make a difference in our town and community working to support other

Darlington Lecture Association – meets Mondays at 7.30pm every month at Carmel RC College. The club is bouncing back in its 139th year with an exceptional line-up of speakers. In October it's TV antiques queen Caroline Hawley and in November award-winning garden designer Adam Frost.

organisations and groups, hosting stalls at events, making short films and street theatre, visiting schools and hosting debates and bee walks for children, planting wild flower meadows and fruit trees, testing the air to check pollution levels and using a variety of different activities to get their messages across. They are currently setting up a native tree nursery with the Darlington Forest Project. For more details email darlofoe@gmail.com or call 07804-905808 or search on Facebook.

Darlington Climate Action - meets online on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. The group was formed in February 2020 when a group of concerned, environmentally aware, residents came together to focus their efforts locally on tackling the climate change emergency. All who share their concerns and values are welcome to get involved. The group will welcome Spanish walkers as they march through Darlington on their way to November's COP26 summit in Glasgow. Search for Darlington Climate Action on Facebook.

Later the subjects, all illustrated, are adventure photography, the miracle of bird flight, Patons and Baldwins in Darlington, historic pictures of the North East and the great houses of the region. Membership and visitor details on www.darlingtonlecture.org.uk and 356876 or 363350.

If you have club news for us, please email communications@darlington.gov.uk



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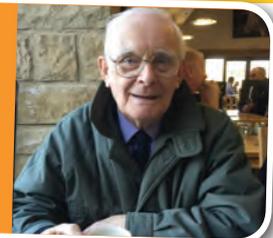
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