



Great Aycliffe Town Council

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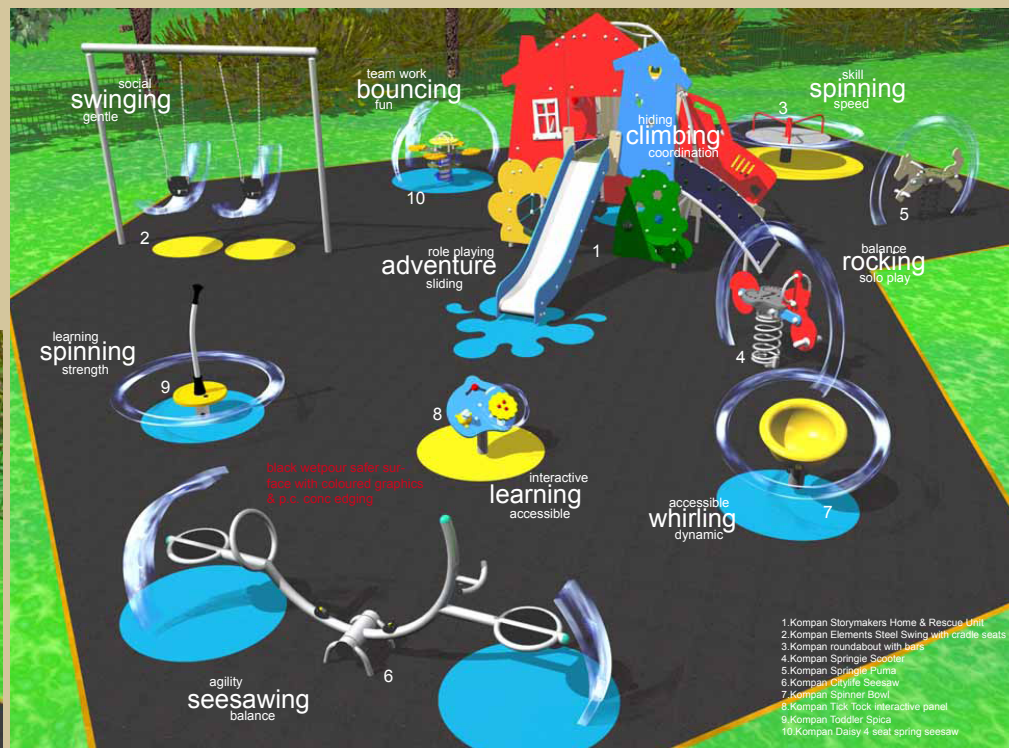
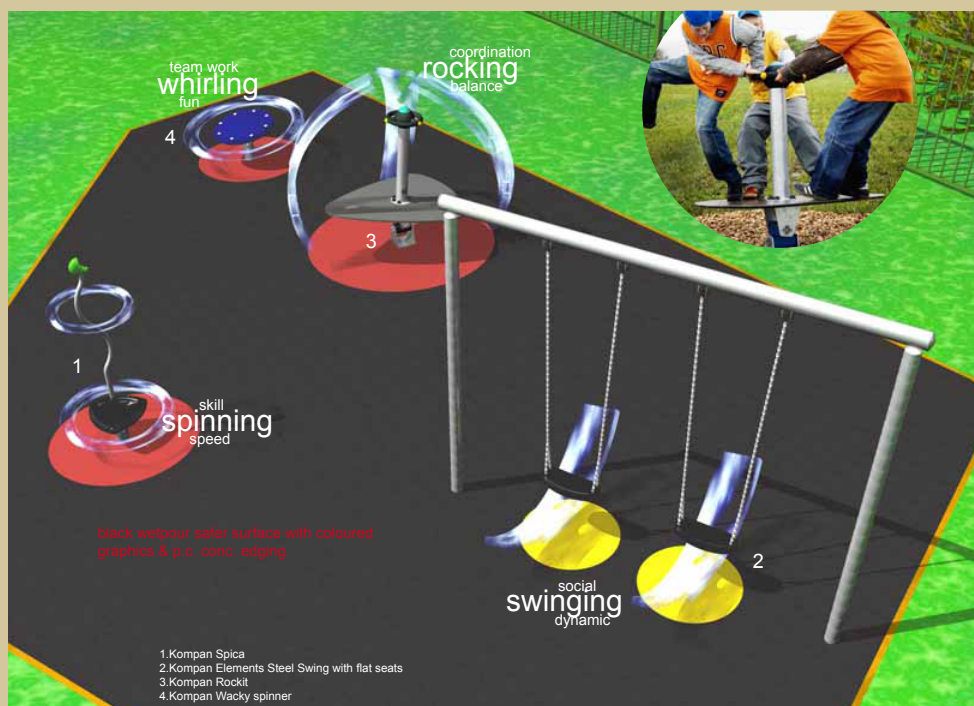
FURTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS BYERLEY PARK PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

The Council recently considered proposals from play equipment providers to refurbish the play area at Byerley Park.

Residents were consulted by way of a postal survey in the Byerley Park and The Chase areas and a questionnaire in the Newton News on what type of play equipment they would like to see installed.

A total of 201 replies were received.

Following the consultation exercise the play equipment providers were asked to design a scheme that would best meet the residents expectations



within the agreed budget for the refurbishment.

The scheme chosen (pictured) incorporates a variety of equipment and offers play value for all age groups.

The new equipment will be integrated between some of the existing play equipment at the site and will include both junior and infant swings, roundabout, multi-unit with slide, springers, spicas, a rockit and wacky spinner.

New Play Area for Toddlers in Town Park

A new play area, specially designed for toddlers, has been opened in the Town Park.

The play area is equipped with a cradle swing, roundabout, play house, slide and springy and also incorporates a sand play area – currently the only sand play area in a park in Great Aycliffe. Sandpits are fantastic for younger children, a blank canvas in 3D for children to build, dig and discover. The Council realises that sandpits take a fair bit of maintenance to keep them clean and hygienic but feels that this is manageable in the Town Park, which is staffed.

The Toddlers' Play Area will complement the existing play facilities in the Town Park, which cater for all ages and abilities and include a junior play area, in addition to a skateboard park, games area and teen shelter. The Park is an attractive venue for the whole family, with seating and picnic tables, football pitches, toilets and formal gardens.



Two-year-old Faith Grant checks out the sand play area



Chairman of the Council's Recreation Committee, Councillor Brian Hall, tests the new play equipment

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AWARDS

Mr. & Mrs. J. Holliday from 4 Stoneleigh Court, have won the Best Overall Front Garden/Display for 2011. The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton, presented Mr. & Mrs. Holliday with the 'Lady Beveridge Rose Bowl', and a bouquet of flowers as the winner in the Council's Annual Community Enhancement Award. Nominations were received from the general public, which were then validated by council staff. Nominees have been issued with a Community Enhancement Certificate in recognition of the contribution that their garden or display has made to the environmental appearance of Great Aycliffe.

Attached photograph shows Mr & Mrs Holliday with the Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mrs. Mary Dalton.



“Town Council receives another clean bill of health from the Audit Commission”

The Council has recently received its Annual Audit Letter from the Audit Commission for the 2010/11 financial year setting out the results of the annual inspection of the Council. The Council is pleased to report that it has again received a clean bill of health on all aspects of the report.

This means that the Audit Commission considers that:-

- the Council's Statement of Accounts presents fairly its financial position;
- it is well managed and governed with sound strategies, policies, procedures, systems and internal controls;
- our finances are in good order;
- we deliver economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of public money; and
- we deliver value for money services to the local community.

All in all, this was a very positive Audit Report for the Council and the Audit Commission commended the Council for the progress it has made over the last few years.

This is an excellent achievement and is recognition of the hard work and commitment of all councillors, management and staff.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CABARET NIGHT

FRIDAY, 14TH OCTOBER 2011

Tickets are now on sale for the Mayor's Charity Night to be held in Newton Aycliffe Workingmens Club, Sheraton Road, Newton Aycliffe on Friday, 14th October. Tickets are priced at £5 and include Pie and Peas, Cabaret Acts, Raffle and Bingo. Proceeds from the evening will be in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations.



MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

19th Oct. 2011	Audit Sub-Comm.	6.00 p.m.
19th Oct. 2011	Environment	7.15 p.m.
19th Oct. 2011	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
26th Oct. 2011	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
2nd Nov. 2011	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
30th Nov. 2011	Environment	7.15 p.m.
30th Nov. 2011	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
7th Dec. 2011	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
14th Dec. 2011	Council	7.15 p.m.

* The **Recreation Committee** will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

2nd MAY, 2012 - PARISH MEETING - 7.15 P.M. ()**

9th MAY, 2012 - COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - 7.15 P.M.

(**) (N.B. – this is not a meeting of the Town Council but a meeting of local government electors in the Council's area. Any queries about the Parish Meeting can be made to the Town Clerk on 01325 300700).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

A period of up to 20 minutes has been also set aside for an elector to ask questions, give evidence or make representation on any item of business included on the agenda of the Council, its Committees and the Planning Sub-Committee.

With the exception of the Annual and Extra-ordinary Council Meetings members of the public can submit a written question for the Council Agenda as long as it is submitted 7 clear days before a meeting.

If members of the public have any questions it would be appreciated if they could make them known prior to the start of the meeting.

Agendas / Reports are available on the Council's Website on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting. (www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend.

“The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 30 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings”.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT SUCCESSFULLY RAISES £625.45

The Mayor of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Mary Dalton, hosted the Mayor's Annual Charity Golf Day at the Oakleaf Golf Complex on Friday, 9th September 2011.

This event has been organised annually for the last 9 years when golfers compete for the 'Hydro Polymers' Trophy. All monies raised throughout the day go to the Mayor's nominated charities which,

this year, are the

Army Benevolent Fund (North East) and Town Organisations.

The event was a huge success, mainly due to our Sponsors, Supporters, and the Teams who play for our Trophy, the majority of which have supported the event since its inception. This year we raised the fantastic amount of £625.45.



A big 'Thank You' to:

Gregg Little Testing Centre
Don Walker Butchers
Newton Press
Newton Aycliffe Town Centre
The Village Pharmacy
Aslan Golf Ltd.
Ellies Pies

Newton Aycliffe Rotary Club
E.W. Knapton (Insurance) Ltd.
John Wade Haulage Ltd.
Newton Aycliffe Sports Club
Great Aycliffe Town Council
Oakleaf Golf Club
R.F.M.D. (UK) Ltd.

also everyone who played and helped on the day.

CUSTOMER PANEL

The next meeting of Great Aycliffe Town Council Customer Panel will take place in the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, on:

Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at 6pm

The Town Clerk, Finance Manager and Chairmen of the Council's Environment, Recreation and Policy and Resources Committees will be in attendance to discuss the draft budget and answer questions.

The meetings are open to members of the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Why not come along and see what's happening.

The doors will be open to the public 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

If you would like any further information please contact Chrissy Walton on 01325 300700 or e-mail: Christine.Walton@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

ST. OSWALD'S ALLOTMENT SITE EXTENSION

With residents keen to grow their own fruit and vegetables the demand for allotments has never been higher.

The number of residents on the waiting list for an allotment is now 80.

To help reduce these numbers the Town Council is extending St. Oswald's Allotment Site. A total of 43 full and half plots will be created at the site along with additional car parking for the new allotment tenants.

Work on the extension has already commenced and the project is due for completion by the end of October 2011.



GREAT AYCLIFFE SHOW

Despite the wet ground conditions on Saturday the Show went on as normal. Thousands of spectators flocked to the Show this year and were not disappointed with the many forms of entertainment.



The Handcraft and Horticultural Competition had an excellent display of over 1000 entries. The sponsors of the Handcraft Trophies were Deco Trophies and Engravers and the Horticultural Trophies and Best Leek prize of a Colour TV was supplied by Gregg Little Testing Centre.

Les Douthwaite and his Daughter Emma from Gregg Little Testing Centre Presented Leek Winner prizes to Gary Parsons (*pictured top left*).

This year saw a new Pigeon Show being added to the event which attracted 154 entries.

Entertainment in the arena was from the Imps Motorcycle Display Team, Elaine Hill's Sheepdog Display and Dawn of Chivalry - medieval re-enactment society (*pictured to the left*).

The Playhouse marquee hosted local dance troupes and the amazing Professor Nincompoop was on hand between his magician performances with balloon modelling. The main act in the Playhouse on Saturday was 'Glee' who invited members of the audience to dance with them on stage. Sunday took us back to the 70's with Abba Fever, a professional band who have performed all over the country.



Other marquees demonstrated craft items, environment information, and a trade tent where you could buy everything from a holiday to acupuncture. The Women's Institute marquee, as usual, provided a large array of snacks and was well received.



The Council recognises that the Show could not be a success without the continued support of our Sponsors and Supporters and we would like to give special recognition to the following:

Gregg Little Testing Centre (Horticultural Show)

Deco Trophies and Engravers (Handcraft Show)

Hays Travel (Golf Competition)

Co-operative Funeralcare (Junior Football Tournament)

Mr. B. Borsberry (Junior Football)

Newton Press (Printing of Brochures)

Aycliffe Caravan Park

Oakleaf Golf Club

Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Brigade

St. John Ambulance

Women's Institute

Armed Forces Recruitment



Great Aycliffe Town Council & Durham County Council BMX PROPOSAL, WOODHAM PARK - CONSULTATION

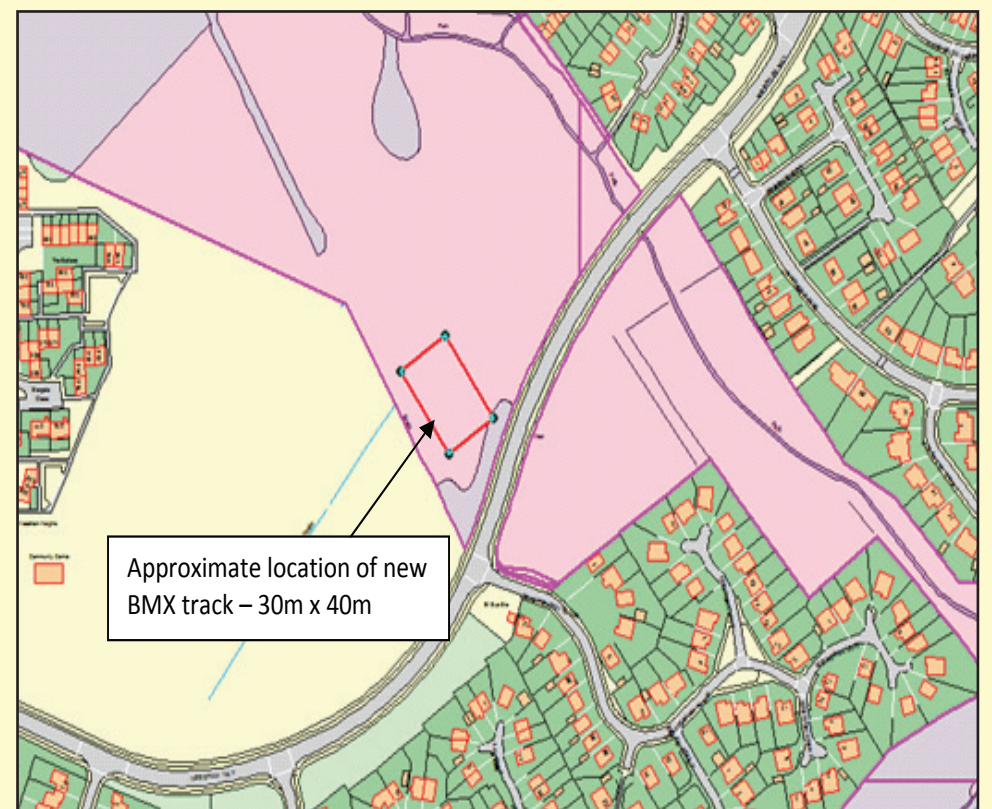
An initiative has been put forward to provide a purpose build BMX track to replace the present track in Woodham Park. This will be a joint venture between Durham County Councillors Mrs Joan Gray and Paul Gittins and the Town Council. Although there is currently a small clay based BMX track within the park due to the construction it is degrading and local users have requested that it be improved. The new BMX track will only be available during daylight hours and will not be artificially lit.

We are interested in your views, to help us improve the BMX area and suggest the most appropriate location.

1. Would you like to see the BMX area improved?
Yes ☐ No ☐
2. Do you think the BMX track should continue to be provided at Woodham Park?
Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Do you have an alternative site within Woodham Park that you think may be more appropriate? Please mark the location on the plan.
4. Do you have any other comments about the BMX area that have not been covered here? Please provide details. (Or e-mail: info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

Please forward your reply to Great Aycliffe Town Council, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF by Tuesday 11th October 2011. This form can also be downloaded from www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk. If you are able you can always return the form electronically to info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk and place BMX TRACK in the subject line.

If you would like to speak to someone about this please telephone 01325 300700



ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday 5th November 2011

at School Aycliffe Playing Fields

Lighting of Beacon 7pm with Display to Follow

Funfair And Refreshments Also On Site

PLEASE NOTE: FOR SAFETY REASONS THE USE OF YOUR OWN FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE SITE. NO DOGS PERMITTED. Thank you.

Meals & Drinks are available from the Sports Complex Bar between 12noon & 9.30pm



Autumn Half Term

Courses take place during the school October holidays for ages 8 to 15 year olds (except mini sessions), to book your place or for further details ask at Reception

Booking Essential call 01325 300600

ARCHERY

Monday 24th October

9.30am - 11.30pm

12.00 noon - 2.00pm

£3.20 members

£3.70 non members



MINI ACTIVITY DAY

Tuesday 25th October

9.30am - 11.00am

£2.40 members

£2.75 non members

MINI DANCE MATS

Parents must stay

11.30am - 12.30pm

£1.60 members

£1.85 non members

For ages 4 to 7 yrs



ACTIVITY DAY

Wednesday 26th October

9.30am - 3.15pm

Great value at only £11.00

Don't forget your packed lunch!



CRAFTY KIDS

Thursday 27th October

9.30am - 11.00am

£3.20 members

£3.70 non members

DANCE MATS

11.30am - 12.30pm

£1.60 members

£1.85 non members



SPORTING FUN

Friday 28th October

9.30am - 12.00 noon

You will get the chance to try Bowls, Squash, Badminton, Hockey, Dodge Ball and Team Games.

£2.40 members

£2.75 non-members



JUNIOR SQUASH & BADMINTON COURTS

* SPECIAL OFFER *

Something exciting is happening during all School Holidays at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex for ages 8 to 15 years.

You can play Squash at our special offer rate of only £1.00 per person, that's not all....equipment hire is FREE too!

Available Monday - Friday between 9am and 4pm

Drop in or book to play the same day.

FIREWORKS SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

Children of Great Aycliffe are invited to enter the competition organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council.

Pre-School/Nursery/

Reception - Year 2 (ages 4-7)

Years 3 and 4 (ages 7-9)

Years 5 and 6 (ages 9-11)

Years 7 and above (ages 11 plus)

Any medium can be used i.e. crayon, paint, felt-tip, collage etc., maximum size A3, theme is fire and firework safety. Entries to the Oak Leaf Sports Complex no later than 9th October at 5pm. On the reverse please clearly write name, address, age and school year, plus school name if appropriate.

Prizes presented by the Mayor to the value of £20, £15 & £10 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each age category. Winners will be notified by post by 15th October.



Oak Leaf

Golf Complex

School Aycliffe Lane
Newton Aycliffe, County Durham
Telephone (01325) 310820

18 hole course. Floodlit driving range. Buggy hire. Changing & shower facilities.

Bar and catering available at Oakleaf Sports Complex.

Fully stocked golf shop and resident PGA professional, Neil Whinham.

ONE MONTH'S FREE GOLF

2011/12 Season Ticket Special Offer

6 months for the price of 5

Unlimited Golf until 31st March 2012

Available from 1st October 2011

Adult 7 Day Season Ticket	£125
Adult 5 Day Season Ticket	£100
Senior Citizen (over 60) 7 Day	£100
Senior Citizen (over 60) 5 Day	£85
Juniors	£35

(Restrictions apply)

New Visiting Party Package

Green Fee Winter Special

Monday to Friday £8.00

Weekends £12.00

available from 1st Nov to 29th Feb

Call for more details, telephone 01325 310820

or visit www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

A leisure facility provided by Great Aycliffe Town Council

Driving Range
£2 small
£4 large