

# **Great Aycliffe Town Council NEWSLETTER**

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## **New Infant Play Area for Woodham Park**



Great Aycliffe Town Council is pleased to announce that Woodham Park will have an upgraded infant play area in time for the start of the school summer holidays.

The current play area is to be replaced as part of the Council's Asset Management Plan which includes planned investment in Town Council

managed parks and play areas within the parish.

The play area will be developed within the current footprint and will include a range of play equipment aimed at engaging and challenging children up to the age of 7 years with a focus on inclusive play for all.

## Message from New Mayor, Councillor Sandra Haigh

Independent Councillor Sandra Haigh has been elected as the new Mayor of Great Aycliffe Town Council.

Councillor Haigh commented:
"I was honoured to have been elected at the Annual Council Meeting on the 19th May 2021 to serve as the Mayor of Great Aycliffe for the coming year. I will endeavour to promote our great town to the best of my ability, and respect and follow the wishes of the people who have voted for me to represent them on the Town

Council.

I hope that this year sees a gradual lifting of the Coronavirus restrictions and a return to relative normality which will hopefully allow me to get out and meet some of the wonderful people of the town. I have chosen to raise funds for the local charity 'Children's Blessings' during my year in Office". If you would like the Mayor to attend any special events or occasions, please contact Sharna Stretch at the Town Council Offices on 01325 300700.



## Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Council and its Committees - 2021/2022

<b>1</b> 4th July 2021	Environment	7.15 p.m.
14th July 2021	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
21st July 2021	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
28th July 2021	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
1st Sept. 2021	Environment	7.15 p.m.
1st Sept. 2021	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
8th Sept. 2021	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
15th Sept. 2021	Full Council	7.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m.
13th Oct. 2021	Environment	7.15 p.m.
13th Oct. 2021	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
20th Oct. 2021	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
27th Oct. 2021	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
24th Nov. 2021	Environment	7.15 p.m.
24th Nov. 2021	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
1st Dec. 2021	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
8th Dec. 2021	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
12th Jan. 2022	Environment	7.15 p.m.
12th Jan. 2022	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
19th Jan. 2022	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
26th Jan. 2022	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
23rd Feb. 2022	Environment	7.15 p.m.
23rd Feb. 2022	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
2nd Mar. 2022	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
9th Mar. 2022	Full Council	7.15 p.m.
13th Apr. 2022	Environment	7.15 p.m.
13th Apr. 2022	Recreation	* 7.15 p.m.
20th Apr. 2022	Policy & Resources	7.15 p.m.
27th Apr. 2022	Full Council	7.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m.
27th Apr. 2022		- <i>г</i> . то р.ш.

<sup>\*</sup> The Recreation Committee will commence immediately after the Environment Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, 18th May, 22 - Council Annual Meeting 7.15pm Wednesday, 25th May, 22 - Parish Meeting - 7.15pm 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.

Council Sub-Committees meet as required Please see our website for details www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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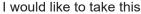
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## Message from Outgoing Mayor, Mary Dalton

"It has been an honour to serve the town as Mayor for the last two years, despite the challenges brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic since March 2020. I had the pleasure during the 2019/20 year, of attending 70 engagements including many formal civic duties. Meeting so many residents, some of whom were celebrating special occasions, is one of the things that I enjoyed the most about being the Mayor.



opportunity to thank everyone who helped me raise £1575.00 for my nominated charity S.S.A.F.A - The Armed Forces Charity.

Whilst the last year has been very difficult for the community of Great Aycliffe, I am hopeful that better times lie ahead as we emerge from the pandemic, and I wish the new mayor and Town Council the very best for the future".

## St. Oswald's Pre-School



All children are eligible to receive 15 hours free funding from the term after their third birthday, we also offer the 30 hours to parents who are eligible. Children can start at St Oswald's from two years old at our lovely 'Tots in the Park' facility, an hourly rate of £4.75 will apply with one session costing £13.50.

We have had lots of different activities going on in both the pre-school and in our Tots in the Park, twos room.

The lovely things we have done this year include:

- Graduation
- Looking at growth and change to the environment around us.
- Working with Groundworks to promote healthy eating and fun activities to do at home.
- Lots of cooking and baking activities
- Sports week
- Fun day for school leavers
- Picnic day.

We still have places available for September in our Pre school and a limited number of places in the 'Tots in the Park'

For further information call Louise Downton (Pre-School Manager on 07968 379009) or find us on Facebook.



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## **TOWN COUNCIL TARGETS FOR APRIL 2021 TO MARCH 2022**

#### AIM 1 - TO PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL

AIM	1 - TO PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL	
No	Target	Target Date
1	Publish a Town Council Service Delivery Plan by the end of June each year.	June 21
2	Publish an Annual Report.	June 21
3	Provide an annual training programme for the Town Clerk from his annual appraisal and CPD	Julie 21
J	requirements.	March 22
4	Develop and provide a training programme for Members which shows highly recommended and	March 22
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	recommended courses with a reminder sent quarterly and records of attendance and non-attendance	برالم برمال
_	kept.	Annually
5	Develop and provide an annual training programme for the staff within each service area, informed	Marah 00
0	by the annual appraisal process.	March 22
6	Undertake an annual review of the Council Constitution, Financial Regulations and ensure compliance	A
	with current legislation.	Annually in May
7	Ensure compliance with GDPR.	Ongoing
8	Improve advertising of Council facilities and services by targeting a service area in each publication	Ongoing
^	making sure each area is targeted at least once.	Ongoing
9	Ensure that social media is used to advertise the Council's services and facilities.	Ongoing
	Undertake research where appropriate for new policies and procedures.	Ongoing
11	Keep up to date with any changes in legislation and report to council as and when required.	Ongoing
12	Continue to monitor energy consumption, implement energy saving initiatives and reduce usage	O
10	where possible.	Ongoing
	Ensure all staff have an annual appraisal.	Sept 21
	To undertake quarterly review of staff sickness and report to service managers.	Ongoing
	Complete review of electronic filing system and implement improvements to enable upgrade of	O
	the Council's main server and transferring data to 'the cloud'.	Ongoing
16	Continue to implement any Government guidance and recommendations regarding Coronavirus	O
47	to ensure the safety of staff, members, and the public.	Ongoing
	All staff to undertake mental health and well-being training.	July 21
	Undertake a review of Cyber Security arrangements.	Ongoing
19	Complete a programme of new Member Induction Training to cover all service areas, roles,	F
20	and responsibilities.	End of July 2021
	Continue to review and reduce the Council's use of single use plastic.	Ongoing
21	Continue to review the Council's efforts around carbon reduction and ensure that an 'environmental	O
	and climate change implications' item is added to all council reports.	Ongoing
ΔIM	2 - TO MANAGE THE COUNCIL'S FINANCES AND ASSETS IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER	
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No	Target	Target Date
22	Produce Annual Return by 30th June each year.	June 21
	Achieve an unqualified audit opinion of the Annual Return by 30th September each year.	Sept 21
24	Ensure the Medium-Term Financial Plan is approved by 30th June each year.	June 21
25	Deliver the Internal Audit Plan Schedule of Work and report quarterly to Audit Sub Committee	
	then to Council.	March 22
26	Manage the financial impact of any cuts to LCTSS funding.	Ongoing
	Quarterly budget control reports are presented to P&R Committee.	Ongoing
28	Budgets/Precepts approved by 31st January 2022.	Jan 22
	Ensure all relevant information is published in compliance with the Transparency Code/Openness	
	of Local Government Regulations.	Ongoing
30	Deliver the work set out in the Asset Management Plan via the capital programme and ensure	0 0
	that a six-monthly review is undertaken with Officers and Member Asset Management Group.	Ongoing
	Undertake an annual update of the Asset Register including the schedule of expected life and	3 3
	replacement costs for buildings, plant, and machinery.	Ongoing
32	To consider the Council's Business Risks every March and minute that the full review has taken	3 3
	place by Council.	Mar 22
33	Ensure that at least one Service Review is completed each year.	Ongoing
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AIM	3 - TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE LEISURE FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES	
34	Deliver the Council's programme of special events:-	
	Fun in the Parks	Aug 22
	Senior Citizens Trips	July 22
	Firework Display	Nov 21
	Sk8t Fest	May 22
	Santa Letters	Dec 21

	Christmas Lights Santa Tours	Dec 21 Dec 21			
	Develop and provide an improved and enhanced yearly programme of events, including new events. Continue to diversify, improve, enhance, and increase the number of events and activities offered	Ongoing			
37 Plea	within the Sports Complex. Partner with outside bodies including the Sedgefield Sports Partnership. se Note: Some events have already been postponed for 2021 and Covid restrictions will be under const	Ongoing Ongoing ant review.			
AIM 4 - TO PROVIDE PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION AS APPROPRIATE IN GREAT AYCLIFFE					
<i>No</i> 38	Target Ensure the continuous improvement of the service and obtain at least a 'good' and aiming for	Target Date			
39	'excellent' Ofsted Inspection Ensure that all staff undertake all relevant training and that any new staff receive Special Educational Needs training.	Ongoing Ongoing			
	5 - TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF AYCLIFFE BY MANAGING AN ELOPING PARKS, PLAY AREAS AND GREEN SPACES	D			
No	Target	Target Date			
40 41	Works and Environment Manager to arrange to work with local schools and community groups to develop volunteer opportunities by helping to deliver 15 public countryside events  To continue to monitor the health and condition of the trees on Town Council land in line with the	Ongoing			
	tree management policy and undertake a visual tree inspection of a specific area every 6 months to assess the health and condition of the trees	Ongoing			
42	Continue to work with Northumbrian Water to establish flow rates to lakes at West Park	Ongoing			
43 44	Complete at least 5 targeted Himalayan Balsam removing working parties along The Burn Undertake maintenance and management of specific Durham County Council environmental	Annually			
	areas as per the management agreement	Ongoing			
45	Undertake a review of the current winter maintenance arrangements with Durham County Council	Dec 21			
46	Complete the improvement of Woodham Park/Play area	Sept 21			
47 48	Proactively monitor Ash Dieback Disease and remove diseased trees as necessary  To undertake maintenance and management of the former Elmfield School site, subject to	Ongoing			
	a lease being agreed with Durham County Council.	Ongoing			
AIM 6 – HELP AND ENCOURAGE PARTNERSHIP WORKING TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE					
No	Target	Target Date			
49	Support and encourage Aycliffe Youth Council (AYC) by: Organising the election process –	J			
	Holding at least 8 meetings a year –	Ongoing			
50	Helping to organise at least 1 project a year To continue partnership working with DCC and build on the existing initiatives	Ongoing Ongoing			
51	Work with the Youth Council, DCC Officers, Tidy Britain, schools, community, and voluntary				
52	groups to hold a Town Pride Environment Week, incorporating an anti-letter campaign.  The Works and Environment Manager and Park Patrol Officers to work with DCC Officers and Police in regard to anti-social behaviour issues	July 21			
53	Work in partnership with residents and friends' groups to improve our parks, play areas and	Ongoing			
	environment areas.	Ongoing			
AIM	AIM 7 – ENCOURAGE THE RESIDENTS OF GREAT AYCLIFFE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN LOCAL DEMOCRACY				
No 54	Target Undertake a budget setting and aims and targets consultation using social media, survey	Target Date			
55	monkey or other suitable platform To review the Great Aycliffe Neighbourhood Plan in 2022	Nov 21 2022			
56	Hold a Parish Meeting	Annually In May			
57	Hold an Allotment AGM	Annually In Nov			
58	Hold a minimum of 4 allotment representative meetings	Ongoing			
59	Hold or take part in at least 2 events to inform residents about Town Council services with an aim	Appually			
60	to establish priorities  Make better use of social media to engage with resident and undertake consultations	Annually Annually			
AIM 8 - TO RESEARCH INFORMATION AND MAKE THE CASE FOR GREAT AYCLIFFE					
<i>No</i> 61	Target Produce timely responses to all major consultations carried out	Target Date Ongoing			

### 2020/21 TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report provides a brief summary of some of the key achievements of the Town Council from the past year. It goes without saying that 2020/21 was a challenging and unprecedented year for the Town Council and the community that we serve.

The onset of the Coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 changed our lives in ways we could never have imagined little more than a year ago, and has made things like social distancing, face masks, hand sanitiser, support bubbles, quarantine, and vaccinations a normal part of our day to day lives.

The Town Council has strived to support the community throughout the pandemic, keeping the vast majority of our services, including the cemeteries, allotments, pre-school, parks, and golf course running as close to normal as possible under the various restrictions.

Unfortunately, the government restrictions left the Council with no choice but to cancel a number of our much-loved community events last year, including the Senior Citizens' Trips, Fun in the Parks and Fireworks Display, although not even Coronavirus could stop Santa undertaking his annual tour of the Parish!

The Council also set up a Covid-19 Small Grants Fund last year offering local community organisations and charities the opportunity to access funds to help them deal with the financial losses suffered as a result of the pandemic.

This fund helped support organisations including food banks, scout groups, residents' associations, the women's institute, the Rotary Club, the Youth Centre, the Beekeepers' Association, and a number of local charities.

A full list of grants and donations given out last year is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Council has also set-up a COVID-19 Recovery Fund for the new 2021/22 financial year, using some of the money saved as a result of the cancellation of the community events last year.

This fund will seek to pass these savings back to local taxpayers via one-off investments during the 2021/22 financial year, to help compensate for the services that have not taken place this year. Potential uses of this Covid-19 Recovery Fund include:-

- Setting up a Community Grants Fund to provide financial assistance to local organisations to help them recover from the pandemic;
- Investing more money in events taking place in 2021/22 or subsequent years to make up for the cancellation of the 2020 events;
- Investing in environmental improvements such as tree and bulb planting and creation of new wildflower meadows.

The coming year will no doubt continue to be challenging as the country recovers from the pandemic.

The Town Council will also face challenges over the coming years as its deals with likely funding cuts and budget pressures, and the Council will need to review what services it currently offers and how they are delivered to ensure that the services, events, and facilities being offered align with community needs and priorities.

The following sections of this Annual Report focus on the many services that the Town Council has planned and budgeted to provide to the community of Great Aycliffe during this 2021/22-year, subject, of course, to the lifting of Coronavirus related restrictions.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Town Council:

- Provides over 200 allotment sites located at:
  - o Clarence Chare;
  - o Finchale Road;
  - o St. Oswald's;
  - o Aycliffe Village; and
  - o Byerley Park
- Provides pigeons, poultry, and beekeeping plots at specific allotments sites.
- Provides and maintains two cemeteries at West Cemetery and Stephenson Way and a burial service for St. Andrews Church in Aycliffe Village.
- Provides grounds maintenance e.g. the provision of flower beds, grass cutting and tree planting and maintenance, on all Council owned land and facilities.
- Runs the Environment Centre at Moore Lane and a programme of environment events.
- Carries out environmental management of a number of nature and conservation areas including the Great Aycliffe Way and other green open space across the Parish.
- Provides public seating, bus shelters, litter, and dog bins on Town Council owned land.
- Delivers a comprehensive programme of activities for schools, community groups and public events during school holidays.
- Delivers an Environment Week, which involves visiting the primary schools in the town to give an interactive presentation on litter and then offering the opportunity for the children to take part in a litter pick in their local community.
- Assists and facilitates community groups such as local scout, guides, and Friends groups.
- Holds a licence agreement with Durham County Council to operate and maintain areas of land and woodland which form part of the Great Aycliffe Way.

#### **RECREATION**

Leisure facilities and community events have formed a major part of the Council's provision over the years. This includes the provision of:-

• Eight very different parks, all with their own character. These are found around the town at the following locations:

o Moore Lane Park o St. Oswald's Park o Town Park o Horndale Park o Simpasture Park o West Park o Byerley Park o Woodham Park

 Modern and well-maintained play equipment is provided at all of these parks, as well as at the following specific sites:-

o Oakleaf Sports Complex o School Aycliffe o Aycliffe Village o Scott Place o Cobbler's Hall

- Five multi-use games areas at Moore Lane, Simpasture, Horndale, Woodham and Cobbler's Hall, as well as a skate park, scoot track and BMX track.
- The Park Patrol Service which provides an out of hours service to monitor and safeguard the Council's assets and its users.
- The Oakleaf Sports Complex, which provides an indoor bowls green, a multi-use sports hall, four squash courts, function room and bar and catering facilities. The sports complex is also home to an Indoor Bowls Club, Squash Club, Running Club and Archery Club, and provides a number of activity sessions for both adults and children, including an activity programme for children during school holidays. In recent years, a programme of events has been developed at the sports complex including Fantazmajoria (steam punk/sci/fi event), MMA events, Dog Shows and craft fairs.
- The Oakleaf Golf Complex, comprising an eighteen-hole golf course, golf shop, changing rooms, and driving range.
- Eight football pitches, including junior football and six a side pitches at three sites:
  - o Sports Complex o Simpasture and
  - o Moore Lane
- A series of annual leisure events (subject to Coronavirus restrictions) such as:
  - o Senior Citizens' Excursions o Fireworks Display o Fun in the Parks o Santa Tours and Letters
- Support to events run by local organisations:
  - o 10K Fun Run organised by Aycliffe Running Club
  - o Live Music Festival organised by Aycliffe Radio
- A number of new events which have been developed in recent years including:
  - Skatefest Competition and Demonstrations
  - o Party in the Park Part of the Durham Brass Festival

#### PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE

The Town Council provides a Pre-School Learning Centre located in St. Oswald's Park which is currently registered for 40 places for 3-year-olds. The Council also provides a setting for two-year olds called 'Tots in the Park', offering 12 places, morning and afternoon, 5 days per week. A programme of training and support for staff has been undertaken to ensure that the best service to children is provided.

#### **CAPITAL INVESTMENT**

The Council has continued to develop its Asset Management Plan in order to plan investment in Council and community assets such as buildings, vehicles, machinery, play equipment and street equipment.

The Council's Capital Programme makes budget provision each year for an ongoing programme of investment in these assets and significant investment has been made in recent years in new community assets such as play equipment, multi-use games areas and skate parks.

An updated play area is planned for Woodham Park later this year – further details on this project are included elsewhere in the newsletter.

#### **COUNCIL FINANCES**

Despite the challenges created by the Coronavirus pandemic over the last year, the Council ended the 2020/21 year in strong financial health, having delivered a substantial saving on its Revenue Budget and increased it balances and reserves to more than £1.5 million.

Whilst some of the savings last year were as a direct consequence of the pandemic, including the unfortunate cancellation of many community events, the Council has also continued to deliver efficiency savings across all services.

This healthy financial situation meant that the Council was able to set a 2021/22 Revenue and Capital Budget that will enable all current services, facilities, and events to be provided to the usual high standards next year, the set-up of a COVID-19 Recovery Fund, and continued investment in community assets, whilst freezing the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax hill

Whilst further financial challenges lie ahead, including likely cuts to the Council Tax Support Grant funding, significant pressure on staffing budgets linked to increases in the National Living Wage, and potentially significant capital investment commitments, and the ensuing depletion in the Council's balances and reserves that this will cause, the Council is well placed to maintain a strong financial position and will seek to manage these challenges via the forthcoming update of its Medium-Term Financial Plan.

The Council also achieved another unqualified external audit report in relation to its Annual Governance and Accountability Return last year. This was a very pleasing outcome and provides independent assurance that the Council's accounting statements present fairly its financial position, and that its financial management, governance, and internal audit arrangements are all sound.

At the Oak Leaf Sports Complex we have four squash courts. Do you fancy a knock about with a mate or are you wanting to get fit playing this intense game? Courts are available from 10.30am until 10.00pm in 45-minute slots.

Our 4 badminton courts are available to book seven days a week from 11.00am until 9.00pm, so if you enjoy this high intensity game why not book a court, why not play doubles with the family?

You can also enjoy a game of table tennis, it's great fun to play and is a truly inclusive sport, if you want to try something new why not give it a go. The table is available to book from 11.00am until 9.00pm, 7 days a week.

We also have an indoor bowling hall, which has three rinks. Bowls is a very sociable game and is a great form of exercise, so if you fancy a roll up with friends or family the rinks are available 7 days a week, times are split into 2-hour slots, please see below:

- 9.45am until 11.45am
- 12 noon until 2.00pm
- 2.15pm until 4.15pm
- 4.30pm until 6.30pm
- 6.45pm until 8.45pm

At the Oak Leaf Sports Complex our Bar is perfect for a quiet drink with family or friends or a night out to watch the big match, the lounge bar offers comfortable seating, and our friendly staff are ready to welcome you. The Bar menu offers a good selection of snacks, sandwiches and main meals.

The beer garden is the perfect place to kick back and enjoy a refreshing cold drink, it's overlooked by a secure play area, so while you relax the kids can have some fun.

For more details go to: www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/oakleafsportcomplex

## **Town Council Launches** akLeaf Covid-19 Recovery Fund

The Town Council made a substantial saving on its Revenue Budget during 2020/21 and a significant proportion of the surplus was made up of 'one-off' savings that came about directly as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

This was largely as a consequence of services that did not take place during the year, including the unfortunate cancellation of the vast proportion of the Council's community events

The Town Council has therefore agreed to set aside £100,000 from the Revenue Budget saving in a 'COVID-19 Recovery

This fund will seek to pass these savings back to the local community via one-off investments during the 2021/22 financial year, to help compensate local taxpayers for the services that have not taken place this year.

It has been agreed that there will be four main strands to the COVID-19 Recovery Fund, as follows:-

- 1. A £25,000 Community Grants Fund to provide financial assistance to local organisations to help them recover from the pandemic. Applications are invited from local community groups for grants from this fund and applications forms are available on the Council website.
- 2. A Recreation Fund to make investment in recreational activities and events.
- 3. An Environment Fund to make investments in environmental improvements such as tree and bulb planting and creation of wildflower meadows.
- 4. Funds to undertake improvement of the former Elmfield School site, subject to a lease being agreed with Durham County Council.



### 10 MONTH GOLF MEMBERSHIP UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

18-hole course, driving range FULLY STOCKED PRO SHOP WITH CUSTOM FITTING AVAILABLE

VING RANGE BASKET £5 LARGE RANGE CARD £40

ADULT 7 DAY ADULT 5 DAY OVER 60 7 DAY OVER 60 5 DAY 19 - 25 15 - 18 JUNIOR UP TO 14

£295 £295 £265 £205 £50 £15 **3 MONTH INSTALMENT PLAN** 

£340

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