

# Great Aycliffe Town Council

## Spring 2024 Newsletter



### GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC DINNER

The Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Councillor Carl Robinson and Mrs. Carol Robinson, welcomed Civic dignitaries and guests from around the region to the Civic Dinner which was held at Redworth Hall Hotel.

It was a great night with entertainment from the Macadam School of Dance and music from Fully Loaded Disco.

Proceeds from the tombola, raffle and prize draw helped the fundraising for this year towards 'All Disabilities Matter' with over £700 raised during the night.

The Mayor and Mayoress thanked everyone who came along and helped to make it such a great event.



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## 2024/25 TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET

The Town Council has recently set its revenue and capital budget for the 2024/25 financial year.

Clearly the budget that we set is important to our local community, both in terms of how our spending plans may impact on the provision of services and investment in assets for the benefit of the town, and in terms of the level of council tax that we need to raise from local taxpayers in order to fund these plans.

The council has set a 2024/25 revenue budget that protects and maintains all services to current standards next year.

The council is also maintaining some surplus resources within the budget which will allow it to continue to replenish its balances and reserves.

This will help ensure that we can continue to make capital investment in community assets such as our cemeteries, allotments, parks and play areas, for the benefit of the community, in the coming years.

The council has agreed a 2024/25 capital programme budget of £156,350, with the budget focused on essential investment linked to the delivery of the council's asset management plan.

Planned investment includes building maintenance works, replacement works machinery including electrical alternatives, essential computer replacements, play area surfacing replacement, footpath repairs and bus shelter repairs.

In approving the 2024/25 revenue and capital budget, the council has agreed to raise the town council proportion of the council tax bill by £8.01 per year for the vast majority of local taxpayers i.e. Those living in band a properties.

The council appreciates that any increase in the monthly outgoings of our local taxpayers will not be popular. However, we hope taxpayers will agree that a monthly increase of 67p is a small price to pay to ensure that all the services provided by the town council can be protected for another year, and that reserves can continue to be replenished.



## Great Aycliffe Town Council - Upcoming Meetings

- \* **Recreation and Environment** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm
- \* **Policy and Resources** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm
- \* **Full Council** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm
- \* **Annual General Meeting** - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm
- \* **Parish Meeting** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm

# OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX



SPORTS COMPLEX

OPENING TIMES FROM 1ST APRIL 2024

## BUILDING

MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
08.45am - 11.00pm

SUNDAY  
08.45am - 10.30pm

## BAR

MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
11.15am - 10.30pm

SATURDAY  
11.00am - 10.30pm

SUNDAY  
11.00am - 10.00pm

## SPORTS

EVERY DAY

9.00am - 10.00pm

## CATERING

MONDAY 12.00pm - 2.30pm  
5.00pm - 7.00pm

TUESDAY 12.00pm - 2.30pm  
5.00pm - 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12.00pm - 2.30pm  
5.00pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY 12.00pm - 2.30pm

FRIDAY 12.00pm - 2.30pm

SATURDAY 12.00pm - 8.00pm

SUNDAY 12.00pm - 6.00pm

## RECEPTION

EVERY DAY

9.00am - 8.45pm

Times correct at time of publishing (4.3.24)

School Aycliffe Lane  
Newton Aycliffe  
DL5 6QZ  
01325 300600



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# **OakLeaf**

## SPORTS COMPLEX

### FEES & CHARGES 25TH MARCH 2024 - 31ST MARCH 2025

*Prices correct at time of print, but may be subject to change*

#### SPORTS & FITNESS

		Member	Non Member
FOOTBALL	Junior	£23.50	£29.50
	Adult	£39	£47.50
SQUASH	Junior	£3.60	£5.20
	Adult	£6.50	£8.20
BADMINTON	Junior	£3.60	£5.20
	Adult	£6.50	£8.20
TABLE TENNIS	Junior	£3.60	£5.20
	Adult	£6.50	£8.20

#### EQUIPMENT HIRE

£1.30

Plus £5.00 refundable deposit

#### SHOWER

(if not using a facility area)

£1.50

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

April - March

JUNIOR	£17.50
ADULT	£26.50
SENIOR CITIZEN (over 60 years)	£18.50
GROUP	£40.00

#### INDOOR BOWLS

	Member	Non Member
JUNIOR	£2.00	£3.00
ADULT	£3.40	£4.50
SENIOR CITIZEN	£3.40	£4.50
1½ HOUR SESSION	£2.60	£3.25
Bowls Locker £7.50 - only available to members		

#### FUNCTION ROOM

	Per Hour	Non Member
WITH FOOD	Member £5.00	£6.00
WITHOUT FOOD	£10.00	£13.00

#### CARAVAN / CAMPING

£15 per night

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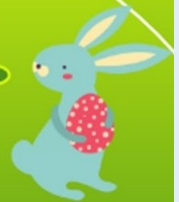


# EASTER MINI GOLF

AT THE OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

**SATURDAY 30TH  
MARCH  
1PM - 4PM**

EARLY BIRD OFFER £3.00 PER PERSON OR 4 PEOPLE FOR £10 IF PRE BOOKED.  
TO BOOK CALL 01325 300600  
ON THE DAY PRICE £3.50 PER PERSON OR 4 FOR £12.50  
ADD AN HOT MEAT SANDWICH TO YOUR TICKET FOR £3.50  
PAYMENT REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING.



## PICKLEBALL

ONE OF THE WORLD'S FASTEST GROWING SPORTS

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, played on a court about a quarter the size of a tennis court, and with a slightly lower net.

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX

£6.50 FOR MEMBERS  
£8.20 FOR NON MEMBERS

EQUIPMENT HIRE ONLY £1.30 PLUS £5 DEPOSIT



SPECIAL GUESTS

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

TRADERS

MYSTERY ENTERTAINER

ANIMAL ROADSHOW

COSPLAY

FACE PAINTING



**SATURDAY  
CLIFFECON  
18TH MAY 2024**

a fun and inclusive comic con

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OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX  
NEWTON AYCLIFFE  
11AM TO 4PM

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MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**  
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DISABLED  
ACCESS**

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Durham  
Trains  
of Stanley**

**Sponsored  
by  
North Road  
Trains**

**Model Railway Exhibition**  
**June 1st & 2nd 2024**  
**Oakleaf Sports Complex**

**£8pp**  
**£16 Family**  
**(2 Adults & 2 Children)**

**School Aycliffe Lane**  
**Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QZ**

**Saturday**  
**10am till 5pm**  
**Sunday**  
**10am till 4pm**

**REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE  
ALL DAY**

**15 Plus Layouts - Traders**  
**Modelling Displays - Railway Societies & Groups**

**Contact: Robert Arrand on 07564 301487 or**  
**Email: robertedwardarrand@yahoo.co.uk**

# FUN IN THE PARKS - SUMMER 2024

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

## FUN IN THE PARKS

Day	Date	Park
Wednesday	24th July 2024	Town Centre Park
Friday	26th July 2024	Moore Lane Park
Wednesday	31st July 2024	Woodham Park
Friday	2nd August 2024	St Oswald's Park
Wednesday	7th August 2024	Oak Leaf Sports Complex Field
Friday	9th August 2024	Horndale Park
Wednesday	14th August 2024	Aycliffe Village Park
Friday	16th August 2024	Simpasture Park

These events are aimed at children between 3 to 8 years, except the Adventure Park at Woodham, this park is aimed at 8 to 14 years. The fun starts at 11 am – 3 pm.

The event is organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council and provides free entertainment to families.

There will also be body art, side stalls, food vans and ice cream vans which will incur a fee.

For the full schedule go to [www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk](http://www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk)

Please note height and age restrictions apply to inflatables, fairground rides, climbing wall and bungee trampolines



# GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2024



**Great Aycliffe Town Council**



## Customer Satisfaction Survey 2024

**Your Town,  
Your Choice  
Your Voice....**

**Great Aycliffe Town Council welcomes  
your opinions – please complete our  
survey, just scan the relevant QR Code or  
copy the link into your internet browser**



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/01GU7O/>  
**Main Survey**



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ERZITP/>  
**Youth Survey (18 and under)**

# Oakleaf Golf Memberships 2024-2025



**12 Months  
Golf  
Membership  
2024/25**

**Available From**  
1st April 2024

**Installment  
Options  
Available**


**Unlimited Golf**  
For 12 Months


**Adult Membership**

7 Day Adult	£447
5 Day Adult	£402
7 Day Over 60	£402
5 Day Over 60	£352

**Intermediate & Junior**

19 - 25 Intermediate	£152
15 - 18 Junior	£52
Under 15 Junior	£22

 **01325 310820**

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 @OakleafGolfComplex  
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# SENIOR CITIZENS TRIPS 2024



## Senior Citizens Trips

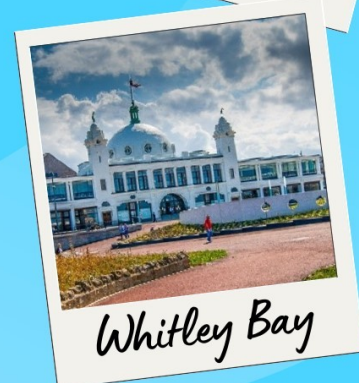
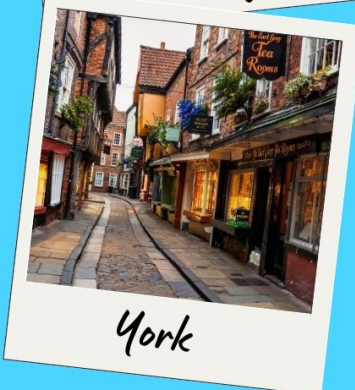
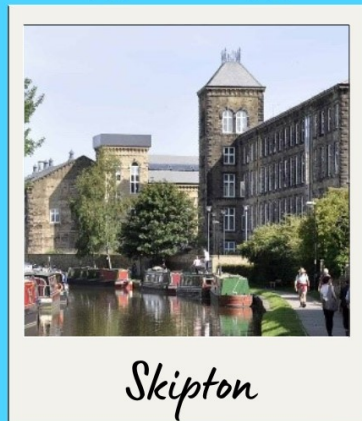
The 'trips' (which are free of charge to our residents, regardless of income or savings) will commence on Monday 3rd June this year.

To be eligible, you do not have to be receiving a pension or have a bus pass, but you **MUST** be a resident of the Electoral Parish and 60 years old (applies to both men and women) before 1st April in the year of travel.

The application forms and full itinerary with information on each destination etc. will be available from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, the Library, Council Offices, Oakleaf Sports and Golf Complexes and our website at 9.00 am on Monday 15th April.

You choose your venue and date of travel (from the schedule). Transport is an executive coach with toilet facilities. Some have a wheelchair hoist to enable people with mobility problems to get on the coach without using the steps at the front, or to enable wheelchair users to remain in their chair whilst travelling.

We will be visiting .....



If you have a query regarding your entitlement to an excursion, please telephone 01325 300700 and we will be able to let you know if you are eligible.

# St. Oswalds Pre School and Tots in the Park



The Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' Pre-School is located in the park pavilions in the beautiful grounds of St. Oswald's Park, in Wren Close Newton Aycliffe.

We have two buildings within the park one for two-year-olds and one for three-year-olds. The Park is a lovely setting for the Pre-School with play areas, grassed areas and many flowers and trees

**If you want to apply for a place, please contact the Pre -School Manager, Julie Gale on 07968 379009.**

## GET IN TOUCH

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