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Lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 8th May,
9:20 pm on the Oak Leaf Sports Complex Field.
The Mayor will light the beacon at 9:30 pm.

Community Picnic on Saturday 10th May, 2-5pm
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TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET PLANS 2025/26

The Town Council has recently set its Revenue and Capital Budget for the 2025/26 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 2025/26 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 2025/26 Capital Programme Budget of £567,350, 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 2025/26 Revenue and Capital Budget, the Council has agreed to raise the Town Council proportion of the Council Tax bill by £9.46 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 79p 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.

EVENTS FROM YOUR TOWN COUNCIL



Great Aycliffe
Town Council



VE DAY 80

Lighting of the Beacon

Join us on Thursday 8th May 2025

9:20 pm on Oak Leaf Sports Complex Field

A Shared Moment of Celebration

PICNIC IN THE PARK

ON SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025 - 2PM-5PM
OAK LEAF SPORTS COMPLEX FIELD

LIVE MUSIC
BRASS BAND

**ARMY
DISPLAYS**
**COMMUNITY
ARTS GROUPS**

**SMALL
FAIRGROUND**
FOODSTALLS

FUN IN THE PARKS - SUMMER 2025

Great Aycliffe



Town Council

FUN IN THE PARKS

Day	Date	Park
Wednesday	23rd July 2025	Town Park
Friday	25th July 2025	Simpasture Park
Wednesday	30th July 2025	Moore Lane Park
Friday	1st August 2025	Oak Leaf Sports Complex Field
Wednesday	6th August 2025	St Oswald's Park
Friday	8th August 2025	Horndale Park
Wednesday	13th August 2025	Aycliffe Village Park
Friday	15th August 2025	Woodham Park

These events are aimed at children between 3 to 8 years, which take place in 8 of our parks during the school summer holidays, the fun starts at 11 am until 3 pm.

The event is organised by Great Aycliffe Town Council and provides free entertainment to families. There will be side stalls, body art, food vans and ice cream vans which will incur a cost.

For the full schedule go to www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' TRIPS 2025



Senior Citizens Trips

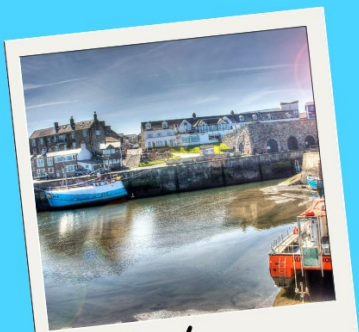
The 'trips' (which are free of charge to our residents, regardless of income or savings) will commence on Monday 2nd June this year.

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.

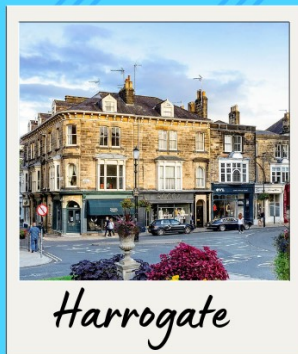
The application forms and full itinerary with information on each destination etc. will be available from Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, the Library, Council Offices, Oakleaf Sports and Golf Complexes and our website at 9.00 am on Monday 28th April.

You choose your location 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



Seahouses



Harrogate



Keswick



York



Helmsley



Knaresborough

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.

OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX BUFFET & CHILDREN'S PARTIES






OakLeaf SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE, NEWTON
SPORTS COMPLEX AYCLIFFE, CO.DURHAM, DL5 6QZ

MENU 1

ASSORTED SANDWICHES	CORNEB BEEF PIE
SAUSAGE ROLLS	QUICHE
POTATO SNACKS	

ONLY MENU 1 AVAILABLE WHEN KITCHEN IS CLOSED

**CAKES
AVAILABLE**

**CARVERY & HOT
BUFFET ARE
AVAILABLE ON
REQUEST**

MENU 2

ASSORTED SANDWICHES	CORNEB BEEF PIE
SAUSAGE ROLLS	QUICHE
PIZZA SLICES	SALAD AND
COLESLAW	
SELECTION OF ONION RINGS, MOZZARELLA STICKS & CHICKEN BITES	

FOOD ADD ONS

CHIPS, FRIES OR ROASTIES (SERVES 10)
FLASK OF TEA OR COFFEE (SERVES 6)
BOILER SERVICE TEA AND COFFEE (UNLIMITED)
10 COFFEE TOKENS
2 PINT JUG OF JUICE

**ALLERGIES CAN BE CATERED FOR ON A
CASE BY CASE BOOKING.
PRICES WILL VARY FROM ABOVE.**

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION & PRICES.**



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SPORTS COMPLEX AYCLIFFE, CO.DURHAM, DL5 6QZ

OakLeaf If you have any questions please call reception on
SPORTS COMPLEX 01325 300600 or email reception@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

CHILDRENS BIRTHDAY PARTIES



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INFORMATION & PRICES



SCHOOL AYCLIFFE LANE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE, CO DURHAM, DL5 6QZ
TEL: 01325 300600

Includes an hour in the sports hall or function room before you have your party food.

Why not hire our entertainment system for your party or check out North East Party for your entertainment needs.

BRING YOUR OWN BIRTHDAY CAKE.

Pizza
Hot Dog
Fries
Ice Cream

Unlimited juice is available as an extra

PARENTAL SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES

OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX OPENING TIMES



Opening Times

Sports, Reception and Bookings

Play Sports Between	9:00am-10:00pm
Reception Open	9:00am-8:55pm

Online Bookings Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week

	BAR	KITCHEN	
		LUNCH	EVENING
Monday	11:15am - 10:30pm	12:00pm-2:30pm	5:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday	11:15am - 10:30pm	11:30am-2:30pm	5:00pm-8:30pm
Wednesday	11:15am - 10:30pm	12:00pm-2:30pm	5:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday	11:15am - 10:30pm	11:30am-2:30pm	5:00pm-8:00pm
Friday	11:15am - 10:30pm	11:30am-2:30pm	4:30-8:00pm
Saturday	11:00am - 10:30pm	11:00am-3:15pm	4:30-8:00pm
Sunday	11:00am - 10:00pm	11:00am-6:30pm	

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OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX PRICES



Annual Membership Rates

Adult	Senior Citizen	Junior
£28.00	£20.50	£10.00
Football and Sports Hall Hire	Junior £26.00 Adult £41.50 Members	Junior £32.00 Adult £50.00 Non-members
Badminton, Pickleball Squash, Table Tennis	Junior £3.50 Adult £6.90 Members	Junior £4.50 Adult £8.70 Non-members
Equipment Hire £1.50 per item	Darts	£1 members £2 Non-members
Bowls	Junior	£2.30 members £3.30 non-members
	Adults and Seniors	£3.70 members £4.90 non-members
Bowls Lockers	£7.75 per year	Shower £1.50
Function Room	£10.50 per hour	£13.50 per hour
Caravan and Camping	£15.50 1st night deposit	£15.50 per night

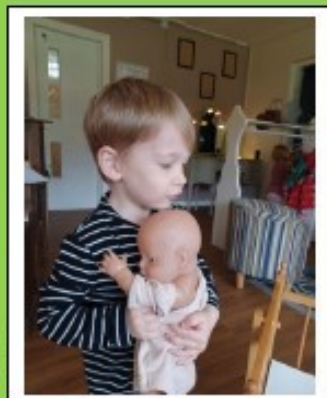
Bookings Available: Reception 9:00am - 8:45pm **BOOK ONLINE**
 Online - 24 hours a day 7 days a week



TEL: 01325 300600

St. Oswald's Pre School and Tots in the Park

St Oswald's Pre school & Tots in the park



- 15 hours free funding available from the term after a child's third birthday.
- 30 hours for three to four year olds for children who are eligible
- Children can start at our lovely 'Tots in the Park' facility from two years old, an hourly rate of £5.25 will apply with one 3hr session costing £15.75.
- Two-year Funding is also available for children who are in receipt of a play and learn eligibility code or working families code and parents can claim up to 15 hours using this.

Please phone:

Julie Gale (Pre-School Manager) on 07968379009 for further information, alternatively email

julie.gale@great-aycliffe.gov.uk



Oakleaf Golf Membership 2025-2026



12 Months Golf Membership 2025/26

Available From
1st April 2025

**Installment
Options
Available**


Unlimited Golf
For 12 Months


Adult Membership

7 Day Adult	£494
5 Day Adult	£449
7 Day Over 60	£449
5 Day Over 60	£399

Intermediate & Junior

19 - 30 Intermediate	£175
15 - 18 Junior	£59
Under 15 Junior	£25

 **01325 310820**

 School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QZ

 @OakleafGolfComplex
 @OakleafGolf

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL CIVIC DINNER

The Mayor and Mayoress of Great Aycliffe, Councillor John Clark and Mrs. Bernardette Clark, 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 fantastic Tamla All Stars.

Proceeds from the tombola, raffle and prize draw helped the fundraising for this year towards 'Quinn's Retreat' with over £300 raised during the night.

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



Ebac Group
Darlington Football Club
Darlington Hippodrome
Admire Club
Boxed In Barbers



Great Aycliffe Town Council - Upcoming Meetings:

- ✦ **Recreation and Environment** - Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7pm
- ✦ **Policy and Resources** - Wednesday 16th April 2025 at 7pm
- ✦ **Full Council** - Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7pm
- ✦ **Annual General Meeting** - Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 7pm
- ✦ **Parish Meeting** - Wednesday 21st May at 7pm

GET IN TOUCH

info@great-aycliffe.gov.uk

Council Offices - 01325 300700

Oakleaf Sports Complex - 01325 300600

Oakleaf Golf Complex - 01325 310820

St Oswalds Pre School - 07968 379009

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Big enough to matter small enough to care



