



***BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES***

***PARISH COUNCIL***

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## **Mid Durham AAP**

This year the AAP Board decided to concentrate the July/August Forum event on engaging with young people. The methodology has involved meeting small groups of young people from various youth clubs and schools throughout the Mid Durham area in order to gain the views of young people from nearly all our villages. The aim of these sessions is to examine the various issues that affect their everyday lives and explore possible solutions to these. The AAP is also discussing thoughts on the other priority themes including support for older people through intergenerational work and road safety promotion.

To date over 60 young people have provided various ideas and solutions to a number of the priority themes. In addition to this they have also been asked to prioritise the top 5 issues that affect their lives and to date these are their issues in order of priority:

- ◆ More activities for young people between the ages of 12 and 17yrs
- ◆ Better outdoor facilities
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Young People being more involved, valued and respected
- ◆ Improved access to information

Work continued throughout August and it's hoped to have the views of over 100 young people and have developed positive links to those young people and their youth groups who want to become more involved with the AAP and its work.

***Don't forget small grants fund forms*** are available from the Parish Council offices or from Julie Taylor on 01913844801.

***Footsteps to Fitness*** –Do you enjoy walking or want to improve your fitness? An Open Day will be held on Tuesday 20th September at 10.30am at Meadowfield Leisure Centre to promote improved health and well being for the over 45's. For more information on the project contact Callum Aitchison on 0191 3729167 or 07799860628.

## **Schools' Painting Competition**

**Once again the Parish Council's** Schools' Painting Competition was a great success with 14 primary schools, including pre-school and nurseries throughout the area entering the competition. The competition has always been popular and the standard of the pictures was again very high. The council provided book tokens to the value of £1200 in total with 1st prize winners receiving a £15 token, 2nd prize winners receiving £10 and 3rd prize receiving £5. The 1st prize winners from all the schools were



judged in the council offices by the Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Dennis Morgan and his wife, Lynda and the overall winners (below) received a trophy from the Chairman of the Parish Council at the council meeting on 15th July:

Maddison Willey  
Eva Brunskill  
Katelyn Crooks  
Miguel Yasis  
Erin Moore

New Brancepeth Nursery  
Langley Moor Primary  
New Brancepeth Primary  
St Joseph's Primary, Ushaw Moor  
Brandon Primary

Katelyn Crooks is pictured above with her winning painting.

## **County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted**

***A contribution to the Society's Talking Newspaper*** was gratefully received by Harry Henson on behalf of the Society at the Council meeting in July. There are over 3,500 blind and partially sighted people in County Durham and for most of the listeners the Talking Newspaper is the only link with other visually impaired people who share common problems. As well as providing local



news coverage the service aims to promote equal opportunities for blind and partially sighted people by informing them of relevant new initiatives which may be helpful to them, including contact details for support groups and social clubs, opportunities to take part in local surveys, conferences and exhibitions and information on advances in medical treatment and specialist technology.

*Harry receiving cheque from Chairman  
Brian Nelson*

### **Durham Horticultural & Craft Show**

***All the wards of the Parish Council have once again*** supported the Durham Horticultural & Craft Show which takes place on Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th September. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Brian Nelson, presented a cheque for £550 to Peter Thompson, Chairman of the Show's Organising Committee, at the July Council meeting. Cllr. Nelson will be presenting the Brandon & Byshottles Trophy at the awards ceremony on Sunday the 11th.

## **Around the Wards**

### **Brandon**

**Silver Courts Over 60's Bingo Club** benefited from a donation from Brandon ward recently. The group requested assistance with the hire of a bus for summer trips for its members. The Parish Council were pleased to be able to help with a donation of £200 towards the outings.

**Durham Youth Under 14 Football Club** have received a donation from all the wards of the Council towards a new football strip. The team have been together since 2005 and began playing at Under 8 level as part of the Deerness Valley Football Club. The team which is made up of children from all the villages in the parish now run independently and play at the Durham County Council football pitch at Nevilles Cross. This year the team will be playing in the premier division of the Russell Foster Youth League. Good luck for the season!

### **Esh Winning & Waterhouses**

#### **Esh Winning**

**The next meeting of the Mid Durham AAP** will be held in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Centre on Wednesday 16th September at 6pm. The meeting will include a presentation on the County Council's housing plan for Esh Winning.

**It was agreed at the last meeting** that the Esh Winning ward would pay the electricity charges for the Christmas Tree lights.

**Esh Winning Football Club** has been granted a donation recently towards the operation of the club throughout the year.

#### **Waterhouses**

**The new play area at Hedley Hill Terrace** was officially opened on Thursday 4th August by the Deputy Chairman of Durham County Council. The Deerness Valley now has play equipment in every populated area. Look out for the following events at the Village Hall:

Pie & Peas & Quiz Friday 9th September

Ceilidh Saturday 17th September

Treasure Hunt Saturday 15th October

## **Meadowfield and Langley Moor**

***Following the election held on*** 23rd June 2011

Councillors Sarah Leckenby and Nick Rippin were elected to the Council. Both Councillors are keen to represent the Langley Moor ward and welcome views from the local community on ways to improve the village.

***The opening of the 1st phase of Addison Park*** will be performed by The Mayor or Deputy Mayor of Durham on Saturday 1st October between 10am and 12noon. The Browney Banner will be on display and entertainment will be provided for the children.

## **New Brancepeth**

***In recent months*** New Brancepeth ward, along with the other 5 wards of the council, has give financial assistance to Butterwick Hospice and Durham School Benevolent Fund.

***‘Dog Pooh Bags’*** are available from Wendy’s Shop-so please try to keep our streets clean by making use of this free service.

## **Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

***Mobile Skaters at Deerness Sports Centre***– the ward members have been working with the AAP, Ushaw Moor Community Association, Sports Centre and Durham County Council’s Positive Activities for Young People to provide a mobile skate/wheels session. The session is held on Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm and so far has proved extremely popular. The session stems from a petition signed by nearly 400 people to look at developing skate facilities in and around Ushaw Moor and is part of the Sportstart project initiated through the AAP.

***Consultation is still ongoing*** on a proposed extension to the existing play area at Deerness Leisure Centre. A design for £50,000 has been produced by SMP and is being used to gain views from the local community. Applications to grant making bodies will be made in the near future.

**Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions**

**Brandon Community Hall**

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

**Esh Winning Community Centre**

2-3pm-first & third Tuesdays

**New Brancepeth Village Hall**

10-11am-first Wednesday

**Sure Start, Ushaw Moor**

11am-12noon-third Thursday

**Credit Unions**

Every Tuesday 3p.m.-4p.m. in Esh Winning Community Centre

Every Wednesday 10a.m.-11a.m in Ushaw Moor Sure Start Children's Centre

Every Wednesday 9.30a.m-10.30a.m. St. Andrew's Church, Brandon

**'Dog Pooh' bags available from the Parish Council offices and various locations in the Parish**

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