Exciting times lie ahead

THE next twelve months are going to be a really exciting period for Hartlepool as many of the projects that we have been planning will start to come to fruition.

Much of our on-going work to develop and promote Hartlepool as an outstanding place to live, work, study and visit is included in the Council Plan which we launched a couple of months ago. The Plan – covering the period to 2020 - identifies the Council’s top six priorities and for each priority there is a range of projects and initiatives which we promise to deliver on – all within set timescales. You can read more about the Council Plan on pages 20 and 21.

One of the areas where you will soon see major changes taking place is Church Street. Already we’ve seen the opening of the new £11m Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD) and in October work will begin to convert the former Post Office in Whitby Street into The BIS hub to encourage graduates from CCAD to set up their own businesses.

Also starting soon is a major scheme to uplift the Church Street and Church Square area as part of our plans to create an environment for creative industries to thrive. For more details see page 7.

I am delighted to report that the Council is making good progress to bring about the regeneration of the former Jacksons Landing site. The Waterfront – as it will be known – will be a flagship tourist destination for visitors and complement the recent arrival of the National Museum of the Royal Navy which has exciting future development plans of its own. To read more about The Waterfront turn to page 4.

On the topic of regeneration, a major scheme is about to begin to improve the seafront at Seaton Carew. The seaside resort is a huge asset to the town and you can read more on page 8.

Despite the on-going cuts in Government funding, the demands on our services are rising – particularly in relation to ‘looked after’ children and caring for older people - so we have to continue to find innovative ways of working to help protect services and jobs.

As a Council we have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in society and if you turn to page 17 you can read about two such schemes that we’ve introduced to help local families who are feeling the financial pressure.

We have also been working really hard to improve care home provision in the town and if you turn to page 22 you can read about the opening of a new facility in the town.

Supporting children and young people is one of our top six priorities in the Council Plan and it was really pleasing to see an overall townwide increase in GCSE results which is featured on page 8.

We’ll continue to support and work with all schools to make sure all children get off to the best start and that they are well prepared for adult life.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer period and that you get the opportunity to attend some of the Council’s many events. The first Waterfront Festival – featured on page 36 – attracted more than15,000 visitors and will become an annual event on the waterfront site. I remain hugely ambitious for the town and there will be no let-up in our efforts to work with the local community and key organisations to make Hartlepool a town everyone can be proud of.

Cllr. Christopher Akers-Belcher,
Leader of Hartlepool Council

Winter break for brown bins

Brown bins will be emptied for the last time on Friday November 24 ahead of a winter break. Collections of residents’ garden waste will then resume from Tuesday April 3 2018. The winter break is commencing later than usual – last year it began on November 1 - following feedback from residents who told the Council they would welcome some additional time to gather up and dispose of fallen leaves.

There is a significant reduction in the use of brown bins over the winter when people are less active in their gardens and there is little plant growth, making the Hartlepool Council service environmentally and economically unviable.

By-election

A DATE has been set for a by-election in the Seaton Ward following the resignation of Councillor Paul Thompson (Independent) due to work commitments.

The by-election will take place on Thursday 19 October and polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm.

If you are not on the Electoral Register, the deadline to register to vote is 3 October. The deadline for postal vote applications is 4 October and the deadline for proxy vote applications (excluding emergency) is 11 October.

For further information call (01429) 523088.

Cover Picture: The recent Waterfront Festival in Hartlepool

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Ambitious plans for Hartlepool Waterfront

COUNCIL chiefs are set to unveil ambitious plans for the Hartlepool Waterfront site which will become a landmark destination for residents and visitors to the town.

Hartlepool Council purchased the former 5-acre Jacksons Landing site after it lay dormant for years and has a masterplan in place to attract investors and development.

Five key components for the Waterfront, which lies between the National Museum of the Royal Navy and Hartlepool Marina, have been identified and will be considered by Councillors at a meeting on 23 October. They are:

- A new waterfront visitor attraction using the best in digital and virtual reality exhibition technology
- A water activity centre including indoor/outdoor assault course
- An outdoor events arena with year-round events space and public realm improvements.
- The expansion of the National Museum of the Royal Navy onto the waterfront site
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Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, the Leader of Hartlepool Council, said: “The Council took the decision to purchase the site because it gives us control over its future development.

“This is a great opportunity to build on the recent arrival of the National Museum of the Royal Navy and create a flagship visitor destination the town can be proud of.”

Councillor Kevin Cranney, Chair of the Council’s Regeneration Services Committee, commented: “There is huge potential on the site and we have a clear plan in place to bring about a mixed-use tourism-led attraction.

“With support from the Tees Valley Combined Authority, we’ve earmarked £750,000 for the next stage of design and development.”

There will be a phased approach to the development with the first phase expected to include the creation of the all-year round events space and public realm improvements.
New college opens its doors

THE new Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD) has opened its doors as student at part of an £11m investment programme.

The impressive new building on the site of the former Hartlepool Council Lynn Street Depot provides 45,000 sq ft of teaching and administration space for degree courses, including Production Design for Stage and Screen, Textiles and Surface Design, Contemporary Textile Products, Fine Art Photographic Practice, TV, Film and Theatre Production.

The new facilities include flexible studio space, two seven-metre double-height studios for photography and TV or film work, a refectory area and galley.

The front of the building on Church Street is fitted with photo-chromatic panels, meaning its exterior changes colour depending on the viewing angle.

Pat Chapman, Head of Employability and External Relations at CCAD, said: ‘‘Our new studios and teaching facilities are an expression of confidence in the future, not only in the college but in the creative sector in the north of England.’’

‘‘These facilities provide us with the chance to develop and expand the creative education offer that the college is so successful at delivering at the moment, with the creation of new and refreshed facilities for both students and the community in our existing campus around Church Square.’’

CCAD is also redeveloping its current Church Square facilities which will see the main building on Church Square develop into a library. The Leadbetter and Municipal Buildings will remain as schools for degree courses such as Body Contour Fashion, Costume Interpretation with Design, Illustration for Commercial Application and Graphic Design.

Transforming Church Street

WORK will get under way in October to regenerate a key area of Hartlepool. Hartlepool Council is behind the initiative to transform the Church Street area into a hub for creative industries.

One of the key developments is the conversion of the former Post Office building in Whitby Street into a new business centre - to be called The BIS - to encourage business start-ups and provide specialist support for businesses in the creative industries sector.

Local firm Gus Robinson Developments will undertake the work which will see the creation of 28 business units of various sizes, including mixed workshops and office space. Other facilities will include meeting rooms and a shared social space that can also be used for events and exhibitions.

Work is also set to start on the rejuvenation of Church Street which will see empty buildings brought back into use, road and pedestrian improvements and public art to enhance the environment. The main contractor is local firm Seymour Civil Engineering.

Councillor Kevin Cranney, Chair of Hartlepool Council’s Regeneration Services Committee, said: “The aim is to breathe new life into the Church Street area whilst retaining and building on the area’s rich heritage and historical past.

“The BIS will be a fantastic new centre which will help to keep young people in the town when they leave college, creating more local jobs in the process.”

The Tees Valley Combined Authority and Heritage Lottery Fund are helping to fund the Church Street transformation.

For more information about The BIS contact the Council’s Economic Regeneration Team on (01429) 867677 or email enterprise@hartlepool.gov.uk. Further details can also be found at www.investinhartlepool.com
Hi-tech bins boost clean-up drive

FIFTEEN new solar-powered litter bins have been bought by Hartlepool Council as part of its on-going drive to keep the town clean and tidy.

The sun’s rays charge a 12-volt battery which, in turn, powers a compacting system that allows the Bigbelly bins to take up to eight times more waste than standard bins.

The bins, which are being trialled at various locations around Seaton Carew, also have a hi-tech system that alerts Council staff by text and email when they need emptying.

The bins, which are costing £90,000, are opened using a handle or a foot pedal and they are self-closing once a litter has been deposited. The design also means that scavenging seagulls are unable to get to the waste inside the bins.

Councillor Dave Hunter, Chair of the Council’s Neighbourhood Services Committee, said: “We are constantly seeking new and innovative ways of delivering services more effectively and efficiently.

“We do sometimes experience problems with overflowing bins particularly in busy seaside areas like Seaton Carew which are very popular with both residents and visitors from outside the town and the increased capacity of the Bellybins can help to prevent such situations from occurring.

“Their increased capacity also means reduced collections and, therefore, reduced costs. Less frequent collections also free up staff to work in other parts of the town, a situation that can only benefit both the Council and residents.”

If the bins at Seaton Carew prove successful, it is hoped to install others in more parts of the town.

Bright future beckons for museum

HARTLEPOOL’s National Museum of the Royal Navy has announced a £500,000 investment programme for next year and further developments are expected to follow.

An upgraded play ship to families, conservation work on centrepiece HMS Trincomalee, which is celebrating its bicentenary this year and a creative art installation marking the centenary of the end of the First World War are all planned.

Longer terms aspirations at the site include new galleries capturing Trincomalee’s essential role linking it to the Indian Royal Navy and East Indian Company and the potential re-siting of Rescue Motor Launch (RML) 497 to tell the heroic story of the Royal Navy’s small boats in the North Sea.

The National Museum of the Royal Navy took over the operation of the former Hartlepool Maritime Experience and HMS Trincomalee site 12 months ago and since then the site has generated an additional 11,500 visitors.

£250,000 has also recently been spent on key maintenance and conservation work to HMS Trincomalee - the sole-surviving link with the 19th century Bombay shipyards and the UK’s oldest warship still afloat.

Professor Dominic Tweddle, Director General of The National Museum of the Royal Navy, said: “Following a year-long consultation with visitors it is clear that they want more things to do for the family so they can make a full day of it. So investing in the family offer is essential. It means more people will visit, particularly locals, and this will have an overwhelmingly positive influence on the town.

“We continue to work very well with our partners at Hartlepool Borough Council with the shared aim of making the site sustainable and a real tourism gem for the region.”

Seaton improvements to begin

A £1.3m scheme to breathe new life into Seaton Carew will get under way in October.

Hartlepool Council is behind the project which will include a new outdoor leisure park with water jets, play equipment, beach huts, picnic tables, attractive landscaping and improvements to the bus station.

In addition, a 4 metre high sculpture by Hartlepool artist Stuart Langley will be located on the promenade near Seaton Reach which links to other public art in the Church Street area.

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Naval Firepower, both in Gosport; HMS Caroline in Belfast and the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton.

HARTLEPOOL residents can benefit from 50% off the National Museum of the Royal Navy’s national membership scheme.

Membership not only provides access to the Hartlepool site all year round, but also to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard (which includes HMS Warrior 1860, HMS Victory and HMS M.33); the Royal Navy Submarine Museum and Explosion Museum of Naval Firepower in Gosport; HMS Caroline in Belfast and the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton.

In addition, members get a 10% discount in museum cafes, 10% discount in museum shops and sample the delights of our Christmas market.

The Festival of Christmas – Friday 1 December - Sunday 3 December

Celebration of Nelson’s victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Drinks reception on board HMS Trincomalee followed by dinner.

Tickets are available from the museum reception. All proceeds will go towards preserving HMS Trincomalee.

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The discounted membership would make a great Christmas gift for friends or family who live locally.

To sign up visit www.nmrn.org.uk and use the promo code Res50. Alternatively, call in at the museum reception.

For more information, see contact details below.

Free eye test voucher

Valid for one test on or before 31 December 2017. Present voucher at time of test. Cannot be exchanged for cash, used with other vouchers or eye-health clinic appointments, or redeemed by customers already entitled to a free NHS-funded eye test. One per person, at named Specsavers stores only.

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The current ITV drama Victoria is helping to draw visitors to the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

The museum was used for the HMS Trafalgar scene in the gripping drama which is now in its second series.

Speaking to Hello magazine, Daisy Goodwin, Victoria’s scriptwriter and creator, said it was her favourite location to film.

“The HMS Trafalgar scene with the naming ceremony was filmed there. It’s magical, how they manage to do that,” she said.

Bicentenary prize

The museum is running a raffle to mark the bicentenary of HMS Trincomalee with a prize worth £700 up for grabs.

The prize includes a hamper, family membership and a limited edition HMS Victory £10 coin.

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Forthcoming events

Trafalgar Night Dinner – Saturday 21 October

Celebration of Nelson’s victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Drinks reception on board HMS Trincomalee followed by dinner.

Pickle Night – Friday 3 November

Commemorating HMS Pickle being the first vessel to return to Britain with news of Nelson’s victory and death at the battle of Trafalgar.

Festival of Christmas – Friday 1 December - Sunday 3 December

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A limited number of tickets are available on an early bird discount basis.

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New blueprint to make Hartlepool a safer place

THE Safer Hartlepool Partnership has unveiled its latest blueprint to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and make the town a safer place.

The Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 has been produced by the multi-agency body - which includes the Council, Police, Fire Brigade and other key public and voluntary organisations - after listening to the views of local people. The document sets out the priorities for the Partnership for the next three years and has been divided into the following four key areas:

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities
- Reduce offending and re-offending

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Chair of the Partnership and Leader of Hartlepool Council, said: “The plan sets out the Partnership’s vision for maintaining and improving community safety in Hartlepool and identifies our priorities to help us achieve this. The priorities have been set after analysing crime and community safety data, and by listening to the views of those living and working in Hartlepool.”

“The Partnership is totally committed to making Hartlepool a safe place to live, work and visit. Our approach for achieving this will be to focus on prevention. We want to stop problems from happening in the first place by tackling root causes, and where problems do exist we want to stop them from escalating by intervening early and focusing our resources where they are most needed.

“We also remain committed to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people from harm, and exploitation in the community.”

During recent public consultation two thirds of residents said that they feel part of the local community, with almost one quarter feeling able to influence local decisions. Whilst more than three quarters of respondents said they feel safe or fairly safe while out in their local area during the day, this reduces to 51% when outside after dark.

Residents continue to identify litter, speeding traffic, groups of young people hanging around the streets, alcohol related anti-social behaviour and drug misuse as problems.

Councillor Akers-Belcher continued: “Moving forward, we know we will continue to face further significant budgetary challenges at a time when the demand on services is rising. We recognise both fighting crime and tackling the underlying causes of it is key to our success, and in true Hartlepool spirit, we will do it together in partnerships.”

A new initiative which will be launched in early 2018 will see the Council and Police coming together in an integrated community safety team which will work together with communities to build safe neighbourhoods across Hartlepool.

To view the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 visit www.hartlepool.gov.uk/saferhartlepool

Useful contacts

Reporting Hate Crime
A hate incident is an incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hate in an emergency dial 999. In a non-emergency dial 101. You can report online at www.report-it.org.uk Or phone Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. You can also report via a third party reporting centre - listed at www.hartlepool.gov.uk/saferhartlepool

Anti-Social Behaviour
For advice and to report anti-social behaviour call (01429) 523100

Victim Support/Crime Prevention
If you’ve been a victim of crime or require advice about protecting your home and staying safe call (01429) 523100.

Harbour
Offering support to families and individuals who are affected by domestic abuse from a partner, former partner or other family member. Call 03000 202525 (24hrs).

Neighbourhood Development
Neighbourhood Development officers are on hand to promote strong communities and give advice and support to residents’ groups and community organisations. Call (01429) 523100.

Drug & Alcohol Treatment
If you need help in dealing with drug and alcohol addiction call (01429) 285000.

Trading Standards
To report suspected rogue traders, the selling of fraudulent goods or for general advice call (01429) 523362.

Police
In an emergency ring 999. If it’s not urgent call 101. You can also report crime and remain anonymous by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

To view the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 visit www.hartlepool.gov.uk/saferhartlepool
Outdoor play – good or bad?

ALLOWING children to play outdoors alone is a big concern for many parents who fear they might be putting them in danger. Here, Hartlepool Council’s Child Injury Prevention Co-ordinator Joanne Andrews explores the benefits of outdoor play and how some of the risks can be managed.

Active play outdoors allows children to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and co-ordination and gain self-confidence. There are many fun reasons kids should play outside, from expressing creativity to running freely and making messes without worrying about dirtying the house. There are also many health benefits that make outdoor play great for children.

Getting kids outside and having unstructured play promotes a wide range of skills. In a playground, not everyone gets to go down the slide first. Going to a playground is not just about running around and being active, but it’s also about learning social skills.

Studies have also shown that exposure to natural settings through after-school and weekend activities may be widely effective in reducing attention-deficit symptoms in children. Spending time outside playing is such a huge outlet for stress. Running around and letting off steam relaxes children and the fresh air promotes better sleep.

Lots of kids suffer from vitamin D deficiencies. This vitamin has several health benefits, including preventing future bone problems, diabetes and even heart disease. Vitamin D can be received by supplement and certain foods, but you can also get it free from sunlight.

It’s difficult to know when is the best time to let your children play out without you being there. It depends on age, environment and maturity. However, one of the main things we need to consider is trust. Children of all ages need boundaries. It allows them to feel safe and boundaries that are discussed, explained and agreed with the child are more likely to be trusted. Curfews are a good start. It gives them responsibility and teaches time management. A curfew works best when the expectations and consequences are clearly spelled out.

As children get older, playing out with friends is so important. Friends listen and give feedback on new ideas, explore beliefs, and discuss problems. Peers can help you make decisions as to what courses to take; fashion advice or how to handle a family argument. Peers often give each other good advice as they are in the same situations themselves.

Your child’s peer group may provide your child with opportunities to try out new social skills. They should get to know lots of different people, such as classmates or teammates. It gives them a chance to learn how to expand their circle of friends, build relationships, and work out differences.

Even if your child is responsible and trustworthy and their friends are a delight, they will still come across peer pressure. If they are embarrassed to talk to you they can talk to a friend’s parent/carer, teacher or youth worker which will hopefully prepare them for the next time they face peer pressure.

If you would like to speak with someone directly about the local offer, you can contact the Children’s Hub on: 01429 284876 or Tracy Liveras – Local Offer Lead: 01429 284876.

To view the local offer follow the link: http://hartlepool.fsd.org.uk/SEND
The Children's Hub
Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

The Children's Hub is a partnership between:
• Hartlepool Borough Council
• Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
• Cleveland Police
• North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
• Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust.

Tel: 01429 284284
Email: childrenshub@hartlepool.gcsx.gov.uk

What is The Children's Hub?
The Children’s Hub is the first point of contact for anyone who has a concern about the welfare or safety of a child or young person or thinks they may need extra help and support.

When contacted, The Children’s Hub listen to what they are being told and the different agencies in the Hub might share information with each other to try and work out whether they can help.

The Children’s Hub is a partnership between:
• Hartlepool Borough Council
• Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
• Cleveland Police
• Health Partners

Will I be told if someone contacts The Children's Hub about my child?
You can contact The Children’s Hub yourself to discuss whether additional help or support might be available.

If another professional or agency contacts The Children’s Hub about your child they should have discussed this with you first. If they are contacted by a member of the public or they learn that a professional or agency has contacted them without your knowledge they will try to let you know that this has happened.

The only time you will not be told is if telling you might put your child or someone else at risk of harm or if it might affect the investigation of a crime.

Can information be shared without my permission?
Yes, but only if The Children’s Hub believes that your child is being harmed, or might be harmed in the future or if sharing the information might help to stop or solve a crime. The Children’s Hub might be required to share your information more widely where the law says they have to. Your information will be held and shared securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

To contact the Children’s Hub call 01429 284284
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Take more days off drinking

BALANCE, the North East Alcohol Office, is urging Hartlepool residents to take more days off drinking for the sake of their health, family and loved ones through their new hard-hitting ‘Can’t See It’ campaign.

Drinkers in the region are more likely to be drinking above recommended limits, putting themselves at greater risk of a range of different cancers, with sales figures showing alcohol is a risk factor in over 60 medical conditions.

To reduce your drinking, visit www.reducemyrisk.tv to take a short quiz and download free tools like the Days Off app and Drinks Tracker. Follow Balance on Twitter @BalanceNE, using #7cancers.

HARLEPOOL smokers can kick their smoking habit for good by getting involved in this year’s Stoptober campaign.

Starting on October 1, this annual campaign from Public Health England and Fresh encourages smokers to finally kick the habit, based on research that shows those who stop the cigarettes for a 28 day period are five times more likely to stop altogether.

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Chair of the town’s Health and Wellbeing Board and Leader of the Council said: “We all know someone who has felt the devastating effects of a disease or life-limiting illness caused by smoking.

“We are calling on smokers to make the pledge to take better care of their health, reduce the harmful impact smoking has on their loved ones and lower the burden placed by smoking-related illnesses on the NHS. Sign up today and stop for good.”

Did you know you’re up to four times more likely to successfully quit smoking with NHS support? Ask at your GP or local pharmacy, visit www.smokefree.nhs.uk/Stoptober or call Stockton and Hartlepool NHS Stop Smoking Service on (01642) 525100.

A RECORD-BREAKING 10,000 free swims have been enjoyed by Hartlepool youngsters this summer, thanks to the Council-run free swims scheme.

Little Isla Grace, accompanied by her parents Zoe and Aaron, was the lucky 10,000th visitor to enjoy free time in the pool at the town’s Mill House Leisure Centre on the final day of this year’s scheme.

“Isla Grace and her family have been awarded an exclusive pass, allowing them to enjoy unlimited free family swims at Mill House until the end of the year,” said Councillor Akers-Belcher, Leader of Hartlepool Council, who, with 10,000th free swims visitor Isla Grace and her parents Zoe and Aaron, thrived with this year’s amazing response from the local community to the free swims scheme, which has been more popular than ever before.

A SCHME run by Hartlepool Council to ensure children didn’t go hungry during the school summer holidays has been hailed a huge success.

Eighteen organisations shared a pot of money made available by the Council to help statutory, voluntary, community and charitable organisations provide food for young people as part of their summer activity programmes.

“The Filling the Gap” scheme was designed to replace the term-time free school meals that many children receive.

Early returns from some providers have indicated that thousands of meals were served to several thousand individual children during the course of the six-week holidays.

Last year, the Council worked in partnership with Hartlepool Foodbank to put together and distribute food parcels from three venues in the town, as well as providing financial support to organisations to run their own anti-poverty schemes.

This year, it was decided that the greatest impact would be achieved by directing all available money to local organisations.

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of the Council’s Children’s Services Committee, said: “The take-up proves there was a real need to fill the gap created by the school holidays and it was the right decision to direct all available money to local organisations.

I’d like to thank them for their support in helping to ensure that many children did not go hungry over the summer.

“This shows how the Council is determined to stand up for the town’s most hard-pressed families with children despite the huge financial pressure it is under following years of Government budget cuts.”

The 18 grant recipients were the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group, Be Crafty, Children’s Action Recovery Team, Hartlepool Carers, Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation, Kilmarnock Road Children and Young People Family Resource Centre, Owton Fens Community Association, Positive Parents Group, Salsa Community Centre, St Aidan’s and St Columba’s Church, the Rifty Youth Project, West View Project, Wharton Trust and Hartlepool Youth Service.

Holiday meals scheme is huge success

Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle

JUST 10 minutes of brisk walking every day can make a big difference to your overall health and wellbeing by boosting your energy, lifting your mood and raising your heart rate.

Research has also shown it can help to lower the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and other serious illnesses.

Download the Active 10 app today to see how much brisk walking you currently do, set achievable exercise goals and find out where you could be squeezing more walking in. No gym membership required – just ten minutes out of your day!

Take your first steps towards being more active by visiting www.nhs.uk/oneyou/active10.

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A total of £42,000 was made available - up from £25,000 last year - and the approved grants totalled just over £35,000. Of the remaining cash, £3,000 was given to the Children’s Food Trust to provide cooking skills training, while the rest has been rolled over to support potential future schemes.

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of the Council’s Children’s Services Committee, said: “The take-up proves there was a real need to fill the gap created by the school holidays and it was the right decision to direct all available money to local organisations.

I’d like to thank them for their support in helping to ensure that many children did not go hungry over the summer.

“This shows how the Council is determined to stand up for the town’s most hard-pressed families with children despite the huge financial pressure it is under following years of Government budget cuts.”

The 18 grant recipients were the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group, Be Crafty, Children’s Action Recovery Team, Hartlepool Carers, Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation, Kilmarnock Road Children and Young People Family Resource Centre, Owton Fens Community Association, Positive Parents Group, Salsa Community Centre, St Aidan’s and St Columba’s Church, the Rifty Youth Project, West View Project, Wharton Trust and Hartlepool Youth Service.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

No change for Telecare users

HARTLEPOOL Borough Council can confirm that over 2,000 people in the town who receive support through the telecare service will continue to receive the service free of charge.

A recent letter from Thirteen Group to users of their Homecall service has caused some concern and misunderstanding for telecare users. The Council wants to make clear that these are two different services, and has caused some concern and misunderstanding for telecare users. The Council has confirmed that there is no change to their current arrangements.

A letter will be sent to all telecare users by the end of September confirming that there is no change to their current arrangements.

Telecare service

The telecare service is an enhanced service for people who have had a social care assessment and been identified as having social care needs. As well as a pull cord and pendant, this service also provides a range of sensors or monitors such as property exit sensors, falls detectors, bed sensors, smoke alarm sensors, carbon monoxide sensors and flood detectors that help people to live safely and independently. When a call is made to the telecare service, care staff from a registered homescare service respond and can provide personal care and support.

In most areas of the country, people pay a charge for this service. However, in Hartlepool, the Council recognises that the telecare service provides essential support and reassurance to people with social care needs and has made a commitment to continue to provide this service free of charge.

A letter will be sent to all telecare users by the end of September confirming that there is no change to their current arrangements.

Promoting running in Hartlepool

If you’ve keen to start running or want to move up to the next level then two groups in Hartlepool can help.

Hartlepool Council’s Feel Good in Hartlepool team recently launched a new Run Into group aimed at beginners and novice runners. And it is also liaising closely with Hartlepool Run Fit, a friendly, sociable and supportive voluntary group that aims to encourage runners of all abilities.

Weekly Run Into sessions take place on Tuesdays at Brierton Sports Centre from 12.15-1.15pm, Wednesdays at Greyfriars Pavilion from 5.30-6.30pm and Thursdays at Ward Jackson Park from 5.30-6.30pm.

Anyone who is interested can just turn up and speak to the coaches. Alternatively, more information is available by emailing feelgood@hartlepool.gov.uk or calling (01429) 284050.

Hartlepool Run Fit - set up by former Hartlepool Rovers rugby player and passionate trail runner Andrew Lilley - prides itself on the support members give each other whilst acknowledging the difficulties of trying to fit regular exercise into their busy lives.

The group meets on Mondays at 6.15pm and on Thursdays at 7pm, the venue dependent on the weather and the type of session planned. It is staging a 10k trail race on October 15 which is open to anyone.

The course is an out and back to Crimdon Dene from Hart Village over mixed terrain, including road, mud, grass and gravel. The group says runners can sprint, jog, walk or crawl and take as long as they like.

For more information about the group go to www.hartlepoolrunfit.co.uk. Register for the 10k trail race at www.sportentrysolutions.com/new_race_page.php?recordid=200580.

Hartlepool Sport and Physical Activity Manager Daniel Garthwaite of Hartlepoolsport.net says: “We think the two groups complement each well and we would urge anyone keen to start running or who wants to develop their running skills to get in touch.”

Hub Health Advisor service launched

RESIDENTS of Hartlepool can now get a range of health and related advice at the town’s three Community Hubs.

A Community Hub Health Advisor is based at each of the Hubs in the north, centre and south of the town to help people make positive lifestyle changes.

The advisors offer a friendly, personable and non-judgemental service.

Residents can book an informal 1:1 chat with an advisor at their nearest Hub.

Whether someone is seeking help to lose weight or to deal with their debts - or they might just want to get involved in physical activity - the advisors can help.

For more information go to www.hartlepool.gov.uk/community/hub-health-advisors or email hubhealthadvisors@hartlepool.gov.uk.

The Community Hub Health Advisors are:

**CENTRAL**

Riz Chafftan
Community Hub Central
York Road
07500 999524

**NORTH**

Steve Gaffney
Community Hub North
West View Advice & Resource Centre
(01429) 408814 / 07748576700

**SOUTH**

Denise Murphy
Community Hub South
Wynyard Road
(01429) 408815 / 07748112784

Email feelgood@hartlepool.gov.uk Visit www.gethartlepoolactive.co.uk

@feelgoodinhpool GetHartlepoolActive

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WE recently unveiled an ambitious three-year plan to develop and promote the town as an outstanding place to live, learn, work and visit.

The plan outlines our top six priorities and for each area there is a range of projects and initiatives. The document sets out the clear plans and commitments we have made under each strategic priority.

The six priorities – and some of the things we will do to make these happen – are:

Growing our economy, jobs and skills
- Launch a new tourism and marketing campaign.
- Open ‘the Bis’ – a new managed workspace for emerging creative industries.
- Establish pathways to get young people into sustainable employment.

Regenerating our town
- Complete Church Street and Church Square regeneration plans.
- Deliver improvements to Stockton Street.
- Deliver the regeneration plan for Seaton Carew seafront.

Developing and promoting Hartlepool as a great place to live
- Facilitate the sustainable development of Hartlepool through the adoption of the Local Plan.
- Deliver new housing to meet the current and future needs of the Borough.
- Establish an investment programme for improvements to neighbourhoods, open spaces, parks and play sites.

Developing new services for people and communities
- Implement a new model for encouraging and supporting healthy lifestyles.
- Work with health partners to establish new integrated health and social care services.
- Increase the availability of high quality care for older people.

Building better beginnings and futures for our children and young people
- Launch a new centre for excellence in technical education in creative industries.
- Establish a Youth Foundation to co-ordinate investment in youth provision.
- Launch a programme to improve the emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

Providing effective leadership based upon innovation and efficiency
- Increase availability and take up of digitally delivered services.
- Develop apprenticeship opportunities provided by the Council.
- Strengthen arrangements to enable elected members to fulfil their role as democratically elected community champions.

Hartlepool will be a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring place to live, visit, work, invest and grow up in

To view the full Council Plan visit www.hartlepool.gov.uk/council-plan
New care home welcomed

CIVIC leaders in Hartlepool have welcomed a new 50-bed care home in the town and applauded its high standards.

Hartlepool Mayor, Councillor Paul Beck recently officially opened Rossmere Park Care Centre on Cabotte Road which has undergone a major refurbishment and began accepting new residents in May.

New owners have transformed the building, formerly known as Manor Park Care Home, which provides 20 nursing and 30 residential beds.

Councillor Stephen Thomas, Chair of the Council’s Adult Services Committee, said: “As a Council we are striving to provide the best possible care services to our older and vulnerable residents.

“What you see at Rossmere Park Care Centre is a facility that has been totally transformed. The work undertaken is excellent and I think the provider has done a wonderful job.”

Praise for the development comes at a time when all care homes in the town have been labelled as “good” by the Care Quality Commission – the body that regulates care homes.

Michelle Savage, Director of Rossmere Park Care Centre, said: “I would like to thank everyone for their hard work which has enabled us to open our lovely new home.

“I’ve worked with local authorities for twenty years and I must say that the support from Hartlepool Council has been outstanding.”

BME support

HARTLEPOOL Council is working with a registered charity to provide day service opportunities for older people from the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) community.

Aspire Services provide a range of opportunities for people to meet new friends, socialise and take part in activities that encourage a more independent lifestyle.

Services are available to any adult from the BME community who has any long term mental health problems or other long-term illness and are housebound or have become isolated. The service is also open to any adult who provides help to a friend or relative who is ill, disabled, elderly or in need of emotional support.

Weekly sessions are based at Hill Care Centre for Independent Living in Havelock Street on Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm on the following dates – 26 September and 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 October.

Anyone requiring transport to and from the venue can ring 01642 884513 (01642) 825926.

Power cut help

RESIDENTS who feel they could be vulnerable in the event of a power cut can register with Northern Powergrid’s Priority Services Register.

The register is for those people who may need a little extra support when there’s a power cut although it can’t always be guaranteed. For more information visit www.northernpowergrid.com or call 0800 169 2996.

Dial-a-ride

A NEW dial-a-ride bus service has been launched in Hartlepool to help address the town’s shortage of disabled transport.

Paul’s Taxi started the service earlier this year after a Council scrutiny investigation revealed there was a lack of wheelchair accessible taxis in the town for disabled people.

Sue Little, of Paul’s Travels, said: “We launched the dial-a-ride service to meet a specific need in Hartlepool and clearly the demand is there.

“Our specially-adapted vehicle has an electric lift and can take all kinds of wheelchairs and mobility scooters.”

For further information call (01429) 238360.
Emotional wellbeing is high priority

In the last issue of Hartbeat, readers were encouraged to complete an online survey to provide their views on their child’s emotional wellbeing and the services that are currently in place to support children and young people in the town.

The response was overwhelming; there were some really valuable comments about how schools, the Council and the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) could better support children and young people to understand their feelings as they develop into adults.

Research shows that children with good emotional and mental health are better able to contribute and achieve in life, and good mental health is also important for good physical health.

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of the Council’s Children’s Services Committee, said: “I would like to thank everyone who completed the survey. From the feedback we receive, and carers it is clear that ensuring that their children are happy is a major priority.

“Parents also wanted to ensure that children had the tools they need to get through tougher times in life. Parents also recognised that their own role in supporting their children to develop these skills was equally important as the support schools give children to develop emotionally.

“We have therefore dedicated this page to provide readers with a range of advice and information to help children and young people build resilience to manage the ups and downs of everyday life.

“One of the ways we are responding to children and parents’ views is to increase the knowledge and skills of staff in schools so that they are more confident and competent in the promotion of emotional wellbeing.

“This approach is being led by highly-trained staff and means that more children can access support and intervention when they need it.”

Below are five ways to wellbeing to help promote good emotional wellbeing to young people:

- Be active
- Connect
- Give
- Keep learning
- Take notice

With the help of our friends Anna, Jen and Emma, here are some tips to help your child develop emotionally.

- Be active
- Connect
- Give
- Keep learning
- Take notice

Help and support for parents

You and Your Child

- Make sure they know you love them and are proud of them. Even when things are busy or stressful, a word or a hug can reassure them a huge amount.
- Be honest about your feelings. We all get things wrong and shush or say unkind things from time to time. If this happens, say sorry to your child afterwards and see what they think.
- Own your role - you are the parent, so don’t be afraid to take tough decisions. If your child sees you are scared of their reaction and always give in to them, it can make them feel very powerful, which can be frightening. Children need to know that you are there to keep them safe.

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Helping Your Child

- Worrying or difficult behaviour might be shut down, so give it some time. They might be adjusting to a change in the family or in their school life, or just trying out new emotions.
- Talk to your child: Even young children can understand about feelings and behaviour if you give them a chance to talk about it. Take it gently and give them examples of what you feel, for example, “When you said you hate Molly, you looked really angry. What was making you so cross?”. Or “When you can’t get to sleep, is there anything in your mind making you worried?”
- Older children might not want to talk at first. Let them know you are concerned about them, and are there if they need you. Sending an email or a text can work better if this is the way your child likes to communicate.
- Ask your child what they think would help - they often have good ideas about solving their own problems.

Looking After Yourself

- If your child is having problems, don’t be too hard on yourself. Children often take it out on those closest to them, so you might be feeling the effect of their very powerful emotions.
- If things are getting down, it’s important to recognise this. Talk to someone you trust and see what they think.
- It’s easy to say take some time for yourself but in reality this may not be possible. You might be too busy, exhausted or hard up for exercise or hobbies. But even a night in with a friend, a DVD box set or your favourite dinner can help.

There are also a number of websites offering good advice and tips as follows:

- www.actionforhappiness.org
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- www.childline.org.uk
- www.time-to-change.org.uk
- www.mindful.org

GCSE results success for Hartlepool

Young people in Hartlepool have achieved some good GCSEs grades this year.

Provisional statistics show that this year’s results are higher than in 2016.

Mark Patton, Hartlepool Council’s Assistant Director (Education), said: “Our young people in Year 11 have faced tremendous change whilst studying their GCSEs over the last two years. The standards in English and mathematics have been made more challenging.

“The grading system for mathematics, English language and English literature changed this year, with the old lettered A*-G grades being replaced by numbers, 9 (the highest) to 1 (the lowest). There will be further change next year when all other GCSE subjects move to the numberised system. A video explaining the changes can be viewed at www.gov.uk/government/news/new-gcse-9-to-1-grades-coming-soon.

Mr Patton added: “Although we do not yet have a detailed town-wide picture, it looks as though Hartlepool’s GCSE results are up on last year. I am particularly pleased that boys appear to have improved more than girls.

Nationally, results are down slightly on 2016.

“I want to thank the school staff, parents and carers of all our students for the support they give their young people to help them to achieve at school.”

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of the Council’s Children’s Services Committee, said: “I am really pleased that our students have been so successful. This year was always going to be difficult because of the harder English and maths papers.

“I would like to congratulate all students - they have worked very hard for their GCSEs – and I wish them all the very best as they take their next steps into further education or training.

“This improvement comes after our younger children in primary schools achieved very well in their national tests too. This year’s results are testament to all who work in Hartlepool schools. Hartlepool really is a learning town!”

Overall take-up of primary school meals, both paid-for and free, is currently 73%. The Council aims to increase the paid-for take-up rate of 32% and it acknowledges that while free school meal take-up is relatively high at 81%, there will still be a number of people who are not claiming entitlement.

Councillor Alan Clark, Chair of the Council’s Children’s Services Committee, said: “Is the town’s primary school meal provider we recognise that we have an important role to play in the health and well-being of children in Hartlepool.

“Our School Meals Service is committed to fresh, sustainable, locally-sourced, high-quality food, and parents can be reassured that if their children eat lunch at school then they are guaranteed to receive a nutritious meal of the highest possible standard.”

The service’s commitment to quality was recently recognised when it was re-accredited with the Soil Association’s “Food for Life” Bronze Catering Mark for Primary Schools – an award that requires 75% of the menu to be freshly prepared daily on site from unprocessed ingredients.

The service currently has more than 200 kitchen staff operating in 30 primary schools.

Facilities Manager Officer Lynne Bell, who heads up the School Meals Service, said: “Since chef celebrity Jamie Oliver launched his school meals campaign a number of years ago, menus and standards have changed dramatically, with much greater emphasis on serving healthy, high-quality food.

“All of our schools have a 5* rating under the Food Standards Agency’s Food Hygiene Ratings and we also have designed a colour coded system – red for protein, blue for starch carbohydrates, green for vegetables and purple for desserts – which is clearly displayed on all school menus. Children can easily recognise that if they choose a portion of food from each colour category then they will be eating a well-balanced meal.”

For more information about Hartlepool Council’s School Meals Service go to www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolmeals

To find out if your child is eligible for a free school meal and, if so, how to apply call (01429) 284188.

School meals campaign launched

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to increase the take-up of school lunches by primary schoolchildren in Hartlepool.

Over 1 million meals were served in primary schools last year by Hartlepool Council’s School Meals Service, but it aims to increase that figure in the new academic year.

It says children eating a school lunch benefit both paid-for and free, is currently 73%. The service currently has more than 200 kitchen staff operating in 30 primary schools.

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Lunch is served to children at Fens Primary School
Update from Tees Valley Combined Authority

Keeping the Economy Moving

The Combined Authority’s key aims are to grow the local economy and create jobs. For this to happen, we need to improve our roads so that they are safe and less congested, allowing people and freight to move around quickly and efficiently.

In July, we revealed some exciting plans for a new river crossing and improved east-west connectivity on the A66 corridor to the A1(M), providing a consistent standard of route all the way to the international port at Teesport.

Throughout July and August we held a number of public information engagement events in Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees in conjunction with the local councils. The purpose of these events was to provide information and gather feedback from Tees Valley residents.

Whilst these proposals are still at the development stage we wanted to share plans with the people who use the roads day in day out at the earliest possible stage we wanted to share plans with the people who use the roads day in day out at the earliest possible stage.

We want to provide and maintain a high quality major road network that is safe, less congested, reliable and meets the needs of Tees Valley residents and businesses.

For too long commuters have faced frustrating delays to cross the River Tees, creating additional costs to the Tees Valley’s economy and limiting our growth potential.

It was really encouraging to see the positive support from the people that came along to the events.

We are determined to take action, and will be putting forward a compelling case for national investment.

Whilst recognising these projects won’t happen overnight we continue to push forward and will keep you updated with our progress.

If you would like to find out more about our plans and give some feedback please visit www.teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/OurRoads.

Community Hub North welcomes re-instated library service

A RE-INSTATED library service has been welcomed back to Community Hub North after an absence of over five years.

The move has been well received by local residents and Hub visitors who are once again able to benefit from the vital services the library has to offer.

Val Evens, Community Hub North and West View Advice and Resource Centre Manager, said: “We are extremely pleased to welcome this important facility back into our community.

“The library has been well used since it was re-introduced, and no doubt will attract more and more visitors as word spreads.”

The library at Community Hub North is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm, with services provided by West View Advice and Resource Centre on behalf of Hartlepool Council.

High service uptake at Community Hub South

RECENTLY introduced advice services at Community Hub South have been extremely popular amongst visitors.

Since the services were brought into the Hub, 327 interviews have taken place, with visitors to the Hub gaining quick access to form-filling drop-in sessions and debt advice services.

Susan Rybak, the Council’s Culture and Community Resources Manager, said: “This large increase in visitors accessing our new services clearly indicates that more and more local residents are keen to seek the help on offer, and it is encouraging that they are now able to do so much closer to home.

“By linking up with key partners, we hope to expand our service offering as the month’s progress and would encourage local residents to contact the Hub for more information.”

Official opening of Community Hub Central

THE Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham Sue Snowdon has officially opened Community Hub Central at a plaque-unveiling ceremony.

“By linking up with key partners, we hope to expand our service offering as the month’s progress and would encourage local residents to contact the Hub for more information.”

The reinstituted library service has been well received.

Look out for more information about the Community Hubs in the December edition of Hartbeat. Alternatively, visit www.hartlepool.gov.uk/community-hubs or email customer.services@hartlepool.gov.uk.
**Major refurbishment complete at Bamburgh Court**

STAFF and residents have marked the completion of a major refurbishment project at Bamburgh Court in Hartlepool. Residents were joined by staff from Thirteen and contractors HVE to celebrate the £180,000 refurbishment project which has transformed the extra care housing complex at Clavering.

Newly-refurbished communal areas, including the lounge and new modern kitchen, have made the building a more attractive place to live, while corridors have been heightened with a fresh coat of paint and new carpets fitted throughout. The lobby area has been converted into a secure mobility scooter store with charging points.

Thirteen’s Director of Asset Management and Sustainability Paul Jenkins said: “The investment team and our partners at HVE have done a great job. This is a fantastic example of partnership working. It really is a team effort that these improvements have been made to such a high standard.

“It’s been good to hear such positive feedback from the residents. There is a fantastic community spirit here at Bamburgh Court and residents can now enjoy the much-improved facilities.

“It’s important that we continue to invest in properties like this throughout the Tees Valley. This year we’re delivering around £26million worth of improvements and next year that’s set to increase.

“We will continue to maintain that level of commitment to the properties that we own and manage because we know it’s important to the customers we have now and the ones that we want to attract in the future.”

Resident Carol Pounder, who previously worked as a warden at Bamburgh Court before becoming a resident, added: “We’re really pleased with the work that’s been done - it’s now an even better place to live.”

**Keeping our customers gas safe**

THIRTEEN is reminding its customers about the importance of gas safety checks this autumn, and why they must be carried out on their home every year.

It is a legal requirement for every one of Thirteen’s homes to have an up-to-date check. The checks are carried out free of charge and appointment letters are automatically sent to customers every year.

Badly fitted and poorly serviced gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning. Sadly, every year thousands of people across the UK are diagnosed with carbon monoxide poisoning. It is a highly poisonous gas. You can’t see it, taste it or smell it, but it can kill quickly.

Executive Director of Property Services Russell Thompson said: “Ensuring that appliances such as gas fires and boilers are serviced, working correctly and safe is essential.

“Gas appliances that have regular checks are also more efficient, so customers may save money from their fuel bills.

“We want to make sure that 100% of our properties continue to be up-to-date with their gas safety checks. They don’t take long to carry out, but if customers miss their appointment, faulty appliances won’t be identified and could be dangerous, so we’re asking that our customers help us by ensuring our engineers can get the access they need.”

You can get more information about the gas safety checks on Thirteen’s website at www.thirteengroup.co.uk.

**Have your say on future of the town**

HARTLEPOOL Council is giving local residents the opportunity to have their say at a series of events in October.

Following on from the town-wide conversation which took place last summer, the Your Say, Our Future Annual Conversation events will focus on updating residents on what the Council has been doing over the last year.

Those attending will hear from the Chief Executive of the Council Gill Alexander about the progress made so far, and the challenges that the Council faces over the next few years.

Members of the public will also have the opportunity to discuss ways in which the rising demand on services can be managed, including the impact of litter and waste and loneliness and social isolation.

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, chair of the Council’s Finance and Policy Committee and Leader of the Council, said: “It is important to reflect on the progress we have made as a Council as a result of conversations with residents.

“By involving members of the public at this early stage, we are able to put the issues that matter most at the centre of our plans moving forward.

“Government grant cuts have placed incredible pressure on both the Council and our town, and we still have some very difficult decisions to make over the next two financial years.”

“However, we are dedicated to protecting the vast majority of frontline services and jobs, whilst keeping our unwavering ambition focused on investing in this town’s future through key regeneration projects as identified in the Council Plan 2017/20.

“We urge all members of the community to attend these events to see just how far we have come and where we are going.

Each of the three events will follow the same format and will take place on:

- **Wednesday 4 October – 3pm to 5pm – Council Chamber, Civic Centre**
- **Wednesday 11 October – 8am to 10am – Community Hub South**
- **Thursday 12 October – 6pm to 8pm – Community Hub North**

To book a place for one of the events, please contact yoursay@hartlepool.gov.uk

**Join the Online Panel**

RESIDENTS of Hartlepool are being urged to sign up to the Council’s Online Panel and have their say on the future of the town.

Over 1,000 people are already signed up to the panel, receiving regular invites to complete online surveys, attend public consultations and join focus groups to give their views on important matters affecting them.


“This involved a town wide conversation with residents, staff and young people, and contributed greatly not only to the preparation of our Council Plan but to other key decisions the Council has undertaken.

“Feedback from the town’s residents is vitally important to us, so we can build a clear picture of what the public wants and needs. The more people who engage with our consultation, the clearer that picture becomes, so we urge everyone to sign up to the panel and help shape the future of Hartlepool.”

To become a member of the panel, please visit www.hartlepool.gov.uk/online-panel and complete the subscription form.

**Looking for a new home?**

WE have a number of homes available in Hartlepool for affordable rent, shared ownership and outright sale.

To find out what’s on offer, visit our website at www.thirteengroup.co.uk.

We also advertise a number of our properties on Rightmove at www.rightmove.co.uk.

To chat with our customer services team email customerservices@thirteengroup.co.uk or call 0300 111 1000.

**The number of people assisted to live in their own homes in 2016/17.**

3,556

**The percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting in 2016/17.**

35.5%

**The reduction in Government grant funding from £46 million in 2013/14 to £25 million in 2019/20.**

£16.6m

**The amount of external funding secured to support the delivery of regeneration programmes in 2016/17.**

£2.5 million

%
Hartlepool Adult Education

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Why choose us?

• Providing “Outstanding Outcomes for Community Learning” (Ofsted 2013).
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We have links with the National Careers Service who will be able to provide careers advice to help you meet your aspirations.

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What our learners say about us!

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“AFTER suffering from anxiety for some time I decided I needed to do something to increase my confidence to get back into the workplace. I enrolled on the Certificate in Education course with Hartlepool Adult Education. I realised I needed to update the skills in the subject I wanted to teach, so I completed ECDL Level 2 and also volunteered through Volunteer Hartlepool to gain invaluable work experience by supporting tutors and learners with using IT in the classroom. In May 2017, I applied for a job as a tutor and I was delighted to be offered the position. I am very excited for the future!”

Project proves benefits of community learning

A PILOT project run in Hartlepool as part of a national research study has confirmed the beneficial impact of community learning on people’s mental health and wellbeing.

The Moving Forward project was delivered in the town from August 2015-July this year by Hartlepool Council’s Adult Education Service in partnership with a number of other local organisations, including Hartlepool MIND and Harbour.

It was run as part of the Department for Education’s Community Learning Mental Health Pilot, with the aim of proving that taking part in learning can and does have a positive impact on people’s mental health.

The project enabled 259 Hartlepool people with mild to moderate anxiety and depression to access and complete community learning programmes, with 50% of them progressing into further learning, volunteering or employment.

Certificates were recently presented to a number of the successful community learners at a ceremony.

Councillor Kaylee Sirs, Hartlepool Council’s Mental Health Champion, said: “There are some great examples of individual achievement and I am delighted that although external funding has now come to an end, the project will continue as part of the mainstream Adult Education Service.

“I would like to congratulate everyone on their achievements and wish them well in the future.

“I would also urge anyone facing up to mental health issues to consider how the project may be able to help them.”

Find Out More

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Equality and Diversity
Information, Advice and Guidance
Life and Living Skills
Psychology
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
Substance Misuse
Working with Learning Disabilities

Counselling
Early Years, and Health and Social Care
Working with Parents
Get Back into Work
Keeping up with the Kids and Family Learning
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**LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT**

Have you made your claim?

You may be able to claim Local Council Tax Support if you are on a low income, in and out of work or in receipt of certain benefits. Find out if you are entitled by telephoning 01429 284188 or email benefits@hartlepool.gov.uk

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The Pupil Premium is £1,320 per child in year groups Reception to Year 6 and £935 per child in Years 7 to 11 and will be paid directly to the child’s school and used for their education.

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**A successful summer of sailing**

**YOUNG people took the opportunity to develop their sailing skills on two-week-long courses at Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club over the summer holidays.**

**The courses which ran from July 31-August 4 and August 7-11 enabled youngsters to achieve nationally-recognised Royal Yachting Association (RYA) level 1 and level 2 certificates.**

**Beginners brand new to sailing worked towards achieving their RYA Stage 1 award, learning how to rig a dinghy and sail solo.**

**Others returning after completing a course last year and keen to achieve the stage 2 award concentrated on improving their skills so that they were able to control their boats on all points of sail.**

**They were joined by a number of more advanced sailors who were able to broaden their experience and knowledge by sailing different types of boats and doing some race training sessions ahead of a mini regatta.**

Micky Early, THYC’s Development Officer, which works closely with Hartlepool Council’s Feel Good in Hartlepool team to promote sailing to town residents, said: “We had a great mix of beginners and improvers and they even included a 13-year-old girl from the Bahamas who was visiting relatives in the town.

**“We experienced a variety of weather conditions over the two weeks which really challenged everyone. Nevertheless they were able to achieve their goals.”**

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**We’re proud of you Kay!**

**KAY Stokes, Triathlon Activator with the Feel Good in Hartlepool team, recently returned home after successfully representing Britain at the Pentiction Multisport Festival World Championships in Canada.**

**She competed in her first race on August 21, a standard duathlon comprising a 10km run and a 40km cycle. She finished 10th in her age category and 424th out of 603 overall.**

**Her second race was an aquathlon made up of a 1km swim and a 5km run. She finished 11th in her age category and 442nd out of 603 overall.**

**“The swim was difficult as the water was very choppy and to make matters worse we had to contend with smoke from a forest fire.”**

**“Nevertheless, it was a great experience to partake in such a high profile event and a real privilege to represent Great Britain.”**

**Kay is looking forward to competing again in 2018 and is seeking sponsorship to help cover the cost. Companies/organisations can contact her on 01429 284050. In return Kay will publicise their support on her kit.”**

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**Triathlon road closures**

**RESIDENTS are reminded that road closures will be in place on Sunday October 1 for the Hartlepool Big Lime Triathlon.**

**Maritime Avenue in the town’s marina and a section of Coronation Drive from Newburn Bridge to Station Lane at Seaton Carew will be closed to traffic from 7.45-9.45am, while a longer road closure, until10.45am, will be in place from Maritime Avenue up to Victoria Terrace.**

**Sign diversions will be in place.**

**Some 300 competitors are expected to take part in the triathlon which will comprise a 750-metre swim in Hartlepool marina, a 20-kilometre bike ride along the sea front at Seaton Carew and a 5-kilometre run from Maritime Avenue to Seaton Carew and back.**

**Both the bike ride and run will use parts of the promenade and pedestrianisation is being asked to follow the advice of volunteer marshals stationed along the route. Dog owners are also asked to keep their pets on leads.**

**We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the road closures and thank people in advance for their patience and co-operation.**

**Townsmen were very supportive of last year’s event and we would urge them to help us make it another big success.**

**Volunteer marshals are still needed to help with the event. People of all ages are welcome, but under-16’s must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Contact the Feel Good in Hartlepool team, on feelgood@hartlepool.gov.uk or (01429) 284414.**

**Entries will be accepted right up until the day of the event. To enter go to www.getharrypotteractive.co.uk/triathlon**

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For more information about the Feel Good in Hartlepool project go to www.getharrypotteractive.co.uk or contact our team of Sports Activators at feelgood@hartlepool.gov.uk or on 01429 284050. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
Future Hartlepool Council meetings

PLEASE note that Council meetings may be subject to change. If you plan to attend please check on the Council’s website or call the number below.

Full Council
Thursday 26th October at 7pm
Thursday 14th December at 7pm

Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday 2nd November at 10pm
Monday 13th November at 7pm
Tuesday 2nd December at 10am

Regeneration Services Committee
Monday 19th October at 10am
Monday 15th November at 2pm
Monday 11th December at 2pm

Planning Committee
Wednesday 4th October at 10am
Wednesday 1st November at 10am
Wednesday 29th November at 10am

Licensing Committee
Wednesday 11th October at 10am

Audit and Governance Committee
Wednesday 25th October at 10am
Wednesday 15th November at 7pm
Wednesday 6th December at 10am

Health & Wellbeing Board
Monday 4th December at 10am

Safier Hartlepool Partnership
Friday 20th October at 10am
Friday 8th December at 10am

North East Regional Joint Health Scouddy Committee
Thursday 23rd November at 10am

North and Coastal Community Forum
Wednesday 18th October at 2pm
Wednesday 15th November at 10.30am

South and Central Community Forum
Wednesday 18th October at 10.30am
Wednesday 13th December at 2pm

For more information about the Council’s committees and how you can get involved, pick up a copy of the free booklet from any of the main Council buildings, including libraries, or call 01429 523568.

Councillors’ ward surgeries

For details of your local Councillor(s) contact Hartlepool Council on (01429) 523702 or 523704. Anyone intending to attend a meeting is advised to check that the date, time and venue have not changed.

9 October
Councillors:
JESMOND
Tim Fleming (UKIP) / Mike McLaughlin (Labour) / Shane Moore (UKIP)

11 December
Councillors:
Kaylee Sirs (Labour) / Kevin Cranney (Labour) / Christopher Akers-Belcher (Labour)

13 November
Councillors:
Alan Clark (Labour) / Jim Lindridge (Labour) / Bob Buchan (UKIP)

2 December
Councillors:
Barry Coppinger, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, regularly attends community meetings. For more information contact Tony Davison on (01429) 523259.

De Brue Councillors
Stephen Thomas (Labour) / Rob Cook (Labour) / Brenda Harrison (Labour)
14 October 10am – 12noon  Community Hub North, Miers Avenue
11 November 10am – 12noon  Community Hub North, Miers Avenue
12 December 10am – 12noon  Community Hub North, Miers Avenue

Fens & Rossmere Ward
Councillors: Alan Clark (Labour) / Ian Lingard (Labour) / Bob Buchan (UKIP)
6 October 5pm – 6pm  Owton Manor Community Centre, Phoenix Centre, Hindpool Close
6 November 4pm – 5pm  The Heron Knoll, Fiveways Primary School
3 December 3pm – 4pm  Rossmere Youth Centre, Rossmere Way

Foggy Furse
Councillors: Kaylee Sirs (Labour) / Kayleigh Harrison (Labour) / Christopher Mers-Belcher (Labour)
10 October 5pm – 6pm  The Old School, Gableforth Road
13 November 5pm – 6pm  Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre
9 December 10am – 12noon  Browning Avenue Baptist Church

Hartleyhead
Councillors: David Riddle / Patting Hartlepool First! / Paul Cookson / John Robinson (Labour)
7 October 10am – 12noon  Gillen Arms, Clavering Road
7 November 10am – 12noon  Hartlepool Recycling Waste, Healthy Living Suite, Consultation Room
2 December 10am – 12noon  Gillen Arms, Clavering Road

Headland & Harbour
Councillors: Tim Fleming (Labour) / Mike McGuinness (Labour) / John Shaw (Labour)
5 October 9.30am – 10.30am  Barlby Community Centre
9 November 10am – 12noon  Parish Council Offices, Middle Hill
9 December 9am – 12noon  CRISP Office, Phoenix Centre, Ashview Close

Jesmond
Councillor: Christopher Belcher (Labour)
28 October 10am – 11.30am  Theton Grange Library, Grange Grange Grove
3 November 10am – 1.30pm  Church House Nursery Centre, Chaddesley Road
16 December 10am – 11.30am  Lynton Court, Eversea Grove

Manor House
Councillors: Wayne Jones (Labour) / Alan Bartley (Labour) / Stephen Mers-Belcher (Labour)
5 October 9pm – 6pm  HP House Community Building
13 November 5pm – 6pm  Owton Manor Community Centre
12 November 5pm – 6pm  HP House Community Building

Be safe, be seen!

WITH winter rapidly approaching, many cyclists will soon find themselves travelling to and from work in the dark so it’s important that they take appropriate safety measures.

To ensure they can be easily seen at night and early in the morning, lights and reflective clothing are a must.

The UK legal minimum for riding in the dark is:
• One front white light
• One rear red light

Plus the reflectors that should already be on your bike.

For cyclists riding in towns and cities, the main concern must be to ensure that they can be clearly seen by other road users and they are being urged to think carefully about how they make themselves and their bikes stand out.

The safety messages have been issued by the Hartlepool Council-led Active Travel Hub which promotes sustainable forms of travel.

Tony Davison, Hartlepool Council’s Sustainable Travel Officer, said: “The development of smart phone technology and on-line booking systems has made it easier than ever to benefit from car-sharing schemes and there are a number of options available.”

Hartlepool has its own ‘car-club’ that operates as part of the national Co-wheel programme. There are two vehicles based in the town centre available for use when you join the scheme. Contact www.co-wheels.org.uk/hartlepool or (01429) 806400.

For more information about the Council’s cycling programme and training contact Tony Davison on (01429) 523259.

It’s good to share!

FUNDING has been secured for a programme of pedestrian training aimed at children in Hartlepool.

Hartlepool Council’s Road Safety Team is offering packages of training for various school year groups, with particular emphasis on Year 3. Funding for a three-year programme until March 2020 is being provided by the Government’s Access Fund via the “Connect Tees Valley” programme managed by the Tees Valley Combined Authority. This aims to promote and develop sustainable travel across the Tees Valley through initiatives such as walking and cycling.

Tony Davison, Hartlepool Council’s Sustainable Travel Officer, said: “The training involves direct practical work with small class groups as well as talks to whole school assemblies. Parents must be present and it is important they understand the rules and what it means to cross at junctions where there are parked cars.”

The training programme links to the Government’s Cycle and Walking Investment Strategy which, amongst other things, aims to encourage more children aged 5-10 to walk to school.

It also considers in-car safety and cycling safety and sits alongside the Council’s Bikeability programme that offers cycling training to schools.

For more information contact Tony Davison on (01429) 523259.
Thousands attend festival

MORE than 15,000 people attended the Hartlepool Waterfront Festival.
The free family festival included appearances by Cook and Line from CBeebies, X Factor and I’m a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here star Jake Quickenden, local dance and music acts and water-based activities.
Other attractions at the festival included an “Art Garden” which featured a range of self-led and hands-on arts activities and workshops.
Hundreds of people also watched open-air screenings of Disney’s iconic animated movie The Little Mermaid and cult classic Jaws, which was selected following a public vote.
The finale of the festival was an eye-catching aquatic light installation called The Whale.
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Leader of Hartlepool Council, said: “It was wonderful to see so many people from Hartlepool and further afield enjoying the festival and the atmosphere was absolutely fantastic.”
Councillor Kevin Cranney, Chair of Hartlepool Council’s Regeneration Services Committee, added: “We were keen to provide a free festival with something for all ages on the former Jackson’s Landing Site to highlight its potential to hold future events and it was great people came out in force to support the event.”

Autumn and winter fun in Hartlepool...

Hartlepool Folk Festival
Friday 13th - Sunday 15th October
This annual festival at the National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool offers so much to see and do! From the most contemporary folk and acoustic music through to a wealth of traditional singers and musicians, there really is something for everyone.
Hartlepool residents can enjoy an exclusive discount of £30 off the price of a weekend ticket. Simply bring proof of address when picking up tickets at the box office. Tickets from £20 - £95.
For further information visit www.hartlepoolfolkfest.co.uk or call (01429) 299330

Hartlepool Fireworks Display
Sunday 5th November
Remember, remember to visit Seaton Carew Clock Tower this bonfire night for an evening of entertainment, fairground fun and spectacular fireworks. This year’s theme is magic, so nothing may be quite what it seems...
Fairground from 4pm, entertainment from 5pm and display from 6:30pm.
FREE EVENT
Find out more at www.destinationhartlepool.com

Hartlepool Art Club
70th Annual Exhibition
Saturday 18th November – Saturday 13th January 2018
This popular exhibition by local artists includes representative and experimental work in a variety of techniques and subject matter. The exhibits are new and original and most can be purchased throughout the exhibition.
Find out more at www.destinationhartlepool.com

Headland Wintertide Festival
Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November
In celebration of the Headland and its community, visit this three-day programme of events, activities and entertainment welcoming visitors from far and wide to champion this proud area.
Wintertide has been developed by volunteers and the programme aims to offer something to appeal to every type of visitor.
FREE EVENT
Find out more at www.wintertidefestuk.com

Christmas Lights Switch On
Friday 1st December, 6pm start
Join us for our annual Christmas lights switch on at the National Museum of the Royal Navy Hartlepool.
FREE EVENT
Find out more at www.destinationhartlepool.com

Festival of Christmas
Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December, 10am – 5pm
The Festival of Christmas is now in its 17th year at the National Museum of the Royal Navy sister site in Portsmouth and we are delighted to be able to bring it to Hartlepool in 2017.
Join us for a weekend of festive entertainment and performances and shop at our Christmas Market featuring some of the area’s best small businesses.
For further information visit www.nmm.org.uk/hartlepool or email hartlepool.events@nmm.org.uk.

For more information on all our events running throughout the year please visit www.destinationhartlepool.com/events
**A look at what's going on across Hartlepool. This is just a taster, for more information about these events and for a full list visit www.destinationhartlepool.com/events**

Please note that the events listed below are subject to change and we reserve the right to alter or cancel any event.

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**OCTOBER**

**Hartlepoool Smiler**

This timed and sponsored run is organised in association with Hartlepool Borough Road Harse. A 4K and 10K Race, Runners receive a t-shirt and water bottle upon completion. | Sun 9th September | Start 10.30am | Race 11am | Hartlepool Yacht Club | T: 263199 | Price £3 - booking essential

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**NOVEMBER**

**Picnic Night**

Join us for an evening in the countryside. The event features a picnic, games, and an opportunity to relax and enjoy the outdoors. | Fri 24th November | 5-8pm | Hartlepool, Hartlepool Yacht Club | T: 263199 | Price £2 per child, £4 per adult. Sponsored by: Macmillan Cancer Support.

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**DECEMBER**

** creeps and music for all pre-school children**

This creative, family-friendly event is organised in association with Community Hub Central. | Wed 28th November | 10.30am – 11.30am | Community Hub Central | T: 272905 | Price £2 booking essential

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  Monthly Swim Pass
  Monthly Membership from £14.99

- **Active 7 Gym**
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- **Active Business**
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- **Active Headland**
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