

THE
**SEAHAM
BRANCH**

NEWSLETTER



Seaham Labour Branch

"Proud Of Our Achievements"

Issue No.1

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Welcome to your first Seaham branch newsletter. We would like to keep in touch with residents and members through these difficult times. We feel that a digital newsletter could be the perfect way to introduce local success and opportunity.

With that in mind, we have been busy collecting positive initiatives and local information of the brilliant community work that is being delivered across Seaham.

Here in Seaham, the Labour Party has a great history but we never take our past achievements for granted. We continue to strive to achieve the best for all residents, of all ages and backgrounds.

As we enter another time of restriction, we wish all of our members good health. Stay Safe.



STEPPING UP

Durham County Council has stepped up to help our children by creating a free school meal support scheme.

Labour Cllr Angela Surtees, Cabinet member for social inclusion said: "Sadly, there are a significant number of families across our region who are struggling to make ends meet.

"Many are unable to buy the basics and sometimes school is the only place where their children are able to eat a proper cooked meal. This means that during the holidays, children are left hungry or their parents go without in order to feed their families.

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"This is not a situation we can allow to happen. We are absolutely determined that no child will go hungry in County Durham and, if the Government does not help, then we will ensure that provision is in place for children in County Durham."

Anyone who struggles to access the internet or does not have a device that would support the digital code can call our County Durham Together community hub on 03000 260 260.

Staff will be on hand from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, to help people with the forms or talk through other options.

The scheme will run throughout the half-term week, but the council will ensure it is extended to cover the Christmas holidays if the Government's position does not change.



Free School Meals

IN THE COMMUNITY...

Community Spirit

Labour Members across Easington CLP came together to show amazing community spirit by supporting local food banks and charities.

If you have an uplifting positive story that you would like to share, please get in contact with us.



After the Governments callous decision to end free school meals over October half term and the Christmas holidays, Easington Constituency Labour Party made donations this week to the foodbank appeals at East Durham Trust and Dawdon Community Centre.

In the Easington constituency 3,605 children were at risk of going hungry

over the holidays as the government withdraws support for the provision of free school meals.

The CLP donations were matched by our MP Grahame Morris and there were individual donations from local Labour Party Members too.

This meant that cheques and cash totalling £950.00 were presented to both of

Dawdon Community Centre, Seaham.

From left to right, Labour Cllr Leanne Kennedy, Labour Cllr Kevin Shaw, Labour MP Graham Morris, Marion McKenna, Labour Branch Secretary Rochelle Charlton-Lainé.

the organisations.

We hope you can agree that no child should ever go hungry. If you would like to support Dawdon Youth and Community Centre, please donate toys or food by dropping them off or contacting them direct

You can find them on facebook

@DawdonYouthandCommunityCentre

Dawdon Youth and Community Centre



You can donate to their online fund at:

www.dawdonycc.enthuse.com



East Durham Trust
Moving our community forward

East Durham Trust

From left to right:
Cllr Louise Fenwick and
Graham Easterlow, CEO
of t



Peterlee Town Councillor Louise Fenwick, delivered the CLP donation to East Durham Trust.

Graham Easterlow, CEO of the East Durham Trust said "Huge thanks to Easington Constituency Labour Party for their generous donation, not only to us but to our community partners

Dawdon Youth and Community Centre.

We've been working hard this half term to ensure nobody goes hungry. As things continue to remain challenging for everyone we will keep offering the support that we do to the local community. Only through support like this will this remain

possible. Thank you to everyone who has reached out to us this last week. Remember that hunger isn't just for half term - every week we support hundreds of local people and you can help make it happen."

If you would like to donate or volunteer with the East Durham Trust, please visit their website.

Alternatively they welcome any donations delivered

to the center at East Durham Trust Community House Yoden Road Peterlee SR8 5DP. If you require support or have any questions about East Durham Trust, please contact them on 0191 5693511

Visit their website www.eastdurhamtrust.org.uk to find any donation points or donate online.

If any of our readers would like to donate any food



THE STAG ON

'Stag on in Remembrance' will observe a 24-hour vigil from 11am Saturday 7 November to 11am on Remembrance Sunday at the Terrace Green, Seaham Seafront. Being 'On Stag' is British Army slang for Sentry duty. Come rain or shine; in one-hour stints, veterans will take it in turn to be on watch to commemorate and honour their fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Organiser David McKenna came up with the idea to continue Seaham's tradition of unique remembrance activities while meeting social distancing requirements, he said: "The lead up to Remembrance Sunday 2020 will be very different. The restriction in sales of poppies from businesses and shops could severely impact fundraising, affecting the support the Royal British Legion can offer to veterans and their loved ones in the years

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ahead. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is iconic, they stand with veterans, and as veterans, we will stand by them in this time of need. "I hope the community will get behind this year's poppy appeal, and support Stag On in Remembrance. Anyone can donate to the fundraising effort by visiting our Go Fund Me page"



If you would like to donate please click here: <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/stag-on-in-remembrance>

Diary Entry 134.

Date: 02/04/1942

I was on stag and I was in the Bren post at the bottom of the camp. The camp was on a hill and there was a valley running up towards the camp.

It was quite overgrown with bushes and was an excellent covered approach to the camp wire.

Diary Entry 135.

Date: 03/04/1942

I was on stag on this occasion when the radio warned of a 'air raid warning 'red', this meant that within 5 minutes the Argie, Jets would be back to strut their stuff.

Just as dusk was starting to creep across the hills, I was on stag duty on the Bren gun we had set up in one of the upstairs windows of the farm house. I was just settling down to another freezing night when I spotted a figure in the distance walking towards our farm house.

UP AND COMING....



An artists impression of what the garden village may look like.



“THIS IS FANTASTIC NEWS AND SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARDS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.”

A major new housing and development scheme in East Durham has been given garden village status by the Government.

One of 19 new garden village schemes announced across the UK; South Seaham Garden Village is a partnership between ourselves, Tolent and Home Group.

Located close to the A19, Dalton Retail Park and the coast, South Seaham Garden Village will bring 1,500 new homes, half of which will be affordable, to a growing area of the county

Village hub

At the heart of the garden village will be a hub, with shops and a café, a new primary school, a park and village

square, and a health and well-being community hub, which includes a gym.

The village centre will also include a new innovation hub which will be used by new and existing businesses, along with the region's universities, to bring the latest research and innovation insight into the development of all aspects of the garden village.

More than half of the development will be managed green space, including extensive parkland, sports facilities and play areas, lined by a network of over three miles of landscaped paths and cycle ways.

Working closely with North East based Home Group, Tolent, will build around 1,000

of the new houses, of which 750 will include a variety of new starter homes and homes for older people, as well as those in need of assisted living and dependent care facilities - a totally inclusive community.

Land for the remaining 500 houses will be sold to the private sector, and profit made from the sale will be used to subsidise the affordable housing and community facilities including construction of a school and village centre.

Seaham Garden Village

In partnership with Durham County Council, and the Coal Authority, Tolent Construction are developing an exemplary Garden Village at Seaham, County Durham.

This development has the potential to make Seaham Garden Village the first large scale mine energy district heating scheme in the UK.

Seaham Garden Village is to be built immediately adjacent to the Coal Authority's Dawdon mine water treatment scheme. This scheme protects vital drinking water abstraction from Durham Magnesian Limestone, and pumps 100 to 150 litres of mine water per second to the surface for treatment.

This mine water is warmed by geothermal processes to provide a continuous supply of water at 18 to 20°C.

With mine water temperatures unaffected by seasonal variations, there is a potential 6MW of low cost, low carbon sustainable energy available for local space heating use from the Dawdon treatment scheme all through the year.

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Labour Councillor Kevin Shaw, the Durham County Council Cabinet member for strategic housing and assets, said: "This is fantastic news and something we have been working towards for a number of years. The council has provided and supported significant investment in the regeneration of this part of East Durham, made possible by the excellent work and foresight of the former Easington District Council, and we continue to see the fruits of that.

"With new jobs and growth in the county, we not only need more housing but improved standards and homes of a greater variety including affordable to meet residents' needs. This forms the cornerstones of our new housing strategy. South Seaham Garden Village will be a unique and highly desirable place to live. It will be a vibrant and exciting community and is symbolic of the future aspirations we have for our county."

John Wood, director of Tolent, said: "Receiving garden village status is befitting of such a great development that really will be a national exemplar. Our vision to create a truly sustainable community with a mix of distinctive, high quality housing that improves quality of life is what we're doing here, as well as creating jobs for the next decade and beyond.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Durham County Council for their support of what has been a shared vision for a long time."

Will Gardner, director of development at Home Group, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have received garden village status. It is testimony to the strong relationship between Home Group, Tolent Construction and Durham County Council - three North-East organisations that care passionately about their region.



"We are looking forward to working with Tolent and starting to deliver the reality for this fantastic vision."

Work is expected to begin early next year with the first new homes being available by 2020.

It is anticipated that the development will create around 1,000 jobs, including 500 new construction jobs and 300 jobs in the centre of the village. A training academy will be established on site with the Construction Industry Training Board and will give young people apprenticeship opportunities to develop their skills to become tradesmen and women, and other professions.

"Seaham Garden Village Mine Energy Scheme is an excellent opportunity for County Durham and one that the Council are excited to facilitate and enable."

Cllr Kevin Shaw

Geothermal Mine Energy

Heat will be abstracted from mine water using highly efficient water heat pumps where every 1kW of electricity used produces 4kW equivalent of heat energy, but, unlike air source heat pumps, there is no seasonal degradation on efficiency.

Mine energy attracts the Renewable Heat Incentive subsidies for geothermal energy and the scheme is awaiting formal notification of its Heat Network Investment Program funding application submitted to round 3 (late 2019).

A Heat Network Development Unit technical economic feasibility study has been completed. Using electricity from the grid to power heatpumps; significant carbon savings are anticipated using the warm mine water.

It is also planned to explore using renewables at the site, such as solar PV to reduce the carbon footprint to nearly zero.

MINE HEATING SCHEME

LOW CARBON DISTRICT HEATING

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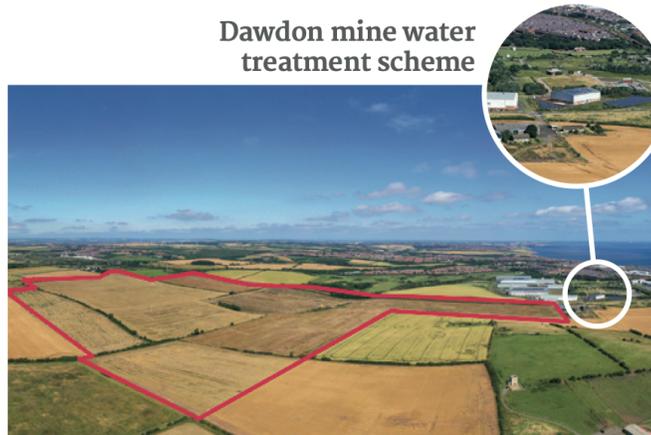
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https://www2.groundstability.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/CA_Seaham_Brochure.290120.pdf

Dawdon mine water
treatment scheme



#CleanEnergyFromTheCoalfield

For more information contact:

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0345 762 6848

www2.groundstability.com/seaham

IN THE COMMUNITY...



Deneside Ward

Labour Councillor
Eddie Bell & Labour
Councillor Jennifer
Bell.



DENESIDE WARD PARKING UPDATE

Local Labour
Councillors talk
about parking
issues in the
Deneside ward...

“The biggest problems we have had at Westlea has been parking. Estates were built during a time when cars were rare but now most households have at least one car and some 2 or 3 cars per home.

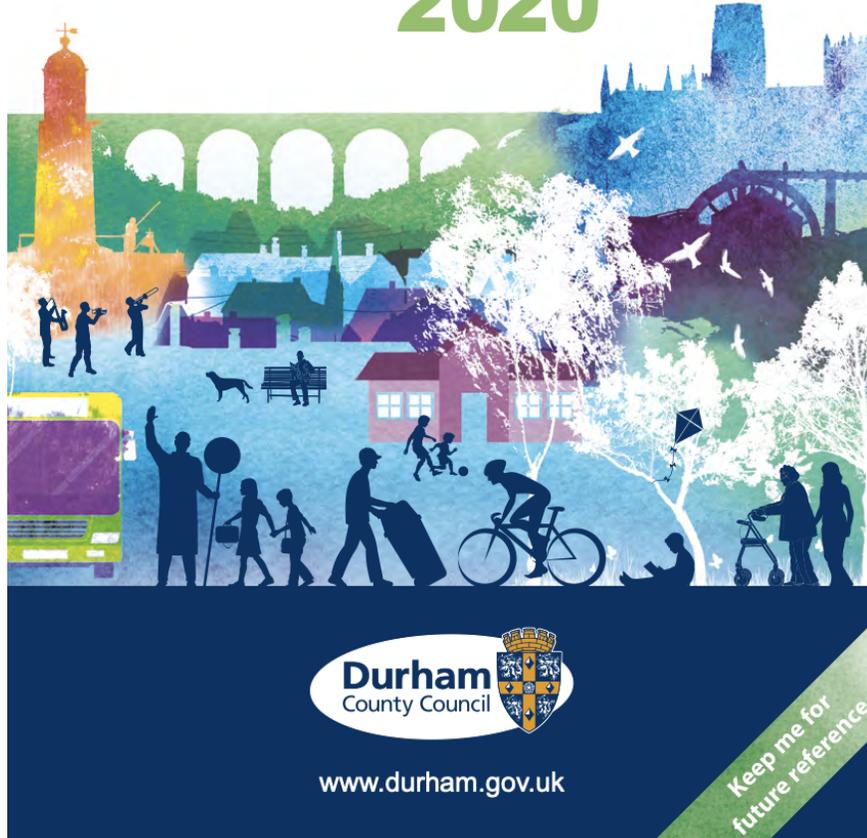
We consulted with local residents in Westlea and from their views we funded a large number of off street parking areas throughout the estate to help alleviate the problems. Our neighborhood budget allowed us to help our residents.

Examples: Watling Avenue, Windermere cres, Walton Ave, Wedgewood, Winslow Cres and Windsor.

We conducted street meetings, regular walkabouts and Ward Surgeries held in Eastlea Community Centre in order to hear residents’ views. “ We are in the process of implementing a 20 MPH speed limit on the estate. This is happening at this moment in time and is in the hands of the Highways Dept.”

COUNCIL SERVICES...

Your guide to
**COUNCIL
SERVICES**
2020



Welcome to your comprehensive guide to all Durham County Council services.
This is a comprehensive guide to DCC services and legal responsibilities.
Including any additional delivery.

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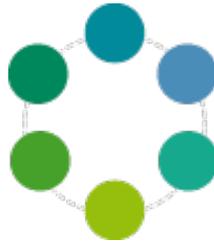
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/32133/Your-guide-to-council-services-2020/pdf/DCCGuideToServices2020.pdf>

JOIN THE DOTS

Graham Morris MP has recently been collaborating with the Macmillan Cancer Charity and the Join the Dots Initiative about providing advice and support to people with cancer in Seaham and across East Durham.

What is Joining the Dots?

Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham is a free, personal service for people aged 18 and over who have been diagnosed with cancer. We're also there for friends, carers and relatives of any age too.



Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham

We can speak with you about your needs at a time and place that's best for you. Our friendly team can support you with the following issues that may be affected during your diagnosis or that of someone you care for.

Even if you think you don't need help and support right now, we can listen to you and make sure that you have the right information and support when you need it.

- Family/relationship
- Physical
- Lifestyle/information
- Emotional
- Spiritual/religious
- Practical/money



Macmillan Joining the Dots County Durham is a partnership between Durham County Council and Macmillan Cancer

MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

AND FINALLY

Thank you for taking the time to read our first Seaham Branch newsletter.

We trust you have found it informative and uplifting in these uncertain times. It is hoped that this newsletter can inspire new ideas in how to help local community causes.

If you have a story to tell, or a cause that needs help, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

Many thanks,

Rochelle Charlton-Lainé

Seaham Branch Secretary

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