

Welcome to the AAP e-bulletin



A FORTNIGHTLY BRIEF 'HEADS UP' ON THE WORK OF MID DURHAM AAP... October 2024 (edition 1)

Welcome

Welcome to the first October edition of the AAPs E-bulletin / E-newsletter. In this edition we will update you on:

- Mid Durham AAP Board
- Mid Durham AAP Facebook Page
- DCC Environmental Awards
- DCC Budget Consultation
- School Crossing vacancies
- AAP Talks
- Getting the best from your GP
- Burnhope CC Lottery funding
- State Pension Credit
- Lanchester Men's Club.

For more detailed information on all our meetings and work (notes, project updates, members, etc) please visit our web pages at www.durham.gov.uk/mdaap or like our Facebook page for many more articles [Facebook – Mid Durham AAP](#)

Key to Colours:

Purple – AAP **Blue** – Community Safety **Cerise** – Funding **Yellow** – Health **Green** – Local **Black** – DCC **Red** – Jobs **Brown** – Business Grey – Training

Mid Durham AAP Board Meeting ...



Mid Durham AAPs next Board meeting takes place on Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 6.00pm online via Teams/video call.

It would be great to see our Forum members there (yourselves). Please let us know you are looking to join us by emailing mdaap@durham.gov.uk by Monday 25th November 2024.

Mid Durham AAP Facebook Page...



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Our Facebook page has information relating to community initiatives, funding opportunities and other community minded activity. I just thought this picture captures the scene at the moment as we enter October.

Around Mid Durham AAP area there are also Woodland revival projects taking place and woodland planting, so hopefully this sort of image continues to flourish.

For lots more info from the Mid Durham AAP area take a look at our Facebook pages <https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Durham-Area-Action-Partnership>

DCC Environmental Awards...



Don't forget this year's County Durham Environment Awards are now open for entries.

Do you work on a project deserving of some prestigious recognition? Or perhaps you help a group of volunteers or a school worthy of green praise. There's many categories including Responding to Climate Change.

Last year Durham Wildlife Trust with the John Boste Volunteer team in Mid Durham AAP area, supported through AAP funding, won best in category.

https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk/service/Environment_Awards

To find out more about the Environment and Climate Change Partnership click here:

[County Durham Climate Agreement \(countydurhampartnership.co.uk\)](https://www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk)

The deadline for nominations is October 18th.

DCC Budget Consultation...



Residents in County Durham are being invited to have their say on proposals to balance council budgets next year and beyond.

Durham County Council's Cabinet was this week told the council forecasts a budget gap of £64.1million over the next four years, with savings of £21.7 million to be made in 2025/26 - even if council tax is increased by the maximum 2.99 per cent.

The council has already agreed £3.2 million of savings for 2025/26, and £8.3million of savings for the next four financial years, following a public consultation last year. Cabinet has now agreed to a further public consultation on the continued approach of the council to identify these savings, and what other services should be prioritised for savings to meet the £21.7 million gap. The council will also be asking for views on the proposal to increase council tax by the maximum of 2.99 per cent. Residents can take part in the six-week consultation, which closes at **5pm on Friday 1 November**, by completing an online survey. Paper surveys are available from libraries and Customer Access Points.

For full details of the savings proposals, or to complete the online survey visit [Consultation on our budget proposals for 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026-2029 - Durham County Council](#).

School Crossing Vacancies...



We have a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol in Mid Durham AAP area, further details are available within the link

Langley Moor – A690, Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor

[School Crossing Patrol - Durham County Council - North East Jobs](#)

Closing Date – 13 October 2024

Casual School Crossing Patrol vacancies:

[School Crossing Patrol - Durham County Council - North East Jobs](#)

Burnhope Community Centre Lottery funding success...



Burnhope Community Centre has received funding from The National Lottery Community Fund the largest funder of community activity in the UK.

They have been awarded £153,217.84 from the National Lottery Community Fund to help support their communities in Burnhope and the surrounding area. The funding for their Health and Abundance

project will ensure the future of Burnhope community centre, it will give the current staff the opportunity to grow the centre, its activities and offerings in ways that will benefit and improve the local community. The team are passionate about evolving to meet the needs of Burnhope, to help it grow in confidence and give it a centre to be proud of, with something to offer everyone. Centre website: [Burnhope Community Centre – support for everyone](#)

Mid Durham AAP Talks...



Better for everyone

You may be aware but Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) will be changing into Local Networks

We have a presentation available to show local groups and organisations outlining some of the initial changes/impacts of the review that was undertaken into AAPs, much of which are to be further developed in the coming months ahead.

If you wish for us to visit your group and outline some of the changes and what to expect as we progress towards these, then please do get in touch by emailing mdaap@durham.gov.uk and we will be happy to come out and talk to you about this.

How to get the best from your GP practice...



Healthwatch County Durham have provided a helpful guide

People often contact us to ask about getting a GP appointment. We have worked with a range of

professionals to gather information in response to questions and issues raised by local people. The document we have produced covers many common questions and

State Pension Credit...



Are you over State Pension age, or know someone who is?

Could you or someone you know, be missing out on Pension Credit worth on average £75 per week?

Don't miss out, check your eligibility:
online at [gov.uk/pension-credit](https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit)
or by calling **0800 99 1234** (freephone)

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Lanchester Men's Club...



Lanchester Men's Club

Starting Tuesday 15th October 2024
7 - 9p.m
FREE Monthly GROUP at
Lanchester Community Centre

Bringing men together for 2hrs of fun activities and socialising.

Email/call or check out our Facebook for more info:
Tel: 01207 521275
lanchestercommunity@outlook.com

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