



# BNFCC NEWSLETTER

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council

SPRING 2020

## Our First Annual Fund Raiser

**CHANGING LIVES**

### Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council Grand Charity Night - 15th May 2020 Blakelaw Social Club 7pm

As part of the ongoing work the Community Council are undertaking in support of our Mental Health and Well-being Project, we will be holding a charity night to support the charity Changing Lives.

**Changing Lives** isn't just a charity. They're a network of like-minded individuals, who share a passion for social equality and helping people to help themselves. By supporting this fundraiser, you are a life-changer. **Changing Lives** run specialist services across England, designed to help people change their lives for the better. They work with people who are experiencing extreme crisis or challenge, such as homelessness, domestic violence, or life-threatening addiction. Please join us for a fun packed night with entertainment from the amazing Jackie Hudson and Anthony Loughlin.

We will also have bingo, Raffles Tombola and more.

Please come and support our event and help us raise lots of money for **Changing Lives**.

Tickets are £3.00, Available from Community Councillors, from the Blakelaw club or by contacting Helen on [BNFCCC@outlook.com](mailto:BNFCCC@outlook.com) or CALL: 07588154441

We will also be holding our Annual General Meeting on the same night from 6pm for those that wish to attend.

## Whitby Trip



Blakelaw & North Fenham Community Council proudly present our spring Whitby Coach Trip.

We will be heading to Whitby on Saturday 25th April 2020 for a day of shopping, sightseeing and fun at the beach. We'll be leaving Blakelaw Community Centre at 8am prompt before heading up to Whitby. We'll be leaving Whitby at around 5pm. There'll be bingo, quizzing and a raffle, and not forgetting plenty to do for our younger travellers, all for £2.50 per ticket. For tickets please contact Helen Richardson at [bnfcc@outlook.com](mailto:bnfcc@outlook.com), tickets can be collected from Moorland House Community Room on the 2nd or 9th April between 5.30pm and 6.30pm and all tickets must be paid for and collected prior to these dates.

Our trips are only available to those residents who live within the Community Council parish boundary - if you are not sure please contact Helen to check.

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# Edinburgh Trip

In November The Community Council financially supported a Trip to Edinburgh for the resident of Blakelaw flats. The trip was organised by the Blakelaw flats TARA.



## Free accredited distance learning course

This Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council are committed to improve the service we offer to local residents.

As part of our community mental health and well-being project we are now working with Newcastle College to offer a range of Free accredited courses to the residents of Blakelaw and North Fenham.

### NCFE Level 1 Certificate in Well-being

This course is aimed at learners who would like to develop awareness in Well-being both at home and the community.

The course will develop your knowledge in Stress Awareness, Alcohol

Awareness, Personal Safety and Dementia Awareness.

Course Material can be sent by email or posted to you.

The is a distance learning course, you will be allocated a college tutor to answer any questions about your course work or give you support where required.

To apply or for more information please email: [BNFCC@outlook.com](mailto:BNFCC@outlook.com)

## Free courses using a computer

Free courses on using a computer, browsing the web, sending an email and using office Programs

Would you like to brush up your IT skills? We offer a range of Free Online IT courses including:

- Online basics
- Using your computer and devices
- Office programs
- Internet skills and more

When registering please use Centre Number: 8005288

Participants will learn at their own pace, completing the module of their choice

To register via our online centre please visit the website

[www.learnmyway.com](http://www.learnmyway.com)



## Another Fantastic Coach Trip!

Our Christmas Trip to Edinburgh in December was a great success A big thank your hosts Helen, Andrew, Karen, Irene, Lorraine, John. You did a great job!

# Mental health advice and support, together in one place



The Hub of Hope is a first of its kind, national mental health database which brings together organisations and charities, large and small, from across the country who offer mental health advice and support, together in one place- <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

## Mental health First Aiders

**We now have 4 members of the BNFCC team trained as Mental Health First Aiders.**

The training was organised as part of our Mental Health and Well-being project in partnership with our Blakelaw Ward Councillors. This work is also enabling us to start to work with other community groups on such an important issue.

1 in 4 of us will experience ill mental health in our life time. **#timetotalk**

Thank you to all involved and to our fantastic trainer Tom Ross, MHFA England.

**John Wears - Chair BNFCC**



## Grants available from the Community Council

**Are you in the Blakelaw and North Fenham area? Did you know you could apply for a grant from the community council.**

For more information or an application form please email: [bnfcc@outlook.com](mailto:bnfcc@outlook.com)

## Fun Christmas Party!

**In December The Community Council supported a Christmas party for Fostering Under Newcastle, FUN.**

*Words from Fun*

"Here are some pictures of the FUN christmas party that was held on Saturday 14th. The face painters, balloon modelling, disco, buffet and crafts were a success, followed by a selection box and fruit for every child! Once again many many thanks for making a lot of children and carers very happy, lots of FUN, merriment and laughs!"



## Time to Celebrate!

**At the end of last year The Community Council were presented an award from Stephen Rickitt on behalf of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC)**

The award was for coming second place in the category for the most improved local council of year.

John Said, It's a pleasure to accept this award on behalf of the Community Council. The Community Council has worked so hard over the past few years and it great to see the work of the team recognised. A big thank you to all involved our Councillors who volunteer their time and Helen our clerk.

We have a great team who work hard to make a difference to the local community for residents of Blakelaw and North Fenham.

*Pictured below right:* John Wears, Chair Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council, Stephen Rickitt National Association of Local Councils.



# Fantastic Christmas Afternoon Tea!

Fantastic Christmas afternoon tea In December, the event was organised by the 165 TARA and funded by the Community Council. It was great to see some many local residents come together.

A Big thank you to Home Instead Senior Care based in Gosforth. Home Instead came along to kindly gave all our guests a Christmas gift. The gifts were donated by school children who wanted to give gifts to older people in the Community. What a fantastic idea, next year we hope to get our two local primary schools involved with this thoughtful initiative.



## Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council want to hear from local residents!

We are holding a monthly drop in session first Thursdays of every month 17.30-18.30

(except August & December)

Come and meet your local community Councilors, share your ideas and raise your concerns in an informal friendly environment

### Venue:

The Community Room, Moorland House, Moulton Place Blakelaw, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 3RY

Tea Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

All Welcome!

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