



BNFCC NEWSLETTER

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council

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BNFCC updates

Parking

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council would like to remind parents when attending both Thomas Walling and Hilton Primary Schools during “drop off” and “pick up” times that they park responsibly and more importantly safely.

The Community Council have received a number of complaints regarding parking, in particular around Thomas Walling Primary School during these times and are working with the schools, Newcastle City Council and Engie (the developer of the Roundhill Avenue site) to ensure and promote road safety.

Blakelaw Park

We have recently had an update from Newcastle City Council regarding the future development of the Blakelaw Park.

The City Council have confirmed that they are in the final stages of the design and development for the Blakelaw site and in the coming months they will be taking the agreed designs and project plan to residents groups.

As you will appreciate they have been delayed a little by the Covid-19 pandemic however they now have planning permission and intend that the site will begin full redevelopment in 2021.

Work is still ongoing with the design team on the final schedule and they will need to discuss removing some of the old and damaged equipment and make safe areas. They have confirmed that the new site does have a managed playground as requested by residents which will be for all ages. There are no plans to replace any equipment in the current park with the plans of a new £7m facility being developed on the site.

Garages

YHN have confirmed that the work will start on the demolishing of the old garages on Moulton Court. Work will commence on the 5 October.

The garage blocks will be demolished and the site will be cleared of all debris and rubbish following the work. The existing wall to the resident's properties on Binswood Avenue will be left in its current condition with a second wall being built to reinforce the foundations. The second wall will be approximately half the height of the existing wall and situated on the garage side of the wall. The top of the second wall will have a sloping finish as part of the design.

Please be reassured that we are working closely with Newcastle City Council and Public Health England to ensure we are complying with all health and safety and social distancing guidelines, as well as adhering to all Government advice on which works can continue during the Covid-19 outbreak.



Moving On Tyne & Wear

Are help people who are unemployed and have physical or mental health issues, additional learning needs, or disabilities?

Every person on the programme receives a unique service which completely depends on their needs. If you live in Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, North Tyneside, or South Tyneside, you could be eligible for free one-to-one employment support. Refer yourself online through our online referral form <https://www.motw.org.uk/refer-yourself/>

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<https://twitter.com/BlakelawNFenham>



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BNFCC Environment Committee - Want to hear from you!

The group meets quarterly and have been discussing our plans for the coming year. We will be planting bulbs and plants in our green spaces across Blakelaw and North Fenham in the early spring. We are also hoping to purchase a number of large planters/containers to brighten up our area.

If you would like to suggest an area that would benefit from bulbs and planters please get in touch. All you need to do is send us an email or message to let us know: bnfcc@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger.

Watch this space... For our younger green fingered residents next summer we are planning a tallest sunflower competition. With lots of prizes to be won (materials will be provided by the community council).

Halloween Competition

In these ever changing times, this years Halloween celebrations will all be a little bit scary different, whether you're trick or treating or celebrating with loved ones at home, Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council have 2 cracking competitions for you.

Firstly, we have our best dressed spooky and scary window, let's see your scary skeletons, witches and spooky pumpkins. Our second competition is for the most scariest spookiest Halloween costume.

All you need to do is send your spooky Halloween pictures to bnfcc@outlook.com or via Facebook Messenger. Now for the boring bit – to enter you must live within the Blakelaw and North Fenham Parish boundary - if you're not sure just ask!



Blakelaw Juniors Football Club

Blakelaw Juniors are looking for new players to come and join the club for this upcoming season:-

Under 10's (year 4 or 5) - Under 11's (Year 6) - Under 13's (Year 8)

If anyone is interested then please message them on Facebook: **Blakelaw S Football Club**



Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council working in partnership with Projects 4 Change

Stuart, Elisha and Kelly from **Projects4Change** will be hitting the streets every Monday evening to make contact with young people. We work with 11-25 year olds, we will be getting to know young people and planning projects, creating opportunities and helping young people in a variety of ways. Look out for us around Blakelaw and North Fenham or contact us on social media for more information Instagram: [Projects4Change_uk](https://www.instagram.com/projects4change_uk) or Facebook **Projects 4 Change**.



The Skills Hub

The Skills Hub is temporarily closed at Newcastle City Library but working with their partners they have taken their service online and are still available to help you to develop skills, access training and look for work. Check out vacancies and opportunities at www.skillshubnewcastle.gov.uk



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Prime Minister set out on October 12 how the government will further simplify and standardise local rules by introducing a three tiered system of local COVID Alert Levels in England.

Addressing MPs before hosting a Downing Street press conference, he confirmed the levels will be set at medium, high, and very high.

North East; Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland and County Durham, to be classified in the 'High' level.

Local COVID alert level: **HIGH**

This is for areas with a higher level of infections where some additional restrictions are in place.

This means on top of restrictions in alert level medium:

- you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 outside, including in a garden or other spaces like beaches or parks (other than where specific exemptions apply in law)
- businesses and venues can continue to operate, in a COVID-secure manner, other than those that remain closed in law
- certain businesses are required to ensure customers only consume food and drink while seated, and must close between 10pm and 5am
- businesses and venues selling food for consumption off the premises can continue to do so after 10pm as long as this is through delivery service, click-and-collect or drive-through
- schools, universities and places of worship remain open
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees
- exercise classes and organised sport can continue to take place outdoors. These will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with, or for youth or disability sport
- you can continue to travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but should look to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible

You must:

- wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- walk or cycle where possible, or plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport

Self-isolation enforcement and support

From 28 September, people who are legally required to self-isolate will be fined if they breach the regulations. The penalty will start at £1,000 for a first offence but could increase to up to £10,000 for repeat offenders. These fines will also apply to employers who refuse to allow staff the time off work to self-isolate.

People on low incomes who are required to self-isolate may be entitled to a support payment of £500 if they are unable to work from home and have lost wages while self-isolating.



Introduction to Wellbeing Coaching

We are now working with MARO Personal Development to offer residents of Blakelaw and North Fenham this free course.

Are you interested in a role as a wellbeing coach? If so enrol on our FREE online introductory course.

A wellbeing coach can help people achieve their goals in life by applying the principles and processes of life coaching to achieve lifestyle improvements. The wellbeing coach stands by the client as an advocate of their health and wellbeing whilst inspiring and supporting their growth and development.

Our FREE introductory course will give you an awareness of the role of the wellbeing coach.

Course Start date - Monday 9th November 2020

Course length - There is a 2-week window for you to complete the course and you can access the course any time to undertake your learning.

Course duration - The course should take you around 4 - 5 hours to complete.

Course Modules -

- Introduction to the course
- The Role of a Wellbeing Coach
- The Benefits of Wellbeing Coaching
- Hot Topics in Wellbeing Coaching
- Wellbeing Coaching in the Community and Workplace
- Building a Wellbeing Coaching Business
- Next Steps

Course assessment - There an external assessment at the end of the course in a format of a quiz.

Course access - You will access the course through our Moodle platform the URL is <https://www.maropersonaldevelopment.online>.

On completion - On completion you will be emailed a MARO Personal Development Certificate.

About us - if you would like any more information about MARO our information is on our website maropersonaldevelopment.com. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us, via email or by phone on 0191 903 5629 or +44 (0)7368306854.



Cumbria, Northumberland,
Tyne and Wear
NHS Foundation Trust

If you need urgent help with your mental health or learning disability call 24/7

North Tyneside and Northumberland

Adults - 0800 652 2861

Children and young people - 0800 652 2862

North Cumbria

Adults - 0800 652 2865

Children and young people - 0800 652 2865

Newcastle and Gateshead

Adults - 0800 652 2863

Children and young people - 0800 652 2864

Sunderland and South Tyneside

Adults - 0800 652 2867

Children and young people - 0800 652 2868



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Roundhill Site Progress Update - 6th Oct. 2020

(Update provided by the site developers)



- On behalf of Home Group, we are building 48 plots consisting of a mixture of 2, 3 and 4 bed houses plus 8, 2 bed flats
- They are a mixture of shared ownership and social housing
- We are still on programme. Completion is mid-March 2021
- We have a retaining wall to build and there will be a fair bit of activity with muck-shifting – both to and from site, over the next few weeks.
- The majority of Bricklayers will have left in the next few months and we will not have the need for cranes on site
- We are almost finished tiles the last 7 roofs so are looking to remove the scaffold soon. This will inevitably generate a little extra traffic as we take the scaffold off site
- You will notice outside works starting soon – block paving of drives, paths and kerbs, etc. So there will be a need for mini diggers
- We have our Banksmen who controls traffic management however, as discussed last month, this is an ongoing challenge which is also historical. We are trying our utmost to keep an eye on the traffic and parking situation. We are aware that there have been issues around school times but please be assured that we are doing all we can.

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