

## Board for Bored Games



Organisers of Board for Bored Games enjoying the new equipment

The Bored for Board Games which currently runs on a Wednesday evening from the Centrefield Pavilion on Sunderland Road Playing fields has just benefited from a donation of games equipment from East Durham Partnership (EDP). Ellen Foxton, Chief Executive of EDP said "When the pool table and football table came into the factory it gave us an excellent opportunity to support this worthwhile youth project". The regular Wednesday

evening slot has become so successful that Dave Robinson who runs the Cafe is looking to extend the area in the Pavilion to enable more young people to attend. Parish Council Chairman, Jean White said "When Dave came to the Parish Council asking to utilise the Pavilion for a business and to hold things such as Board for Bored Games the Parish Council were only too happy to support it." The event is run by Groundwork East Durham, with regular

attendance by the local police, street wardens and local residents who mix with the young people in an informal setting. County Councillor Dennis Maddison said "It is nice to see the event go from strength to strength and Horden residents young and old getting together."

"We're trying a new way of running our events and thought a Car Boot may give the adults something to do while the kids enjoy themselves"

## New Family Fun Day Event!

Jimmy Bush, Parks and Cemetery Manager at Horden Parish Council is trying a new idea out for the start of his summer events programme. The Family Fun Day will be held on the Sunderland Road Playing Fields on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm, instead of the Welfare Park. This will facilitate with the new car boot sale Jimmy is putting

in place. Spaces for the car boot can be booked at a cost of £5.00 by contacting the Parish Council Offices on 0191 5180823. There will be family favourites there to entertain such as puppet shows and circus workshops. There will also be the usual bouncy castles, roundabouts, swings and fun fair games for the children to enjoy.



Parish Clerk, Paul Davison and Councillor Dennis Maddison inspecting the new traffic measures



## Parking Problems Resolved?

Durham County Council has come under fire for recent anti-parking measures put up in the village. Bollard and barrier schemes on Cotsford Lane near Horden Nursery and opposite Sainsbury's Store have been deemed as "inadequate" by Horden Parish Council.

The Parish Council first raised concerns regarding dangerous parking outside Horden Nursery and at the junction of Cotsford Lane and the Coast Road over a year ago and campaigned to get anti-parking bollards and barriers

in place to reduce the congestion and danger, especially for children at peak times. Workmen from the County Council started the work in early February and bollards were put on the paths at the bottom of Langthorne Avenue and the junction at Hawthorne Crescent, as well as the island opposite Sainsbury's where a barrier and bollards were placed.

However, when the Clerk to Horden Parish Council, Paul Davison and Horden County Councillor, Dennis Maddison inspected the work, found it was lacking. Paul said; "While the work has been partially completed, it has not been done to the standard the people of Horden expect. In

some cases bollards have been placed too far apart to provide any effective anti-parking measure and additional bollards could be put in to alleviate the situation further".

In addition to inadequate placement, a large stretch of pavement near Hawthorne Crescent was left in a dangerous and uneven state. Councillor Maddison who had donated funds from his neighbourhood budget to pay for the scheme, called County Council officials to complain about standard of workmanship and a highways officer attended an onsite meeting and agreed to look into further improvements.



The European Landscape Convention established a Council of Europe Landscape Award to recognise quality stewardship of landscapes. Council of Europe member states ran national competitions to identify national winners who were then put forward to the European level award. This is the first time the award

has been held in the UK with six finalists being selected from the UK, with Durham Heritage being selected against strong competition. Durham Heritage Coast, which stretches along the north east coast from Sunderland to Hartlepool, suffered from years of waste being dumped from the cliffs into

the sea by the coal industry and resulted in the beaches becoming contaminated. They recently won the first ever UK Landscape Award.

The project transformed the coastline from a despoiled landscape into a coastal path and now leads through a wonderful landscape of great natural, historical and geological interest with outstanding views of the north sea.

The Award was accepted by Durham County Council Officer, Niall Benson on behalf of the Durham Heritage. Local Parish Councillor George Patterson, who is the Heritage Coast Ambassador and attended the event in Liverpool, said "This is

a fantastic recognition of all the hard work of the partner organisations and volunteers who have been part of the transformation of this part of our coastline. It is well worth a visit to our Heritage Coast to see the extensive improvements and variety of wildlife, flora and fauna which now adorns our coast."

## New Playground in Offing

Horden Parish Council is set to take ownership of two play areas in the village. The Multi Use Play Area (MUGA) and toddler play area at Stayplton Drive which is currently owned by McInerney Homes, are due to be transferred to the parish council in the next few weeks.

The MUGA has been completed for a number of years; however contractual issues with the developer have stalled the asset transfer until now. Once the ownership has been transferred to the parish council, work is due to

start on extending the fence height to decrease the instances of footballs going over the fence and causing damage to resident's property.

The floodlights are currently non-operational. However, once the fencing issues have been rectified, work will commence to bring the floodlights into use, which when fully functional will enable users of the MUGA to enjoy the area until 9pm.

Horden Parish Council and East Durham Area Action Partnership, who are donating funds for the

fencing project, are confident that the MUGA pitch will finally achieve its potential by the summer 2011.

The Clerk to the Council, Paul Davison said; "It has taken a very long time, by planning standards for this development to come to fruition and the parish council acknowledge the concerns of those residents who wish to see the MUGA completed and made fit for purpose. Once the parish council have taken ownership of the



property, we will ensure that the necessary work is completed to ensure that as many residents and users of the parish council's facilities are as satisfied as possible".

## New Team in Charge at Social Welfare Centre

There's a new team running the Social Welfare Centre. Alan Atchinson has been in the role of Supervisor at the Centre since the summer of 2010 but is now joined by Lee Higgins as Caretaker. Alan and Lee are looking at ways of improving the service provided by the Centre and have already had success with enhancing the facilities, with a new ceiling already being installed in the Bar/Lounge.

2011 has already seen an increase in bookings for weddings, christenings and parties but the venue is also looking towards holding events such as an amateur boxing tournament, wrestling, cinema viewings and even a halloween disco. There are regular events held at the Centre and the Mechanics Social Club, which is held every Friday evening has seen an improved attendance. Alan said "the Mechanics Social Club is held

on a Friday night from 7.00 pm till 11 pm so come along and have a chat with old friends and make some new ones."

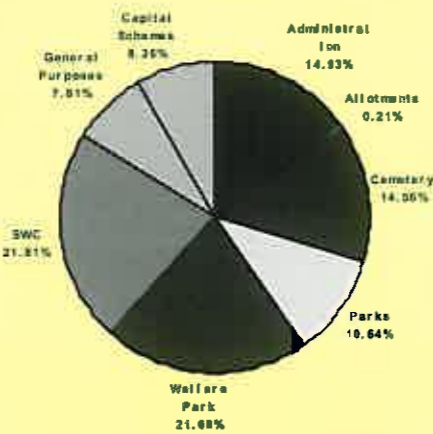


SWC Supervisor, Alan Atchinson and Caretaker, Lee Higgins.

**GROSS EXPENDITURE COMPARISON**

The total amount Horden Parish Council planned to spend on services for 2010/11 and 2011/12 is

	2010/11	2011/12
Administration	£90,707	£89,316
Allotments	£1,859	£1,259
Cemetery	£88,387	£87,130
Parks	£63,634	£63,672
Welfare Park	£130,870	£129,687
Social Well Centre	£125,999	£130,470
General Purposes	£53,638	£46,708
Capital Schemes	£50,000	£50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£605,094</b>	<b>£598,242</b>



In 2011/12 Horden Parish Council expects to spend a total of £598,242 (Gross Expenditure) on the delivery of services to the village. The Council anticipates receiving £119,190 in income (receipts) for services delivered and £8,831 double taxation grant from Durham County Council, leaving an amount of £470,221 to be raised by precept (Council Tax).

This precept represents a decrease of £78 or -0.02% from the 2010/11 precept of £470,299. The amount applicable to a property listed in Valuation Band D is £208.34, an increase of £2.48 per year, less than 0.05p per week. For a property in Band A the amount shall be £138.89, an increase of £1.65 per year, less than 0.03p per week.

The reason the amount payable by property has increased while the overall precept has reduced is due to the decrease in the number of electors living in Horden in 2010. In 2010/11 the Council intends to commence implementation of the extension to Thorpe Road Cemetery, completion of the Horden Community Plan, adoption of the play areas at Staylton Drive and plan other projects within the village.

**Have Your Say...**

Have you ever wanted to tell the Parish Council what you think of the services that are provided? Wanted to make a complaint but didn't know who to write to or where to send a letter? There are many ways that you can contact us:

You can phone us on 0191 5180823 during office hours, or leave a message on our answerphone after hours.

We can be contacted by e-mail at [hordencouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:hordencouncil@btconnect.com)

Our fax number is 0191 5180385 if you prefer to fax us.

Letters of enquiry, compliment or complaint can be sent to the Clerk - Mr Paul Davison, Horden Parish Council, Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden, Peterlee, Co Durham, SR8 4LX.

You can call into the Social Welfare Centre during office hours. If you wish to speak to the Clerk, you may need to make an appointment. This can be arranged by telephoning the office in advance.

If you are interested in finding out how the Parish Council makes decisions, you are entitled to attend meetings of the Parish Council to observe the proceedings. Meetings of the Parish Council, Parks & Cemetery Committee and Finance & General Purposes Committee are held on the first Thursday of the month (except August) in the Training Room at the Social Welfare Centre from 6.00 pm. The agenda for the meeting (which details what is to be discussed) is placed on the noticeboard in the foyer of the Social Welfare Centre on the Friday before the meeting.

If you wish to speak at the meeting, all you need to do is contact the Clerk before the meeting. You would be able to speak at the Public Participation Section of the meeting. A maximum of 20 minutes is allowed for the public. To find out more, please contact the Clerk.

**HORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**NEWSLETTER**

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**CHAIRMAN'S WINTER UPDATE**

Hi Folks

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year and I hope you have had the chance to have slimmed down after the festive season. I had the opportunity of attending Durham Cathedral for Mencap's Nativity Play and had a chance to catch up with residents at Robinson House at their Christmas Party over the festive period.

There were two charity events held at Horden Social Welfare Centre in December. The first one was for Disc and I had the honour of being able to open their Christmas Craft Fayre. The event was co-ordinated by Disc and was organised by volunteers from the community. There were lots of local people selling their crafts with Santa in attendance for the children. The event raised £577 which will go towards the Cockermouth Mountain Rescue and the Air Ambulance.

The Parish Council organised a Charity Coffee morning in conjunction with MacMillan Can-

cer. The event took place in December and was attended by civic dignitaries for Peterlee, Seaham, Hartlepool, Durham, and operational problems. However, the lights did manage to be put on and looked as good as ever.



Civic Dignitaries with Parish Council Chairman at Macmillan Charity Coffee Morning

Jimmy Bush, the Parish Council's Parks and Cemetery Manager is already starting to organise the summer events which are looking to be bigger and better than last year. There are also quite a lot of things going on at the Social Welfare Centre with one of the highlights being the boxing tournament due to be held in April. There are other activities such as tap dancing. So if you want to find out what's going on just pop into the Centre or have a look on the Parish Council's website at [www.hordenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hordenparishcouncil.gov.uk) or visit us on Facebook on Horden Social Welfare Centre. The Community Plan is now starting to take shape with work starting on organising the priorities which have come out of resident's questionnaires. The work is ongoing but should be reaching a conclusion in the near future.

Jean White  
Chairman

Spennymoor and Chilton. Although the event wasn't particularly well attended by residents, perhaps because of the weather, the coffee morning still managed to raise £175.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and residents who donated prizes for the raffle and thanks go to Cragg's Bakers for donating the mince pies and Asda for the tea, coffee and sugar.

There was some difficulty this year with the Christmas Carol Service, due to the bad weather



Councillors E Connor, G Phillips and M Robinson with Assistant Clerk, G Crute and Work Experience Student C Jackson helping out at the Macmillan Coffee Morning



Parish Chairman, Jean White with Lynne Harvey-Smith from Edvise and Santa at the Christmas Craft Fayre

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Road Safety Issues Addressed
- Parish Council Tax Freeze
- New Family Fun Day
- Durham Heritage Coast up for Prestigious Award
- Parish Council to take on Play Area

**Council Tax Freeze for Horden**

Horden Parish Council has announced that for 2011/12, they will not be increasing council tax for residents. Members considered the current economic situation nationally, and increases in the cost of living for Horden residents, which as a community lies within the top 5% most deprived communities in Britain. The parish council did not consider it appropriate under the circumstances to increase council tax for the coming year and any cuts made will not affect front line services such as events in the Welfare Park.

Indeed, mindful of the current financial pressures being placed on residents, organisations and groups in Horden, the parish council has reduced pitch fees for the clubs using the Welfare Park by one third for both 2010 and 2011. For more details on how your money will be spent, please refer to the page on council tax information for further details.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - Parish Council Meeting, 6pm, Social Welfare Centre

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 - Social Welfare Centre Sub-Committee, 12 Noon, Social Welfare Centre

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