

Monk Hesleden Parish Council Gazette

Autumn 2011

Family Fun Day

The fifth Monk Hesleden Parish Council Family Fun Day took place on Sunday 21st August 2011 at the Welfare Park in Blackhall.

The marvellous weather ensured the highest attendance ever to this free event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The show provided numerous attractions, including the ever popular flower and vegetable show, the baking competition which is growing in popularity, the children's fancy dress competition, Punch and Judy and the main attraction a comedy car stunt show, Dingle Fingle.

The climbing wall, craft stall and face painting provided hours of free entertainment for youngsters.

The number of community stalls was higher than ever this year, with all of

the local groups raising funds for their worthy cause.

A special mention should be made of the young people who attend the Wednesday night youth project in the Welfare Park, some of whom, were brave enough to perform a marvellous dance routine in front of over 300 people!

Thank you to the volunteers, Parish Councillors' and employees who gave their time to help organise and run this event and of course to the community who came along and gave their support.



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Monk Hesleden Parish Council - should we change the name?

The Parish Council held its first meeting in 1894 in Castle Eden Colliery Boys School, at this time the parish included the villages of Hutton Henry, Hulam and Sheraton. Population and boundary changes mean these communities are no longer included and the parish now incorporates Blackhall Colliery, Blackhall Rocks and Crimdon.

The Parish Council is seeking views on whether the current name should remain or be changed.

- Does the name reflect the community which it represents?
- Do people know where we are and who we are?
- Is there a better alternative? If so what?

Your views are **important**; please give them by contacting us by letter, e-mail or speaking to your a Parish Councillor. Email - theclerk@monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk

Monk Hesleden Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report 2010-11

My year as Chairman has been another in which Monk Hesleden Parish Council has gone from strength to strength; the Council has delivered everything it promised and perhaps more.

It was with great pleasure and pride I took part in the opening of the new changing rooms at the Welfare Park. These facilities have been needed for nearly twenty years and finally after much hard work and many meetings the Parish Council were able to secure the matched funding needed. The building provides facilities which is the envy of many and both the Parish Council and the community should be extremely proud of what has been achieved.

In November 2010 a major refurbishment of the war memorial cross was undertaken at the Welfare Park, this much needed work has ensured the memorial will be in place for generations to come.

The Parish Council has been working in partnership with Blackhall Rocks Resident Association and both County Councillors to provide a new play area at Hart Crescent, this project came to fruition in April of this year. The play area is managed on a day to day basis by local residents and it has been very rewarding to see what can be achieved by the Council and the community working together. As a council we have continued to organise and assist with numerous events:

- Hesleden in Bloom
- Erection of Christmas Trees
- Family Fun Day
- Children's Festival

The loss of the youth club and the continued rise in anti-social behaviour in Blackhall has been a major concern to the Parish Council. Once again we led the way in trying to address these issues, working with the local policing team and Groundwork North East to provide a venue for young people to meet every Wednesday evening in the tea pavilion at the Welfare Park. I have visited this project every week since it started and I am delighted at the high attendance and the activities which are provided.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their support during the past year and also acknowledge the continued hard work of the Council staff, long may it continue.

Councillor W B Underwood

Chairman 2010-11



Summary of Parish Council Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 2010	Income Summary	Year Ended 31st March 2011
£587	Bank Interest	£538
£246,788	Precept	£254,191
£3,950	Welfare Park	£1,247
£6,175	Cemeteries	£11,520
£10,811	Other Income	£171,460
£268,311	Total Income	£438,956
	<i>Expenditure Summary</i>	
£44,328	Administration	£45,530
£38,149	General	£29,628
£5,550	Grants Awarded	£3,892
£89,336	Welfare Park	£92,407
£62,556	Cemeteries	£58,666
£7,548	Play Areas	£8,409
£4,656	Resource Centre	£6,459
£0	Additional Schemes	£277,405
£252,123	Total Expenditure	£522,396

Donations and grants were awarded by the Parish Council to the following community groups:

British Legion	£60
Hartlepool Hospice	£50
Butterwick Hospice	£100
Great North Air Ambulance	£50
Blackhall Community Centre	£198
Hesleden Youth Club	£2,500
Blackhall Primary School	£200
Hesleden Primary School	£50
Hesleden in Bloom	£38
East Durham Citizens Advice Bureau	£500

Parish update....

Proposed new hospital at Wynyard

The Parish Council recently met with the Alan Foster, Chief Executive of the North Tees & Hartlepool Foundation Trust to express concerns about the proposed new hospital at Wynyard, Stockton, the closure of the Accident & Emergency Department at Hartlepool Hospital and the future of the hospital itself. The Parish Council raised a number of issues which included:

- The use of Public Finance Initiative (PFI)
- The Trust's contingency plan should they not be able to secure the funding
- Lack of consultation with the residents of East Durham
- Transport provision-

What provision is there for residents who do not have access to a motor vehicle?

Spending cuts have already seen a reduction in public transport services, particularly for the smaller villages such as Hesleden.

How do the elderly and those on low incomes access the new hospital?

Mr Foster did answer all questions posed and gave a commitment to attend future council meetings if requested. However, the possible closure of Hartlepool Hospital and the accessibility to the proposed hospital by residents are key issues which the Parish Council will continue to pursue.



Forthcoming Events



Services of Remembrance

The Parish Council has organised services at the following venues on

Sunday 13th November 2011:

Welfare Park, Blackhall

Please gather at the main entrance at 10.45am. Following the service refreshments will be served in the tea pavilion in the Park.

Hesleden

Please meet outside Hesleden Methodist Church at 10.45am.

Refreshments will be served after the service at Hesleden Methodist Church.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Chicken's Green, Blackhall

Monday 5th December 2011 - 4.00 pm

Front Street, Hesleden

Tuesday 6th December 2011 - 3.15 pm



Councillors Surgeries

On the first Thursday of each month, we hold a Councillors Surgery at The Resource Centre in Middle Street, Blackhall from 9.30 till 10.00am.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to discuss with a Councillor, please pop in for an informal chat - no appointment necessary.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council holds its meetings at The Resource Centre, Blackhall. Members of the public are welcome to attend, however, if you wish to speak on a matter, please contact the Clerk no later than seven days before the meeting, so that the item for discussion can be placed on the agenda.

Forthcoming meeting dates:

21st November 2011

12th December 2011

23rd January 2011

Meetings commence at 7.00pm

Civil Parking Enforcement

With effect from the 7th of November 2011, Durham County Council will be responsible for enforcing parking regulations. The police will continue to enforce all moving traffic offences as well as obstruction offences.

Durham County Council will be able to issue a Penalty Charge Notice where a parking contravention occurs.

Residents should be aware restoration of parking controls has recently taken place in and around Middle Street, Blackhall which means penalty charges can be issued.

Will this affect me?

NO If you are a driver who parks your vehicle legally these changes will not affect you.

YES If you park your vehicle in an area where parking controls apply and do not adhere to the controls in place.

How do I know if I have parked illegally?

If you are in any doubt check road markings, signs and ticket machines. More information can be found in the Highway Code and on the Durham County Council website:
www.durham.gov.uk/parking

Parish Plan

You may remember, in spring 2009, we distributed a questionnaire to households within the parish. Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete and return the forms.

The information provided has now been processed and analysed and we have produced a plan which prioritises activities and needs within the community.

The document is now available for viewing at the Resource Centre or you can download a copy from our web-site:

www.monkhesledenparishcouncil.gov.uk

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