

UPDATE

From Ashington Town Team

Summer 2016 Edition No. 7

On schedule for Completion.



Station Road redevelopment started in May 2016 and is swiftly taking shape. This regeneration allows for a one way traffic system from East to West (Grand Corner to HSBC) which will ease congestion on Lintonville Terrace, allow for passing trade and provide 30 short stay car parking spaces.

The wider North side of Station Road will allow for the market and other events to take place.

Some businesses have reported a dip in trade due to the construction work which was expected. I would therefore urge all businesses to look at their business rates and make an appeal due to the change in circumstances. I know many have already done so, if you would like any support in doing this please get in touch.

Relocation of Jackie Milburn

The Jackie Milburn statue is in storage at the moment and we are looking to relocate him. As he is such an important part of Ashington we would like to know where the traders would like to see him. Suggestions are:

- Ashington leisure centre – town centre, linked with sport and will be seen by many people
- Ashington Football Club - links with football



Please email ashingtontownteam@gmail.com to choose one of the above location's or suggest another.

Ashtonbury!

Ashington's Annual Summer Fayre was a huge success in its new location of Wilkinson's Car Park with lots of people commenting that it felt like a festival. With live bands, funfair rides, community and trader stalls and street entertainment there was something for everyone.

Maybe we shall see the summer fayre situated in this new location in coming years, it was definitely the people's venue choice.



Farmers and Crafts Market

Ashington Town Team organised the first Farmers and Crafts market in Ashington town centre on April 30th. This was a huge success with some retailers doubling their trade on that day. All of the people surveyed on the day wanted to see a monthly quality market and were impressed by the range of stalls and participation by retailers. Watch this space for monthly markets in 2017. The winner of the survey draw was Mrs Kathleen Hall who won a hamper of all the wonderful produce available on the day.





Pokémon Go

Ashington Town Team joined in the latest craze by organising an event in the town centre. A Pokémon trail was held on Thursday 28th July and we also ran a logo quiz. Winners of the 2 Argos vouchers were: Samantha Tomlin and Matthew Wakefield.



Although the rain put a dampener on the day the children enjoyed doing craft activities with The Canny Little Art Company. A big Thank You to Northumberland YMCA and The Canny Little Art Company.

Fashion and Beauty Show

We will be hosting the first fashion and beauty show at Northumberland YMCA on 30th September 2016. I hope you will get involved in this event either by helping to advertise, participate in the event or help us with a raffle prize. All proceeds from ticket sale and raffle will go towards Melanie's Mission. Melanie is a 26 year old lovely young lady who is facing the prospect of dying if she does not receive lifesaving treatment. Mel suffers from Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (EDS) that causes her joints to dislocate, especially those in her spine and neck. She now also has a severe case of Cranio-Cervical Instability (CCI). Read more about her at www.melanies-mission-eds.org.uk

County Hall Relocation

Northumberland County Council's headquarters; County Hall has been approved through planning and construction to build the five storey office block should start in January 2017.

This building will house over 1000 office workers in the town centre, which will contribute to building a strong and competitive economy in Ashington.

Fashion & Beauty Show
 Friday 30th September 2016
 At YMCA NORTHUMBERLAND North View Ashington NE63 9XQ

Doors open 6.30pm
 Show starts 7.00pm

Tickets for sale at £3
 Buy tickets from participating retailers or alternatively call: 07717 833 288 or email: ashingtownteam@gmail.com

All proceeds go to Melanie's Mission

Catwalk Demonstrations Stalls Nibbles Raffle



Ashington Tuesday Market

The relocation of the Tuesday market has been a positive move to the temporary location. There has been a slight drop in footfall and trade which is to be expected. The market will relocate back to Station Road once the work is complete and the new site will hold 30 3mx3m new gazebos with anchored and electricity points. Some issues with the markets operating rules are still to be addressed such as quality of goods, delivery times, refuse removal and parking.

Ashington Town Team are always looking for new members for the management committee. We meet once a month (Monday evenings); this is an ideal opportunity for you to shape the look and feel of the Town Centre and promote your business. Please get in touch for more details.

Taxi Rank Re-location

The taxi rank has now been relocated from Station Road to Bellway House, this rank is close to the original rank and will be appropriately sign posted. Please inform customers whenever you can.