

A BRIEF 'HEADS UP' ON THE WORK OF MID DURHAM AAP... March 2018

WELCOME

Welcome to your March edition of the AAPs e-bulletin / e-newsletter.
In this month's edition we will update you on:

- Mid Durham's next Board meeting
- Community Snippets
- Partner Updates

For more detailed information on all our meetings and work (notes, project updates, members, etc) please visit our web pages at www.durham.gov.uk/mdaap or sign up to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-Durham-Area-Action-Partnership-AAP/214188621970873>

MID DURHAM AAP - March Board Meeting



The Mid Durham AAP will be holding its next Board meeting on **Wednesday 14th March 2018** at **6pm** in **New Brancepeth Village Hall, Rock Terrace, New Brancepeth, DH7 7EP**

On the agenda will be presentation on the proposed Care Navigator Programme which is a person-centred approach which uses signposting and information to help primary care patients and their carers move through the health and social care system.

There will also be several Area Budget projects coming to the Board including the Deernees Paths and an Environment Improvement Pot that if approved will start later this year.

We ask that you register your attendance beforehand by contacting us on 07818510370 or 07814969392 or 07557541413 or email middurhamaap.gov.uk.

Community Snippets

Burnhope – The Community Centre is now well underway and is scheduled for completion at the end of May. The builder – McCarricks, have used a drone to take photos...



Butsfield Young Farmers – Similar to Burnhope, the young Farmers build is well under way too and is due for completion in mid-March...



Lanchester Loneliness Project – Several groups and residents in Lanchester are working together to tackle social isolation within their village. Further updates will be provided in the next e-bulletin.

On the 2nd of April, 2018 exciting new Sports Facilities will open at **Brandon Sports Club**. The day will have a formal opening ceremony around 1pm with a family fun day in the afternoon and an opportunity to view the new facilities. The Boxing Club Gym will be Brandon Boxing Club's first permanent home after a meteoric growth since its humble beginnings 3 years ago. The Club has been a magnificent addition to the sport, fitness and welfare of the Community and the new building will enable it to offer its services to more people. The Cricket Practice area will be the largest grass wicket practice area outside of the Emirates Riverside County Ground and also has an all weather artificial wicket. It will enable practice and training on first class pitches at all times uninterrupted by a busy summer match schedule.



Partner Update - Prince Bishops Community Bank honoured as UK's 'supreme' credit union



Ethical savings and lending provider Prince Bishops Community Bank (PBCB) has won national recognition after the organisation won the top award at its sector's most prestigious awards ceremony. Prince Bishops won four individual categories at the Edward Filene Credit Union Awards held in central London, and that led to the community bank being awarded the 'supreme award' for winning the largest number of points from the awards judges.

Prince Bishops also celebrated with its partner Karbon Homes, which won the “Single Benefactor of the Year” award for its work along PBCB.

Finally Lesley Richardson, Chief Executive Officer of PBCB was recognised as the runner up in the category for Chief Executive Officer of the Year.

Partner Update: Managing Money Better Service



Save money on your energy bills - Free and impartial advice to help you save money on your energy bills and to keep your home warm is currently available from the Managing Money Better Service. This service is funded by DCC and run in partnership with the Prince Bishops Community Bank. It is available to owner occupiers and tenants in private or social rented properties in County Durham.

An experienced energy advisor from the Managing Money Better service can visit your home to carry out a **free** home energy assessment, which includes:

- Assessing your fuel bills and helping you to switch suppliers if savings can be made. Making sure you understand your heating system and controls. Providing energy efficiency advice and arrange practical support, if needed, such as wall and loft insulation

In addition to advice on your energy bills, Managing Money Better can:

- Provide advice on benefit entitlements. Help with money management, including budgeting and how to set up a bank / savings account with the Prince Bishop Community Bank. Refer you to other relevant services that can help with finances, debt and home improvements if necessary

How to apply - Apply for the Managing Money Better scheme through the Councils Housing Solutions Team - please e-mail warmhomes@durham.gov.uk or phone 03000 268 000 for further details or click on the link below.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/12732/Save-money-on-your-energy-bills>

Partner Update: Citizens Advice Outreach sessions throughout Durham Area



1st Thurs.	New Brancepeth Village Hall DH7 7EP Esh Winning Library DH7 9BE	11am -12noon 2pm – 3pm
2nd Thurs.	Langley Park Miners Institute DH7 9TZ Brandon Community Hall DH7 8PS	9.30am-10.30am 11am – 12noon
3rd Thurs.	Ushaw Moor Silver Tree Annex DH7 7LF	11am – 12noon
4th Thurs.	Brandon Community Hall DH7 8PS	11am – 12noon
5th Thurs.	No Session	

Partner Update: CREATING CULTURE - Residential Youth Exchange for Young People from Lithuania and the UK



Creating Culture is a one week residency, Monday 2nd April – 9th April, in County Durham where young people from the UK and Lithuania will come together to meet, create networks, and develop their understanding of culture, human rights, and current issues affecting young people in Europe. Working with leaders, activists, educators and artists using creative methods to explore inclusion, integration and intercultural dialogue. Aimed at 16 – 24 years and taking place at Emmaus Youth Village, Consett, County Durham. Involving 60 young individuals: 35 from Lithuania & 25 from North England at a cost of £50 which includes their accommodation, meals, and two trips.

The residency will involve 3 main themes/topics:

1. Media literacy and critical thinking.
2. Tolerance, respect and positive attitude towards others and vulnerable groups of society.
3. Dialogue and expression

For more information or to request an expression of interest form contact 01388 765002 or facebook@jackdrumarts or katy@jackdrum.co.uk and return by noon on Thursday 15th March. You will receive confirmation of your place by Monday 19th March

Partner Update: People's Health Trust's Active Communities funding programme open for applications in County Durham



Local groups and organisations with great ideas to make their communities even better places to live are invited to apply for funding to turn their ideas into reality. Active Communities is a funding programme for community groups and not-for-profit organisations, with an income of less than £350,000 a year or an average of £350,000 over two years, seeking investment of between £5,000 and £50,000 for projects lasting up to two years. They are looking for small and local projects, genuinely designed and run by local people. By small, they mean just a small group of people on an estate, in a few streets or villages. They're also looking for great ideas from communities of interest. By this they mean a group of people who have things in common and wish to come together to address something that is important to them. These ideas could be based in one neighbourhood or cover a wider area.

The funds are targeted at the neighbourhoods which are most affected by health inequalities and the eligible areas in County Durham can be viewed on a map [here](#)

There is a simple online two stage application process with a step by step guide from start to finish. The application deadline is 14th March 1.00pm. For more information and to apply please [click here](#). If you would like any support applying to the fund, please contact Durham Community Action on 01388 742040 or by email

Partner Update: LSCB Winter Newsletter

The winter newsletter edition of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) is available and can also be downloaded from the LSCB Website www.durham-lscb.org.uk Articles included in this issue are various news items along with:

- Tackling Neglect Conference
- Learning Lessons Events
- Was Not Brought to Appointments
- NHS Safeguarding App
- Children and Social Work Act 2017

Partner Update: Which Health Services do YOU think need to be reviewed?



Healthwatch County Durham exists to give everyone who uses health and social care services in the county a voice. It gathers your views on services and shares your feedback – good and bad – with those who have the power to change how services work. And now it's giving you the chance to decide which services it focuses on next.

Healthwatch County Durham has compiled a list of six priority areas, based on information passed to it over the last year, and now it would like you to choose which four it investigates in 2018-19. The six areas to choose from are:

- Mental health support services
- Appointment systems in GP surgeries
- Dementia support
- Transition support (from children to adult services)
- Patient transport
- Dental charges and treatment

To vote for the four areas you would like Healthwatch County Durham to focus on **visit healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk** or call 0800 304 7039 to request a hard copy of the survey. The deadline for voting is 31 March 2018.

Partner Update: Celebrate Commonwealth Day



Commonwealth Day takes place on 12 March and until 22 April, everyone has the chance to celebrate being part of the Commonwealth by hosting a Commonwealth Big Lunch. Commonwealth Big Lunches are delivered in partnership with the Eden Project. They are simply about sharing food and bringing people together to celebrate everything we have in common. From a couple of people in a back garden to hundreds in a community space, by hosting or attending a lunch you'll be joining millions of people across the Commonwealth in the official summit celebrations.

By following this link <https://www.chogm2018.org.uk/> you can learn more about the big lunch initiative and if you want to host a big lunch then you can get a FREE pack which is full of handy tips, information and fun resources like decoration templates and bits and pieces for games from all around the world by registering here <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/register-for-your-pack>

Mid Durham AAP Small Grant 2018/19

The Mid Durham AAP Small Grants fund opens 1st April for 2018-2019 and recognises the crucial role that voluntary groups have within their villages and what difference a few hundred pounds can make. The aim of the grants scheme is to support local groups working within the Mid-Durham AAP area, and in doing so, improve the lives of local people. The minimum grant is £200 whilst the maximum is £400

Groups can only apply for one grant per financial year and must be:

- A local, not for profit group working in the Mid Durham area
- Volunteer led
- A faith group that operate activities/services to all of the community
- School projects must show community focus and the application must be submitted by a community/voluntary organisation

The geographical area covered by this grants scheme includes the ten Parishes of Brancepeth, Brandon and Byshottles, Burnhope, Cornsay, Esh, Greencroft, Hedleyhope, Healeyfield, Lanchester and Satley

For more information or to request an application form contact the team on the details below or contact Lynn Cummings on 07557 541413 or lynn.cummings@durham.gov.uk

Your area, your action, your partnership.
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