

Discos and Parties

A good development this year has been young people and community becoming more involved in how things are run at the centre. They have been organising events for themselves or taking interest in sharing their ideas to improve their community. We have had discos, parties and even a RAVE!!

Young people and their parents worked together supporting each other in events organised by the young people. This is a very welcome development and we have enjoyed making new links with DJs, the Four Clocks and we have appreciated the support of the Crook Community partnership. Thanks to all parent for their support.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards



A number of Young People, ages 14 to 18, are embarking on their programme to achieve a Bronze Award, with others from Crook and Witton Le Wear. Some of the activities include, planning for an expedition, map reading, orienteering, and building skills for the expedition. In the future they will become more involved organising projects.

STARTER HOMES **McInerney Homes**

Valley Rise in Tow Law offers first time buyers a great choice of starter homes from McInerney Homes.

Valley Rise comprises of a wide range of homes up to four bedroom detached styles but most recently released for sale is a range of two and three bedroom homes aimed specifically at first time buyers.

The 2 bedroom award winning Oban housestyle is currently proving popular with visitors to the development with prices starting at just £96,995.

This semi detached property comprises of a lounge and a kitchen diner, along with two generous bedrooms and a practical bathroom, plus a dedicated parking space.

Those who need more space for not much more budget could consider the three bedroom Winslow as the perfect starter home. This mews property starts at just £105,995.

Tow Law is a great location to get your foot on the property ladder. Situated in Weardale, it is surrounded by scenic countryside with the historic City of Durham and the market town of Chester le Street within easy driving distance.

The Village itself has good local amenities including shops, two schools and a community centre and is perfectly placed for those who work in the region's major towns and cities, without the price tags associated with those areas.

McInerney Homes is also currently offering to pay your 5% deposit on starter home properties on this development.

The sales centre at the development which is just off the A68 is open Thursday to Monday inclusive, from 10:30am to 5:30pm, and can be contacted on 01388 731861. Further information can also be found at www.mcinerneyhomes.com

Hedleyhope Fell: in brief

•Over 1500 volunteer days have been committed in the last 2 years by volunteers.

•Hedleyhope Fell is over 200ha in size, making it the largest reserve managed by Durham Wildlife Trust.

•Groups from the BTCV Green Gym, Conservation Society and Probation Service are working on the Fell, on average, once a week.

•Parts of the Fell have the most potential in County Durham to reintroduce the small pearly-bordered fritillary butterfly.

•Over 4000m of fence has been erected to enable sheep and cattle can graze the Fell.

•The Fell is an important site for snipe over the winter months and many other ground nesting birds during the breeding season.

•This year the BTCV held a week long conservation holiday on the Fell with some volunteers coming from as far away as Hong Kong and Spain!

•Over 1700 juniper trees have been planted on the Fell by volunteers.

•The Fell is important for a range of reptiles including the slow worm, common lizard and adder.

•The Hedleyhope Fell Volunteer Task Force is working on the Fell to improve habitats for wildlife and access for people, 162 days of the year!

To find out more about Hedleyhope Fell and volunteer opportunities please contact Craig Best on 01388 488728 or cbest@durhamwt.co.uk



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Tow Law Community Centre contact number 01388 731444



Volunteers Wanted!!



We are looking to start a Credit Union at the Community Centre. A **Credit Union** is a profit sharing, democratically run financial co-operative which offers low interest loans to members who regularly save.

The members own and manage their **credit union** themselves.

This is where you come in, as we are looking for a number of volunteers to help get this project off the ground.

It would basically mean giving up your time for around 2 hours per week, although this will be less the more volunteers we get. Training will be given and you will be supported by other Credit Union members and the staff at the Community Centre. It is hoped to start the project in the New Year.

Two people have already volunteered but we would like to have a team of around 8 volunteers to help run this.

So if you're interested or you wish to find out more, call Alan or Diane on 01388 731444

BIG CONVERSATION

Coffee Morning - Café area
Tow Law Community Centre
Tuesday Feb 12th 10am - 12

Come and meet the workers and let us know what you want at **YOUR** community centre

Tow Law Community Association AGM
Thursday 17th April at 7.00

All members are welcome. The meeting will be asked to pass the following resolution:

The Charity Tow Law Community Association charity number 516807 will be dissolved from 30th April 2008 and the assets will be transferred to the charitable company Tow Law Community Association company number 06244260, charity number 1122539.

The AGM will be followed by a cheese and wine party

Memberships are now due and can be paid to any committee member.

Want to know what we do come to the next meeting Monday 25th February at 6.30 in the centre.



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We wish to thank all those who submitted photos and art work for the calendar this year. We would also like to thank the businesses that have advertised for their support. Tow Law Community Association calendars are still available at the Community centre at £2.50 each.

Next year we hope to have more involvement from the local business people, and look forward to any submissions of photos or art for inclusion.

Business Directory

Tow Law Community Partnership is compiling a business directory. It is hoped to include all businesses in Tow Law. The directory will be a booklet and will also be on the website www.towlaw.org.uk Please contact either Diane or Lynne on 01388 731444 to be included.

A weekly what's on for Children from 6yrs and <u>Young People</u> @ Tow Law Community Centre			
Monday's	With who	Times	For
Boys Club Hallway & Sports Hall	Flys & Jenny and Christine	4:00 – 5:00pm	Age 6 -8
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Homework Club Computer Room	Eleanor Plumb & Ashley	4:15 – 6:15pm	Age11 - 18
Boxing Sports Hall	Pete McPartland Lynne & Ashley	6:30 – 8:00pm	Age 11 +
IT Drop in and Projects Computer Room, Hallway	Jenny, Ashley & Jason	7:00 – 8:30pm	Age 11 -14
Tuesday's			
Young Person's Health - FREE	Rachel Hodgson & Jenny	4:00 – 5:00pm	Ages 13 -19
Music Learn to play Guitars or Drums Form a Group (Your style) Crèche	Joseph from the Sage Jenny	beginners 6:30 - 7.30pm advanced 7:30 – 8:30pm	Age 11+
Wednesday's			
Rainbows Sports hall		5:00 – 6:00pm	Age 6 - 8
Brownies Sports hall		6:00 – 7:15pm	Age 8 - 11
IT Drop in Computer Room	Jason	6:00 – 7:30pm	Age 8 - 12
D.J. with, CoMusica Sports Hall	Tom from Sage Lynne & Jenny	7:45 – 9:30pm	Age 12 - 15
Drop in Hallway	Ashley & Jenny	7:45 – 9:30pm	Age 12 - 15
IT Drop in Computer Room	Jason	7:45 – 9:30pm	Age 12 - 15
Thursday's			
Gymnastics Sports Hall		4:00 – 5:00pm	
Friday'			
Girls Football Sports Hall	Jade Armstrong & Jenny	5:00 - 6:00pm	Under 11's
Boxing Sports Hall	Pete McPartland & Lynne	6:30 – 7:30pm	Age 11 +
Saturday Morning			
Internet Café Computer Room	Jason Miller	10:00am – 12:00noon	Age 8+

Please note: most of the activities are £1 per session or more, for further details contact the centre on 01388 731444

Dance Night 13th February

@ the Community Centre

8pm—10pm ages 14-18

featuring DJ Scott

Tickets £2

See Jordan Anderson or Jade Armstrong

Boys Club – Cubs and scouts





It is hoped that Boys Club will lead to becoming Beavers and Cubs. The Scouts commissioning body are keen to help the start of a pack in Tow Law as we haven't had cubs and scouts for 50 years. For this to happen it would need parents and volunteer!

Time Is Running Out !

The Computer Drop-In sessions are still up and running to anyone interested in either learning to use a computer, develop new skills such as word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, etc.

There are courses in Literacy and Numeracy (you can update your qualifications to Level 2 for free!), Computing (such as ECDL), Digital Photography, Business and Management – all registration can be done at the Centre, you can study here and even take the exam here! Or if you wish you can study at home.

For further details give Alan at the centre, times of sessions, every Monday and Wednesday, 10.00 - 12.00 p.m, and 1.00 – 3.00 p.m, Tuesday afternoons (with crèche) 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Or call for an alternative time.



Town Council News

The Town Council received the resignation of Judith Stevens with regret as she has now moved to Ireshopeburn, leaving a vacancy on the council this will be advertised in the near future.

The next meeting of the town council will be on Tuesday 19th February at 6pm in the Community Centre, all members of the public are welcome.

Dog fouling continues to be problem and the council kindly asks that if you have a dog, please could you clean up afterwards.

Improvements to the BMX track are due to start soon, the improvements have been designed by the local young people with Groundwork West Durham.

Volunteers are still needed for TREX the community gym based at the recreation ground. If you are interested please contact Diane Pearson at the Centre. Work on the extension to the gym is due to start soon!

Message from the surgery

The surgery is experiencing problems with availability of appointments.

This is made worse by patients who do not attend their appointments. If you can't make an appointment ring the surgery and cancel so the appointment can be given to someone else.

Boys Club - Starting Monday 28. 01.08

6 - 8 yrs olds - 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Welcome and snack break
Ice breakers and games

Activities

Activity projects – Drawing, painting and Construction
Activity games – Jacks, Marbles, tig and much, much more!

Cost £ 1. 00

9 - 11 yrs olds - 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Welcome and snack break
Ice breakers and games
Activity projects
Drawing painting and Construction
Activity games

Under 11's Football with Jade Armstrong

Cost £1

Please make sure that boys coming to 'Boys Club' are dropped off and picked up by a responsible adult. Thank you.

Girls Under 11's Singing Club

At Tow Law Community Centre Monday

And then there after 6-00 pm until 6-30pm

With Jordan Anderson

Please make sure that children coming to Singing Club are dropped off and picked up by a responsible adult. Thank you.

Cost 50p

IT Drop in for Adults

This sessions is for those over 18's that want to learn a specific task, for example, how to write a letter, use a spreadsheet, manipulate a digital photo etc.

In the past we have helped people with tasks such as burning a CD, making their own music, designing calendars, moving photos from a camera to the PC, loading software on their laptops.

Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30

£1 per hour