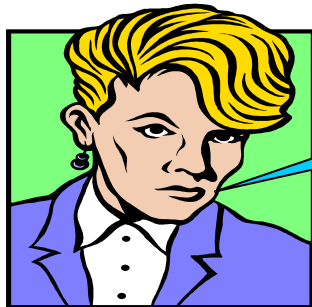


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Tow Law Community Centre contact number 01388 731444



**Interested in
Hair Care?**

We are offering 10 weeks of tasters FREE, looking at Styling and Hair care. Thurs 2 March 1-3 p.m. Contact: 01388 731444

Free Crèche available book in advance!!!

Treasurer Wanted. The Community Association is still looking for a treasurer, can you help. Book keeping skills essential but training can be provided if they need brushing up. It is an important job but we do have staff support.

Volunteers are always needed for the committee or to help out with activities. If you can help please contact Jenny on 01388 730525 or the centre on 731444.

MODELLING CLUB

A local resident is interested in starting a Modelling Club, based around Airfix or other plastic modelling kits, likely to be every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays evenings between 7.00 and 9.00 pm. If you are interested in coming along, please register your interest with Lynne on 731444.

SPREADSHEET COURSE

Beginners course for 5 weeks on how to use spreadsheets, based on Microsoft Excel is to start March 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

If you are interested contact the centre

TABLE TOP SALE

sunday 12th march

1:00 pm

Tables cost £5

HOMEWORK CLUB

Every Monday from 4:00 - 8:00 there is a homework club in the IT suite, all are welcome.

CHILDRENS DANCE

Every Monday from 5:00 - 6:00 for the younger children. For older children 6:00 - 7:30

WEBBUILDER COURSE

FREE TASTER!!!

Would your organisation / business benefit from a FREE hands-on TASTER SESSION.

Thursday 9 March 9:30-12:45

Refreshments & light lunch included!

PRE SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE

Starting 2nd Mar
'Getting Started in a Pre-School Setting' - L1

30hrs (15wks @ 2hrs)
Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30

**COURSE FREE
FREE CRECHE**

CARPET BOWLS

Every Thursday 5:30 - 7:30
Every Sunday 9:30 - 12:00

DANCING FOR ADULTS

Every Thursday 8:00 - 10:30

KEEP FIT

Every Tuesday 7:15 - 9:15

DROP IN COMPUTERS

Every Monday from 1:00-3:00
With Ann Appleby

MOTHER & TOTS

Every Monday from 1:00-3:00
Every Thursday 9:15-11:15

Would you like to serve?

Following the resignation of Councillor Andrew Lawton, the Town Council has a vacancy which will be filled by co-option following the next meeting on Tuesday 21st February. The position of Councillor is open to anyone over the age of 21 who is a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic or other Euronational and is an elector. In addition, he or she will be qualified if during the whole of the twelve months before being nominated as a candidate they have resided in the parish or community or within three miles of it, or occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises therein, or had their principal or only place of work there. The post will be advertised following the February meeting, and nominations will be invited. The post is unpaid.

It would perhaps be of value if a younger candidate would come forward to represent the views and aspirations of the younger generation. The Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and December, and occasional meetings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee are held periodically as required.

When it's Spring again

Wear Valley District Council is about to embark on the planting of bulbs in the stone planters in and around the High Street, and it is hoped that this will bring much needed colour to the main route through the town. Properly maintained, this will be an attraction to residents and those passing through the town.

Please be seated

The Town Council has agreed to provide more public seating in the community, and is currently deciding on the style and location of the seats from a visual point of view and their immunity to vandalism. It is felt that the seats would be especially welcome in and around the shopping area, and that they would complement the new floral arrangements. A suggestion has been made that the seats might be used to commemorate those, both past and present, who have made a contribution to the social and community life of Tow Law.

Community Fund

The fund, financed by N-power and administered by the Town Council has been exhausted for the 2005/2006 financial year, and any new applications will be held on file until the new financial year which commences on 1st April.

"On the verge"

The Town Council has plans to embark on a programme of roadside planting of both flowers and trees on both approaches to the town, and investigations are underway to seek advice on appropriate types and locations. This will be a long term programme over a number of years, and it is hoped that Durham County Council's Environment section will be able to give the necessary assistance, especially through its National Tree Week initiative which is held every November.

New Footpath

As part of the Mineral Valleys project and its own Parish Paths Partnership. Durham County Council's Footpaths Section proposes to provide a new path which will link Tow Law with the Weardale Way via Thornley. Colliers Wood, Helme Park and Harperley. The Town Council has agreed to participate in this project by seeking the help of local walkers and the History Group to research the route with a view to contributing to a new descriptive leaflet. Anyone who feels able to help with this project is asked to contact the Town Clerk at the Community Centre on (01388) 731444 (Tuesdays and Thursdays – 9am to 3pm.) Any offers of assistance with this community project will be greatly appreciated.

Going, Going ?

The Mart auction ring is to be the subject of a feasibility study to determine its suitability for a possible alternative use. Should this not prove to be possible, efforts will be made to secure its de-listing in order to pave the way for its demolition. Watch this space!

Let there be (more) light

The Town Council is considering the possibility of providing some additional footpath lighting at the Millennium Green, and is seeking a site meeting with a lighting engineer from Durham County Council

Recreation Ground Update

Following a successful application for funding from the County Council's Community Project Fund, Tow Law Community Partnership is to undertake a feasibility study to establish the viability of enhanced facilities at the recreation ground. A wide range of extra provision is proposed, which of course will be dependent on the outcome of the study and the attendant financial implications