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Councillor Helen Atkinson

I am delighted and honoured to serve as the Chair of Billingham Town Council for 2024/2025. My chosen charity for this year is The Billingham Legacy Foundation. Their work embodies the community spirit that makes our town great, and I look forward to highlighting their efforts and supporting this organisation.

I was born in Teesdale Avenue, Billingham and a resident here all of my life. I was elected onto the Town Council in 2007 and have been an elected councillor ever since. I also served on Stockton Borough Council for 8 years.

Looking ahead, I am committed to building on the excellent work of our previous Chair, Cllr Clare Besford. Her successful leadership of our projects, events and partnerships has set a high bar, and I am excited to carry on with this work.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and find it informative. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our newsletter we would love to hear them. Please email the team at **info@billingham-tc.gov.uk**

In the Spotlight



BCT Aspire CIC is a UK community interest company that provides inspirational programmes for young people to realise their full potential. Through coaching, mentoring, and practical experiences, BCT Aspire helps teens and young adults set ambitious goals and chart pathways for advancement in education, careers, and life.

Programming focuses on building confidence, developing leadership

capabilities, and guiding students as they make decisions about their future. BCT Aspire collaborates with schools, youth organisations, employers, and universities to create personalised development plans that encourage students to dream big while providing the tools and guidance to put those dreams into action.

For more information contact:
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Cafe in the Park

www.facebook.com/JWPHUB



Summer has arrived at Cafe in the Park! We're open Monday to Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. And here's some exciting news we're now open Saturdays until the end of September.

We offer a selection of hot and cold food and drinks. Our daily freshly baked sweet treats are guaranteed to put a spring in your step. Fancy a bit of indulgence? Our afternoon tea at £8.50 per person is the perfect pick-me-up (just be sure to book ahead!).

But we're more than just great eats. Cafe in the Park is proud to be a Community Space - a welcoming space for everyone. Need a cosy spot to escape sky-high bills? Looking to make new friends? Or just in need of a friendly ear? We're here for you all year round.

As members of the Chatty Cafe Scheme, we're all about good vibes and great conversations. Our warm, welcoming staff are always ready with a smile and a chat.



So why not pop in? Whether you're after a quick coffee or a leisurely afternoon, Cafe in the Park is your go-to spot for food, friendship, and feel-good moments. Come be part of our community - we can't wait to see you!



The Pantry in the Park food pantry located at John Whitehead Park, is open every Monday from 9.30am to 11.30am, offering 10 non-perishable items for £2. Soup & sandwiches are provided to visitors during the pantry hours.



Did You Know We Are Also A Community Cafe?

Our Community Cafe is where local residents come together to offer support and friendship. We host a variety of weekly groups, including:

- Arts & Crafts Group: **Every Monday, 1-3 PM**
- Stockton Carers Peer Support Group: **Every Tuesday, 1-3 PM**
- Walking Group: **Every Wednesday, meeting in the cafe 11 AM-1 PM**
- Hope Cancer Support Group: **Every Thursday, 10 AM-12 PM offering help and support to those affected by cancer**
- Games Group: **Every Thursday, 12-3 PM - join in with board games or simply enjoy a cup of tea and chat**
- Age UK: **Every Friday, 1:30-3:30 PM - the country's leading charity dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life**

Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, find support, or simply connect with others, our Community Hub has something for everyone. Come join us and be part of our welcoming community!



For all Billingham Town Council information it can be found on our website www.billingham-tc.gov.uk/

Funday Fridays are back this August! Join us every Friday at Cafe in the Cafe for a variety of exciting, free activities. This year, we're proud to incorporate The Billingham Show Under-16 Children's Craft Show categories into our Funday Fridays.

Children can come along and receive free materials to create entries for our September craft show. It's a perfect opportunity for young artists to showcase their talents!

All materials and activities are provided at no cost. For full details and updates, check our Facebook page or visit our website at billingham-tc.gov.uk/funday-fridays-2024/.



The Billingham Show 2024

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September

John Whitehead Park, Billingham



The highly anticipated Billingham Show 2024 will take place on Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th.

This exciting weekend features Turner's Funfair, a Horticultural Show showcasing impressive flowers and vegetables, and local traders selling handmade crafts, pet accessories, gourmet food, jewellery, and more.

Don't miss the Craft Show, Strongman and Strongwoman competitions, Fun Dog Show, and

Children's Corner. The Civic Marquee will host community groups and organisations.

New this year: Flyball demonstrations by Fun Fanatics Demo Team Durham (with a chance to try it with your dog) and Animal Story, bringing exotic animals for an up-close experience.

Entertainment includes: performances by Singing Sue's Vocal Academy and Tap Shoes & Tutus.

Refreshments available at the Café in the Park all weekend.

Whether you're into horticulture, crafts, shopping, or entertainment, there's something for everyone at this vibrant community event.



Scan our new QR code for more information on the Billingham Show 2024.



Grant Funding, Sponsorships & Subsidies

The Town Council is committed to encouraging, supporting and promoting individuals, groups and local organisations within Billingham for the benefit of the town and providing an easily accessible process of funding support. All information about funding, sponsorship & subsidies can be found on our website www.billingham-tc.gov.uk/

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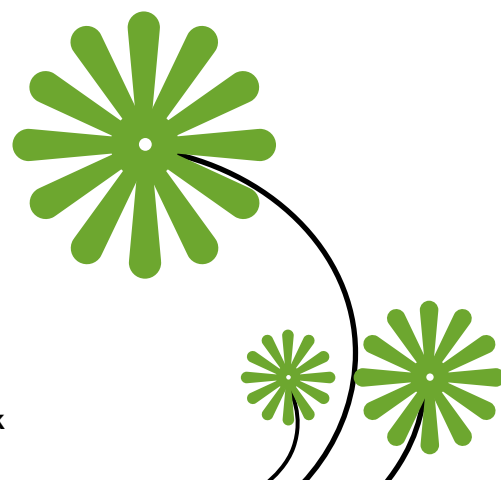
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Town Council Meetings

All Full Council meetings are held in the Main Hall at Billingham Community Centre, The Causeway, Billingham. All other meetings will be held in the Meeting Room C at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

17th September 2024, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

17th September 2024, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

24th September 2024, 6.30pm
Full Council

15th October 2024, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

15th October 2024, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

19th November 2024, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

19th November 2024, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

26th November 2024, 6.30pm
Full Council

17th December 2024, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

17th December 2024, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

14th January 2025, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

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Finance & General Purposes Committee

21st January 2025, 6.30pm
Full Council

18th February 2025, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

18th February 2025, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

18th March 2025, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

18th March 2025, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

25th March 2025, 6.30pm
Full Council

15th April 2025, 5.30pm
Services & Engagement Committee

15th April 2025, 6.30pm
Finance & General Purposes Committee

22nd April 2025, 6.30pm
Annual Assembly

13th May 2025, 6.30pm
Annual Meeting

Scan the QR Code to find all Minutes & Agendas:

