

Autumn 2019

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Opening hours
Monday– Friday
9am–1pm

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MONK HESLEDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Together We Deliver

December to Remember

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th
December 2019
BLACKHALL WELFARE PARK
11am until 8pm**

Activities include skate rink (booking required), craft huts, food and drink outlets, fireworks, festive donkey rides, arts and crafts and memory trees.

Booking for the skate rink is essential and residents of the Parish will need to book their free tickets in person. Booking details are available on www.monkhesleden-pc.gov.uk, our Facebook page, autumn gazette or noticeboards. Priority booking will be given to residents of the Parish until 29th November.

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Monk Hesleden Parish Council 1894 – 2019

This December the Parish Council will celebrate its 125-year anniversary and to recognise this milestone an exciting 3-day event has been planned for residents.

A December to Remember

The event will be open to all residents on Saturday and Sunday anyone wanting to come along and take advantage of the skate rink must book tickets, details on how to do this can be found on page 2.

Our three primary schools; Blackhall Primary, Hesleden Primary and St. Joseph's RC Primary have all been given the opportunity of skating sessions on Friday 6th December we have ensured tickets are available for all pupils on that day.

Tickets are available from
Blackhall Resource Centre,
68 Middle Street, Blackhall
Colliery, TS27 4EA on the
following dates and times:

Monday 11th November to
Friday 15th November

8.30 am - 12.30pm
2.30pm - 3.30pm
5.30pm - 6.30pm

Monday 18th November to
Friday 22nd November

8.30 am – 12.30pm
5.30pm—6.30pm

THESE DATES MAY BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



A December to Remember-Booking terms and conditions

- The rink is not suitable for children under 3 years of age
- Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied on the ice by an adult. Children over 8 should have an adult present.
- Priority Tickets are available for households within the parish (Blackhalls & Hesledens) until 29th November.
- Tickets are allocated on a first come first serve basis and must be booked in person at Blackhall Resource Centre
- Tickets must be booked by an adult (who will be required to provide names of adults and names and ages of children) and will be required to sign our terms and conditions
- A maximum of 5 tickets per household (minimum of 1 adult)
- Proof of address will be required at booking: two documents for example utility bill/bank statement/driving licence or one proof of address plus bank card/passport
- Each session runs for 30 minutes, maximum 35 persons per session
- Sessions are available from 11am until 18.20pm
- All personal details provided will be deleted immediately after the event

Remembrance Services Sunday 10th November 2019

Blackhall Welfare Park, please meet at the park gates at 10.45am, refreshments will be served afterwards in Blackhall Cricket Club

Hesleden Memorial, please meet at Hesleden Methodist Chapel at 10.45am, refreshments will be served afterwards in Hesleden Methodist Chapel.

Safe & Wellbeing event Thursday 21st November 2019

9am – 3pm Blackhall Resource Centre

Safe and Wellbeing Visits are provided FREE of charge by Co. Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service. Come along and chat to their staff who will advise you on fire safety in your home and help make your property safer for you and your family.

Smoke alarms are provided FREE of charge where required and if you would like them to, they can make direct referrals for a number of wellbeing issues to their health partners.

Other agencies will be attending including Northumbrian Water, Nat West Scammers Team, Believe Housing, Private Sector Housing Team Durham County Council.

This is a drop in session, call in if you are passing.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Blackhall Monday 2nd December 2019 & Hesleden Tuesday 3rd December 2019

We will once again be erecting our Christmas trees at Chicken's Green, Blackhall Colliery and the village green at Hesleden.

Come and join us and the local primary schools, carol singing starts at 4pm.

Blackhall Christmas Concert Thursday 12th December 2019

The Parish Council are delighted to be working with Durham Music Service to present a schools Christmas concert at Blackhall Community Centre.

The concert will start at 6.30pm, free tickets will be available at our local schools.

Blackhall Pit Wheel Lighting

On Friday 25th October 2019 the Parish Council invited the former Chairman of the Blackhall Settlement Renewal Initiative (SRI), County Councillor Rob Crute to switch on the newly installed lights.

County Councillor Crute commented “ when the SRI was established back in the 1990’s a decision was made to direct any additional funding towards schemes that would help to sustain the economic regeneration of Blackhall and also to acknowledge the rich cultural heritage of our village which, of course, is inextricably linked to the pit.

The first aim, to regenerate our village, consisted mainly in improving the physical appearance of the main centre in Middle Street. This included the decorative barriers on either side of the road to help ensure the safety of residents and shoppers and also, perhaps most important of all, the improvements to the shop fronts in Middle Street. This was a huge step forward in ensuring the occupancy of the retail outlets in the village leading to the vibrant and busy centre we still have today.

In recognising the importance of coal mining in our village a decision was made to erect a pit wheel in the centre of the community, a suitable representation and a salutary reminder of the role of the pit in Blackhall Colliery. And this evening the Parish Council have put the finishing touches to the scheme in recognition of the sacrifice made by our men, women and their families in giving sustenance to our proud village.”



Chicken’s Green play area



The Parish Council provides five play areas in our parish and in time for the school summer holidays replacement swings and safety flooring were installed at Chicken’s Green play area.

Plans are in place for improvements to the other areas on a phased basis, subject to funding.

Partnership working

The Parish Council has been working in partnership with the Hesledens Residents Association for over two years to identify a community project which would be of benefit to the residents of Hesleden and the surrounding area. After consultation children and young people identified the need for a small multi-games arena, they chose both the design and the location.

With funding from the Hesleden Restoration Community Fund, The National Lottery and the Parish Council the area has been installed and has proved to be a big hit with the youngsters.



Appeal to dog owners

Dog fouling continues to be problem in all of our neighbourhoods, despite there being numerous bins and low cost dog poo bags being provided by the Parish Council to help dog owners dispose of their waste.

Working with Hesleden Primary School and the local neighbourhood wardens the Parish Council has arranged for signs to be erected around the school to hopefully shame irresponsible owners into picking up after their dogs.

Residents can help by reporting dog fouling to Durham County Council, this can be done anonymously by calling 03000 26 0000, giving the location, type of dog and the approximate time the dog is being exercised .



Gaynor Crute, Chairman, Monk Hesleden Parish Council, pupils from Hesleden Primary School, Durham County Council Neighbourhood Wardens

Summer 2019

Another busy summer of Council events including

A fun packed programme for our children and young people, culminating in the Seaside Extravaganza at Blackhall Welfare Park.

On the 14th August 2019, together with Blackhall Veteran Bowls Club, we commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Crawleyside bus crash at Blackhall Welfare Park.

We organised and hosted the annual flower & vegetable show at Blackhall Community Centre Blackhall.



Anniversary photographs courtesy of Gavin Jamieson



Police & Communities Together (PACT)

Do you have any an officer concerning these problems?

Come along to your local PACT meeting and speak to your local officer



Durham Constabulary
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Meetings are held monthly on a Wednesday at Blackhall Resource Centre 7pm, dates are shown below:

27th November 2019

22nd January 2019

18th March 2019