



## A Message from Town Mayor Cllr Fraser Tinsley & the members of the Greater Willington Town Council

**Government cuts mean that this is a very challenging time for many of us. Local government has been particularly hard hit, suffering cuts so large that it calls into question it's very ability to provide the core services that we all rely on.**

Despite the cuts, local government is being asked to do more with less. Greater emphasis has been put on 'Localism' - where local communities are expected to take greater responsibility for the decisions that impact their areas.

Which is why we feel GWTC is increasingly vital for the continued development of our area. If we want to have a say and help shape our future we must have a forum which represents the views of the community and can fight for the resources to make what we want to happen - happen.

Greater Willington has transformed from the place many of us remember from our childhoods. The challenges of the last 40 years have been immense

and many of the changes have been difficult.

However, there have been many positive changes in the area. The environment has transformed and nature has reclaimed land once scarred by industry. The population is growing, reversing decades of decline, providing the opportunity to develop community integration and services further.

Much has been achieved by GWTC and its partners in the last 5 years and a key challenge is to build on this excellent foundation and continue to develop our role in the community.

We continue to work towards developing the environment in order to improve the quality of life for all of us and increase the appeal of Greater

Willington. Huge strides have been made in this regard. As it matures the Town Green will develop into a unique environmental asset at the centre of our community. We are blessed with areas of woodland close to the urban area, the riverside offers potential and we benefit from a good network of paths and green spaces.

We intend to address issues related to the Main Street - developing commercial activity and investment in the Town. The decline of commercial activity for the most part has been due to wider issues including changing shopping patterns, restructuring away from manufacturing industries and increased mobility. However, it is crucial that we maintain a core of basic retail services and commercial activity.

We must use our proximity to Durham City and its growing economy as a key strength.

Finally, we will seek to draw the community together - because strong communities get things done and improve the quality of life for everyone. This means bringing the community together at events and supporting the great work done by our sports clubs, voluntary organisations, churches and community associations.

There are difficult challenges to be met in these difficult times but our resilience as a community in the past proves that we have the ability to shape our future.

We can and must work together to achieve this.

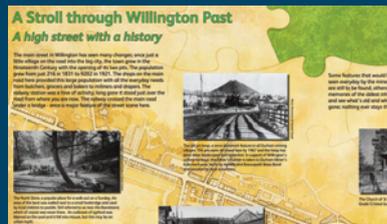
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# Community Newsletter Issue 7

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# Playground extension

One of our biggest projects to date will be the building of a new Toddlers Play area.

The playground will extend the existing site on the Town Green. It is intended for our younger children who have very little equipment.

Former Councillor Brunskill and the Town Clerk worked with Durham County Council and private play equipment designers to plan the scheme.

Views were also taken from residents, young mums and children.

The idea started when Claire Young said how few cradle swings we had, this was echoed by Surestart users.

The project has been funded from the Members Initiative Fund and by the Greater Willington Town Council.

Thanks are also extended to Shelly Richardson pre school Learning Alliance Co ordinator for her advice and to Becky Brunskill for all her time and effort.

It is expected that the project will be completed before Christmas.

## Putting Willington on the Map

G.W.T.C plan to continue its 'Invest In Willington' strategy by displaying promotional, branded banners in key meeting points around the town.

The council has worked with Phoenix design company to produce the banners. The 'Invest In Willington' theme has been developed to demonstrate that, the Town Council and community strongly support Inward investment of funds and services into all sections of our neighbourhoods and positive partnerships with people working together to make the area a better place to live.

Thanks are extended to Willington Football Club and Willington Cricket Club who will display the banners in their sports grounds in recognition of previous Town Council sponsorship.

## Willington Ladies



**Providing opportunities for Girls and Ladies Football**

Willington now has its first ever Ladies Football Team playing in the Durham County F.A. Womens League.

Despite the squad being young and relatively inexperienced, they have surprised everyone by producing some excellent attacking displays and competing with the top teams. A mid table finish last season was just reward for their efforts.

The squad are looking forward to playing in the newly formed first division along with other elite teams in September.

Amy Mudd, Team Captain summed up the season, "we started as a group of individuals but as the season progressed we got stronger and stronger and feel now that we can take on any team."

The Ladies train on a Wednesday evening, Parkside School from 7.30pm until 8.30pm

Sponsors G.W.T.C, The Black Horse, Unique Interiors, Fundraisers and Volunteers are very proud to support this great team.

## Walking through Willington Past A high street with a history

The main street in Willington has seen many changes, once just a little village on the road into the big city, the town grew in the Nineteenth Century with the opening of its two pits. The population grew from just 216 in 1831 to 5202 in 1921. The shops on the main road here provided the large population with all the everyday needs from butchers, grocers and bakers to milliners and drapers. The railway station was a hive of activity, long gone it stood just over the road from where you are now. The railway crossed the main road under a bridge - once a major feature of the street scene here.



Some features that would have been familiar and seen everyday by the miners and their families are still to be found, others are vanishing into the memories of the oldest inhabitants. Take a stroll and see what's old and what's new and what's gone; nothing ever stays the same for long.

The pit at this, a once dominant feature in all Durham mining villages. The pit was all gone by 1915 and the site has the same basic layout as the original. In support of Willington's village heritage the Duke of Northumberland's Durham Mining & Colliery Trust has set up a pit site and a museum to tell the story of the industry.



The Church of St Stephen, Low Willington (Church of England) Grade II listed building since 1957 by J.A. Gony.



The street was a popular place to walk out on a Sunday. As one of the best was walked out to a small footbridge and used by local children to walk. It is believed to have been the site of a market and was used as a market place for many years.

The way minerals was distributed to those who lost their jobs, with a home service in the 1920s. The Remembrance Day museum continues to this day. The museum now acts as the new gateway to the town and is a valuable facility for the community.



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# Interpretation Board

G.W.T.C has been working with Countryside Management Services based in Stanhope to provide a new Interpretation Board that tells visitors about the history of Willington.

It will be situated next to the Library and aims to attract interest from people walking and cycling along the old railway line.

# Todhills Household Waste Recycling Centre

Despite numerous letters to Durham County Council highlighting how important it was to residents to retain the Household Waste Recycling Centre (our tip) and working with Newfield Community Association who coordinated a large petition. We were unable to stop the site from closing.

So why did it really happen?

We understand that Todhills landfill was briefly owned and operated by Durham County Council following its sale from Redland and prior to this it was owned by Steetley.

The freehold ownership of the site was purchased by Durham County Waste Management Company, operating under the name of Premier Waste in 1997/8.

Durham County Waste Management Company went into liquidation on May 31st of this year. The Company appointed as liquidator, accounts firm KPMG, placed the site on the open market along with many other assets in order to maximise the income they could gain for creditors of the company. Durham County Council have no jurisdiction over the activities of the liquidator.

It is also understood that the original planning permission for the Household Waste Recycling Centre which was part of the larger permission for the adjacent land fill site expired in November last year and was not extended by Premier Waste.

This means that any new operator of the Household Waste Recycling Centre would need to obtain a new planning permission to operate it. It has been indicated this may prove to be difficult given issues with traffic access to the site and its proximity to

the river Wear and surrounding natural environment.

GWTC understands that Durham County Council are seeking a new site to operate a tip Household Waste Recycling Centre in the Willington, Crook, and Tow Law area though due to the nature of the function of a Household Waste Recycling Centre, it is finding potential sites are not abundant.

We will be doing everything we can to support a new waste recycling development.

## Household Waste Recycling Centres

The provision of HWRCs in County Durham has been reviewed. A consultation ran from 28 October 2011 until 20 January 2012 asking for views on proposals to reduce the number of sites and changes to opening hours. The outcome from the consultation was to close Broomdene, Cragwood and Todhills and implement changes to opening times at the remaining sites.

As the Todhills Tip closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013, the closest one to the GWTC area are;

**Romanway Industrial Estate, Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland**  
**Tudhoe Industrial Estate, Spennymoor**

Both sites opening hours are;

Open every day 1<sup>st</sup> June 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 between the hours of 9am – 6pm

Open every day 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 between the hours of 9am - 3.30pm

## Join the Big Clean Up

Councillor Todd and the Town Clerk arranged to meet with D.C.C Civic Pride Officers to look at how the South Dene (Bluebell wood) could be improved.

The bankside had become a dumping ground for rubbish and debris. The severity of the slope made a normal litter pick impossible.

Discussions are underway to make the woodland a safer place to visit.

We would like to know your ideas. Please tell us what you think could be done to improve the woodland.

# Growing from strength to strength



Following the bi annual inspection on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013, the Allotmenteer growing competition winners are;

## Oakenshaw

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Mr R Fairhurst on Plots 8 and 9  
Highly Commended : Mr G Proctor on Plots 17 and 18.  
Mr & Mrs Berry on Plot 45  
Best New Plot : Mrs C Lee on Plot 10

## Park Top

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Mr J Taylor and Mr N Lee on Plot 11  
Highly Commended : Mr J Fleming on Plot 4.  
Mr A Parkinson on Plot 9

## Springfield

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Mr G Sharp on Plot 22  
Highly Commended : Mr Bradwell on Plot 16  
Best New Plot : Mr S Barker on Plot 12

1<sup>st</sup> Prize winners received a cheque for £25. Highly Commended and Best New Plot winners received a cheque for £20.

The winning gardens were of an exceptionally high standard this year.

Well Done Everyone.

## Allotment News

At Oakenshaw Allotment, the hedge has been trimmed back to 2ft above the fence line. This has improved the look and access to the council's biggest site.

Plans are underway to improve the entrance through the middle gateway. Project planning work has started with Springfield Allotment Association. We plan to look at ways to secure funding to pay for new fencing.

Discussions have started with Rosedale and Victoria Allotment Association about a new lease for their site.

When the Town Council formed, land ownership of every allotment that once belonged to D.C.C in our parish area transferred to GWTC ownership.

Our first Allotment Newsletter will be available from next March. We will send it to you with your annual invoice. This will keep you up to date with what's happening on other sites, share helpful advice and tell you about any new regulations.



## Planning Matters

The Town Council are statutory consultees on all planning and licensing matters within the GWTC boundary.

Our role is not to determine planning applications but to consider if it is appropriate to make submissions to County planning meetings on matters that are unsupported by planning law.

We are willing to listen to your views on planning and licensing applications at planning meetings before determining any possible future representation.

## Your Money, Your Area, Your Views Community AAP Voting

For those of you who have been involved in previous Its UP 2 U public voting events managed by the Town Council in Willington for groups in the GWTC area.

Unfortunately despite us being the most successful event programme in terms of activity when compared to Crook and Tow Law. We have not been given the opportunity to apply

for funding for our area this year and must instead compete with all groups across The Three Towns.

Local organisations should apply to the new Community Grant Fund.

This Ballot style public vote has been moved to Crook and will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 at Crook Primary School, 10am to 2pm

**Please help us look after the inward investment interests of Willington.**



## Love where you live



The council has produced an information leaflet with Durham Constabulary asking residents to value our parks and open spaces.

There are no public open spaces where Quad bikes, Mini Motos or Motorbikes can be ridden legally.

The leaflet asks residents to get involved by signing a pledge in support of this scheme and report sightings. The leaflet has been included with this Newsletter.

## Tree planting

GWTC have done well in raising funds for more tree planting. When Sunnybrow residents involved in the Rocking tub project were asked where would be the best place to plant the new Silver Birch they asked for them to be sited along the riverside.

The beautiful white barked birch trees were planted by members of the Bell family.

# Meet your Town Council



Before extensive renovations



The Town Council now has a new office at 91 High Street, Willington.

Having its own dedicated building not only provides the town council and staff with more office space but having its own corporate identity will raise the profile of the Town Council and the community awareness of the council's statutory and legal role to represent the interests of this area.

Following a comprehensive Facilities Options Appraisal the former council agreed that in times of austerity, value for money office accommodation was essential.

An information point on G.W.T.C and D.C.C services, walking and cycling routes, travel and transport, local business services, tourist information and signposting for further advice can be found inside.

The old glaziers building was converted to office accommodation in April ready for the new council in May.

Thanks are extended to MC Builders who gave time and materials to refurbish the ground floor accommodation.

The office is open Monday to Thursday 9am - 4pm.

G.W.T.C are committed to help wherever we have the power to do so.

You can be assured of a warm welcome.

## Committee Meeting Schedule

The Planning Committee Meeting followed by a Town Council Meeting will take place on the first Wednesday of the Month at 6.30pm.

The Planning Agenda will be dependant on planning applications. Applications can be inspected at [www.durham.gov.uk/planning](http://www.durham.gov.uk/planning)

- 4 September 2013
- 2 October 2013
- 6 November 2013
- 4 December 2013
- 8 January 2014
- 5 February 2014
- 5 March 2014
- 2 April 2014
- 7 May 2014

Please note residents are invited to attend and observe council meetings via a Public Notice. Every Meeting Agenda has a public participation item. If you wish to raise an issue for discussion please contact the Town Clerk no later than 12 noon prior to the meeting, so that time can be allocated to accommodate your request to speak.

# Meet your Town Councillors



## Fraser Tinsley

Fraser grew up in Willington and has strong links to the local community. His family go back four generations in the town and he has a clear understanding of the issues and opportunities facing the town and area.

He has a working background in town planning and economic development and believes that the role of Greater Willington Town Council is to help improve the quality of life for all residents by developing local facilities and amenities, addressing issues including anti-social behaviour and fostering economic and environmental improvement.

Fraser is the Town Mayor for 2013 - 14

## Joe Buckham

Joe, a former Hunwick church warden, is married to Lisa and has been involved in the local community for nearly 20 years

He is the Deputy Mayor for Greater Willington. Previously a Wear Valley District Councillor he also represents Willington and Hunwick on Durham County Council and is proud to do so.

He helped design and build the flower planters on the A690 and other roads into the area.

## Joe Cogdon

Joe has been involved with local communities for over 30 years.

A former trade union official and Councillor for the City of Sunderland, holding positions on education, Public Health and Leisure, he was Vice-Chairman of Leisure and Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Youth and Community.

Joe has had experience working in the Military, Mining, Community Development, Civil Service and is currently employed in Local Government.

The economic and environmental impact of communities is close to Joe's heart, and he has always worked to help local communities achieve their potential.

## Arthur Graham

Born in Willington and worked locally in the distribution industry for 40 years. Now retired, he has had time to reflect on how the town has declined due to neglect, lack of leadership, investment and planning.

He would like to dedicate some of his free time to help remedy this and make the Greater Willington Town a more desirable, safer and prosperous place to live in, work in and to enjoy for the whole community.

## Lilian Bennett

Lilian has lived in Willington with her husband, John since 1960.

She is a very active volunteer and is involved with a variety of projects and clubs in the Town - including Mencap and campaigning to keep the The Brancepeth Hall open - to this day she still watches over it as it is a major part of Willington's history. You can take the men out of the mines but you can't take the mines out of the men.

Now that she is a Town Councillor, Lilian will try and keep Willington and its history alive.

## Kenneth Henfrey

Ken was born in Willington and still calls it home. He went to school in Chapel Street and then trained to become an Electrician. He worked as a local contractor and also for Kenmore and Thorn factories.

He is a School Governor at Parkside School and the current Resource Chairman for the council.

He feels that his role is to keep a keen eye on GWTC finances and ensure value for money at all times.

He is particularly interested in the success of the Industrial units at Low Willington.

Ken is very approachable and strives to make a difference wherever he can.

## Matthew Todd

Matthew is 23 and has been an active member of the community since he was 9 years old when he joined the St John Ambulance. He is currently the Unit Manager for Wear Valley Unit.

A keen volunteer he has undertaken several local, national and international projects, most notably achieving National Deputy Cadet of the Year in 2007.

He has excellent connections with the voluntary, charitable and youth organisations within the community and is a Director with Willington Community Action.

Matthew enjoys his time as a Councillor and, yes, politics is part of the job but it's his passion for people, Willington and the surrounding villages that drives him.

## Patricia Greensmith

Patricia has lived in Willington all her life and believes herself to be a well-known and highly respected member of the community.

She is a founder member and Trustee of the Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust which is a community based organisation who raise funds to buy medical equipment for local Cancer departments, provide a support and information centre and a community shop made up of local volunteers.

Patricia is very proud to have received the Chairman's Medal for courageous efforts in the fight against Cancer and also a commendation in the House of Commons in recognition of her work with the charity.

She is also an Authority Governor for Sunnybrow Primary School.

She is very proud of this community and hopes that her role within Greater Willington Town Council will prove to be beneficial to the people of Willington.

## Colin Carr

Colin is Willington born and bred and has recently retired from a lifetime in teaching. He feels he is in a position to work with, work for and provide support to the people of Willington and surrounding areas.

Colin aims to deliver a balanced commitment to equal opportunities and social inclusion through improved access to the council which meet the needs of all and to ensure that the council makes good progress in providing for the people.

Colin's core values are to be ambitious and seek to achieve the highest possible standards, recognise that everyone has a contribution, skill or talent to offer society, always treat others with respect, courtesy and fairness, recognise the value of collaborative working in an atmosphere of mutual trust, provide leadership, stimulation, motivation and support as appropriate, be accountable to all stakeholders and partners

## Angela Smith

Angela is 46 years old and married. She has been a staff Governor at St John's Catholic school in Bishop Auckland for sixteen years. She has worked at St John's for eighteen years where her first role was Assistant Site Manager.

She then decided to train to become a Teaching Assistant and has been employed as a T. A. for the last six years.

She likes to go on holiday to France, and she enjoys cycling, good food and relaxing with a good book.

## Mark Etherington

Mark is a Marketing and Communications professional with over twenty years experience in services management, marketing and graphic design. Ten of those years spent leading a team providing executive support services within local authorities to Councillors, Chief Executives, Directors and their departments and working in partnership with a variety of organisations.

He is confident that he will contribute to the efficient and effective running of the Town Council while calling on all his experience to build on its existing reputation.

## Good Neighbour Award

### Do you have a good neighbour?

Someone who went beyond the call of duty to help you out?

If so we would like to know. Tell us what happened and a meal for two will be provided for the best neighbour.

This will be the first year of an annual Civic award.



If you would like to volunteer your time to put on community events next year or simply help out on the day. We are looking for people from our community organisations and volunteers to meet together.

You will understand that organisation, access to resources and planning are central to making this work. So if you have some good ideas for an events programme or some skills. Please get in touch.

## Walks Leaflets Volunteers Wanted

Six new walk leaflets are being produced for people to explore our area.

If you would like to help the Council produce the leaflets by checking the routes prior to them going to print, please let us know.

# Street Lighting

You may have noticed the street lighting has been replaced and modernised.

Some residents are finding the change difficult to adapt to fearing increased crime and accidents and others welcome the more environmentally friendly, low emission service that combats light pollution.

We asked Durham County Council about your concerns, this is what they said

“The County Council are carrying out a programme to upgrade more than 41,000 street lights across the County over the next 6 years. They are replacing existing light fittings with the latest light emitting diode (LED) lamps which will reduce energy consumption by up to two thirds and reduce carbon emissions by 7500 tonnes per annum. As well as being more energy efficient the LED units have a longer lifespan than conventional lamps and require significantly less routine maintenance.

The replacement programme is part of the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project which will save

the County Council almost £24 million over the next 25 years. A typical existing street light consumes 70 to 90 watts whereas an LED street light uses less than 30 watts for the same light output.

The new technology LED's emit a clear white light which in terms of safety and crime provide much better colour rendition allowing objects and people to be identified more easily compared with the yellow light from a traditional sodium lamp. Recent trials have demonstrated that the white light also aids number plate recognition and colour identification, particularly on CCTV.

The new lights are also fitted with technology which allows the street light to be dimmed during the night when there are fewer vehicles and pedestrians around. The lights will be dimmed by 25% between 10.00pm and midnight and by 50% between midnight and 5.00am. Extensive trials have already indicated that dimming by 50% is generally imperceptible to the



human eye and the new lanterns will concentrate light on the road and footpaths thus reducing light pollution and minimising intrusive light spillage to adjacent areas.”

If you have a technical problem with street lights. Each light has its own identifiable lighting column number. Report this number to Highways Action Line (HAL) 03000 260000 or to the Town Council.

# Rocking the Tub

GWTC would like to thank all residents who worked with the Town Clerk or Grace Crawford from Groundwork Trust on the design preferences for the refurbishment of the Rocking tub, seating and new car park project at Sunnybrow.

It was kind of residents to invite us into their homes and to put forward your ideas.

Special thanks are also extended to Janice and John Larnach who offered free use of The Brown Trout to host community consultation events.

All project partners enjoyed working with you and look forward to the next time. A great example of the community pulling together.

Funding applications were submitted via Willington Community Action.

G.W.T.C invested £2000 into the project in order to release a grant from Premier Waste Landfill Fund, administered by County Durham Foundation.

Match funding was from D.C.C URR1 Small Schemes and County Councillor budgets.

# What did the Romans ever do for us?

The Roman Road incline has now been resurfaced and we have received some favourable comments from residents. Durham County Council financed the work and the Rights of Way Officer who worked with GWTC councillors and residents to make this happen.



# Community Fund

The following community groups applied to the Town Council for funding towards their projects. Each application was successful and received an award from the Community Fund.



- **Willington District Disabled Club** (photo) received £480 for an interactive session to get members out of their home environment, gathering at The Green, Billy Row where they enjoyed lunch. This was followed by an away day to Redcar.

- **Colliery Road Neighbourhood Watch** received £300 to pay for transport for the elderly members of the group to keep up to date with Neighbourhood Watch information and attend their social bingo and supper events at The Victoria club.
- **Oakenshaw Community Association** received £500 to contribute towards the 2013/14 planned programme of activities for residents. This includes a Family Fun Day, Sport Coaching, publicity, insurance and meeting costs.
- **Willington Cricket Club** received £500 towards their winter junior coaching programme at The Riverside, Chester le Street.

- **Willington Youth Football** received £500 towards the purchase of new football strips.



- The Town Council will be a recognised sponsor with the logo visible on the kit for the newest and youngest team.
- **Healthy Minds**, Willington received £217 towards costs to host an open day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013, 11am to 3pm at the Dovedale Centre, Sunnybrow to let residents know about the group.
- **Willington Angling Club** received £500 towards the cost of sustaining the ecological balance and habitat in our stretch of the River Wear by restocking with Brown Trout.

Community Fund application forms are available to download from the Town Council website - [www.gwtc.co.uk](http://www.gwtc.co.uk) or can be collected from the office.

# Civic Fund

The following groups applied to the Town Council and received a £50 Civic donation towards each of their projects.

- **County of Durham School Benevolent Fund** who buy and distribute shoes and winter coats for needy school children in County Durham. The Fund exists to assist children of families in clear need.
- **Willington Luncheon Club** who make meals at the Methodist Church for the older residents. The donation was used to hold a Christmas Party.
- **Children and Adult Services** held a Holocaust Memorial Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Durham Cathedral. Over 200 secondary school pupils attended a variety of workshops on the morning and an additional 150 joined in for the afternoon sessions where Ruth Barnett, a survivor of the Holocaust, gave a talk whilst showing slides.
- **Greater Willington Environmental Improvement Group** received their donation towards maintaining and replanting the 8 wooden planters that are placed around the area.
- **Willington Community Action** used their donation for Willington Community Action Centre stationary costs.

# let us *surprise* you

So much *more*  
than just a gym

#### Leisure

Gym memberships from just £20.99 per month  
Unlimited Fitness Classes £30.99 per month  
8-15yr olds 'Shokk Gym' £1.50 per session

#### Community

Toddler Groups | Over 50's Group  
Weight Watchers | Minibus Hire | Roller Discos  
BMX track | Travel Club Day Trips

#### Work

Hospitality | Business Functions  
Meetings | Conferences

#### Events

Birthday Parties | Wedding Receptions  
Christenings | Celebrations | Proms  
School Events | Christmas Parties

*and much more...*

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Tues	9.a.m -10p.m
Wed	6a.m -10p.m
Thurs	9.a.m -10p.m
Friday	6a.m -7p.m
Sat	9a.m -5p.m
Sun	9a.m -5p.m

## You are Invited to the Town Civic Service

This year's Civic Service will be held at the Phoenix Christian Centre, Watling Terrace, Willington on 13 October 2013 at 3pm.

The service will be led by Reverend David Parry. Everyone is most welcome to join us in celebrating our community in faith together.

Please shown consideration to local residents and make use of the recently extended car park (part funded by the Town Council) to avoid parking congestion in nearby streets.

Refreshments will be provided in the Church Hall following the service.



### 31 October 2013

For the first time we would like to make Willington even more scary.

We will be encouraging local businesses to work with us to create a spooky High Street to scare us all. Each business that joins in will be given a fright bag to help them on their way to decorate their shop front.

We also hope that young people will enter our spooky story competition.

There will be prize for the best dressed business and children's story in different age categories.

Watch out for further details.

# Remembrance Sunday

The service for Remembrance Day in Willington will take place on Sunday 10 November 2013 at 3pm.

Everyone is invited to meet with Town Councillors at the Cenotaph to honour and reflect upon those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The men and women who lost their lives protecting others.

The service has been coordinated with the Town Council by the Willington and Crook Royal British Legion, the Honorary Poppy Organisers and St Stephens Church clergy and staff.

The Town Council are paying the insurance, traffic management and some printing costs. D.C.C. will organise the Road Closure Order.

A donation from the Town Council will be made to Aycliffe and Brancepeth Brass Band in recognition of their dedicated work in providing a poignant and respectful atmosphere through traditional music.



The Town Mayor, Councillor Fraser Tinsley will be laying the wreath on behalf of Greater Willington Town Council.



## Civic Carol Service

13 December 2013 @ 6pm

The Carol service will be held at Our Lady and St Thomas Church, Cumberland Terrace, Willington and led by Father Brian Murphy.

The service will be followed by the switching on of the Christmas Street Lights and refreshments provided at the Masons Lodge.

This years' Christmas competition will be for the best homemade Christmas Tree Decoration. This is open to everyone who would like to enter. All decorations will be hung on the office tree and judged on the 12th December 2013.

So go on get your glitter out and have a sparkling Christmas.

# CLEAN IT UP or Pay the Price

Please help the Town Council keep the Community clean.

Quality Biodegradable Dog Bags available from the Town Council

## 50p for 50 bags

Call in between 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday

There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy



KEEP BRITAIN TIDY

Love where you Live

Bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do

