



BNFCC NEWSLETTER

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council

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The New Leisure United Blakelaw officially opened on 6 February

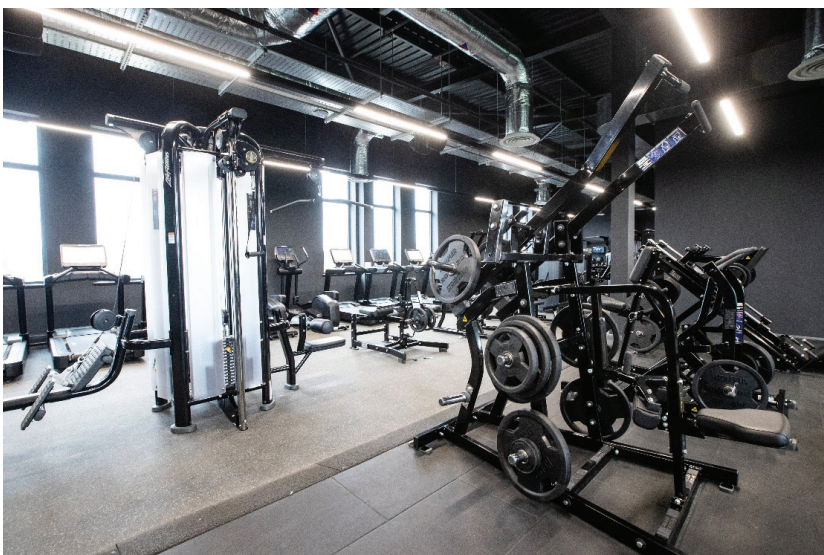
A state-of-the-art football and gym facilities opened this month to Newcastle communities.

Previous grass pitches prone to water logging at Blakelaw Park has been replaced and transformed with all-weather 3G surfaces and new community buildings which comprise of group changing facilities, club rooms, community café and state-of-the-art gym.

The project was made possible thanks to investment from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation and Newcastle City Council. The hub is funded as part of a citywide approach to improve facilities to help increase football participation in safe and fully managed facilities accessible by the whole community. Charitable Trust, Leisure United are the appointed operator for the new community hubs.

Gym members can access to vary their workouts from as little as £24.50 per month for a gym and classes dual access membership. Contract, non-contract, annual and concessionary memberships are available too from just £19.50 per month.

Football activities will include pay and play football, football development sessions for children, school holiday camps, wildcats (girls' sessions), walking football, leagues and tournaments. The pitches and coaching rooms can also be hired for corporate events, meetings and private parties.



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The return of the Community Defibrillator



Following the sad news that our original defibrillator had been stolen in April 2022, Blakelaw and North Fenham Community have successfully obtained a replacement life saving Defibrillator to help support the community and all the residents in the area of Blakelaw and North Fenham. With the support of the The Red Sky Foundation and the continued support from Your Homes Newcastle, the defibrillator has been placed on the outside of Moorland House.

Turkey and Syria Earthquake

A big thank you to all residents that kindly made donations at our collections point in February

Our thoughts are with all those affected by the disaster

Thank You!

BNFCC-Newcastle University Project

Back in the summer of last year, we held a joint consultation day with our friends and colleagues from Newcastle University's School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape. We handed out a large number of potted plants to Blakelaw residents at that event. And in return, we received some really intelligent,

interesting, creative and positive feedback from local people on how we might improve our neighbourhood. We are continuing to work with Danny and Georgianna from the University. And they will be helping us with some of our planned events and moving their work forward. We all want this to be a long-term relationship between the people of Blakelaw and the University. So it won't come overnight. But when it does start to happen, it will be lasting change led by our community. So if you see Danny and Georgianna around, please say hello!

Save the Date Community Coach Trips

Our ever popular coach trips are back for 2023 for Blakelaw and North Fenham residents only

13th May - Whitby (Tickets on sale 1st April)

5th August - Blackpool or Scarborough (Ticket release date TBC)

9th December - Christmas Trip (Ticket release date TBC)

When tickets are released please email bnfcc@outlook.com or text 07588154441 to book. Please note tickets can not be booked or paid for before the release dates. We will have regular updates on our website, social media platforms and in our newsletters.

Pick up time 8am at Farmfoods and we leave our destination at 5pm to return

Still only £3 per person

Events & Activities Part of our over 55 Group



21st March 1-4pm

Crafting afternoon with Guest Speaker and afternoon Tea

18th April 1-4pm

Paint you own Easter eggs, Crafts & Bingo (light lunch)

16th May 1-4pm

Murder Mystery & Quiz (pie & peas lunch)

13th June Coach Trip

27th June

Games afternoon Play Your Cards Right, Giant Jenga, Hoopla and Bingo (light lunch)

11th July 1-4pm

Crafting afternoon with Guest Speaker (light lunch)
August - Summer Fair & Picnic in the Park Date & Venue tbc

5th September 1-4pm

Game afternoon and Big Bingo with Tea and Cake

19th September 1-4pm

Guest Speaker. Health & Wellbeing Activity & Lunch

3rd October 1-4pm

Pie Peas and Games & Bingo

31st October

Halloween Craft (light lunch)

14th November 1-4pm

Christmas Card Making & Bingo (light lunch)

2nd December

Christmas Fair (venue tbc)

12th December

Christmas Party



Venue - for afternoon events- Newcastle West End Community Association, McKendrick Villa, Cowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 3AD

To book please call us on 07588154441 or Email: bnfcc@outlook.com or message via Facebook @bnfcc

Blakelaw Litter Picking Group

Clean Community Clean World litter picking group has organised litter picks across Blakelaw and surrounding areas. They also work with the primary schools in the area to promote litter picking among school children and to raise awareness about plastic pollution. This group is supported by the Community Council and Newcastle City Council's Waste and Recycling Engagement Team. If you would like to join or organise a litter pick in your area, please get in touch with Cllr Juna Sathian at junasathian.bnfcc@gmail.com or 07498226464



Grants available from the Community Council

Are you an organisation that organises events or services that will benefit local residents of the Blakelaw and North Fenham area?

Did you know you could apply for a grant from the community council.

For more information or an application form please email: bnfcc@outlook.com

Fly-tipping/Litter/Dog Fouling

We want to remind people to do their bit to look after Blakelaw and North Fenham and not to drop litter, dump rubbish or let their dogs foul and not clean up afterwards. And we want to encourage people not to accept this as normal behaviour either, because no one wants to live in a waste tip.

You can report litter, fly-tipping, or dog fouling to Your Local Services online or by phoning 0191 278 7878



The Easter Bunny has arrived!

Blakelaw and North Fenham Community Council will be running 2 free to enter competitions over the Easter with PRIZES PRIZES and more PRIZES!

The first competition is for our adults, to enter all you need to do is create an Easter bonnet, then send a picture of your bonnet via our **Facebook** page or email to **bnfcc@outlook.com**

Our second competition is for our young people, to enter all you need to do is decorate a boiled egg and send a picture of your decorated egg via our **Facebook** page or email to **bnfcc@outlook.com**

The closing date for all entries is Sunday 2nd April with winners being announced on Easter Monday.

Don't forget you must live within the Parish boundary, if you're not sure please just ask.

Good luck



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EASTER WORDSEARCH

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- EGGS
- DECORATE
- DAFFODILS
- PARADE
- BUNNY
- HOLIDAY

- CHICK
- EGG HUNT
- SPRINGTIME
- EASTER
- CHOCOLATE
- BONNET



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