

## New Mayor!

Throughout the country the end of May is the end of the Civic year, with Council Annual General Meetings being held when a New Mayor is elected. Hetton's Mayor for 2013/14 will be Councillor Mrs Doris Turner.

Mrs Turner who represents Hetton-le-Hole ward, will be a superb ambassador for the Town. Mrs Turner is involved with Hetton Fellowship of Churches and is a very keen member of the Ramblers Association walking many miles throughout the year. However, her real passion is supporting Sunderland AFC, not only attending home fixtures but also travelling to many away games clocking up hundreds of miles throughout the season.



## Band Hall to open at Beamish Museum

ANOTHER piece of Hetton's history is opening its doors at Beamish Museum.

Hetton Silver Band Hall has been moved, brick by brick, from the town's South Market Street to Beamish, where it has been restored to its former glory.

Members of the band and Hetton community have been involved in the project and will be there when the 101-year-old Hall is officially unveiled on 11th May with the Colliery Carnival.

Visitors can join in a weekend of celebrations on 11th and 12th May. Durham Miners' Association Brass Band - which was formed from Hetton Silver Band and Broughtons Brass Band - will be playing and there will be parades, music and other entertainment and displays.

Family activities will include band hat making and a chance to try out musical instruments.

The Band Hall is in the Museum's Pit Village, where it joins Francis Street, a row of cottages that originally came from Hetton-le-Hole.

Richard Evans, Director of Beamish Museum, said "We're proud to have played our part in rescuing this important piece of Hetton's heritage and bringing it back to life at Beamish."

"But this project really belongs to the people of Hetton, who first asked us



to take the Hall and then helped us raise the money we needed to rebuild it.

"This is a story, which we will be privileged to tell to the hundreds of thousands of visitors we welcome to Beamish every year."

Cornet player Glenis Smith, who was a band trustee, committee member and assistant bandmaster, said it's "absolutely fantastic" that the Band Hall has been rebuilt at Beamish.

She said: "Our dreams have come true and we'll always have somewhere to go and see it."

Hetton Silver Band was founded on 1st April 1887. A tin practice hut was replaced in about 1912 by the brick hall, which was used until 2009.

Museum staff have worked with schools and community groups to celebrate the band and local history.

Fund raising for the Band Hall project was supported by the community of

Hetton, including Hetton Lyons Primary School, and also the friends of Beamish.

The Trustees of Hetton Silver Band donated £10,000 from the sale of the land.

The community and schools' engagement around the Hetton Silver Band Hall project is part of Beamish's Celebrating Community Heritage programme, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For more information about Hetton Silver Band Hall and the opening celebrations, visit website [www.beamish.org.uk](http://www.beamish.org.uk)



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# Hetton Courier

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## EXCITING NEWS! More of Hetton's Heritage featured at Beamish open air museum and news of Community Grants!

### STATUS QUO FOR 2013/14! Every Penny Counts!

Everyone is only too aware of the current financial situation in the Country and the restraints which are being imposed on local authorities.

Residents of the district can rest assured that their Local Town Council is **FULLY MINDFUL** of such a situation and are committed to provide full value for money.

Therefore for the **FIFTH YEAR** in succession... the Council have agreed to a NIL increase in the council tax precept on properties. Leader of the Town Council Councillor Keith Hepple said;

"We fully appreciate the situation and support our residents in every way possible. The Council spends funds to benefit and enhance Hetton Community lifestyle and another Nil increase although very difficult to manage our limited resources, we are committed to support the Town, together working with partner groups such as Sunderland City Council, Gentoo and Northumbria Police and I can assure all that expenditure is carefully controlled and monitored before any decisions are made."

**What you pay...**  
Hetton Town Council's precept on council bills you receive annually from Sunderland City Council. Hetton has predominantly band A + B properties in the district.

BAND	Council Tax 2011/2012	Council Tax 2012/2013	Annual Increase Amount	Annual Percentage Increase	Equivalent Weekly Payment
	£	£	£	%	
A	8.74	8.74	0.00	0.00%	17p
B	10.20	10.20	0.00	0.00%	19p
C	11.65	11.65	0.00	0.00%	21p
D	13.11	13.11	0.00	0.00%	25p
E	16.02	16.02	0.00	0.00%	30p
F	18.94	18.94	0.00	0.00%	36p
G	21.85	21.85	0.00	0.00%	42p
H	26.22	26.22	0.00	0.00%	50p

The Town Council produces an Annual Report in May each year, which gives all details of the Council's operation and what has happened during the past 12 months, and plans for the future. The report presented in a handy readable booklet is available free from the Hetton Centre Council Office.



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Council Meetings Public Holidays  
Monday 20 May is the 2013 Annual General Meeting of Hetton Town Council

### Council Meetings 2013/14

Hetton Town Council Annual Meeting and meeting of the parish to receive the Annual Report will be held in; The Council Chamber; The Hetton Centre - 20 May 2013 10am - 12noon

**Hetton Town Council Meetings Calendar 2013**

7.15pm Monday 17 June	7.15pm Monday 16 September
7.15pm Monday 15 July	7.15pm Monday 21 October
- August Recess -	7.15pm Monday 18 November
	7.15pm Monday 16 December

### Useful Telephone Numbers

- Sunderland City Council - Telephone: 0191 520 5550**  
City and neighbourhood  
Here to help with enquiries such as waste and recycling, parks, highways, parking, licensing, pest control, community safety, elections and visitor information.
- Home and money - Telephone: 0191 520 5551**  
Here to help with enquiries such as council tax, housing and housing advice, planning and building control, and welfare rights advice.
- Health and wellbeing - Telephone: 0191 520 5552**  
Here to help with enquiries such as social care and concern for welfare, disabled parking badges, concessionary travel passes, and sport and leisure.
- Life, family and learning - Telephone: 0191 520 5553**  
Here to help with enquiries such as education, families information, fostering and adoption, youth services, births, deaths, marriages, civil partnerships and libraries.
- Business services - Telephone: 0191 520 5554**  
Here to help with business enquiries such as business rates, business investment and business advice.
- Council switchboard - Telephone: 0191 520 5555**  
Please use our switchboard if you know the name of the person you wish to speak to.

email us - [enquiries@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@sunderland.gov.uk)  
If you have a hearing impairment you can use Sunderland City Council's minicom on 0191 525 0075.

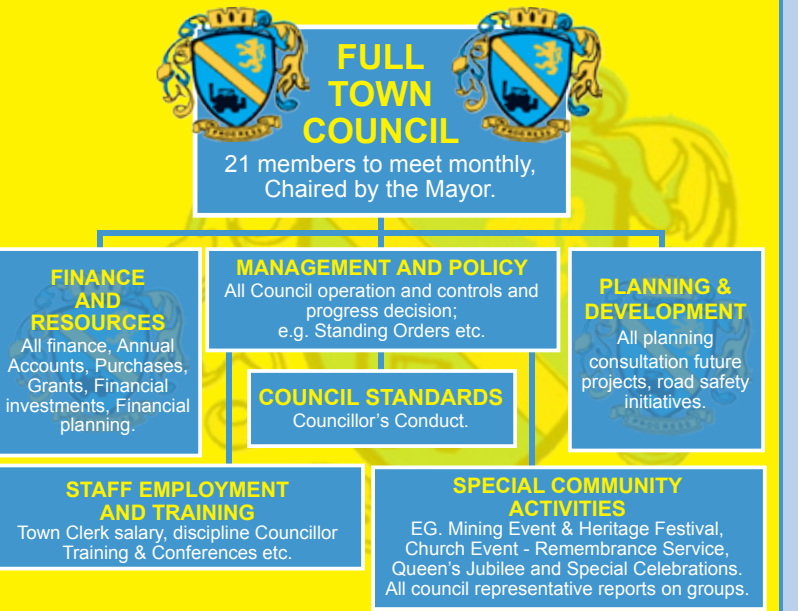
## Have your say...

**Management of the Town Council is organised under the normal authority committee system, therefore ensuring total transparency for the public with a decision process which also involves all council members in some way.**

Minutes and recommendations from each sub-committee are reported to and agreed and ratified at a meeting of the Full Council, before becoming policy or expenditure.

The Committees consist of a membership of six Councillors; to include either the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council on each.

The main committees may have the need, as and when issues arise, to form specialist sub-committees to examine and report on issues, the Committee system also allows individual members to research and become information specialists when necessary.



Hetton Town Council - your local council, serving your local communities of Easington Lane, Moorsley, East Rainton, Eppleton and Hetton-le-Hole.

We Highlight how a little grant support can contribute to success of the local groups for the benefit of our Town. Here we visit Eppleton Cricket Club...



**A little help makes a big difference – that's Hetton Town Council's view. The council is making a real difference to the lives of scores of people in its area through its highly popular Community Grants Awards scheme.**

The latest organisations to benefit from a grant through the scheme are:

- Hetton Green Watch Group
- Easington Lane Senior Citizens Club
- Hetton School Attendance Award Scheme
- Hetton Air Cadets 36th Squadron
- Elemore Ladies Club
- Community Fireworks Scheme
- Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall
- Eppleton Cricket Club

For information on the grant scheme and an application form please contact Hetton Town Council Clerk, John Price, on (0191) 553 6600.

## Would you like your child to play cricket?

**Eppleton Cricket Club has been teaching youngsters the game of cricket for over 100 years. This local, family orientated club pride themselves on coaching and developing youngsters, of all abilities and ages, in the character building skills of the sport of cricket.**

A number of their players have gone on to be successful in County Cricket, the latest success being Scott Borthwick who is currently playing for Durham and is a member of the England Senior Squad. For the last two years they have also had the services of current England Woman's Team member Danielle Hazell who has coached the junior players, particularly the young female members who are an integral part of our junior set up.

With the 2013 season nearly upon us they are keen to offer regular coaching and playing opportunities to any local children who wish to play cricket. They run four senior teams and four junior teams (under 11s, 13s, 15s and 18s) Their first outdoor coaching session took place on Thursday 18th April 6pm-8pm at the Church Road ground and every subsequent Thursday until September. Just turn up and your child will be made welcome and the accent is on fun and enjoyment.

There are excellent facilities, all weather nets, bowling machine, hardball and softball games.



Coaching is by English Cricket Board accredited coaches (all CRB checked) and the club is "Clubmark" and "Focus" club registered with Durham County Cricket Club. Parents and carers are welcome to use the clubhouse facilities.

**All this for a junior season membership of £5.**

Contact John Smithson (Director of Cricket)  
07842 180349  
visit the website  
[www.pitchero.com/clubs/eppletoncricketclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eppletoncricketclub)  
Or call in the clubhouse for a chat.

## HETTON LE HOLE – NATURALLY

An event to celebrate and increase awareness of Hetton's natural environment and the wildlife it contains.

Friday 17th May 2013, the Hetton Centre, 10am to 3pm

**Events and activities will include:**

- Presentations, displays, videos and images of wildlife in our area.
- Guided walks
- 11:30 am – by Durham Bird Club and Riverfly sampling by Wear Rivers Trust.
- 1:30pm - Limestone Landscapes Ecologist Ivan Dunn and Hetton History Group.
- Children's activities
- Working Bee Hive
- Conservation awareness and information
- Fossil display and information
- Launch and information of Hetton Village Atlas
- Riverfly larvae monitoring – display, walk and information
- The effects of Hetton's past upon our present environment and landscape
- Nature portrayed by local artists

The events and activities are provided with the assistance from Hetton Green Watch, Hetton History Group, Durham Wildlife Trust, Durham Bird Club, Wear Rivers Trust, Hetton School, Hetton Art Group, Limestone Landscapes, Hetton Town Council and Northumbrian Water Ltd.



**For further information -**

Email – [robert@rscott74.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:robert@rscott74.wanadoo.co.uk)  
Telephone – 0191 517 2290  
Facebook – Hetton le Hole - Naturally

## No one misses out...

Hetton Town Council aims to deliver the *Hetton Town Courier* to every household in its area. If you know of someone who has not received their copy please contact: Hetton Courier Deliveries, Hetton Town Council, The Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton-le-Hole, Tyne and Wear, DH5 9NE.

## To help you...

The Hetton Town Courier will also be available to read on the Town Council's website - [www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk) However, arrangements can be made to provide the publication in: Large print, Audio version and other languages. If you need the publication in an alternative format, please contact the Town Clerk on (0191) 553 6600.

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## Council Meetings

The full formal meeting of the Town Council are now held in the Council Chamber, the Hetton Centre on the Third Monday of each month (except August) commencing at 7.15pm, and are open to the public.

Where possible (when not discussing items of a confidential issue), all sub-committees of the Council are also open to the public.

- Sub committees are-
- Finance and Resources
  - Policy and Management
  - Planning and Development
  - Events and Community Activities

Meetings of the Sub-Committees are held as and when necessary. Notices of the meeting are posted in The Hetton Centre, five days prior to each meeting.

## Have your say...

Have you ever wanted to ask and obtain information or tell the Town Council what you think of the current position and issues in our Town and district? Even if you want to make a point but not sure who to contact or to write to?

You can telephone us on 0191 553 6600 during office hours, or leave a message on the answer phone and you will be contacted when possible.

We can be contacted by email: [enquiries@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk) or [john.price@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:john.price@hettontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Of course good old written letters of enquiry, compliment or complaint can be sent to;

John Price, Town Clerk, Hetton Town Council, The Hetton Centre, Hetton-Le-Hole, DH5 9NE

You can also call into The Hetton Centre during office hours 9.00am till 4.00pm if you wish to speak to the Town Clerk, you may need to make an appointment, this can be easily arranged at a mutually convenient time.

If you are interested in finding out how the Town Council makes decisions and operates, you are welcome and entitled to attend meetings.

## We welcome you to Hetton Town Council's Meeting

There should be an Agenda for the meeting in the Council Chamber so that you can follow the proceedings - if there is not one available please ask the Town Clerk or one of the members.

You will notice on the Agenda that item 5 is for Public Participation. The Mayor will ask if there are any points/comments that you would like to raise. Please note that this is not a question and answer or a debating time, rather an opportunity for you to make your views known to Council Members or to bring forward new ideas which you would like Members to discuss.

If possible the Mayor will give an immediate answer if she is able to, but the Council cannot take a decision as such at that time. If the item is already on the Agenda then discussion on the matter and possibly a resolution will take place at that point in the Meeting. (In accordance with our Standing Orders - no decision can be taken without prior notification on an Agenda).

It is more probable that your comments will be noted then discussed and make the relevant observations and recommendations to full Council at a subsequent Meeting, or at earliest opportunity.

If you have any minor issues, i.e. street lights not working, litter problems etc., the please write a short note and leave in the Council Office and this will be dealt with immediately.

## YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS Working hard for you in Hetton Town Council

Hetton-le-Hole



Cllr F Anderson



Cllr W L Glover



Cllr D Turner



Cllr C R Nairns



Cllr J Steel



Cllr A R Wilkinson

Easington Lane



Cllr J Blackburn



Cllr J Blackburn



Cllr D Todd



Cllr A Maddison



Cllr E Richardson



Cllr M A Adamson

Hetton Downs



Cllr G W K Hepple



Cllr J Heron



Cllr R Heron



Cllr W S Robinson



Cllr Alan Robson



Cllr R Meadows

East Rainton and Moorsley



Cllr D Storey



Cllr R D Tate



Cllr J Cummings



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Hetton Town Council has four wards with members elected by you to represent your interests.

Full contact details of all the Councillors, including their addresses, are available in a special "Know Your Councillors" leaflet which you can pick up at Hetton Town Council Offices, Hetton and Easington Lane libraries, the Hetton Centre and at local doctors' surgeries. Or you can go online and visit the Council's website.

[www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Hetton Town Council

COME ALONG AND MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

**WARD SURGERY**  
at  
**The Hetton Centre**

on  
**Monday 3rd June 2013**  
10am - 12 noon