



## Budding Artists' Chance to Blossom

Budding young artists from across Hetton are being given the chance to blossom in a special art competition.

As part of its commitment to involve residents of all ages in the area's Northumbria in Bloom activities, Hetton Town Council has launched a special children's painting competition. Children have been challenged to paint their interpretation of the floral competition – The Hetton Viewpoint.

There are five different age categories (6 years and under, 7-9 years, 10-11 years, 12-13 years and 14-16 years) with winners in each category receiving a gift voucher and certificate.

The competition is being promoted to all local schools with all those taking part earning a £50 voucher towards school funds.

Closing date for entries is Friday July 3. Entries must be handed into the Town Council Offices at The Hetton Centre and a panel of Town councillors will select the winners.

All entries will be on display during the Hetton Festival - Saturday and Sunday July 18 and 19. Winning entries will also be framed and displayed in the Hetton Centre.

Any individuals interested in participating contact John Price on (0191) 553 6600.



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## Works Going Swimmingly

Work is progressing well at the 25 metre pool development in Hetton, and significant progress has already been made on site with the steel frame and concrete tanks of both the 25m main and learner pools now complete.

The installation of the Glulam beams that support the roof structure above the main pool hall

is nearing completion, and work will begin shortly on the preparatory work for the pool spraying, along with the first fix of the pool pipe work.

The project team is working closely with Grit and Pearl Public Art consultants to develop plans that will see a public art feature installed within the glazing of the entrance foyer, or incorporated into

the exterior glazing along the main pool hall.

The theme of the artwork will reflect Hetton's strong mining heritage, allowing us to reflect upon the past, whilst looking forward to the future.

The project is on schedule, and is due for completion and opening to the public in late 2009, or early 2010.



## People's pennies invested in Hetton's future

A safer, brighter and more attractive area is being secured thanks to a small investment from households in the Hetton Town Council area.

Local people elected by their communities also make sure that the grass root views of 16,000 local residents living in 6,800 homes are heard and their interests protected, by giving their time free to serve as Town Councillors.

Low interest rates might be the norm at the moment but members of Hetton Town Council make sure that every household in their area reaps a maximum return on their investment – the paying of the special precept to support the work of the council.

Most properties in Hetton are in the Band A category and only pay £8.51 a year to fund the Town Council – just 16p a week. The last year has seen that investment

reap dividends for local people through:

- The awarding of more than 20 grants to local community groups and individuals including those supporting the elderly, sports lovers, schools, musicians and other grass roots groups.
- A phased renewal of street furniture which has already seen new seating in Hetton's Front Street and Easington Lane's High Street.
- Safer streets and reduced anti-social behaviour through partnership working with Sunderland City Council to introduce closed circuit television cameras in the district.
- The staging of the crowd pulling Hetton Festival and Hetton Public Fireworks displays as well as the sparkling Hetton Christmas Illuminations.
- Attractive streets and public

places thanks to Hetton's award-winning Northumbria in Bloom displays.

Production and circulation of the popular quarterly Hetton Town Courier newsletter, designed to keep everyone up-to-date on what the council is doing and give information on local events.

The annual precept has been collected at the same time as council tax since 1974 from households in Hetton district which originally were in the boundaries of the old Hetton Urban District Council.

Full details of what the Town Council has done over the last 12 months and its plans for your future can be found in its annual report. It will be published in May and you can get a copy by calling into the Hetton Centre. It will also be available on the Internet – visit [www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.hettontowncouncil.gov.uk)



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Council Meetings Public Holidays

## Town Council Meetings 2009/10 & Useful Telephone Numbers

Fraser Kemp MP	0191 584 9266
Sunderland City Council	0191 520 5555
Housing & Council tax benefits	0191 520 5502
Neighbourhood Helpine	0300 1000 101
Street Lighting	0800 328 7658
Free School Meals	0191 553 1417
Environment Agency	08708 506 506
Homelessness Enquiries	0800 731 2963
Council Tax	0191 561 1144
Dog Warden	0191 561 1661
Health, Housing & Adult Services	0191 566 2000
Neighbourhood Police Team	03456 043 043
Victim Support Helpline	0845 30 30 900

## Have your say...

Hetton Town Council's fortnightly meetings now have an official Public Participation slot in their timetable.

The move is all part of the council's drive to give local residents the opportunity to express their views on issues that might affect them.

At each of the council's finance and full council meetings the Mayor will give the public present the opportunity to make their views known or to suggest new ideas they'd like Town Councillors to consider.

Your item may be discussed immediately or noted, and discussed at a later meeting. If you have minor issues or those that need dealing with urgent i.e. street lights not working or litter problems you should write a short note outlining the issue and leave it at the town council's offices in the Hetton Centre where it will be dealt with immediately.

## IT'S ALL GO IN HETTON

Hetton Town Council Mayor, Councillor Mrs Juliana Heron, has notched up more than 60 public engagements during her busy year in office.

Councillor Mrs Heron has kept a diary of her year in office. Looking through the crammed pages of activity she reflected: "it is amazing to see and participate with the hundreds of people who enjoy and contribute to our daily lives in town."

She added: "Many people underestimate the amount of activities which take place within our community. Many groups and organisations have a full calendar of fun and events and I've been honoured to be able to visit some of them."

Highlights during Councillor Mrs Heron year have included:

- Visits to primary schools.
- Planting the first trees in Whitehill Forest, Easington Lane.
- Taking part in the stone laying ceremony for the new swimming baths.

- Attending the Christmas lights switch on and Remembrance Services at both Easington Lane and Hetton Downs.
- Representing the Council at Sunderland Civic Awards and Northumbria in Bloom presentations.
- Attending sports club presentations at East Rainton, Hetton Lyons Cricket Club and Hetton Boxing Club.
- Passing on centenary good wishes to two local residents at their 100th birthday parties.
- Attending the opening of Sunderland's new Aquatic Centre and the unveiling of Hetton's Bob Paisley Memorial.
- Judging the children's painting competitions and bonny baby events.
- Representing the council at civic events in neighbouring areas including those hosted by mayors of Sunderland, Durham, south Tyneside, Peterlee and Seaham.

**Pictured** - On behalf of Hetton Mayor Coun. Mrs Juliana Heron is receiving a specially



designed piece of glass from Leader of Sunderland Council, Coun Paul Watson, created to mark the completion of the European funded URBAN II programme for Hetton and Murton which brought millions of pounds into the Hetton and Murton area.

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