

Two major traffic incidents on North Road in 3 weeks

On 14th October a lady from the ward was knocked over and seriously injured in a hit-and-run incident, but the vehicle that caused her injuries was a poor unfortunate driver who could not avoid her when she was knocked into his path. She was attempting to cross from the junction near Charles Street/North Road opposite Denmark Street – where there are now 3 lanes of traffic.

On 4th November an 85 year old man from the Ward was also knocked down by a hit-and-run driver, very near to where the above incident happened. Rumours on Facebook said this gentleman had died. However, he did not. He has survived, but suffers with broken bones and a head injury. He was taken to James Cook Hospital – as was the lady in the incident on 14th October. Both have received excellent care and we are sure you will all wish them both a speedy recovery and hope they are home soon.

Due to these incidents Cllr Anne-Marie Curry has been in talks with the Highways Team who advised her they are liaising with the Police to see what can be done to avoid future incidents in this area. Until we get a solution could we urge anyone crossing North Road between the pedestrian crossings to take extra care – it obviously isn't very safe!

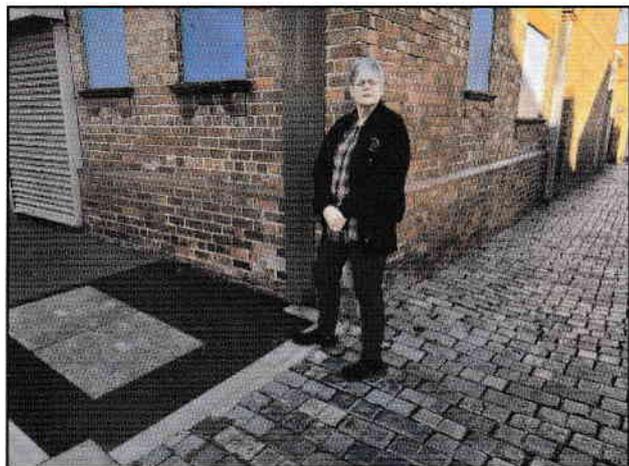


Dropped curbs being created to help residents

As Councillors we are very aware of the difficulty for disabled people (using wheelchairs and mobility scooters), as well as for those pushing small children in pushchairs, in getting around the Ward. Fortunately Cllr Hilary Allen was approached by a local resident (Eddie) who complained he had to drive on the main road due to the lack of dropped kerbs. This was rectified and Eldon & Lansdowne Streets now have dropped kerbs.



[Photo on the right is Cllr Allen in Eldon Street, and photo on the left is her on Charles Street.]



Cllr Allen was also approached by a gentleman from Elizabeth Place, who was struggling with a wheelchair. Finally we were advised that, hopefully, a grant of £15K would be secured to install dropped kerbs on both side of Charles Street. However, to ensure more people had easier access to North Road, we asked if the kerbs could be on one side of Charles Street only, with another street (closer to the Havelock Centre) also having one side done. We felt this would ensure more mobility scooter/wheelchair users on the North Riverside Estate could also be kept safe.

Please let us know if you feel dropped kerbs are needed anywhere near you.

Any alterations

Jayne is excited to have opened an "alterations and embroidery" shop on North Road next to the Party Shop (corner with Eldon St). A lovely and different enterprise for our area. Tele : 07599 854 666 for an estimate for your needs; she is looking forward to using her creative skills for local people.



Dog agility classes

Want to do something different with your dog? The South Durham Dog Agility Club will welcome new members. They train at Sadberge Hall Farm, Darlington (just down the road from Sadberge Kennels). Beginners courses on Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoons and it's £80 for an 8 week foundation course (which teaches new handlers some of the basics). Interested?
Contact Owen on 07939 527 926 for more information.

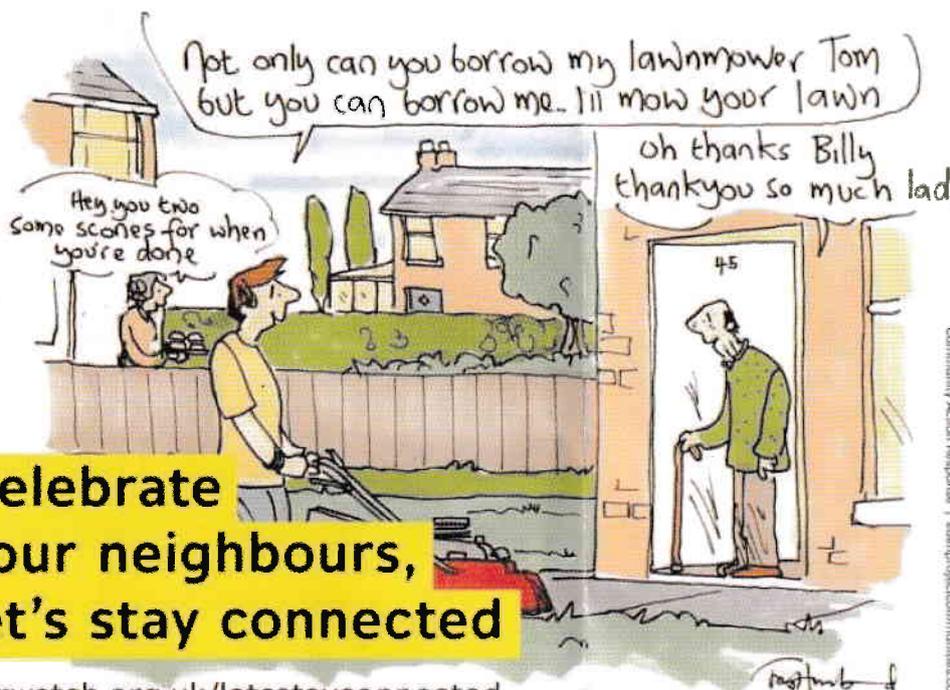


Hairdresser and beautician in the ward

Rachael would love to see new faces at her Hair & Beauty salon "JoJo's" at 110 North Rd. Tele: 01325 787 540 or email: jojos.hair@hotmail.com for prices (or pop in and pick up a price list - she'd love to meet you).



Neighbourhood watch is back in Darlington. If you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood scheme in your area please contact Cllr Anne-Marie Curry and she will pass your details on to the Chair of the Darlington Branch.



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