

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2018/19

The following illustrates the wide range of Services provided by Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council and projects undertaken within the last year.

LITTER BINS



There are over 200 bins throughout the town, which are supplied, installed and maintained by the Town Council.

Over the summer the Town Council installed 14 new bins, swapping out some old open top bins and small post mounted bins and adding bins to new locations following representations from both Councillors and the public.

The bins are emptied by Northumberland County Council.

BUS SHELTERS

The Town Council provides and maintains 17 bus shelters throughout the Town. The majority are provided with seats and clear visibility panels for the benefit of bus passengers. Any damage or graffiti should be reported to the Town Council.

A new bus shelter was installed at the existing bus stop on Sea Crest Road in November 2018 following requests from the public. Due to the proximity to the coast this well used bus stop was extremely exposed in harsh weather conditions and the new bus shelter will afford the passengers shelter from both prevailing winds and rain.



PLAY AREAS

Newbiggin Skatepark & Multiuse Games Area



The Skate Park is located on next to Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre. The Town Council provides and maintains this popular facility including CCTV coverage of the area and lighting, it is used by many skating enthusiasts – both young and old!

Play Areas

The Town Council is responsible for the Play areas that cater for toddlers to teenagers located at Spital Burn, Attlee Terrace and Central Park.

Central Park



The refurbishments at Central Park Play Area was completed in September 2018 and it has been transformed once again into a colourful and welcoming activity area for the children of the town to enjoy.

The birds nest swing has been replaced and two new pieces of play equipment have been added; Bloqx2 and a multi-spinner along with adding an inclusive swing seat to an existing set of swings. Equipment was supplied and installed by Kompan Ltd.



Bloqx2 – Two climbing elements combined, different climbing angles appear where the climber can use grips placed on opposite sides and find foothold in corners. This can make the climbing easier for the beginner but can also open up challenges for an advanced climber who may choose to use only the trickiest placed grips. Bloqx2 also comes with curriculum compliant lesson plans for Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 which we will be sharing with Grace Darling Campus.

The Multi-spinner carousel is a thoroughly tested piece of fun social play and balance training unique in function as there are 5 seats. Children can work the carousel up to quite a speed which is thrilling, exciting and fun! The inclusive swing seat is suitable for adults and children of varied abilities with a weight capacity of 70kg.

The wet pour safety surfacing has also received a face list by Abacus Playgrounds with worn areas repaired and replaced where required – it certainly makes the play area look so much brighter!



The refurbishment scheme cost in excess of £25,000 being funded in majority by Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council with a grant contribution of £7,385 from Northumberland County Council's Housing Developer Fund.

Liz Simpson, County Councillor for Newbiggin Central and East, said 'I'm delighted by the completion of the work to Central Parkway, the addition of new play equipment is very welcome for the children of all ages in Newbiggin by the Sea – Well done to the Town Council for making this happen!'

Malcolm Peden, Chair of the Town Council, welcomed the investment in the play area, He commented 'I am sure the new play equipment will be well used by lots of local children and families visiting the area too.'

Spital Burn Play Area

The spinning bowl was replaced with a new colourful spinning bowl

Attlee Terrace Play Area

Timber border logs were reset and replaced

The signage for all play areas was also replaced.



PUBLIC SEATS



The Town Council continues to provide and maintain many seats in the town. Three dedication seats have been purchased and installed this year, two on the Promenade and one at Beach Terrace, at the request of local residents.

A new public seat was installed on the verge of North Seaton Road near the junction to Spital Burn to take in the view of the Spital Farm Fields.

NOTICEBOARDS

The Town Council has a notice board located on the Quay Wall Piazza where it publishes notices of Council meetings and other relevant local information.

LITTER PICKING

In an attempt to improve the environment in Newbiggin for residents, visitors and wildlife the Town Council has hosted 9 community litter picks between the months of February and September covering various open spaces and housing estates within the town.

The litter picks have been supported by Councillors, Officers and the public.

People have volunteered 51 times in total at these litter picks with a maximum of 10 volunteers at any one time. Together the volunteers have collected 82 bags of litter from the town which Northumberland County Council has removed.

The Town Council has also supported the new voluntary community group 'Newbiggin Litter Pickers'; by providing equipment, risk assessment and facilitating the collection of bagged waste via Northumberland County Council.

On the 6 occasions 'Newbiggin Litter Pickers' have met, they have 39 + instances of volunteers with a maximum of 26 at any one time. And have collected a total of 38 + bags of litter from the Woodland and the Bay, also being proactive in picking litter whilst going about their daily business and encouraging the community to be more proactive too.

Newbiggin Litter Pickers were surprised by Northumbrian Water as part of their 'Make My Day' Campaign and were awarded with additional litter picking supplies.

The Litter Pickers also participated with Marine Conservation Society Litter Picks and a joint litter pick with Campaign to Protect Rural England.

TOWN CENTRE DEEP CLEAN

In May 2018 the Town Council requested a deep clean of the town centre on both sides of Front Street from Whitehouse corner to The Central. This included;

- painting of the bandstand,
- clearing of French drains,
- straightening of sign posts and bollards,
- replacement of rusted signposts,
- painting of bollards,
- repairs to public seats,
- refreshing of yellow and white highways lines, and
- a cleanse of paving

GATEWAY SIGNAGE

For many years it has been a desire of the Town Council to install Gateway signage on the town entrances and boundaries of the parish.

4 new signs were designed and installed;

- on the North Seaton Road entrance,
- at Woodhorn Roundabout,
- on the extremity of the parish boundary on the A189,
- on the extremity of the parish boundary on the road to Lynemouth



MINOR STREET SIGNAGE SCHEME

In October the Town Council completed a minor signage scheme by installing permanent directional finger post signs on the promenade and on Front Street; at both ends of the footpath alongside The Old Ship.

The new attractive signage direct visitors to the new public toilets and to the promenade and beach.

SEASONAL LIGHTING -& CHRISTMAS TREE

The Town Council provides and maintains the seasonal lighting motifs that are attached to street lighting columns throughout the town, 18 time switches on the street lighting columns required replacing this year so that the festive display could be maintained.



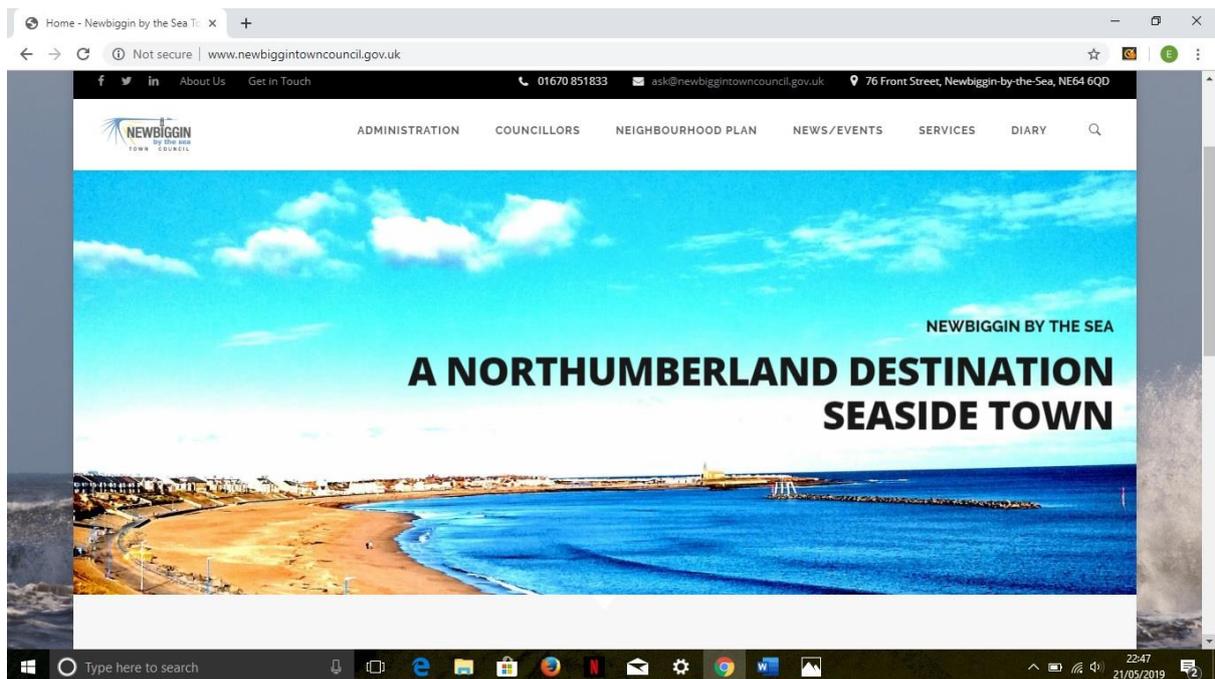
Following a request from Newbiggin Traders Association, the Town Council also took over the Christmas tree provision which saw a 21ft nordman being located in the Quay Wall Piazza area.

DEDICATION GARDEN

The Town Council provide and maintain a Dedication Garden on the open space next to Newbiggin Health Centre. The Town Council refurbished all of the dedication plaques this year to their former glory. One new tree was planted this year as the request of a Newbiggin resident in memory of a loved one.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

In October 2018, in line with the Community Engagement Strategy, the Town Council launched a new WordPress website that would be more aesthetically appealing to users and easy to navigate. To coincide with this the Council also launched social media channels, having a presence on both Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.



COLLINGWOOD ROAD PLANTER

The Town Council worked with the Community Payback Team to clear up the Collingwood Road Planter and the land surrounding it, clearing it from litter and overgrowth. This was a partnership project and the planter was subsequently planted up with roses by Northumberland County Council.

THE BUNGALOW

As the Town Council moved into the Front Street Office in 2017, the Council now considered the future of The Bungalow. In December 2018 it was let to the alternative education provider Educ8 who would utilise The Bungalow as classroom place to deliver their vocational courses.

HERITAGE LIGHTING

The street lighting column outside the Co-operative Food store on Front Street was a galvanized column following a road traffic accident which damaged the original heritage street lighting column.

The Town Council funded the replacing of the galvanized column with a heritage column to match the rest of the heritage columns and improve the street scape.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Following the decision to create a Neighbourhood Plan in 2017, the Town Council progressed the decision by setting up a Steering Group and holding an initial period of consultation throughout the town.

SAND CLEARANCE

The Town Council continues to work with Northumberland County Council clearing sand from the promenade to make it safe and accessible for all users. The Town Council also continued making representations to the County Council regarding the need for more structured management of the beach following the sand recharge over a decade ago.

GRANTS & DONATIONS

The Town Council supported both the Traders Association and the Maritime Centre with grants of £3,500 respectively to enable them to hold their events throughout the year which are very well attended by both visitors and residents.

£1000 was donated to Wansbeck Valley Foodbank to support the valuable work they do with those in need within our community.

The Town Council also supported many small community groups and organisations with grants to enable them to continue to carry out their activities.



VOLUNTEERS AT AT MEMORIAL PARK

Volunteers from the Town Council and the Veterans Association rolled up their sleeves and worked together to tidy up the War Memorial Garden.

CAR PARK ENTRANCE

The Town Council paid for a new gate with improved access to be installed at the Woodlea overflow car park. Creating an entrance off Woodlea to replace the entrance from East Lea

DRUG AWARENESS SESSIONS

The Town Council supported the Chaplain of Northumberland Church of England Academy with the Northumbria Police in the cost of holding drug awareness sessions for parents and carers at the Sports and Community Centre.

You are invited to a free session with



What is out there? What does it look like?
What should I be looking out for?

Monday 12th November 9.30-11am
or Tuesday 13th November 1.30-2.50pm

Lounge Room, Newbiggin Sports Centre

Supported by



Further details from Faith Wilson, Academy Chaplain
@faith.wilson@ncl.gov.uk or 01667 661111

ENHANCED SERVICES

The Town Council continued the Enhanced Services Partnership with Northumberland County Council over the spring to summer seasons, employing two seasonal operatives.

The Operatives painted town seats and bus shelters, painted bollards, cleared sand and weeds from the promenade, cleared litter from the play areas, tidied up Vernon Park and other planted areas around the town.

The Enhanced Services Partnership also see the regular inspections and maintenance of play areas and the provision of seasonal floral displays provided by the County Council:

TRANSPORT

The Town Council continued to work in partnership with WatBus and Northumberland County Council to provide the Newbiggin Nipper bus service.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Town Council continue to commission a range of children's activities during term and holiday time which are free to the children of Newbiggin.

Newbiggin Supported by

Date / Time	Activity	Age	Cost	Booking	Venue
Monday 29th October					
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Dodgeball	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Multi-Sport	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
Tuesday 30th October					
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Cricket	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Football	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
Wednesday 31st October					
10.00am - 3.00pm	Dance Camp	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Multi-Sport	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Dodgeball	6yrs+	Free	Turn Up	NSCC
Thursday 1st November					
10.00am - 11.00am	Football	6yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC
11.00am - 12.00pm	Dodgeball	6yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC
Friday 2nd November					
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Archery	6yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Archery	6yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC

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Date / Time	Activity	Age	Cost	Booking	Venue
Monday 18th February					
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Dodgeball	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cricket	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Multi Sport	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
Tuesday 19th February					
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Badminton	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Dodgeball	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Football	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
Wednesday 20th February					
10.00 - 1.00pm	Cycling *	8yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC
Thursday 21st February					
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Badminton	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cricket	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Football	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
Friday 22nd February					
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Badminton	6yrs+	Free	Turn up	NSCC
4.00pm - 4.00pm	Archery	8yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Archery	8yrs+	Free	Must Book	NSCC

*Please see the 'Activity Descriptions' page for more info regarding Cycling.

To book on an activity please call our contact centre on 01670 620200
 For any queries regarding Newbiggin activity please contact Jake Preece on 01670 622183
 or jake.preece@northumberland.gov.uk

NEWBIGGIN BY THE SEA TOWN COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council comprises of eight elected members who cover West, South, North and East wards. The next full Council Elections will be in May 2021 when all eight seats will become available

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