

## Budget and Precept 2021-22

At the Council's meeting on 20th January, Newbiggin by the Sea Town councillors voted to approve the budget and a precept demand for 2021-22.

The precept is the Town Council's share of the Council Tax. The precept demand goes to the billing authority, Northumberland County Council, which collects the tax for the Town Council.

The 'Precept' is converted into an amount per Council Tax band that is added onto the Council Tax bill, along with charges levied on behalf of the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria Police and the Adult Social care precepts.

A precept of £246,892 has been agreed for Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council, represents a decrease of £8,089 compared to last year. Based on the current Council 'tax base', Band A householders will therefore see no increase in the £115.59 contribution they paid last year.

The Town Council's budget covers services such as an improved enhanced neighbourhood services, floral displays, a school holiday leisure programme, provision and maintenance of public realm assets as well as officers' salaries, building / administration costs and a contribution to the running costs of the Newbiggin Nipper community bus service.

The Town Council will continue to offer grants to community groups and organisations in 2021/22.

These grants support local not-for-profit organisations to provide vital services to the community.

## !! Consultation !!

### Milburn Park – Destination Play Area

We're working on exciting plans to create a new destination play area at Milburn Park and we'd welcome your views, to best inform the improvements being made. Read more about it overleaf.



## Covid-19 A year on

We'd like to thank the NHS and all key workers for their efforts in and around our community over the past year and take a moment to remember all those that have been lost or suffered as a result of Covid-19. We all have hope for brighter times ahead with the roll out of the vaccine and the decline in cases. We have planted two trees and installed a bench within the dedication garden, next to the Health Centre, to mark this event which will go down in history.

Tree 1 is a Holly tree in tribute to all Key workers.

Tree 2 is Rowan n dedication to all who have suffered or lost.

The bench marks hope for a brighter future.

## Welcome to this public consultation.

The Town Council is proposing the development of £250,000 new play facility at Milburn Park. We already have £100,000 committed in our current budget and intend to request match funding and grants to hit our funding target. The development of the new play area will see the existing play area at Spital Burn being removed and a new destination play area developed on the land next to the Bowls Green as shown in the location plan below.

The Town Council are working in partnership with Newbiggin Community Ventures and Newbiggin Development Trust on a larger project to regenerate Milburn Park and the south of Newbiggin Bay into an attractive gateway to the town via:

- Transferring the playpark to the upper level;
- Possible training/exercise equipment;
- Crazy golf;
- Promenade extension (boardwalk);
- Beach Huts at the south end of the Promenade;
- Observation platform at Spital Point (Needle's Eye);
- Scheme to provide holiday glamping pods.



The overall regeneration of the area through these schemes will also seek to increase the existing parking provision at Spital Burn so that local residents are not affected by increased parking. The larger project will be subject to community consultation in the future.

The regeneration of Milburn Park and the south of the Bay is intended to be fully DDA compliant in line with our aim of being an accessible town. It will provide attractive facilities for our residents, encourage tourism into the town from the existing Sandy Bay holiday park and the newly permitted 102 pitch holiday park to improve the economic prosperity of the town.

### The proposals

This consultation relates to the creation of the destination play area only. We aspire to create facilities similar to those provided at Carlisle Park in Morpeth and Ridley Park in Blyth. This specific project is intended to be a partnership between Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council and Northumberland County Council.

Spital Burn Play area is largely inaccessible and remote from the other focal points of Newbiggin, being hidden from sight due to the incline of the land to the north. The proposed play area is highly prominent and visible from the North of the Bay. The destination play area will be visually distinctive and contain bespoke elements of play. It is intended that the play area will be colourful, attractive, accessible, and highly visible attracting families and larger groups, both residents and visitors, to stay in the town for longer.

To ensure the play area is highly visible a lighthouse climbing frame of 3-5 m in height is proposed for the most eastern point of the play area; the play area will also feature a splash pad. The play equipment to be included should promote the development of children via physical, cognitive, social emotional and creative means. In selecting play equipment, we would be looking for the opportunity for children to balance, co-ordinate, bounce, climb, crawl, jump, share, spin, swing, learn, take risks, use their imagination, play alone, make friends etc. We've asked a play company to mock up some visuals of what we could expect - these are shown below.

(Note - the final play area design will go through the appropriate tender process to appoint a contractor).

We'd love to hear your views on our destination play area proposals.

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# Milburn Park—Destination Play Area



Do you support the creation of a destination play area?

Do you agree with our chosen site?

What do you think of the mock up design of the play area?

What do you think of the mock up design of the splash play?

Is there anything else you would like to see included?

Would you visit the play area with your children / grandchildren / extended family?

Send us your feedback by email, or post or visit the consultation on survey monkey via the following link by Friday 16th April 2021:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MilburnPark-DestinationPlay>



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## Holiday Leisure Programme

The Town Council have been aware of the difficulties in delivering the expected holiday leisure programme in the community throughout the past year due to the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic which will continue well into 2021. With the easing of restrictions anticipated in future months we have committed to funding the Holiday Leisure Scheme for 2021/22 securing priority for service delivery in Newbiggin by the Sea from NCC Sports Development. The Town Council funding allows activities to take place at no cost to our local children.

## Projects Update

As lockdown restrictions are easing we are beginning to make some progress on projects which will be delivered over the coming months;

- Restoration of Colliery War Memorial,
- Installation of Town CCTV system,
- Installation of new vehicle activated speed signs,
- Working in partnership with NCC on the reprofiling of the Slipway
- Replacement of bus shelter outside Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre



Date / Time	Activity	Age	Cost	Booking	Venue
<b>Monday 29th March</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Multi Sport Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Tuesday 30th March</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Multi Sport Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Wednesday 31st March</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Football Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Thursday 1st April</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Football Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Tuesday 6th April</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Multi Sport Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Wednesday 7th April</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Football Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Thursday 8th April</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Football Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)
<b>Friday 9th April</b> 1:30pm - 4:30pm	Multi Sport Camp	8-14yrs	Free	Must Book	Newbiggin Sport Centre (Outside)

Please note spaces are limited and will operate on a first come first served basis.

**What to expect** - Come along for lots of fun, games & activities! Parents/Carers are required to fill out a registration form either before hand or on arrival and are able to leave the child for the duration of the camp. Remember to bring appropriate clothing for outdoors and a PACKED LUNCH/SNACKS & WATER for our short break.

**To Book please email:**  
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07966 331738



In partnership with AFC Newbiggin Juniors



**Newbiggin Nipper** The Deputy Town Clerk is undertaking a community research project as part of her academic studies in Community Governance and her chosen research area is the Newbiggin Nipper.

*'The Newbiggin Nipper community transport service was considered a flagship scheme when it was introduced in October 2010 providing a much needed twice weekly service and lifeline to the elderly and disabled residents of the Newbiggin Parish. The service links to the Sports and Community Centre and the retail areas within the town. This is a 'hail and ride' service with pre-booking only required by those with exceptional circumstances. The criteria for eligibility of using the Newbiggin Nipper service is you must be a resident of the Newbiggin Parish and you must be a pensioner or have a disabled travel pass. I am interested in speaking with:*

- any residents who have used the service,
- any residents who are eligible but have not used the service,
- any residents who are eligible but have not heard of the service and would like to know more? **Please do get in touch!**

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## Town Council elections

The Local Council elections are scheduled to take place on 6th May 2021, this includes all 8 seats on Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council.

We have provided some information on 'Becoming a Town Councillor' on our website that may be of interest to potential election candidates. Nomination papers and details of the nomination process is also available on our website. Visit [www.newbiggintowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.newbiggintowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information.

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