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Dear Resident,

Welcome to the Summer 2025 Edition of Wynyard Matters!

We have had some amazing summer weather already in May, let's hope we have some more lovely weather as we approach June, July and August! The summer is very much the theme in this edition with tips from our pharmacy and dental practice on looking after our skin and teeth and from residents, including vet Dr Kathryn Burton, on caring for your dog particularly at this time of year.



See how the Easter Scavenger Hunt and Egg Design competition went and the 80th Anniversary VE Day celebrations. It's so good to enjoy community events together. More to come from the Wynyard Matters Community Events team!

I caught up with another of our residents, Jonny Fewster of Surface Smart for a very interesting chat and he also has advice on looking after your driveways and rooves.

Look out for the new bus timetables and again hear from Codgers Corner. Yours Truly has excelled herself!

Take note of the Wynyard Park Neighbourhood Watch update from Ted and Debbie.

See how the Coffee Group is going and join the new Walking Sticks group if an amble and a chat with other walking stick users would suit you.

Then there are, as always, the reports of our hardworking WRA, WRAAG, WPC(Stockton) and WPC(Hartlepool) who generously and freely give their time and energy to benefit the Wynyard community and protect its interests.

Please take particular note of the WYNYARD YOUTH COUNCIL on the facing page.

This is such a great opportunity for the young people of Wynyard and for the older residents who could benefit so much from the voice and input of youth councillors. It really is YOUR WYNYARD, YOUR FUTURE.



"The best way to predict the future is to create it." - Peter Drucker

Finally, don't forget the regular walks, get togethers, markets, services and meetings all listed in the dates for your diary page.

Oh, and, by the way, I'm told that Howdens, Screwfix and J T Dove are all signed up on the trade side at the new retail park and it is all moving ahead according to schedule.

I hope you enjoy this edition and plenty of summer relaxation!

With very best wishes,

Caroline

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HOW CAN YOU HELP WYNYARD AND YOURSELF? WYNYARD PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL



Young people of Wynyard, would you like the opportunity to craft the future of our community and environment? You are the future and the rest of us would value your input and ideas. We want to hear your opinions and to enhance the lives of our young residents along the way. You may be planning a future away from Wynyard, but your involvement now could make such a difference to what happens here and could shape your future too.

This is not only about tackling the issues of sports, community and transport facilities and schooling at Wynyard, which we know are real issues and ones which we want to give you a clear voice about, but the personal and individual benefits getting involved will bring you.

We have promoted the plan for a Youth Council before and would like to expand on this further here.

Being a youth councillor offers you personal development in ways including the acquisition of organisational, listening and debating skills, confidence, understanding financial planning and budgets, increased emotional intelligence, fresh and strategic thinking, experience in spending public money through local government mechanisms, and a defined sense of purpose. We have approved a budget for the Youth Council to use for the benefit of the youth community at Wynyard.

All of these are beneficial to wellbeing, and indeed to include in any cv, personal statement, job application or interview. Being a youth Councillor will also enable deeper friendships in your home community as you plan and stand up for its future. This experience will also strengthen you in your lives beyond Wynyard.

We are seeking 7 councillors aged 11 – 18 years old from the Wynyard community; the Youth Council to be ratified at the July WPC meeting and up and running by September 2025; to hold 10 - 11 hour long meetings each year, these to take place 5.30-6.30pm before each WPC meeting so that any youth councillor can then attend the WPC meeting with their Chairperson having the opportunity to speak on their behalf at that meeting.

If all of this inspires you, please apply by email to the parish clerk at wynyardparishcouncil@gmail.com by Wednesday 2nd July at 12 noon.

- If you are under 18 your application should be submitted by your parent/guardian on your behalf.
- In any event we also need the name and address of you and your parent/guardian.
- Please state your date of birth.
- Please state your school/ college as at September 2025 and the name of the headteacher/ principal.
- Describe your interests.
- Provide a declaration from your parent/guardian that they support your application.

Once we have our councillors in place we intend to provide training sessions and bring in stakeholders to discuss the issues which concern you so that you can get your teeth into them. We also approaching a well-known figure to launch the Youth Council.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping us make WYNYARD a place that young people want to live in and enjoy. It is exciting to know that you will have helped shape its community.

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OUR PHARMACY & ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

I thought it would be useful to ask our pharmacy about what it can offer as an alternative to seeing the GP. We know it is not easy to get an appointment to see the GP these days when we feel unwell. I also asked about caring for our skin in the sun in the summer. This is what I found out from Joseph.

Community pharmacies offer a robust access to healthcare that includes support with healthy eating, exercise, stopping smoking, monitoring your blood pressure, contraception, flu vaccinations and much more.

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To achieve this, the Department of Health & Social care and NHS England announced a delivery plan for recovering access to primary care. Part of the plan includes enabling patients of certain age group to get certain prescription medications directly from the pharmacy. This new service, called Pharmacy First, means that most pharmacies can offer more convenient access to safe and high-quality healthcare by providing medicines for 7 common conditions including earache, sore throat, urinary tract infections, impetigo, infected insect bites, sinusitis & shingles. The aim is to address health issues before they get worse without you needing to see a GP. If you are not within the correct age ranges, your pharmacy can still offer advice & guide decisions about selfcare treatment with over-the-counter medicines while you are waiting for your GP appointment. The links below provide more detail including videos on each of the 7 conditions.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/>

<https://cpe.org.uk/national-pharmacy-services/advanced-services/pharmacy-first-service/pharmacy-first-clinical-pathways-resources/>

SUMMER & SKIN CARE

Protecting yourself from sun is as important as getting enough Vitamin D from sunlight.

Over 80% of skin cancers are caused by over exposure to UV radiation. Staying safe in the sun is the best way to lower your chance of getting skin cancer.

To achieve this in UK, stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day, generally 11 am to 3pm and use a sunscreen with at least a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 which is a measure of the amount of ultraviolet B (UVB) protection. You should also see a star rating of up to 5 stars in UK sunscreens. The higher the star rating, the better as it measures the amount of ultraviolet A (UVA) radiation protection.

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WYNYARD EASTER WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS: A CRACKING SUCCESS!



Over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend families, friends, and neighbours came together for a celebration to remember. From colourful egg designs to bleating sheep and delicious home-baked treats, the village was alive with activity, laughter, and community cheer.

A huge highlight of the weekend was the Easter Scavenger Trail, brilliantly designed by Heather Lightfoot. Her creativity had children and adults alike on the hunt, exploring the village gardens. The Easter Bunny was at the end of the trail to greet all our guests and give out treats. All the entries were put into a prize draw and there were two lucky winners of a bountiful basket of Easter goodies. It was a perfect way to get out and about, and a big hit with everyone who took part.

Adding a touch of countryside charm to the festivities were the adorable Amerston flock of sheep from Crookfoot Farm. A heartfelt thank you goes to Shepherdess Jodi Shadforth for bringing them along.

The event was sweetened by a wonderful bake sale, generously contributed to by the talented bakers of Wynyard and coordinated by our ever-enthusiastic Wynyard Community Matters Events volunteers. There wasn't a crumb left by the end of the day!

We were also treated to a brilliant Egg Design Competition – and what a display of talent! With so many creative and imaginative entries, judging was no easy task. There were three lucky winners. Well done to everyone who entered!

A big thank you goes to the Co-op for donating refreshments and prizes for our competitions – your support made the day extra special. We'd also like to thank Wynyard Pharmacy for their donation of hand sanitiser, helping to keep everyone safe while having fun.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to Leila and all the wonderful residents who opened up their gardens.

Events like these are what make Wynyard such a special place to live. Thank you to everyone who took part, helped out, or simply came along to enjoy the celebrations.



Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) Update

Since our last update we have filled the two councillor vacancies in our Parish Council - a warm welcome to George Arizmendi and Valda Goodyear who joined us in February and March, respectively.

The Appeal against refusal to grant planning permission to 22/2579/FUL (135 houses) is still ongoing, after over 6 months of investigation by the Planning Inspectorate. In our comment to the Appeal Planning Inspector, WPC requested him to consider holding a Public Hearing, rather than merely considering the Appeal on the basis of written submissions. In view of recent information supplied to the Inspector by Wynyard Residents Association (published on the 22/2579/FUL Planning Portal 14th February: Dennis, A. Addendum), we feel that it is now essential that a Public Hearing is held. This is because the conditions of the 13/0342/EIS planning permission, stipulated by the Planning Committee on 1st April 2014, were subsequently altered and signed off by a single officer on 30th January 2017 which has resulted in the 500 house maximum for the Wynyard Village Extension being exceeded, i.e. 130 houses in 20/2408/OUT, 2 self-build houses off Stoney Wood Drive in 23/0888/OUT, and 135 houses in 22/2579/FUL (under Appeal).

Wynyard residents are owed an explanation for this state of affairs- we should be given the right to attend an Inquiry, make our own public statements, and cross-examine SBC Officers and developers. To this end, WPC resolved, in its March meeting, to write to all Members of the SBC Planning Committee, asking them to contact the Planning Inspector to request that he consider holding an Inquiry/Public Hearing. We received a reply from Cllr Tony Riordan, Planning Committee Member and Leader of Conservative Councillors. He informed us that our request had been passed to the appropriate SBC Director, but that it has been decided that no request for a Public Hearing will be sent by the Planning Committee! Disappointing! However, further actions to request a Hearing are under consideration.

Another facet of the 13/0342/EIS situation is that of the Section 106 facilities attached to this planning application - or rather, their apparent disappearance. Promised within the Section 106 Deed attached to 13/0342/EIS Approval are:- Community Facilities, a Local Shop, a Doctors Surgery, a cycleway, and the upgrade to the Hanzard/A689 junction - including, of course, the pedestrian crossing over the A689. The first two of these appear to have vanished, and by some strange process, have been replaced by the Local Centre in the 130 house Stoney Wood development (see above). We mentioned the issue of the Doctors Surgery in our previous Wynyard Matters update. Since then, the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) have been very helpful in explaining the following points: -

(a) currently, the NHS do not support the creation of a Wynyard GP Surgery (this is reassessed periodically as more houses are built). They consider that existing local surgeries in Sedgfield, Billingham etc have sufficient capacity to take on registrants from Wynyard (both Hartlepool and Stockton). As compensation for these registrants, payments to the NHS (from developers) are calculated in proportion to the number of houses in planning applications. The NHS have never supported the creation of a Wynyard surgery up to this day - so why was a GP Surgery ever included in the 13/0342/EIS section 106 agreement?

(b) the £28,256 payment to the NHS made from the 20/2408/OUT application is compensation calculated specifically on the basis of the 130 houses in this application - it is nothing to do with the GP Surgery in the section 106 agreement within the 500 house 13/0342/EIS application

(c) The 13/0342/EIS application was made back in 2013 when there wasn't an established Section 106 procedure between the NHS and SBC, i.e. there is no record of the NHS ever being consulted on this GP Surgery!

(d) With regard to the 22/2579/FUL (135 houses) application, the ICB officer stated: "I am stumped on this one as I cannot identify it within our application tracker. It seems that we were not consulted on this as we log each and every contact with all Local Authorities. A request of around £65k would have been made."

The lack of a pedestrian crossing over the A689 at the Hanzard junction is a longstanding and serious health and safety issue for Wynyard residents. Recently, there was reason to believe that the infamous pedestrian bridge, rather than a 'toucan' crossing (as at the Meadows junction), would have to be provided owing to initial traffic modelling data from the 1200 house H/2022/0181 application. This data indicated that the traffic generated by the build out of H/2022/0181, together with a second toucan crossing, would result in an unacceptable impedance to A689 traffic flow. Apparently, as advised to us recently by HBC, subsequent National Highways data indicate that this is not the case, so a second toucan crossing (rather than the bridge) would be acceptable. However, as more housing applications are approved, surely it will not be long before A689 traffic congestion inevitably reaches an unacceptable level (many would argue that it has been unacceptable for a while now!), at which stage a second toucan crossing will be unacceptable.

Finally, the upgrade works to the A689/A19 junction should have started by now - they obviously haven't - clarification on this is being sought from SBC and TVCA.

It has been confirmed that the X40/41 bus service will continue for at least another year. Electrically powered buses will replace the currently used vehicles, and extension of the bus route to Sedgfield and/or to the Teesside Retail/Leisure Parks is under consideration. Wynyard Parish Councillors agreed unanimously that the positions of the bus stops proposed at the western T junction between Wellington Road and The Wynd are dangerous. This clear opinion was sent to Jonathan Kibble at SBC, but no response has been received, and the stops have been installed. The new timetable for the X40/41 service is now on our Wynyard Parish Council website under 'Latest News': www.wynyard-pc.org.uk

With regard to schooling provision at Wynyard, a second primary school had previously been scheduled by Wynyard Park to open in September this year within the Hartlepool

area. However, building work has not even started, leading to some parents having to find primary school places for their children outside of Wynyard owing to the heavy demand for places at the Wynyard CoE Primary School. The delay in starting work on the new school has been ascribed to funding decision uncertainty at government level. WPC(H) have contacted Hartlepool MP, Jonathan Brash, who has informed them that he has been in touch with the Department of Education, and that with respect to a funding decision: "I'd expect to know by the summer." WPC are in routine contact with our MP, Chris McDonald, through his Stockton North Constituency Office - we have asked him (through his Constituency Affairs Manager, Louise) to (a) support Jonathan Brash, and (b) to promote the need for a secondary school at Wynyard.

There is a separate article from Cllr Val Bailey on our Youth Council plans in this issue of Wynyard Matters - we strongly encourage you to read this article and respond to us if you have children who are interested in applying to join the Youth Council (or if you have any questions). We apologise for the delay in finalising our plans and policies after the wonderful Youth Council Event in the Wynyard Hall Library on 19th September last year. As a Parish Council we have had many difficult issues to deal with since last September.



Finally, we have received a number of emails from residents on subjects ranging from Wynyard Park maintenance requests to dangerously uneven paving and road safety concerns. We've been able to help with most of these issues - so we encourage residents of Wynyard Village and Wynyard Park (Stockton) to contact our Clerk (wynyardparishcouncil@gmail.com) with any requests and concerns.

The dates for next three meetings are 17th June, 15th July, and 16th September.

Cllr Allan Fletcher, Chair of Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton)

THE WALKING STICKS



Why not join the Walking Sticks, a new group of independent, able-bodied people who use a stick and who are happy to amble and chat? Walking and talking at a moderate pace, the walk will last about 50 minutes and start off at the Stables pub car park.



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Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) Update

In May 2025, Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) enters its fourth year since its inauguration in 2022, holding regular monthly meetings, except in August and December, to represent the council tax-paying residents within the Hartlepool parish boundary.

Its primary objectives involve sharing the views and concerns of residents, discussing ongoing and new planning applications, understanding community issues that lead to resolutions, and addressing these issues when and wherever practicable, within the constraints of the parish's finances.

In December 2024, councilors attended a hearing at Hartlepool Borough Council offices, chaired by a senior representative of the Secretary of State's Planning Inspectorate, to review an appeal for three homes to be built on an archaeological exclusion zone. The parish council made a representation at the planning hearing. The application was subsequently rejected.

During the year, Hartlepool Borough Council has co-opted WPC(H) councilors who attend regular committee meetings at HBC council offices to discuss and agree.

- Economic growth and regeneration
- Audit and governance
- Participation in Emergency planning and resilience involving Hartlepool and Stockton councils

Throughout the year, relationships have been established with landowners and developers, borough councils, and our local Member of Parliament.

In August 2024, a meeting and site visit was arranged with the leader and deputy leader of Hartlepool Borough Council to gain an understanding of the geography and demographics of the Wynyard area. This should help ensure that the council is appreciative of how future planning applications align with supporting the local and master plans, with an emphasis on the need for a sustainable community.

Regular meetings are attended together with Lichfields, the agents for Wynyard Park, to discuss the ongoing development of Wynyard Park. Similarly, meetings are held with Wynyard Estates for the same purpose.

A meeting was held with Jonathan Brash, Member of Parliament for Hartlepool, to introduce the parish council and discuss its role. The second primary school within Wynyard Park was a significant topic of discussion, which Mr Brash agreed to raise with ministerial colleagues within the Department of Education.

The woodland walk between Beaumont and Taylor Wimpey has collapsed primarily due to inclement weather. The walkway was closed and is scheduled for repair by Wynyard Park contractors.

We worked together with Lichfields, Wynyard Park agents, Taylor Wimpey, HBC, and Northumbrian Water to understand the acceptance of responsibility for flooding on Manorside – Buttercup Avenue and the need for improvement to prevent recurrence.

Speeding is an ongoing issue. We are working together with the HBC Highways department, Cleveland Police, and landowners to explore means of introducing calming measures to ensure the safety of residents and children.

Water pressure on Wynyard Estate became an issue. A survey was conducted, resulting in the installation of an additional booster pump adjacent to the Dere Street development.

On a positive note, several notable achievements throughout the year warrant mention. The bus shelter on The Meadows is now fully installed. Together with Wynyard Park and Taylor Wimpey, it is now fully accessible via the footpath from the roundabout. Wynyard Park kindly laid the base foundation.

A new play park, which is to be located opposite the site agreed for the potential second Wynyard Primary School, has been approved.



This area is known to be of archaeological interest, and therefore, ground works will be built upwards so as not to cause any further disturbance to the area. WPC(H) is keen to see works commence by Wynyard Park as soon as possible so that residents and their children can make use of this open recreational facility. The three park benches, which were purchased and temporarily positioned across Wynyard Park, can then be relocated within the upcoming play park once finalized.

We have now received approval to purchase dog waste refuse bins for locations across Wynyard Park and Village, the Taylor Wimpey play park, and the Robertsons pathway to the Castle Eden walkway.

Approval has been agreed with Wynyard Park to attach additional Defibrillators to lampposts within Wynyard Park. We will look forward to further discussion with DS43, a charitable organization that provides the defibrillator hardware and offers aftercare support, which would be beneficial to residents.

The planning application for 371 homes at Low Swainston, together with a roundabout for entry purposes on the A689, has been withdrawn by the applicant following 650 objections from residents and various bodies.

An amended application from Duchy Homes for their Phase 2 development, located North of the Countryside, is expected to be presented to the HBC planning committee in summer 2025. An application for the southern spine road has been submitted, which would provide access to this site, eventually linking the two communities of Wynyard Park.

The council intentionally reduced the amount of the precept received from HBC, resulting in a corresponding reduction in the line item on each resident's council tax bill.

We hope to secure further grant funding for a bus shelter on Wynyard Woods, adjacent to the care home.

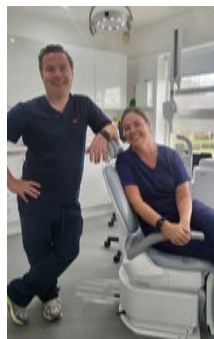
We are also exploring the possibility of requesting grant funding for additional small sports facilities, subject to the landowner's agreement.



HAVE A SWEET TOOTH?

None of us relish going to the dentist even just for a check-up in case there are lurking cavities or other issues calling for the drill, a scrape or even worse.

So, thinking again about the summer, and all those hot, sunny days and evenings ahead (hopefully), those holidays with the kids and barbeques in the garden when a fizzy or sugary drink beckons along with sweet stuff, I decided to ask Nat and Tim from the Wynyard Dental Surgery for a few tips to look after our teeth. This is what they came up with:



- The frequency not quantity of sugary foods or drinks throughout the day causes dental decay. For example, eating Tictacs over a period of hours is far worse than eating a single Mars bar.
- It is better to have a sweet treat straight after a meal rather than grazing throughout the day.
- There are many hidden sugars in foods, some well branded yoghurts contain up to 5 teaspoons of sugar! A small bottle of tomato ketchup can contain up to 31 teaspoons of sugar!
- Some products advertise "low" or "no added sugar", this doesn't mean no sugar!
- Chewing sugar free gum stimulates saliva production helping to neutralise acid in the mouth potentially reducing the risk of decay.
- Avoid sugar in hot drinks and rather substitute with a sweetener or go sugar free.
- With ever bigger drinking cups/bottles which we sip from all day, try to stick with water. If having a sugary drink, have it with a meal and drink through a straw.
- Fizzy drinks can contain a lot of sugar and diet ones, can be very acidic causing acid erosion and decay. Drink through a straw to limit exposure to the teeth.
- Popular drinks at the moment are hot lemon water and apple cider vinegar, these drinks are also very acidic and in time will cause acid erosion.

Children and adults with braces must be extra careful and drink water only to avoid tooth decay.

In any event, have regular examinations so that your teeth are monitored, cavities are caught early and easily fixed. Get your children used to coming to the dentist -we will try to make it a fun experience! We offer free checkups for children up to 6 years old.



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WYNYARD RESIDENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE

WRA continue to meet at 6.30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, in the primary School Hall. The meetings held on 11 March and 8 April again provided residents with an opportunity to raise issues and to receive updates on developments around Wynyard, that will have an impact on the quality of life within Wynyard.

Between those meetings, the WRA, WRAAG (Planning Applications) and the Wynyard Matters Events team continue to work hard, as your representatives, to safeguard and enhance the quality of life within Wynyard. There are further, detailed reports on their activities elsewhere in this month's edition of WM, Wynyard's unique and outstanding magazine.

Residents continue to express concerns about "speeding" around the Village, particularly on The Wynd. The re-activated speed cameras should help to monitor the situation. Concerns were also expressed relating to use of public transport and school transport

At the February Annual General Meeting, Andy Dennis, Tony Maxwell and Simon Osbourne were elected as officers in the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. A vacancy exists for Vice-Chair.

Andy provided his report on the activities of the WRA during the previous twelve months and included updates on planning matters and the new WRA Web-site which was on the point of being launched.

Debbie Shields and Ted Allen provided an insight into the Neighbourhood Watch scheme that they are managing at the Wynyard Park development.

The agenda for the April meeting related to the newly activated WRA website, planning matters and the upcoming activities of the Wynyard Matters Events Team's upcoming Easter Scavenger Hunts and Egg Painting Competition. John Richardson provided an update on planning matters and a report on a recent meeting, held with Ged Morton, SBC, with regards to the concerns of Wynyard residents about planning procedures and SBC's failure to deliver the first report into those concerns, initiated in May 2023.

Simon Osbourne provided a financial update. (Details attached). The accounts showed the WRA to be in a financially secure position, largely due to the income generated by the Wynyard Matters magazine.

WRA bank summary 2025		Opening balance	£19,426.41		
Month	Money in	Money out	Balance end of month	Notes	
Jan	£1,275.00	£90.00	£20,611.41	£1275.00 magazine ads	
Feb	£300.00	£2,213.75	£18,697.66	£1,297.00 printing, £600.00 WRAAG	
Mar	£1,650.00	£320.00	£20,027.66	£1650.00 magazine ads	
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WRAAG spend 2025				TOTAL	Notes
Month	Recipient	Details	Amount	£600.00	
February	Richard Buxton	Prof fees	£600.00		

Community Centre	
Reconciled in 2018 accounts	£2,714.56

Cashbox	
Cash	£190.00

Notes	
WRAAG expenditure 2023	£3,800.16
WRAAG expenditure 2024	£1,823.26
WRAAG expenditure 2025	£600.00
TOTAL	£6,223.42

The next WRA meeting is scheduled for May 13, at 6.30 pm.

X40/X41 & 36A BUS TIMETABLE UPDATE

Representatives from both Parish Councils covering the Wynyard area attended an online meeting on 1st May with representatives of Tees Valley Combined Authority, Stagecoach and Local Authority Transport officers. This resulted in a new timetable for the X40/41 bus service, which will take effect from Monday 5th May 2025. Additionally, the revised 36A service now includes Wynyard, providing residents with a direct link to Hartlepool & Middlesbrough (details below). These changes were necessary to ensure the service adheres to the strict timeliness outlined in the contract. Over the coming months, hard copies of the new timetable will be displayed at the bus stops throughout the Wynyard area to help residents make better use of this service.

Both Parish Councils have also formally requested further service improvements from TVCA & Stagecoach. These include extending the route to Sedgfield to provide access to the GP surgery and other local amenities, extending the route through Wynyard via Stoneywood to serve a broader community, and establishing a direct link to Teesside Retail Park, which we anticipate could also increase passenger numbers. We are encouraged that these proposals will be carried forward for further discussions at a follow-up meeting scheduled for July 2025.

Stagecoach has indicated satisfaction with the increasing usage of these relatively new services and plans to undertake further promotional activities throughout the summer to encourage even greater usage. Furthermore, Stagecoach aims to have its entire fleet of buses operating on these routes replaced with new electric vehicles by the end of June. These buses will offer quieter and environmentally friendly travel, as well as onboard Wi-Fi access for passengers.

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X40 X41

Service X40 from Stockton High Street via Norton Road, Billingham Road, Billingham Bank, South View, Belasis Avenue, Cowpen Lane, Marsh House Avenue, The Causeway, Finchale Avenue, Rievaulx Avenue, Warkworth Road, Wolviston Road, Grange View, Wolviston High Street, Durham Road, Coal Lane, A689, Wolviston Interchange, Coal Lane, Wynyard Avenue, Chapel Lane North to Amazon Bus Station. Most journeys then return as Service X41 from Amazon Bus Station via Chapel Lane North, Wynyard Avenue, A689, The Wynd, Wynyard Woods (clockwise), The Wynd, A689, Hanzard Drive, A689, Wynyard Avenue, Chapel Lane North, Amazon Bus Station, Chapel Lane North, Wynyard Avenue, A689, A19, Norton Interchange, A1027, Billingham Bypass Road, Norton Road to Stockton High Street. Service X41 from Stockton High Street via Norton Road, Billingham Road Bypass Road, A1027, Norton Interchange, A19, Wolviston Interchange, A689 to Wynyard, The Wynd. Most journeys then return as Service X40 via The Wynd, The Meadows, A689, Hanzard Drive, A689, Wynyard Avenue, Chapel Lane North to Amazon Bus Station, Chapel Lane North, Wynyard Avenue, Coal Lane, Wolviston Interchange, A689, Coal Lane, Durham Road, Wolviston High Street, Grange View, Wolviston Road, Warkworth Road, Rievaulx Avenue, Finchale Avenue, The Causeway, Marsh House Avenue, Cowpen Lane, Belasis Avenue, South View, Billingham Bank, Billingham Road, Norton Road to Stockton High Street. Certain morning X41 journeys from Stockton towards Wynyard also additionally operate via Wynyard Avenue, Chapel Lane North and Amazon Bus Station. Certain journeys operate as Service X40 from Stockton to Wynyard then remain as Service X40 on the return towards Stockton.

Service X40 stops only at Stockton High Street, Norton Red Lion, Billingham Stores, Billingham Station, Billingham Town Centre (ASDA), all stops on Finchale Avenue and Warkworth Road, Wolviston Road then Wolviston Village Post Office, then all recognised stops in The Wynyard Estate. Service X41 stops only at Stockton High Street, Norton Red Lion, then at all recognised stops in The Wynyard Estate.

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

	NS	S	NS	NS	S	S	NS									
Outbound service number	X41	X40	X40	X40	X40	X41	X41	X40	X41	X40	X41	X40				
Inbound service number	X40	X40	X40	X41	X41	X40	X40	X41	X40	X41	X40	X41	X40	X41		
Stockton High St, The Globe	0640	0700	0700	0740	0750	0825	0820	0905	0940	1010						
Norton Red Lion	0645	0705	0705	0745	0755	0830	0825	0910	0945	1015						
Billingham Stn, Marsh House Ave	-	0711	0711	0751	0801	-	-	0916	-	1021						
Billingham Town Centre	-	0714	0714	0754	0804	-	-	0919	-	1024						
Wolviston High St, Post Office	-	0719	0719	0759	0809	-	-	0924	-	1029						
Wynyard Business Pk, Amazon	0654	0723	0723	0809	0819	0839	0834	0929	-	1034						
Wynyard, The Wynd	0657	0726	0726	-	-	0842	0837	-	0955	-						
Hanzard Drive	-	-	-	0813	0823	-	-	0933	-	1038						
Wynyard Woods, Black Wood	-	-	-	0816	0826	-	-	0936	-	1041						
Wynyard, The Stables	0700	0729	0729	0822	0832	0845	0845	0942	0958	1047						
The Meadows, Deer R'bout	0703	0732	0732	-	-	0848	0848	-	1001	-						
Hanzard Drive	0707	0736	0736	-	-	0852	0852	-	1005	-						
Wynyard Business Pk, Amazon	0711	0740	0740	-	-	0856	0901	-	1009	-						
Wolviston High St, Post Office	0717	0746	0746	-	-	0902	0907	-	1015	-						
Billingham Town Centre	0722	0751	0751	-	-	0907	0912	-	1020	-						
Billingham Stn, Marsh House Ave	0724	0753	0753	-	-	0909	0914	-	1022	-						
Norton Red Lion	0731	0800	0800	0834	0844	0916	0921	0954	1029	1059						
Stockton High St, Royal Oak	0736	0805	0812	0849	0849	0921	0926	0959	1034	1104						

MONDAY TO FRIDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

	36A	36A	36A	36A
Middlesbrough Bus Station	-	-	-	0640
Stockton High Street	0441	0509	0541	0657
Billingham Town Centre	0457	0525	0557	0720
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	0540	-	0737
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0510	0545	0610	0742
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	0539	-	0639	0814

	36A	36A	36A	36A	36A	36A
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	0451	-	0541	0627	0642	2154
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	0540	-	-	-	2221
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0517	0552	0608	0700	0715	-
Billingham Town Centre	0530	0607	0623	0717	0743	2235
Stockton High Street	0548	0626	0642	0741	0807	2251
Middlesbrough Bus Station	0600	0638	0701	0803	0831	2301

SATURDAY (excluding Bank Holidays)

	36A	36A	36A	36A
Middlesbrough Bus Station	-	-	0624	0640
Stockton High Street	-	0509	0641	0657
Billingham Town Centre	-	0525	0658	0720
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	0540	-	0737
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0508	0545	0713	0742
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	0531	0613	0741	0814

	36A	36A	36A	36A
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	0455	0531	0641	2154
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	-	-	2221
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0517	0553	0712	-
Billingham Town Centre	0530	0606	0729	2235
Stockton High Street	0548	0624	0749	2251
Middlesbrough Bus Station	0558	0634	0808	2301

SUNDAYS AND SOME PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	36A	36A	36A	36A	36A
Middlesbrough Bus Station	-	-	0618	0650	1740
Stockton High Street	-	0510	0627	0659	1749
Billingham Town Centre	-	0526	0644	0716	1806
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	0541	-	0732	-
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0508	0546	0658	0742	1820
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	0531	-	0728	0812	1850

	36A	36A	36A	36A	36A
Hartlepool, Victoria Road	-	0531	0658	0730	1751
Wynyard, Hanzard Drive	-	-	-	-	1821
Wynyard Business Park, Amazon	0520	0553	0720	0752	1818
Billingham Town Centre	0533	0606	0733	0811	1832
Stockton High Street	0551	0624	0751	0823	1848
Middlesbrough Bus Station	0601	0634	0801	-	1900

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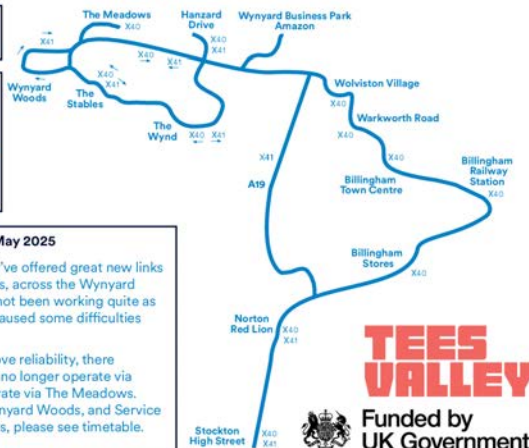
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Therefore, as part of a package of measures to improve reliability, there are some routing changes. Service X40 journeys will no longer operate via Wynyard Woods, and Service X41 will no longer operate via The Meadows. However, Service X41 trips will continue to serve Wynyard Woods, and Service X40 will still operate via The Meadows. For full details, please see timetable.



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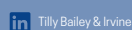
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CODGERS CORNER FAME AT LAST...!

Dear Reader,

The time has come to change my name! As someone has already bagged the shorter version, it will have to be... "Laura Kuenssberger". Yes, my time has come, dear reader, plucked from obscurity, I shall soon be followed by millions and become a household name. What, I hear you ask, has befallen Yours Truly to abandon the quiet life and to accept the mantle of fame...well, read on.....



Recently, whilst lunging to "Sweets For My Sweet" by The Searchers (1963) at my weekly – "See how much you can sweat before you expire from dangerous leakage levels", an announcement was made: Next week someone would be coming to take photographs!! I instantly broke out in yet another sweat and imagined that my picture would be on display in the local free paper with the headline "CODGERS KEPT OFF THE STREETS WHILST FORCED TO EXERCISE AT THEIR LOCAL HUB". People would point and say, "Isn't that the woman in Lycra who looks like she's been through a carwash?" My photo would be everywhere with the caption "HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN – WANTED FOR FRIGHTENING CHILDREN AND HORSES?"

We were told that if you didn't want to be photographed you could opt out, but unwilling to draw further attention to myself, I stayed silent. Fast forward to the day and expecting to run the gauntlet of a gathering crowd at the entrance to the Hub, I entered a deserted foyer and paid my dues. Expectation was running high and an atmosphere of excitement rippled through the class. At this point I still appeared relatively cool and calm and hoped that it would be over in the first five minutes, while I didn't yet look as if I'd done two lengths of the pool (not a very realistic idea as I can't swim!).

Off we went through the warm-up – ten minutes to pop songs from the 60s, of which everyone in the room knew every single word having been there and indeed worn the tee shirt. The door remained firmly closed - not a sign of the paparazzi. Thoroughly warm and the colour of a Pink Lady apple (my fruit variety of choice), I launched into my first station – the one nearest to the fan on a stand (of course) to lower my temperature by at least 0.5 of a degree, before I'm on the trampette and running, like a woman possessed, across a sea of jelly.....No sign! I managed the exercise bike (getting on and off is like a full work out), not a pretty sight, and then on to stretches with weights. Colour now bright red, hair wet...No sign! By now I was near the doors and could keep vigil (through the glazed section), while swinging my legs like a pendulum, pulling on a stretchy band and stepping (not surprisingly – on a step), mercifully not all at the same time – vigil fruitless. Now the colour of an aubergine, I ran round the hall in a figure of eight, chatting to everyone around the perimeter, reporting my findings of the door stakeout.



Then just as I progressed to Bicep Curls and reached peak perspiration point, the door clicked quietly and in came a smartly dressed man shouldering a tripod topped with a tiny camera. With only a few minutes remaining of our circuit, he worked his way around the room, and I decided to act cool (impossible!) and nonchalant as if this was part of my daily fitness regime and I felt no shame at exposing my Lycra-clad self in a public place. Would you believe it, luck was on my side, just as he was setting up in front of Yours Truly, a voice shouted to stop now and walk slowly round the room. Saved by the stopwatch, he turned away and I blended in with the circulating crowd and welcome oblivion – job done! With the words "I should be so lucky" (Kylie Minogue, circa 1987) playing in

my head, I got to the end of the room when, without warning, our leader hooked me by the arm, and, like a flailing fish I was plucked from the swirling stream of sweat!

Man with camera was formally introduced to me and, he shook my hand (soaking wet!) and I instantly forgot his name. Now the strangest thing I find, is, that as soon as I stop exercising, I feel as if I'm about to hit boiling point and steam surrounds me like an aura for a good ten minutes before, I cool off a bit, and just start to drip like a leaky kettle! I heard Carrie say, "What's his name" would like to interview you, is that okay?" From now on I shall call The Man With No Name, Clint – after Clint Eastwood who appeared under this non-name in the film "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964). I heard myself saying "No problem" and looked forward to a quiet sit down and a cosy chat, while the rest of the class did their cool-down exercises (a touch more warm-up if you ask me).

Now, I should have been alerted to the nature of the interview when Clint said that the sound of Tom Jones warbling "The Green Green Grass of Home" (1966) (what can I say...more than 56 years with the Other Half has rubbed off), while everyone was at full stretch, would interfere with the sound – but hey, I'm not tech savvy! Like a lamb to the slaughter, I followed him into the foyer where a backdrop was chosen for me, and I was told to stand and face the lens. At that point, everyone in a ten-mile radius would have heard the bombshell finally drop as I realised that this was a video camera, and I was going to be filmed! O.M.G. – my internal thermostat instantly shot up and, now the colour of a furnace, I looked as if someone had chucked a bucket of water over me to douse the flames. Clint then explained that he was going to give me an outline of three topics to talk about and that I was to mention the magic three words – "Exercise Referral Programme" at intervals. Oh, and a generous sprinkling of "Mental Health, Wellbeing and Mindfulness" would be a bonus. He then casually said that he wouldn't be asking me any questions as in an interview, and I was not to even look in his direction, but straight at the camera and talk fluently (no prompts) until he gave me the hand signal to stop.

At this point I should mention that only two hours earlier I'd been in our lounge and needed scissors to cut some Sellotape – I stood up, took five steps into the kitchen, approached the pencil/scissors/handy items pot and instantly forgot why I was there! The idea of retaining three themes and three words in an order never uttered by me in almost 75 years was enough to send me right over the edge of my mental parameters! However, there I was soaking the foyer carpet, wedged between a reception desk and the library entrance, with people passing by or lurking in the hope that they may also be on the News at Six! YOURS TRULY WAS TRAPPED!! Clint told me to give a huge smile, look straight at the tiny lens (difficult to focus on through a cloud of steam) and begin as soon as he gave me the start signal. Also, after I'd stopped speaking to keep beaming and not move until the "It's a wrap" signal was given – all to facilitate fade in and out when editing.

At this point I felt all cogent thoughts draining from my brain and being replaced by a ghost town with tumbleweed rolling through the streets. What would Laura K do? I asked myself – keep calm and carry on. The thumb went up and I launched into my piece just as my class exited stage left! Someone zoomed across and said that he was my agent and what was my fee, at the same time as the door behind me opened! Temporarily thwarted, we paused, and I began again – words were coming out of my mouth, but I have no memory of what order they were in. Unfazed, I ploughed on and just before the final fade – the phone rang! (What conditions we professionals have to work in!). Third time lucky, I still have no idea if I mentioned anything at all that I'd been told, but Clint was kind enough to say that I was his best person that day (I bet he says that to all the ladies), his benchmark must be very low! I gave him my "Nothing's a bother" look and headed for the exit – but not quickly enough as I was hooked, yet again, and told that I had to do a twenty second "sound bite". At this

juncture I was about to demand a hair and makeup team and a rider of a cream slice and a custard tart, or I'd WALK! Twenty seconds morphed into about twenty minutes while the whole world decided to come and see which famous person was being filmed at the Hub's hub. But finally, the ordeal was over, and I was led back into the hall to sign a form. Doubtless I have signed away royalties and have agreed to report on the minutiae of the rambling ramifications of the certifiable leader of the free world. Unfazed and with gay abandon I gave my email and home addresses and signed on the dotted line.

The genie is well and truly out of the bottle dear reader. I'm not sure that I can go back to my old life now...I shall be written about on X and LIKED and more than likely be called upon to take a seat on Graham Norton's settee for the stars. America could be my next big thing.

But first, I'm going to make a fitness DVD - "Sweat Your Way to Happiness" – now that's an image that could seriously damage your mental health!!!

Yours Truly.



SUMMER PICNIC FOOD - HONEY WALNUT COOKIES

Ingredients

- 1 cup softened butter
- ½ cup cane sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2½ cups whole-wheat pastry flour, or all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups walnuts, finely chopped
- ½ cup plain yogurt
- ½ cup orange blossom or buckwheat honey



Directions

1. In a large bowl, beat the butter, sugar, and vanilla until creamy.
2. Add the flour and, with a pastry blender or 2 knives, combine the mixture until crumbly. Stir in the walnuts.
3. Add the yogurt. Mix until a dough is formed.
4. Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead until well blended, about 1 minute.
5. Wrap the dough in waxed paper or plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator for 1 hour.
6. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
7. Tear off small chunks of dough and roll between your hands to form 1 ½-inch balls. Place them on the prepared baking sheets and flatten with the back of a fork. This recipe makes 32 cookies.
8. Brush the cookies generously with honey and bake for 15 minutes or until pale golden.
9. Cool the cookies on a wire rack, and brush with extra honey. Serve.



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UNDER THE SURFACE OF SURFACE SMART

I recently caught up with another one of our residents, Jonny Fewster who started up Surface Smart in 2015. His company may have cleaned your drive or roof, restored your patio or put up your Christmas lights.

C: Hi Jonny, tell me about you and your approach.

J: Before I started up Surface Smart, I was a car salesman with no time for family or socialising. A friend at the garage told me that he had set up a similar business in Wiltshire, so I visited it and learnt the ropes. I bought machinery and vans and learnt more as I went along. It was very hard the first few years but when I started to gain customers in Wynyard, things changed. This was after we did a job in Wolviston and just broke even. My whole approach has been to earn trust and keep my prices reasonable regardless of the size of the house. My central aim is to have happy, returning customers. I am always the first and last point of contact. My wife, Laura and our 2 daughters, Olivia and Ava, and our dog, Bear now live in Eshton and are very happy living in Wynyard. I never thought I would be able to live here but now I am, and I am keen to contribute to the community.



C: Can you elaborate on that, Jonny?

J: I am happy to offer paid summer work to anyone of 16 years and over. This would involve sanding driveways and rejointing of patios. I would also consider an apprenticeship as the work we do is now seen as a trade. We have previously sponsored a stall at the Wynyard primary school fair and the under 10s at the football club. We would like to continue to do so. We have also done mocktail making for the kids at the school and we could do this again. We are happy to help out with any of the community events coming up with also e.g. equipment such as generators and I am personally happy to get involved. Wynyard has been very good to me as customer and friends, and I am keen to give back to the community here.

C: That's lovely to hear Jonny. Do you also have any tips for residents for their drives and rooves?

J: Yes. It is important to get on top of weeds as soon as you see them. Use scalding water or off the shelf weedkiller - it's just as good as commercial grade weedkiller. You can use both. Then sweep off your driveway with a yard brush after which lightly hose down the driveway with a hosepipe and this will stop the weeds growing back. It will delay the need for a professional clean.

Regarding rooves I recommend that these be professionally cleaned as if not done properly, it can cause real damage. Look out for heavy moss growth in the gutters or dropped on the patio. Wet moss is very heavy and puts stress on the roof. It also looks poor, and many customers have their rooves

cleaned because of this. We apply a post cleaning treatment.

Patios can be cleaned with hot water and bleach – be careful around any drains. This will improve the appearance of patios too. Remember to deal with any weeds as described as otherwise there will be bigger gaps than on the drive which will need rejoining.

C: Thank you, Jonny, for chatting to me. How can you be reached if anyone wished to take you up on some of the things you have offered?

J: I can be contacted on 07701058384. Please do get in touch if I can help.

SUMMER PICNIC FOOD - MINI QUICHES

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 small shallots, small dice
- ½ cup kale, shredded
- 3 whole eggs
- 3 egg whites
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ cup Swiss cheese, shredded
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- Butter or oil, for greasing the muffin tin



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a small saute pan, heat oil over a medium-high heat. Add shallot and saute until soft, about 1 minute. Remove from pan and add kale. Saute until soft, about 4 minutes. Remove from pan and let cool.
3. Place a 24 mini muffin tin in the preheated oven on a middle shelf. Let the pan preheat in the oven for about 10 minutes.
4. Whisk together eggs, egg whites, milk, cheese, salt, and pepper in a medium bowl.
5. Remove hot muffin in from the oven. Use a pastry brush to lightly butter or oil the muffin tin. Using a small ladle, fill each of the moulds in the muffin tin about half full with the egg mixture. Place a bit of shallot and kale in each one. Top to cover with more egg.
6. Bake in oven for 5 minutes or until the egg is set and the top is golden brown.

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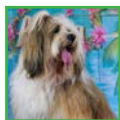
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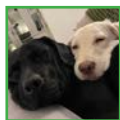
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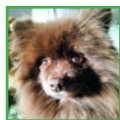
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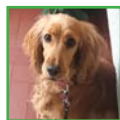
Dave &
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Teddy Bear



Poppy



Tess

It occurred to me that with 2,400 homes in Wynyard that there must be hundreds of dogs, and their owners, resident here if not more! With that in mind, I asked a few dog owning friends, (see their dogs above), and our resident vet, Dr Kathryn Burton, for their thoughts on caring for your dog this summer.

POISONS IN YOUR GARDEN AND FOOD

Jane supplied information about poisons in your garden after a situation with Dave and Margaret, her 2 Labradors, with daffodil bulbs. You can access detailed information at <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health-and-dog-care/health/health-and-care/a-z-of-health-and-care-issues/poisons-in-your-garden/>

She also says to “keep your green house doors locked as they also scoffed a hefty portion of fertiliser a month ago. Fortunately, it was organic chicken manure. Safe for pets, however it caused vomiting and an incredible dose of the scoots!”

It is also important to remember that some human foods can be very dangerous to dogs. If you wish to give your dog a treat, ensure that it is something dog friendly and avoid giving them any alcohol, blue cheese, bones, raw bread dough containing live yeast, chocolate, macadamia nuts, mouldy foods, onions, garlic, leeks and chives (Allium species), grapes raisins currants and sultanas, sweets and sugar, xylitol.

You can access detailed information here: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/health-and-dog-care/health/health-and-care/a-z-of-health-and-care-issues/poisonous-food/>

Jane went on to say that “a previous Labrador (Harry) ate a dead toad and was very poorly requiring veterinary treatment. He also ate/stole several large fruit cakes throughout his lifetime that were actually Xmas cakes loaded with brandy, 40th /50th birthday cakes, literally dozens of white ready sliced loafs and his own body weight in chocolate! His nickname was Sinbad, and he lived well passed his 14th birthday!”.

I am told that if you think your dog is poisoned don't make it sick, tell your vet. See the dog care tips below. Louise suggests The Pet Quarter in Yarm for natural products for your dog to eat <https://g.co/kgs/PvE7YiJ>

WALKING YOUR DOG THIS SUMMER

We know that dogs love to be taken for a walk so Pauline suggested it would also be useful to know that most local authorities operate dog free zones on certain parts of the beaches in their patch every year. These start from 1st May and run through to 30th September covering the summer season.

So, here's where you can and can't take your dog in our area between those dates. Dog free zones are usually signposted to make sure you look out for any changes when you visit:

Dogs are banned from the stretch of beach at Seaton Carew between the Norton Hotel and the Coach Park from May to September.

Further up into Hartlepool, dogs are apparently also not allowed on The Headland (Block Sands and Fish Sands.)

According to thebeachguide.co.uk, dogs are allowed on the beaches at Blackhall, Crimdon, Hartlepool, North Sands and North Gare.

SUMMER DOG CARE TIPS

Ticks: - ticks are now out in force in Wynyard. As well as causing irritation ticks can carry diseases such as Lymes. Check your dog over twice a day for ticks and consider purchasing a specific tick removal tool.

Preventative treatment is available so consider discussing your dog's lifestyle with your vet to come up with a suitable anti-parasite plan. Remember to check your humans for ticks too!

Adders: - as the weather warms up adders, the UK's only venomous snake, start to come out of hibernation. Whilst they are shy and retiring creatures, an inquisitive dog may end up with a bite. If you see or suspect an adder bite, seek immediate veterinary attention.

The bite can be bathed in cool water on the way to the clinic. In some cases, your vet may need to administer anti-venom.

Food: - we see lots of dogs over the summer steal things they shouldn't from picnics and BBQs! Ensure potentially toxic food items, such as grapes and chocolate, are kept out of reach of your pet and contact your vet immediately in case of any accidental ingestion.

Your vet may need to give your dog an injection to make them vomit the food back up, and sometimes further treatment is necessary. Remember to keep your dog away from BBQs and as the lure of sizzling meat is too great for some – every year dogs need emergency endoscopy or surgery to remove wooden skewers! BBQ corn on the cobs are a common culprit for causing potentially fatal intestinal blockage.

Beware hot weather: - during hot spells walk your dog at dawn and dusk when the weather is cooler. Paws can be at risk of burns when the pavement is hot – try holding the back of your hand against the ground and if it's too hot to comfortably hold there for seven seconds, it's too hot for your dog to walk on.

Avoid activities such as fetch during hot times of day, as some dogs will keep running to the point of collapse. Some dogs appreciate a cooling mat to lie on.

Every summer we see dogs with heatstroke, particularly the shorter nosed breeds such as French bulldogs and pugs as they're less able to cool themselves by panting compared to other breeds. Heatstroke unfortunately is often fatal despite intensive veterinary care so seek vet attention immediately if you're concerned about your pet. Over recent years there has been lots of social media advice about treatment of heatstroke, and a lot of this is incorrect (e.g. squirting lemon juice in the mouth will do absolutely nothing to help!). Before travelling to the vet, start cooling your pet by pouring cool water over them (this will not cause cold shock as some social media articles state) or placing them in cool water such as a paddling pool. Don't cover your dog in wet towels as these will actually prevent heat loss. Then get your pet to the vets ASAP, ideally in a car with air conditioning.

Get holiday ready: - if your dog will be staying in boarding kennels this year, make sure they're up to date with their annual booster vaccinations. If their cover has lapsed bear in mind that a restart course is likely to take 2-4 weeks depending upon the vaccine used. Most kennels will also require a kennel cough vaccination, which is a separate vaccine to the usual booster, and some kennels require this to be given at least three weeks before your pet's stay.

If your dog will be holidaying with you in an EU country this year bear in mind that legal requirements for travel have changed since Brexit – in the UK pet passports have been replaced by Animal Health Certificates (AHC). Your dog will need an AHC issued 1-10 days before each trip abroad. Only specific vets can issue an AHC so plan ahead; you may need to visit a different veterinary clinic. Your dog will still need a rabies vaccination (administered at least three weeks before travel), and a tapeworm treatment to be given by a vet 1-5 days before returning to the UK. Remember that there are lots of potentially fatal infectious diseases prevalent across Europe (and the rest of the world) that we currently don't have in the UK, for example Leishmania, Ehrlichia, Babesia... and the AHC requirements do nothing to protect your dog against these. Speak to your vet before travel to find out what protection your pet may need to avoid picking up any of these nasties.

Dr Kathryn Burton BSc(Hons) BVSc(Hons) CertAVP MRCVS.

Finally, and again on ticks, Chris says that one of her dogs likes eating grass and she found a tick in his mouth – she now always checks the mouth and ears just in case!

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We are still facing challenges such as lingering concerns about affordability and current interest rates. Interest rates are not as steep as they were in previous years, and some experts are predicting further growth in the coming months.

Inflation has had a dampening effect on the market impacting on the buyer confidence, which we are hoping will change.

The market is expected to continue to be guided by the interest rates movements and inflation. We have been advised by some experts they anticipate continued growth particularly as interest rates stabilize or decrease.

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WRAAG PLANNING UPDATE

The WRA, WRAAG and both Parish Councils are working tirelessly to represent residents in protecting our rights, our village, our way of life and our health and wellbeing.

That being said, please see below a summary of what's hot in the world of planning: -

13/0342/EIS – Wynyard Village Extension (500 Dwellings)

Approved but impacted by 22/2579/FUL below.

The original application for 500 dwellings has been modified by SBC and, together with 20/2408/OUT (130 Dwellings) and 22/2579/FUL (135 Dwellings), could now deliver 767 dwellings (includes 2 No. self builds) which is a 153% increase.

More dwellings, higher density/acre, impact on infrastructure, promised services and amenities that never transpired, access to healthcare and local schooling, a joke!

22/2579/FUL - Wynyard Village Extension (135 Dwellings)

Appeal to the Ombudsmen Ongoing.

Following the initial submission of documentation, further information has come to light which has been submitted and accepted as valuable information. WRAAG and Wynyard PC(S) have formally written requesting a public hearing/enquiry as this information further casts doubt into the way the application was validated, handled and implemented.

23/0261/OUT – Wynyard Village Destruction (700 Dwellings)

Nothing to formally report.

We still have no direct communication with Mark Antonopoulos and CHD. We rely on others for updates and as such, following a request to SBC, Simon Grundy has confirmed that there may be some information or updates available June 2025 so watch this space.

CHD and SBC may be waiting for the appeal decision to understand what hand they play next, if at all, if it goes against them and a public hearing is decided.

25/0704/FUL – Wynyard Park Extension (245 Dwellings)

Received by SBC: 01-04-2025.

Validated by SBC: 11-04-2025.

Consultation: Ongoing.

Please take time to review the documents and provide a comment, positive or negative against the proposals. Some of the inferences as to what can be expected are quite loose, health, schooling, amenities, etc which I know are important to all residents.

The responses from the NHS and Highways England are worth a read as it identifies an already full capacity health system, the Section 106 contribution and a hold/rejection on highways as some of the base data, its origin and application have been questioned.

Section 106 Updates

Following our numerous FOI requests, it seems clear that matters associated with Section 106 agreements (Developers and SBC) are also subject to the same lack of transparency, visibility and application as to what was agreed, by whom, when it was agreed, at what time should it have been discharged and implemented into our community and if not, where did the money go?

Crossing over the A689 at/near The Wynd/Hanzard Drive Roundabout

No sign of being fulfilled. More changes in direction than an unbalanced gyroscope!

This action is ongoing and currently been led by Allan Fletcher, Chair of Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton).

Andy Dennis, Chair of Wynyard Residents Association

THE COFFEE GROUP

The Coffee Group continues to thrive as can be seen from the photo below!

Don't forget, everyone is welcome to come along and be with friends - existing ones or new ones to be made. There is no need to be alone or lonely and if you would like to come along but would need a lift, email me at carolinetheeditor@gmail.com and we will see what we can do to help.

The group meets at the Garden café on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 10.30am; Wednesdays at the Glasshouse with the Meet and Greet residents at 11am and Thursday afternoons at the Stables pub at 3pm. Not everyone comes every time, it's mix and match which keeps it fresh. Look out for The Coffee Group sign on the table, the group is usually gathered at the table you see in the photo.



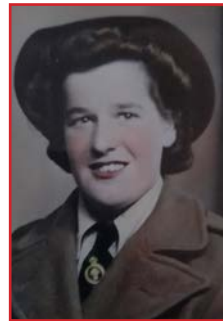
VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



What a fantastic evening was had by all on 8th May to commemorate the end of the Second World War! Along with Pimm's, beer and strawberries and cream we sang our hearts out and heard memories of those who had served and those who could recall VE day 1945. All so poignant as we enjoyed ourselves 80 years on!

There was a jeep and other fantastic memorabilia to view and much flag waving as a wonderful crowd of residents gathered at the duck pond and really entered into the spirit of the evening. Some residents showed us their moves to "Hound Dog" and other songs!

We were also delighted to have with us, Doris, who served in the land Army during the war. One of triplets, she was 21 years old in 1945 (see photo). Now 101 years old, she joined in with gusto!



The music, led by Susan and her colleagues, and interspersed with heartfelt memories, was so uplifting. The evening ended with some "Proms" numbers with a final resounding "Land of Hope and Glory".

Thanks must go to all the organisers for their enthusiasm and resourcefulness and to all our residents who came and demonstrated what a great community Wynyard is! Definitely an evening to remember!



We look forward to seeing you all at our next event on 21st June when we will be having a Family Fun Day and Picnic. There will be lots of activities for everyone to enjoy. Keep an eye out for more information coming out and see you there!



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WYNYARD PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE

On Monday 28th April Debbie and Ted met with some local officers who cover the Wynyard area as part of the Northern Parishes.

Since the beginning of 2025 there has been only one burglary in the Wynyard Estates area and one theft from a building site also in the Wynyard Estate area. This is really pleasing to hear as readers will remember the spate of burglaries before Christmas last year.

We asked about the two woodland fires off the Meadows and The Wynd which were mentioned on Facebook recently. The officers reassured that those responsible were likely to be teenagers having campfires rather than anything more sinister.

So, the ask here is for parents to know where their children are and what they are up to so future fires getting out of control can be prevented.

Cleveland Police have launched 'Cleveland Connected' which allows residents to join and, using the filters, get alerts on issues such as crime or ASB in your area. It seems to be linked to the Neighbourhood Watch website.

Crime and ASB is expected to remain minimal in the next 3 to 6 months, fingers crossed but residents should always take care to protect their property in the warmer months by not leaving houses, cars or garages open and unlocked, downstairs windows open when no-one is home and not leaving tools, gardening equipment and cycles unattended.

The photo above shows Ted Allen and Debbie Shields, both Wynyard residents and NW coordinators with PC Alicia Walker and PCSOs Sharon Rollins and Liz Lutz.



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JUNE

- 3rd Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 4th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre,
- 7th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 7th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina
- 8th Vine Church Service 3pm, Wynyard Primary School
- 10th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 10th WRA meeting Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm
- 11th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard
- 14th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 15th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.
- 15th Vine Church service, 3pm, Wynard Primary School
- 16th Service at Wynyard Woods care home 2pm then tea and chat. All welcome
- 17th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables
- 17th Wynyard Parish Council (Stockton) meeting, Wynyard Primary School 6.30pm TBC
- 18th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 19th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
- 21st Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 21st WMCE Midsummer Family Fun Day and Picnic, opposite play park, Wynyard Woods 2-5pm
- 22nd Vine Church Service 3pm, Wynyard Primary School
- 24th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 24th Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) meeting, Wynyard Hall 6.30pm
- 24th Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club
- 28th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

JULY

- 2nd Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre
- 5th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 8th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park
- 10th Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.
- 12th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.
- 12th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina
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- 16th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard

19th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

20th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.

22nd Nordic walking 10am Wynyard Café

24th Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) meeting, Wynyard Hall 6.30pm

26th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

29th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables carpark

29th Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club

31st Library van outside Stables 2.30-3pm - come for a cuppa in pub after.

AUGUST

2nd Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

5th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables car park

6th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre

9th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

9th Hartlepool Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Hartlepool Marina

11th Service at Wynyard Woods Care home, 2pm then tea and a chat. All welcome

12th Nordic Walking 10am The Stables

16th Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

17th Wynyard Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm, Wynyard Hall Walled Garden.

19th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables carpark

20th Wynyard Woodland Walk, 10am, café platform, Wynyard Woodland Park, Station House Visitors Centre

21st Library van 2.30-3pm outside Stable pub – come for a cuppa in pub after

20th Meet and Greet and Coffee Group coffee morning 11am at the Glasshouse, Wynyard

23rd Parkrun Wynyard Woodland Park Station House café 9am. See <https://www.parkrun.org.uk>.

26th Nordic Walking 10am, The Stables

26th Meet and Greet 2 - 4pm, Golf Club

Remember the coffee group meets each day except for Sundays - **see page 31 for details**

For Vine Church summer services/activities see <https://wynyard.church>

For more information visit :

<https://wynyardmatters.org>; www.thehubstockton.com/walks

<https://www.hartlepoolnow.co.uk>;

<https://wynyard.church>;

Wynyard Residents Facebook;

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