

Update

WEST BEDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER

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We'd love to know what you think about the services we provide.

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So many great events and activities to look forward to this summer.

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Meet your newly-elected councillors at West Bedlington Town Council.

SUMMER 2025



Welcome to our summer issue of Update



You'll find all of the latest news from West Bedlington Town Council in this summer issue of Update, so why not pop the kettle on and take five to get up to speed with what's been going on and what's planned for the months ahead.

As well as finding out about our fantastic summer events and which not-for-profit organisations we've helped out so far this year, there's also a Residents' Survey that we'd love you to complete. We hope you find it an enjoyable and informative read.



Thanks to [@brian.lephanto](#) for providing the front-cover image.

Your Town Council, here for you

Here at West Bedlington Town Council, we work hard to safeguard Bedlington's past, present and future to ensure the town continues to be a great place to live, work and visit, whilst preserving Bedlington's rich heritage. Our services include the provision of:

- Bus shelters
- Children's play areas (Meadowdale, 20 Acres, Westlea – not Doctor Pit Park)
- Events for the whole community, including school-holiday activities, music festival on 20 Acres and Christmas lights switch-on event
- Remembrance Sunday event
- Community grants
- Grants for primary schools
- Community CCTV
- Community defibrillators
- Litter bins (we provide them, but don't empty them)
- Public seating
- War memorial and flagpole maintenance
- Christmas tree and lights
- Christmas and Easter gifts for primary schools
- Planters and flowers on the Front Street (not the bedding plants)
- Town gateway features (for example, the train sign at Atlee Park and the Bedlington terrier sign on Hartford Road East)
- Road speed-awareness signs (maintenance only, not their provision)
- Sun dial in the Market Place

All other local council services, for example, housing, refuse collection, Council Tax and housing benefits are the responsibility of Northumberland County Council. You can report all sorts of issues, from fly tipping to street lighting at fix.northumberland.gov.uk or by calling 0345 600 6400.

For everything Town Council related, you can get in touch with us via email or telephone, or feel free to pop in and see us during our office opening hours.

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Office opening hours:

- Monday 9.30am to 1pm
- Thursday 9.30am to 1pm
- Friday 9.30am to 1pm



**Scan QR code to
visit our website**

West Bedlington Town Council

Working to safeguard Bedlington's past, present and future

Hurry, you can still enter our gardening competition

We've extended our summer gardening competition deadline. You now have until Friday 18th July to submit your entry, and judging will take place in the afternoon of Monday 28th July.

You don't have to have a huge, fancy garden to enter, and you don't need to be an expert gardener either. Check out the news section of our website to complete a form. We can't wait to see how gorgeous your gardens look.

Meet your newly-elected councillors

West Bedlington Town Council employs two part-time members of staff to support residents and voluntary councillors. We have nine councillors, representing two electoral wards – Bedlington Central and Bedlington West – who help to inform decisions about local services and contribute to the overall wellbeing of our community.



Christine Taylor, Mayor

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Victoria Thompson

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Sian Denny

West Ward

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I am really honoured to have been elected on to our Council and will endeavour to do my very best for our great town and its community.



Adam Hogg

West Ward

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I have lived in Bedlington all my life and have been a Town Councillor since 2013. I have a particular interest in planning and have raised residents' views at public meetings.



Trevor Austin

Central Ward

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Bedlington has been home to my family for over twenty five years. Now I feel it's time to give something back. I want to use the experience I've gained over a lifetime of work to make a meaningful contribution to our community.



Dave Chapple

West Ward

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After growing up in Bedlington Station and completing a full career in the Army, I chose to make Bedlington my permanent home. I care deeply about our town and want to do my best for its residents.



Brian Denny

Central Ward

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As an avid traveller and photographer, I stood as a councillor so I could do the best for the town I know and love, bringing new ideas from my travels.

New planters are blooming lovely

We love to keep West Bedlington looking its best for residents, people who work here, and those passing through, so we hope you like the new octagonal planters that have been installed along the Front Street this summer, to do exactly that.

We chose the new sustainable planters from UK company, Amberol, not only because they are built to last, don't leak and are 100% recyclable, but also because they are self-watering and will keep maintenance costs to a minimum. They were also a much cheaper alternative than their cast-iron predecessors.

A few of our old heavy planters were past the point of saving, but with the help of North East firm, Bagnalls, we spruced up fourteen existing planters so they are now looking as good as new with a fresh coat of green and gold



paint. Bagnalls has a Community Paintbrush Scheme which is a brilliant initiative that supports local projects and proactively creates employment and training opportunities – and as part of this

scheme – they kindly painted half of our existing planters free of charge.

North East firm, Orangutan, installed the new octagonal planters and provided gorgeous floral displays in all of our new and existing pots to bring colour and vibrancy to our amazing little town. And Blyth Star helped us remove and dispose of a few old planters that couldn't be saved.

With all things floral in mind, keep your eyes peeled for the winner of our gardening competition who will be announced at the end of summer.





Celebrating VE Day 80 in style

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, West Bedlington Town Council provided two three-course wartime meals with entertainment – one in the afternoon, and one on the evening of Friday 9th May. By all accounts, both events were a roaring success.





As well as competitions for the best-dressed land girls, Armed Forces personnel and factory workers, we also had wartime quizzes and fantastic shows at both events, which were free of charge for all who came along. If you attended either of these, we hope you enjoyed a good old-fashioned knees-up.

Additionally, to celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe, we adorned the Front Street with red, white and blue bunting to mark the occasion, put up a new VE Day 80 flag, and refreshed twelve bus shelters in the town which featured VE 80 themed artwork from St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Meadowdale Primary Academy, West End Primary School and Whitley Memorial C of E Primary School.

We thought VE Day 80 was the perfect occasion to demonstrate the unquestionable artistic talent we have within our schools and bring a splash of colour and joy to the town.



Do you know where your closest defib is?

We're fortunate enough to have six public-access defibrillators in West Bedlington and an additional one at Bedlington Community Centre, which is only accessible when the Centre is open.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high-energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high-energy shock is called defibrillation and it's an essential life-saving step in the chain of survival.

If you come across someone who's had a cardiac arrest, it's vital to call 999, and if you are able to start CPR*, you should find out if there is a defibrillator close by. Hopefully you'll never need to use a defibrillator, but it's always good to familiarise yourself with their locations in Bedlington, which are all on the outside walls of the following places:

- Bedlington Masonic Hall, Hartford Road
- Synergy Healthcare, Front Street East
- Plessey Woods Café, Hartford Bridge
- Bedlingtonshire Golf Club, Hartford Road
- Netherton Social Club, 1A Netherton Lane
- Willow Vale, 69 Glebe Road

West Bedlington Town Council would like to take this opportunity to thank our defibrillator guardians – Keith and Vida Morris, and Lucie Archbold – for

their ongoing help. Without the support of loyal guardians, many public-access defibrillator sites and initiatives would not be possible to operate.

A guardian carries out regular, simple cabinet and defibrillator inspections which are completed and returned to the Ambulance Service via West Bedlington Town Council's office to determine whether a defibrillator is operational. It's possible to have more than one guardian per cabinet to share the responsibility. If you're interested in becoming a defibrillator guardian, please email clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk for more details.



* Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, commonly known as CPR, is an emergency procedure that combines chest compression often with artificial ventilation in an effort to manually preserve intact brain function until further measures are taken to restore spontaneous blood circulation and breathing in a person who is in cardiac arrest.

Who will you nominate for the Best of Bedlington Awards?



Just like the Pride of Britain Awards, we're planning our very own version – Best of Bedlington – and we need your entries to recognise local people who live or work in West Bedlington that go above and beyond.

If you know someone who deserves special recognition, please email clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk with your name, the nominee's name, and a short paragraph explaining why they stand out to you.

There will be an awards evening on Friday 12th September at Bedlington Community Centre with a presentation of prizes, so get your thinking caps on and nominate someone who you think is making a big difference in our community.

Our summer festival was much more than 'Just a Little Bit' of fun

Our summer festival on 20 Acres was so much fun, with one of the UK's biggest pop bands in the noughties, Liberty X, taking the crowds by storm.

This year's festival attracted hundreds of people and was opened by Councillor Christine Taylor, Mayor of West Bedlington Town Council, with a super-cute dog show.

The day was an amazing success, (albeit rainy in parts), with music and entertainment from Jake Mason; Harriet Louise Performing Arts Kids' Display; I am Meghan; DJ Cam Stubs; Glen Townsend; The Ultimate Girl Band; Liberty X; One Night in Nashville; \$ax Return; and DJ Lea Lea.



As well as offering free entry for everyone, West Bedlington Town Council also provided free henna tattoos, face painting and a glitter bar for our little festival goers.

If you came along, we hope you had a great time and lots of fab memories were made. And if not, we look forward to welcoming you next year.



Share your snaps of West Bedlington

If you'd like to enter an image you've taken of West Bedlington into our photography competition, please email your photo to clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk before the deadline on Friday 8th August 2025.

The winning image will feature in a future issue of Update and go on our website and social-media channels. If we use your photograph, we'll fully credit your name, so you'll get all of the fame.

Competition judging will be carried out by a panel of local residents and councillors on 11th August

and prizes will be received at an awards evening at Bedlington Community Centre on Friday 12th September.

Whether it's a frosty morning at Atlee Park or sunrise on the Front Street, we can't wait to see your photographs of our town.

Our Easter events were a cracking success

West Bedlington Town Council works hard to provide services and events that support community wellbeing, so we hope the Easter events that we put on in April were well received by residents.

Our free family fun night on 12th April was a great success, with fabulous entertainment and free chicken nuggets for all the children who attended. Then on 14th April, we had a fantastic afternoon tea at Bedlington Community Centre with bingo, live entertainment and an Easter bonnet competition.

Specifically for the little ones, we provided a free pottery class on 16th April, where budding young artists had the chance to get creative and learn new skills in the Easter holidays. We loved seeing all the different snail pinch-pots that the children made and painted.

If you, or your family attended any of these events, and you can spare a few minutes to provide feedback, it's always great to hear from you, so please drop us a message at clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk. Of course, we like to hear when we do things well, but we're always looking to improve our service offering too, so if you have any suggestions, fire away.



We hope the little bunnies enjoyed their treats, too

We also gifted every primary school pupil in West Bedlington with an Easter egg and sweet treats for little ones with allergies. It was fab to see the children's faces light up when we delivered the goodies.

As always, a big thank you St Bede's Catholic Primary School, Meadowdale Primary Academy, West End Primary School and Whitley Memorial C of E Primary School for letting us take some egg-cellent snaps.



Investing in our community groups and primary schools

West Bedlington Town Council has a Community Chest scheme which gives local not-for-profit groups and organisations the chance to bid for funding. This might be to help establish a new group, or to carry out extra activities that would otherwise be out of reach.

Many organisations have benefited from our Community Chest scheme over the years, so we thought it would be a good idea to start sharing this information, so you can see how the funding directly benefits the town and those who live here. So far in this financial year, we have awarded funding to the following not-for-profit organisations:

Organisation	Reason for funding	Date granted	Awarded
Cygnus Support	Community workshops	10.04.2025	£500
Bedlington Salvation Army	Civic reception	10.04.2025	£500
Bedlington Food Bank	To purchase food-bank goods	10.04.2025	£500
Toys, Snacks and Chats Playgroup	Weekly running costs	15.05.2025	£480
Paramount Boxing Club	To help establish a new boxing club	12.06.2025	£500
Ashington & District Male Voice Choir	To go towards outdoor uniform costs	12.06.2025	£500

To qualify for an award, you must be able to clearly demonstrate that any funding will benefit West Bedlington and/or its residents. Applications will be considered to help with the following:

- To purchase equipment or materials, full or in part
- To purchase services, such as venue hire or transport that will enable group members to partake in trips, regardless of their income
- For running costs, but not wages, of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship
- For the provision of recreational activities and facilities
- For activities that raise the profile of the area

Visit westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/community-grants to find out more and to download an application form. There's a budget of £3,500 for community grants in the current financial year and a maximum award of £500 per successful application.

West Bedlington Town Council also has a Pupils' Fund that our local primary schools benefit from. This is available to help fund things outside of a school's allocated budget, whether that's for a day trip, new play equipment, or to create an allotment for budding young gardeners. Please email clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01670 457070 Monday, Thursday or Friday between 9.30am and 1pm for more information.



The funding we provided St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Bedlington has recently been used to add playful new markings on their KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

Residents' Survey

West Bedlington Town Council works hard to provide services and events that enhance community wellbeing.

**We'll love you forever
if you email or drop off a
completed survey!**

As part of this, we believe it's super important to give the good folk of West Bedlington a voice and representation, so we have created a Residents' Survey to find out how you feel. It's important for us to listen to you, so we can better understand what West Bedlington Town Council is doing well, and where we could improve, so we can focus our efforts on the things that really matter to you.

Once the responses are in, we will use this data to inform how we deliver services. We would urge you to remember that you are commenting on West Bedlington Town Council in this survey,

not Northumberland County Council, so it's the lower level of local government services we are responsible for, such as bus shelters, litter bins, play park maintenance, public seating, community events, and so on, not the bigger things such as road works, parking issues, housing, Council Tax, providing a leisure centre, etc.

You can drop off your completed survey at our office during opening hours or visit westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk to do it online. It's entirely up to you.



About you

Q1. Which of the following are you?

- ☐ A resident of West Bedlington
- ☐ Someone who works in West Bedlington, but lives elsewhere
- ☐ A visitor of West Bedlington

Q2. Have you ever used any of the services provided by West Bedlington Town Council, attended an event, or had a reason to contact the Town Council office?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If no, please skip to question 15)

Contacting us

Q3. Have you ever contacted West Bedlington Town Council, either by phone, email or in person?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (If no, please skip to question 8)

Q4. If you answered yes to question three (Q3), what was the reason for getting in touch?

- ☐ Events
- ☐ Services
- ☐ Meetings
- ☐ To ask about something you thought West Bedlington Town Council was responsible for, but after finding out it wasn't part of our service provision, you were signposted elsewhere
- ☐ To provide positive feedback
- ☐ To make a complaint
- ☐ Other, please specify:

Q5. When you contacted West Bedlington Town Council by phone, email or in person, how did you feel about this interaction?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Q6. If you'd like to provide more details about your answer to question five (Q5), please do so here:

Q7. If you emailed or left a message on our telephone answering machine, how satisfied were you with the time taken to reply? If this is not applicable, please leave blank.

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Q8. How do you feel about the Town Council's office opening hours? We are open Monday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am to 1pm.

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Q9. If you are dissatisfied with our opening hours, please let us know what your expectations are here:

Q10. What is/or would be, your preferred method of contacting us?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Telephone
- ☐ Visiting our office

Services and events

Q11. What Town Council service(s) or event(s) have you used/attended? Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Christmas lights switch-on event
- ☐ Summer festival on 20 Acres
- ☐ School holiday events (day trips, craft sessions, pantomimes, etc)
- ☐ Community events for all ages (Magic of Christmas, family Easter night out, etc)
- ☐ Remembrance Sunday event or smaller act of Remembrance on the following Monday
- ☐ Community grants
- ☐ Community defibrillators

Q12. Thinking about the services and events that we provide and that you have used/attended, which of the following five options best sums up your feelings? If you have not been to any events or utilised any of our services, please leave blank.

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Q13. Please tell us why you were happy, or unhappy with the service(s) you used or event(s) you attended:

Q14. In relation to the service(s) you used, or event(s) you attended, how could we improve?



Q15. West Bedlington Town Council is responsible for the provision of bus shelters, litter bins, public seating and the provision and maintenance of Westlea, 20 Acres and Meadowdale play parks. Please note, the removal and disposal of litter-bin waste is the responsibility of Northumberland County Council. Thinking of these specific areas, how do you feel about the services we provide?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Q16. If you have any specific comments, good or bad, regarding your answer to question fifteen (Q15), please feel free to elaborate on your answer:

Keeping you informed

Q17. How well informed do you think the Town Council keeps residents about the services, facilities and benefits it provides?

- ☐ Extremely well informed
- ☐ Well informed
- ☐ I'm not sure
- ☐ Could do better
- ☐ Not well informed at all

Q18. Please feel free to elaborate on your answer to question seventeen (Q17) here:

Q19. How do you find out what's going on at West Bedlington Town Council (events, news, services, meetings, updates)? Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Our website
- ☐ Our newsletter, Update – online copy
- ☐ Our newsletter, Update – printed copy
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Word of mouth
- ☐ Phoning the office
- ☐ Emailing us
- ☐ Calling into the office
- ☐ Chatting to councillors

Q20. Would you like to receive our newsletter via email, three times a year? If so, please provide an email address. Just leave blank if you'd prefer not to.

Q21. Would you like to receive our meeting agendas via email, once a month? If so, please provide an email address. Just leave blank if you'd prefer not to.

Meetings

Q22. West Bedlington Town Council meetings usually take place on the second Thursday of the month and members of the public are welcome to attend. They generally start at 6.30pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Have you ever attended a Town Council meeting?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (If no, please skip to question 26)

Q23. If yes (you have attended a meeting), was your experience a worthwhile one?

- ☐ Yes
☐ It was fine, I don't have any strong feelings either way
☐ No

Q24. Please provide the reason for your answer to question twenty-three (Q23):

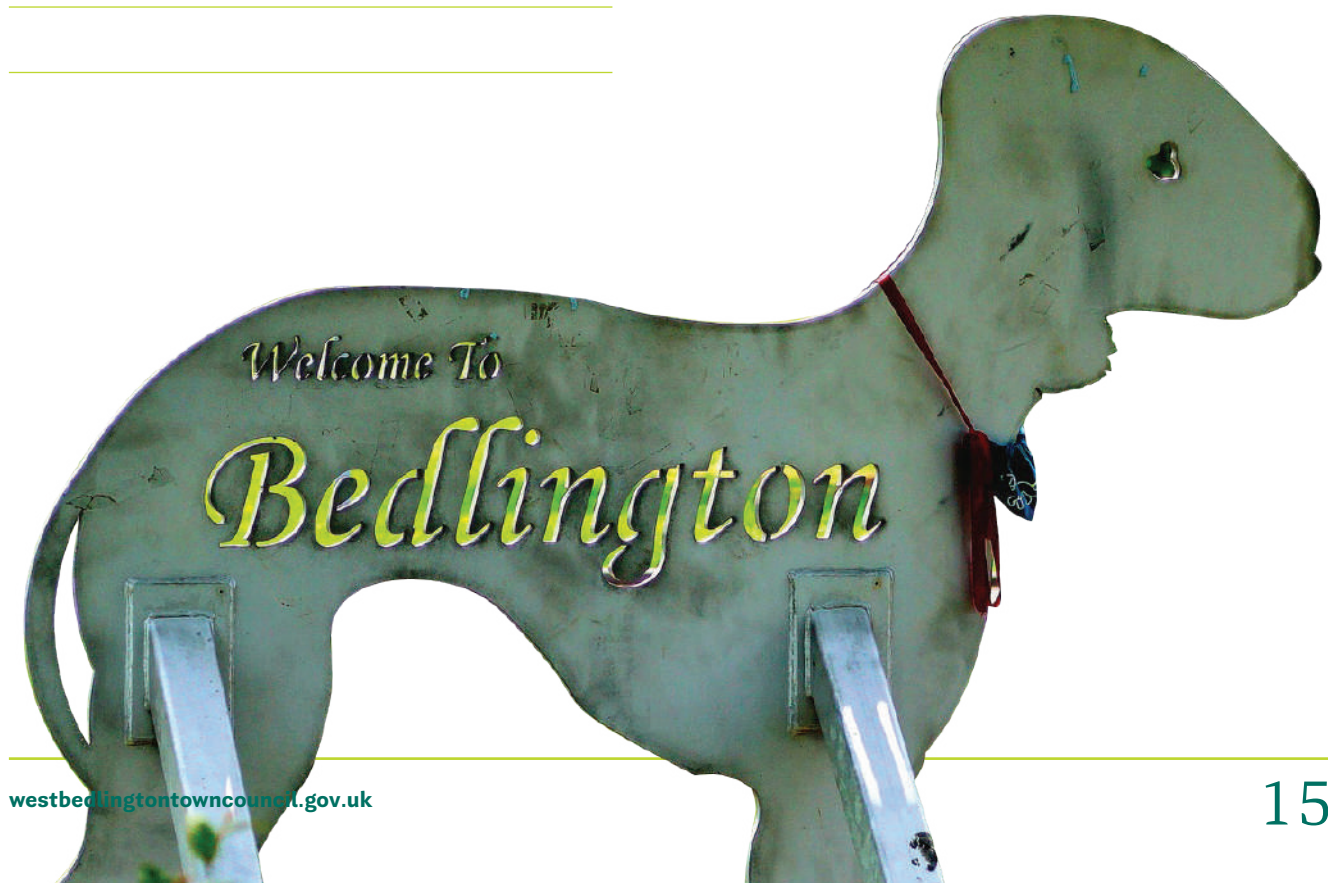
Q25. What was the main reason you attended a Town Council meeting or meetings?

- ☐ Planning application(s)
☐ Just out of general interest
☐ I was interested in becoming a councillor
☐ To raise a concern
☐ Other, please specify:
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Q26. If you have never attended a Town Council meeting, what was/is your main reason for not doing so? Feel free to tick more than one, if applicable.

- ☐ I didn't know that the general public could attend
☐ I didn't know when and where meetings took place
☐ I know about the Town Council meetings, but have never had a reason to attend
☐ I didn't know about the meetings, but likewise, don't have any issues
☐ The meetings aren't a convenient time for me
☐ Other, please specify:
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Q27. Is there is anything we could do to encourage more people to attend Town Council meetings, yourself included?



Your councillors

Q28. For this question, we are talking about councillors from West Bedlington Town Council, NOT from Northumberland County Council. Do you know how to contact a town councillor, if you needed to?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q29. Have you ever contacted any town councillor directly?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q30. If yes, was your experience a worthwhile one?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q31. You can use this space below to provide details why you answered yes or no to question thirty (Q30):

Q32. Do you know that town councillors are volunteers and unpaid?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q33. Would a monthly drop-in session be something you'd be interested in, so you could chat to a councillor at a specific time and place?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Our finances and your Council Tax

Q34. Do you know that you pay for the services provided by West Bedlington Town Council through your Council Tax bill?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q35. Do you know how much of the Council Tax you pay is for services provided by West Bedlington Town Council?

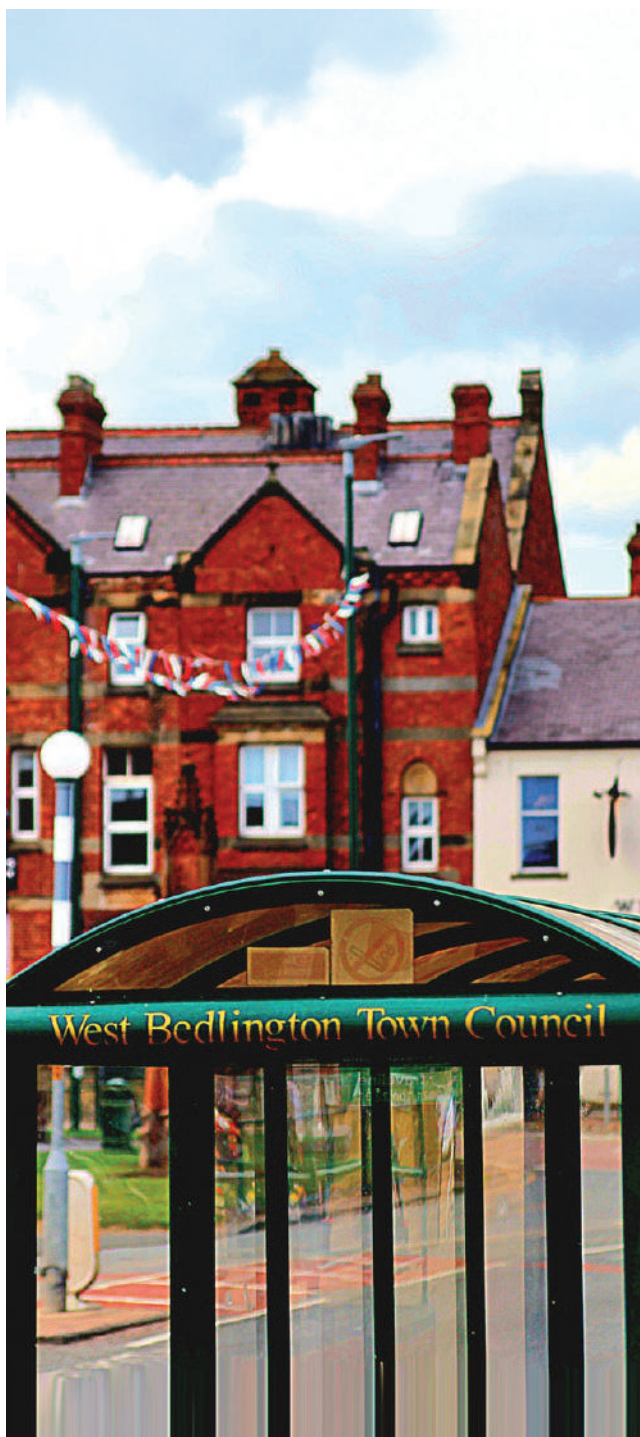
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q36. Do you know that West Bedlington Town Council's level of Council Tax is one of the lowest in South East Northumberland?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q37. Do you know that we can only pay for services and events that we are legally entitled to provide?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No





Overall satisfaction

Q38. How satisfied are you with West Bedlington Town Council in general?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

Please share your reasons for your answer:

Q39. Please share your reasons for your answer to question thirty eight (Q38) here:

Q40. Is there anything else you'd like to share or suggest so we can continue to improve?

Q41. Would you be interested in joining a Residents' Panel?

We welcome the views of residents and are looking to form a brand-new panel of up to twelve individuals to share ideas about how we can improve our services. The Panel would meet around four times a year and each meeting would be up to two hours long, arranged by panel members to best suit their joint availability. Please pop your email down if you'd like to join:

Thank you

If completing this survey has prompted a specific request or enquiry about the Town Council, please email **clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk** and we will try our best to help. Thank you very much for completing this survey. We really appreciate your time.

About your privacy: This survey is undertaken by West Bedlington Town Council and only an anonymised summary of the data will be used and only in relation to this specific issue. No personal data will be released beyond the Town Council and all survey forms will be destroyed once the summary data has been compiled.



Everyone's welcome to attend our monthly meetings

Residents of West Bedlington are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, where councillors get together to make informed decisions about projects and spending, as well as discussing general Town Council business.

It's ok if you're washing your hair that day, but if you're interested in popping along, the meetings usually take place on the second Thursday of the month, 6.30pm, at Bedlington Community Centre.

All meetings are subject to change; however, provisional dates for the next six months are as follows: 10th July; 14th August; 11th September; 9th October; 13th November; and 11th December.

At the start of each meeting, there's a fifteen-minute open session where the Chair will invite members of the public to ask agenda-related questions directly to West Bedlington Town Council. We're always interested in hearing your views and comments, but once the question-and-answer session ends and the Town

Council meeting commences, the public are politely requested just to observe so we can conduct our business, unless specifically requested by the Chair to speak. There is an opportunity to ask non-agenda-related questions at the end of our meetings, too.

Mobile phones must be switched off during the meeting, and if the meeting is disrupted in any way, the person/people causing the disruption will be asked to stop, and if they refuse, asked to leave. Written questions received in advance of the meeting are encouraged, but not essential. If provided in advance, it's easier for an answer to be prepared for the meeting.

West Bedlington Town Council can only make decisions on topics that are publicised on the

agenda, except items delegated to the Clerk. Agenda items may be suggested via email – clerk@westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk – no later than ten days before each meeting, otherwise the item will be included on a future agenda (if it's a matter that we're responsible for).

You can view meeting agendas and minutes on our website, westbedlingtontowncouncil.gov.uk, and they will also be displayed on the notice board in front of Bedlington Community Centre. If you would like these emailing, please get in touch and we'll add you to our mailing list.

We hope to see you at a Town Council meeting or event in the not-too-distant future.

Making it a summer to remember

From free pottery and craft classes for the kids, to fabulous trips to Flamingo Land and Beamish Museum, there's plenty to look forward to this summer from West Bedlington Town Council.

New this year, we're also having a street fair on 23rd August with free rides, music, entertainment, craft stalls and face painting for the little ones. Make sure you're following West Bedlington Town Council Events on Facebook for updates. We hope to see you there, come rain or shine.

"School's out" disco

Monday 21st July, 2pm to 3.45pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Kick off the summer in style with an afternoon of music, dancing and fun, including a Punch and Judy puppet show.

Kids' pottery class

For ages 4+. Wednesday 23rd July, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Your little ones will love this creative session where they will be able to make their own masterpiece with clay.

Big day out to Beamish Museum



Friday 1st August. Departs Bedlington at 9am, leaves Beamish at 4pm.

All kids go free, including a coach trip there and back, access to the museum, plus lunch and a token for a fairground ride. Adults pay just £15 for the trip.

Kids' craft class

For ages 4+. Wednesday 6th August, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

This fun-filled craft session is perfect for little ones with big imaginations.

Animal Antics

For ages 4+. Thursday 7th August.
Session 1: 2-3pm.
Session 2: 3.15pm-4.15pm.
Bedlington Community Centre.

Kids and adults alike will love this hands-on opportunity to get up-close with some furry and feathered friends.

The Fun Jungle soft play

Monday 11th August. Departs Bedlington at 10.30am, arrives back at approximately 1.30pm.

Free entry, and chicken nuggets, chips and a drink for all children, plus free travel to and from The Fun Jungle in Ashington.

Kids' craft class

For ages 4+. Wednesday 13th August, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Join us for an afternoon of making and creating - yay, no mess in your house!

Frozen show with games and disco

Thursday 14th August, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Social Club.

The kids will love this magical show with exciting games and a fab disco.

Big day out to Flamingo Land



Monday 18th August. Leaves Bedlington at 8am, departs Flamingo Land at approximately 6pm.

All kids go free, including coach trip there and back, access to the theme park and zoo, plus lunch. Adults pay just £40.50 for the trip.

Kids' craft class

For ages 4+. Wednesday 20th August, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Children will have the chance to get creative with this hands-on summer activity.

Kids' pottery class

For ages 4+. Wednesday 27th August, 2pm to 4pm at Bedlington Community Centre.

Children will have the chance to create a wonderful clay keepsake with this brilliant summer event.

'It's a knockout' family fun day

Saturday 30th August, 12pm to 4pm at 20 Acres, Bedlington.

Get ready for an afternoon of fun, laughter and friendly competition with this exciting, free family event, featuring a huge inflatable obstacle course. Bring your chairs and a picnic to cheer on participants or leave your sarnies at the sideline and get stuck in yourself.



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