

## **Bishop Auckland Town Council**

### **Action Plan 2019/20**

#### **April 2019**

##### **13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Bishop Auckland Food Festival**

The Town Council is a major sponsor of the event which is organised by Durham County Council. The annual event which celebrates the very best of Northern food and drink features around 150 food, drinks and craft stalls, local food producers come together to showcase a fantastic range of culinary delights from some of the region's leading chefs and industry professionals.

#### **May 2019**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Youth Awards Presentation Evening**

Bishop Auckland's fifth annual Youth Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and give recognition to young people in our town who have made significant progress in their own lives, achieved something significant or have made considerable contributions to others.

Nominees must be aged 20 or younger and live, study or work in Bishop Auckland, or their achievement or contribution is associated with the town. There are no specific categories for nominations. Awards are given on value of the achievements and contributions of young people rather than by category. Examples of previous nominees include young people who:

- Care for friends or family members
- Have carried out an act of bravery
- Help in their local community
- Have overcome their own difficulties
- Live with an illness
- Achieve great things in sport, dance and drama or at school

The Team of the Year Award recognises achievements made by a group of young people. We're not just looking for sporting success. A team can be a group of young people that have achieved something special or made a significant contribution to the town. The Team of the Year will win £500 to support their team's future endeavours.

#### **September 2019**

##### **27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Horticultural and Produce Show**

Bishop Auckland's fifth Annual Horticulture and Produce Show never fails to deliver a wonderful display of locally grown flowers, produce, arts and crafts.

The Show will take place in the old McIntyre's store and Newgate Shopping Centre.

Organised by the Town Council with the help of local growers and in partnership with South Durham Enterprise Agency, Incredible Edible Bishop Auckland and Bishop Auckland and Coundon in Bloom, the Show offers over 40 classes for adults and children to get involved in. These range from classes for leeks, onions, chrysanthemum and dahlias for serious competition growers to wonky fruit and veg, designing a poster for next year's show and garden wildlife picture for the younger exhibitors. There is also a home produce category featuring jams, scones, pies, corsages and flower arrangements.

## November 2019

### **10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade**

Bishop Auckland Town Council in partnership with the Royal British Legion and 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Rifles, is organising a Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade to honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

The parade, which is being organised by the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion the Rifles, will assemble at the Newgate Centre from 10.30am before marching to the War Memorial in the Market Place for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00am.

### **29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Event in the Market Place**

The Christmas Event will start in the Market Place at 4pm. The Full Moon Street Food market will be in attendance along with a stage and entertainment programme, children's rides and Santa's grotto.

## December 2019

### **Investors in the Environment**

The Town Council will make a pledge with Investors in the Environment to support the Climate Emergency declared for County Durham.

*"Bishop Auckland Town Council endorses the climate emergency declared for County Durham and adopts the target of being 60% carbon neutral by 2030 and will investigate what further actions the Town Council can adopt to help make the County carbon neutral by 2050"*

### **Free WiFi**

Together with Durham County Council and Bishop Auckland Town team, the council are introducing community Wifi in the Town centre.

## January – March 2020

### **New Council Premises**

Bishop Auckland Town Council is close to realising a long term goal of purchasing its own offices.

The Town Council has rented an office in the Four Clocks Centre on Newgate Street since it was established in 2007, and after many years of searching for a suitable building, the purchase of No 54 Kingsway is almost complete. It is anticipated that a move will take place between January to March.

## March 2020

### **Hanging Baskets**

The Town Council will work in partnership with Durham County Council to provide hanging baskets in the town.