

Ferryhill

Information Booklet

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Ferryhill Town Council**

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

Ferryhill Town Council aims to improve Ferryhill and the quality of the lives of its inhabitants by delivering an efficient and proactive service. The Town Council strives to make continuous improvements in the delivery of its services, and to achieve nationally recognised accreditation. The Council aims to protect, conserve and enhance the local environment, managing the use and development of public areas in the communities' interest and encouraging the sustainable use of land whenever possible. Ferryhill Town Council also aims to encourage economic growth and development in Ferryhill by ensuring that local businesses work together, to increase employment and prosperity, and by making the area a more attractive location for inward investors. Additionally, the Council aims to provide a wide range of first class leisure and recreation facilities for the community to enjoy, including an annual programme of events, and currently offer several allotment sites, as well as 4 public parks, 3 of which have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Status. The Town Council also owns and maintains Duncombe Cemetery, with its peaceful Memorial and Ashes Gardens. Duncombe Cemetery also boasts Green Flag Status.

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County Durham DL17 8JL

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Office Closed 12 noon – 1.00pm

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Parks and Open Spaces including Sports Facilities and Children's Play Equipment, Allotments, Duncombe Cemetery, Bus Shelters, Benches, Public Conveniences, Ferryhill in Bloom Planting, Christmas Lights, Aged People's Trip, Events, Santa's School Visits

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Praeterita Accipimus, Futura Condimus is the motto of Ferryhill Town Council.
This means 'The Past we Inherit, the Future we Build'

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INTRODUCTION

Ferryhill is a small Market Town situated in South West County Durham, in the North East of England. With a population of over 11,000, the Town is surrounded by attractive and diverse countryside and is only a 20 minute drive from the historical city of Durham to the north, with its World Heritage Site, and a one hour drive from the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), which lies to the west of the Town. To the east is the outstanding Durham coastline and attractions such as Hartlepool Historic Quay and to the south lie the Yorkshire Dales.

The Town is administered by Ferryhill Town Council and Durham County Council. The Town Council's offices are based in the Town Hall which is located in the Town Centre at the end of the Short Stay Car Park, in the Market Place. The Town Hall which houses the Council Chamber, where all Council meetings are held is also used for exhibitions, meetings and training sessions as well as fortnightly Citizens Advice sessions, PACT meetings and monthly Councillor Surgeries. The Town Hall is also home to the Town's Miners Banners which symbolise the Town's deep rooted mining heritage. Durham County Council is the unitary authority for the area whose main office, County Hall is located on the outskirts of Durham City.

The Town of Ferryhill comprises many retail outlets, the majority of which are small. The Town is home to four outdoor recreation/sports facilities, three of which hold the prestigious green flag status, and includes the award winning Mainsforth Sports Complex, which is considered one of the best in the County, having played host to many representative games involving Durham County Cricket Club. Ferryhill also boasts the Carrs Nature Reserve, which is a SSSI, a green flag award winning cemetery, a library, doctors, dentists, a dedicated taxi rank, a Heritage Centre, and numerous pubs including the reportedly haunted Manor House, which has featured on the television series 'Most Haunted', an abundance of sports and community groups and buildings, which offer a wide range of clubs and activities including youth groups. The Town also provides ample car parking for shoppers.

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Location and Accessibility

Accessibility

Ferryhill is located 7 miles south of Durham City and 8 miles east of Bishop Auckland, 12 miles from Darlington and 26 miles from Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Town is situated on the A167 Durham to Darlington Road and is only 2 miles from the A1(M), International Market Corridor, which is the main road linking Scotland with Southern England.

Rail

The nearest mainline east coast railway station, which runs from Scotland to London, is located in Durham City. There is also a mainline station at Darlington, where smaller local services also run to Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Aycliffe and Heighington.

Efforts to re-open the station at Ferryhill, which lies on the main east coast line, continue to be pursued.

Bus

Local Bus services operated by Arriva Bus Company and Scarlet Band travel to Durham, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Newcastle.

Air

The nearest airports are Teesside International Airport near Darlington, which is 17 miles away by car or bus, or Newcastle International Airport which is 31 miles away.



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THE HISTORY OF FERRYHILL

Ferryhill stands 538 feet above sea level and is built on limestone. It is situated 26 miles south of Newcastle and 12 miles north of Darlington, with a population of around 11,000 inhabitants.

An Anglo Saxon Charter in 900 AD shows a settlement existed in the area, although it wasn't named.

In 1125 the name was shown as Ferie, however, by 1256 there was a reference to a Fergenne (wooded hill) and in 1316, Ferye on the Hill. By 1646 this seems to have changed to Ferye on Ye Mount and finally to Ferryhill.

There are several theories regarding the origin of the name Ferryhill. One of these is that the last wild boar of Brancepeth was slayed by Roger de Fery in 1200 AD near the site of Cleves Cross Farm. There is still a memorial stone located in the Cleves Cross area of Ferryhill to commemorate this, with a separate memorial stone also being situated in the Town Hall Gardens.

This story was apparently authenticated in 1867 when repairs to the farm at Cleves Cross were carried out. The remains of a pit were discovered and experts at the time said that this was the pit in which the boar had been trapped before being slain.

Another story is that Ferryhill took its name from a ferry (river) which flowed through the limestone gap where the main railway line now runs. There was a ford across the river at Main Ford (now Mainsforth) but further north a ferry crossed between Cleves Cross on the west bank and Swann House on the east. The existence of the village on the hill top nearby may have given rise to the name Ferryhill. However, the most likely source for the name comes from the Anglo Saxon name 'Fergeine' which means wooded hill.

In the Middle Ages, many references were made to Ferryhill in the Court Rolls of the Abbey of Durham. Most of the land was held by the Abbey including a wood, park, watermill and windmill. At this time the Priory and Convent had a court house, chapel, swannery and fish pond in Ferryhill.

The medieval hamlet of Ferryhill consisted of farming families who paid rent to the Abbey. Although the major activity was farming, it is recorded that in 1347 Robert Todd and Hugh Smith paid 30 shillings to the Abbey for the right to mine coal. Also, in 1354 coal mines and seams of coal were leased to the Prior of Durham for a thirty year period.

Mining and agriculture existed side by side in the village of Ferryhill for hundreds of years. During this period there were many coal mines in the district but they were small and employed few people.

This changed around 1840 with the arrival of the railways. New, deeper and larger mines were sunk as rail transport gave access to larger markets. Leasingthorne was sunk in 1842, Little Chilton (Bull Crag) 1852, Broom 1870, Chilton 1872, East Howle 1873, Mainsforth 1876 and Windlestone 1876. The owners of these mines provided local housing for their workforce however, a small number of miners living in Ferryhill travelled to them.

This situation changed in 1902 - 1904 with the sinking of the Dean and Chapter Colliery

on the edge of the village, which was the most modern and largest in the area. In order to house the workforce and their families, Dean Bank, consisting of 1,000 houses, was built by the Coal Company between 1902 and 1907. With the development, the population of the village increased from 3,123 in 1902 to 10,674 by 1921.

With this came a need for larger schools as the National School, built in 1847, and the Church School, built in 1850, were by now far too small. Dean Bank School was then built in 1907 followed by the Broom School in 1913.

In 1829 a chapel of ease dedicated to St. Luke was built at the east end of the market square. Ferryhill was separated from the Parish of Merrington in 1843 and a new Parish was formed consisting of the townships of Ferryhill and Chilton. In 1853 the chapel of ease was demolished and the present St. Luke's Church was built on the south side of the village using materials from the old chapel.

The Rev. T Lomax was appointed vicar of St. Luke's in 1895 and he remained there until his retirement in 1940. Rev. Lomax was responsible for the building of churches at Dean Bank, the Broom, Ferryhill Station, East Howle and Chilton.

Other churches included the Wesleyan Methodist Church built in 1863, the Primitive Church built in 1877, Dean Bank Zion Methodist Church in 1907 and the Village Methodist Church in 1909.



SALES * AUCTIONS * LETTINGS

**1 Parker Terrace, Ferryhill DL17 8JY
Telephone: 01740 657777**

One of the best known buildings in the town is the Town Hall which was built in 1867 on the site of old cottages provided for the poor. The building has served many uses over the years including a library and reading room but today houses the offices of Ferryhill Town Council.

One of the oldest buildings in Ferryhill is the Manor House which was built around 1588 and restored in 1891, although many parts of the original building is still remain. It is believed when Ferryhill was included in the Bishop of Durham's lands, the Manor House was used as a convent or a Court House. At the beginning of the Century the building was owned by a colliery manager until 1914 when Rev. Lomax converted it into an orphanage. When the house became too small for this purpose, it was bought by the local doctor who made it his home. In 1989 the house then became the Manor Hotel and changed to the Badgers Set Hotel before settling on its current name, the Manor House.

Today no mines remain in Ferryhill and the dance halls and cinemas, which provided entertainment for the Town's once growing population, have now closed. Various companies have moved into the area and the Dean and Chapter Industrial Estate has been developed on the site of the former Dean and Chapter Colliery to provide employment.

In 1974 the land which is part of the former site of Mainsforth Colliery (closed in 1966) was conveyed to the then Sedgefield District Council before being transferred in 1998 to Ferryhill Town Council, who have developed the site into a Sports Complex with cricket, bowls and football facilities.

Dean Bank Recreation Park, which was originally created by the former Dean and Chapter Colliery, was conveyed to the Town Council in 1966 and thanks to grant funding has been transformed to provide a £1m Sports Facility with five full sized football pitches, changing facilities with café and public toilets as well as providing children's and young people's play equipment and picnic areas for the public to enjoy.

Both public and private housing estates have developed on the edge of Ferryhill and the town centre retains a mixture of small shops and supermarkets with the Friday Market, run by the Town Council, proving very popular.

RECREATION IN FERRYHILL

Mainsforth Sports Complex

Mainsforth Sports Complex is situated on the eastern edge of Ferryhill on the site of the former Mainsforth Colliery. Managed and maintained by Ferryhill Town Council, the award winning Complex has retained its prestigious Green Flag Status since 2008, and comprises Cricket Pavilion with Outfield, Bowls Pavilion with Bowling Green, Football facilities, public toilets, floral displays, children's play equipment and a fishing pond for use by members of the Ferryhill Angling Club.

*Mainsforth Cricket Pavilion***Dean Bank Recreation Park**

Thanks to funding grants totalling in excess of £1m having been secured by Ferryhill Town Council, Ferryhill Town Youth FC and the Friends of Dean Bank Park, the site has been completely transformed to provide five football pitches and a new building housing changing facilities, referees facilities, café and medical room. Funding has also enabled new play equipment, a Multi Use Games Area and Outdoor Fitness Equipment to be installed.

*Football Pavilion at Dean Bank Recreation Park*

Funding totalling £190,000 has recently been secured to renovate and extend the former caretaker's bungalow at the Park, transforming it into a Heritage Centre, with a base for Ferryhill Town Band and resource for local Schools.

Surtees Doorstep Green

Located at Ferryhill Station, in a residential area at the rear of Surtees Terrace and George Street, the Doorstep Green is maintained by Ferryhill Town Council predominantly as a play area. The Doorstep Green comprises a network of paths,

*New play equipment at Surtees Doorstep Green*

brand new play equipment (installed 2018), youth shelter and outdoor fitness area. A newly developed nature trail has recently been developed at the site, thanks to a cocktail of external funding being secured. For those with an artistic streak, the stunning entrance feature and seating, designed by Artist and Sculptor Graeme Hopper, is something to behold.

King George V Playing Fields (Broom Rec.)

The King George V Playing Fields, known locally as the Broom Rec., is the most central of Ferryhill's recreation facilities. Situated between Raby Road and Brancepeth Road, the playing field is well used by local children and young people. In recent years funding has enabled existing changing facilities at the site to be refurbished and also new play equipment, seating and litter bins to be installed. The King George V Playing Field is another of the Town Council's Green Flag award holders.

*Children playing on recently installed play equipment.***Ferryhill Library**

(Run by Durham County Council)

Ferryhill library is situated opposite the Town Hall in Ferryhill Market Place and offers a range of services for all the family to enjoy. The library is accessible to wheelchair users.

Opening times

Monday: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Thursday: 9.30am - 7.00pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

Ferryhill Carrs Nature Reserve

This magnesium limestone wetland with an abundance of floral decoration and wildlife is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). With a wonderful mix of fen (carrs), open water, ancient semi-natural woodland, calcareous grassland, marshy grassland and scrub habitats, the reserve is a haven for a number of bird species including linnet, willow warbler, reed bunting, blackcap, lesser white-throat, sparrowhawk, yellow hammer and various other birds. Both the extensive fen habitat and calcareous (magnesian limestone) grassland meadow, are rare in the region and are priority habitats within the UKBAP.

To visit this beautiful nature reserve travel along Cleves Avenue heading towards East Howle and turn right onto the public footpath which cuts across the farmer's field. Alternatively, travel along Cleves Avenue and park your car at Duncombe Cemetery where the Town Council has recently developed a footpath link from the Cemetery to the Carrs Nature Reserve.

For more information about the Carrs contact Durham County Council Countryside Team on Tel: (03000) 264 589

Hardwick Hall Country Park (10 mins) – Sedgefield, TS21 2EH

Comprising 40 acres of eighteenth century parkland, Hardwick Hall Country Park is managed by Durham County Council and is designated as a Conservation Area.

The Park incorporates a visitor centre which offers excellent facilities including an interactive exhibition space, fully equipped education room, gift shop, cafe and public toilets. The car park and circuit walk at the Park are accessible to visitors of all abilities.

For more information contact the Countryside Team at Durham County Council.

Tel: (03000) 264 589 or Hardwick Visitors Centre direct on Tel: (03000) 262 899 - Email: hardwickpark@durham.gov.uk

Shildon Locomotion Museum (15 mins) – Shildon, DL4 2RE

The museum is a branch of the National Railway Museum (NRM), which is part of the National Museum of Science and Industry (NMSI). Boasting an impressive collection of over 70 railway exhibits with the chance to learn all about the area's railway heritage through fun and interactive displays, a restaurant, gift shop, picnic area and the opportunity to experience a ride on a real steam train, the museum offers something for everyone. Also offering free car parking and free entry, the Railway Museum, which was once the home of Timothy Hackworth, Superintendent Engineer to the Darlington and Stockton Railway, has been restored to include a display on his life and achievements.

For more information relating to Shildon Locomotion Museum:

Tel: (01388) 777999 - Email: shildon@nrm.org.uk - Website: www.nrm.org.uk

Binchester Roman Fort (20 mins) 1 ½ miles north of Bishop Auckland, DL14 8DJ

Once the largest Roman Fort in County Durham, Binchester offers the remains of the commanding officer's house with the best preserved Roman military bath house in Britain and a fascinating stretch of Dere Street.

Tel: (01388) 663089 - Open 11am - 5.00pm Monday - Sunday

Hartlepool Historic Quay and Museum (20 mins), TS24 0XZ

Hartlepool Historic Quay is home to the Trincomalee - Europe's oldest floating warship! The ship was restored by the people of Hartlepool so it's only fitting that it now makes up the centrepiece of the spectacular Historic Quay. This superb visitor attraction offers the sights, smells and sounds of the naval yesteryear. Experience "Pressganged", "Fighting Ships" and the children's maritime adventure centre featuring an adventure playship. The Museum of Hartlepool sits alongside the Historic Quay. The museum follows the time-line of the town from Neolithic times to the present day. It's well worth a visit and incorporates the PSS Wingfield Castle, a Hartlepool built paddle steamer. (free entrance).

Museum of Hartlepool, Maritime Avenue, Hartlepool, TS24 0XZ Tel: (01429) 860077

Hartlepool's Maritime Experience, Jackson Dock, Maritime Avenue, Hartlepool, TS24 0XZ Tel: (01429) 860077 - info@hartlepoolsmaritimeexperience.com

The Historic City of Durham (20 mins)

Visit the magnificent Norman Cathedral and Castle which are designated as a World Heritage Site. Other attractions include the Oriental Museum, the Durham Light Infantry Museum and the University's Botanic Garden.

Tourist Information Centre, 2 Millennium Place, Durham, DH1 1WA

Tel: (0191) 384 3720 / Email: touristinfo@durhamcity.gov.uk

Metro Centre (30 mins) On the A1 Road West of Gateshead, NE11 9YG

The Metro Centre is one of the largest shopping complexes in Europe. Open seven days a week, with free parking, it is definitely worth a visit.

Information Centre

Tel: (0191) 493 0200 - Website: www.metrocentre.uk.com

Raby Castle (30 mins), Staindrop, DL2 3AH

A magnificent 14th century fortress which houses period furniture and rare paintings, Raby Castle has a carriage collection in the stables and expansive walled gardens leading to a beautiful deer park.

Tel: (01833) 660202 - Email: reception@raby.co.uk - Website: www.rabycastle.com

Hamsterley Forest (30 mins) Redford

The forest lies between Teesdale and Weardale on the edge of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Covering 2,000 hectares, it has an abundance of wildlife, waymarked trails, picnic sites, forest drive, shop, cafe and Visitor Centre.

Tel: (01388) 488312 (Hamsterley Forest Visitor Centre) or contact Forestry Commission on

Tel: (0117) 906 6000

Hall Hill Farm (30 mins) Near Lanchester, DH7 0TA

This traditional working farm provides the opportunity to get up close to animals in their own environment. Farm trailer rides, a teashop, children's play area and woodland and riverside walks are also available at Hall Hill Farm which is an ideal visitor attraction for anyone with young children.

Tel: (01388) 731333 - Website: www.hallhillfarm.co.uk

Beamish, The Living Museum of the North (30 mins), Near Stanley, DH9 0RG

Visit the world famous, award winning open air museum, telling the story of life in North East England during the 1820s, 1900s & 1940s. Meet people from the past, travel on the trams and vintage bus or venture underground in the Drift Mine.

Tel: (0191) 370 4000 - Website: www.beamish.org.uk

**Bowes Museum (40 mins) Barnard Castle, DL12 8NP**

Housed in an impressive French style chateau, the museum has superb collections of paintings, costumes, furniture, ceramics, local history and archaeology.

Tel: (01833) 690606 - Website: www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

The museum is open daily 10am - 5pm

The Durham Dales

Lying between the Yorkshire Dales and Northumberland National Park, the Durham Dales form part of the North Pennines, one of England's largest Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

In Upper Teesdale, some of Britain's rarest plant communities can be found - now protected as a National Nature Reserve. At High Force the River Tees thunders 70 feet over massive rocks to form England's largest waterfall.

In Weardale which was once the hunting ground of the Prince Bishops, quiet moorland roads open up to panoramic Pennine views. In the 19th century the North Pennines was at the heart of the world's lead mining industry. The industry has since disappeared but Killhope Lead Mining Centre, with its giant 34 feet waterwheel, remains a striking memorial.

Durham Dales Centre (45 mins), Stanhope, DL13 2FJ

Information Centre with tea rooms, gift shops and parking.

Tel: (01388) 527650 - Email: durham.dalescentre@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.durhamdalescentre.co.uk

High Force Waterfall (1 hour), Forest-in-Teesdale

Tel: (01833) 622209 - Email: highforce.waterfall@rabycastle.com

Website: www.highforcewaterfall.com

Killhope, The North of England Lead Mining Museum, (1 hour 10 mins) DL13 (beside the A689 between Stanhope and Alston)

Telephone: (01388) 537505 - Email: killhope@durham.gov.uk

Website: www.killhope.org.uk



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ORGANISATIONS/ACTIVITIES IN FERRYHILL

For further details on how to join the many Clubs and activities taking place in Ferryhill please contact individual organisations directly using the contact details provided in this booklet.

Churches in Ferryhill

All Saints Catholic Church/Club

Address: Dean Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8ET

Tel: (01740) 651343

Contact: Father Deni Mary

Service: 10.30am on Sunday mornings

Day	Time	Activities
Monday	9.00pm	Darts
Wednesday	8.00pm	Alternate weeks 50/50 Dancing or Bingo
Thursday	8.45pm	Quiz Night
Friday	9.00pm	Domino Handicap
Saturday	n/a	Show Night , second Saturday of each month
Sunday	8.00pm	50/50 Dancing

St. Luke's Church

Address: Church Lane, Ferryhill, DL17 8LT

Tel: (01740) 655232

Contact: Rev. Gary Norman

Services: 9.30am on Sunday and Thursday mornings

Other special services are advertised on the 'A Church Near you' website - and St Luke's Facebook page - (which also gives details of other community events and activities)

Day	Time	Activities
Monday	6.00pm	Phoenix Club
Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	Mother and Toddler Group
Thursday	10.00am - 12.00noon	Food Bank
	1.30pm	Ladies Fellowship , last Thursday of every month
Friday	10.00am	Coffee Morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church

Address: Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8JL

Tel: (01740) 621090

Contact: Contact: Ann Bower /Rev. Christopher Humble

Services: 10.30am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month and main service at 6.00pm every Sunday.

Other details can be found on the West Durham Methodist Circuit website.

Day	Time	Activities
Monday	2.15pm	Monday Fellowship , Sept-June
	7.00pm	Women's Circle , second Monday of the month, Sept-June
Tuesday	10.00am	Acorn Group
Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Coffee Morning

Activities in Ferryhill Public Houses

Ferryhill Workingmen's Club

Address: 7 North Street, Ferryhill, DL17 8HX
Tel: (01740) 651347

Day	Time	Activities
Monday	10.30am	Keep Fit
	7.30pm	Bingo
Wednesday	12.30pm	Bingo
	8.00pm	Pool and Domino Handicap
Thursday	7.30pm	Bingo
Saturday	8.00pm	Singer / Bingo
Sunday	12.45pm	Bingo

The Greyhound Public House

Address: 12 Market Street, Ferryhill, DL17 8JN
Tel: (01740) 655151

Day	Time	Activities
Tuesday	1.00pm	Race Day
Wednesday	8.00pm	Ladies Darts, Mens Super League Darts
Thursday	8.00pm	Pool Night
Friday	1.00pm	Race Day
	n/a	Disco Night until late
Saturday	8.00pm	Disco and karaoke
Sunday	5.30pm	Live Music
	n/a	Disco Night until late

The Surtees Public House

Address: Chilton Lane, Ferryhill Station, DL17 0DH
Tel: (01740) 655933 - E-Mail: surteesarms@btconnect.com
Opening Times: Tues-Fri 4pm-11pm & Sat - Noon-Midnight & Sun - Noon-11:00pm
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Ferryhill Banner Group - Regular fund raising events

Ferryhill Station Club

Address: Louvaine Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8BB
Tel: (01740) 656285

Day	Time	Activities
Tuesday	1.00pm	Bingo
Friday	7.00pm	Bingo
Sunday	7.00pm	Bingo
	n/a	Live Entertainment on the night

Royal British Legion, Country, Sports and Social Club

Address: Linden Terrace, Ferryhill Station, DL17 0DQ
Tel: (01740) 651731
Open: Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm

Day	Time	Activities
Monday	5.00pm	Keep Fit
Tuesday	10.30am - 12noon	Coffee Morning
	8.00pm	Line Dancing
Thursday	5.00pm	Keep Fit
Friday	8.30pm	Bingo

Sports and Social Clubs in Ferryhill

Mainsforth Cricket Club

Address: Morrison Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 9DQ
Tel: (01740) 657345

Sports, Country and Social Club. Cricket teams for all ages from 11 years.

First Ferryhill Brownies

Address: Broom Cottages Primary School, Broom Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8AN
Tel: (01740) 650989
Contact: Mrs Susan Bance

Meets on Mondays.

Endeavour Woodcrafts

Address: Old Fire Station, Darlington Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8EX
Tel: (01740) 657676

Endeavour Woodcrafts is a day service for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues.

Activities include:

Woodwork, Art, Craft, Gardening, Cooking, Healthy Living, Socialising, Numeracy & Literacy, Money Management, PC Skills, Life & Social Skills, Trips & Holidays.

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Address: 2 Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8JL
Tel: (01740) 655437

Weekly performing arts classes for young people aged 4 -21 years. The classes operate on weekday evenings and Sundays.

Sessions include music, singing, dance, drama instruments and backstage craft.

Ferryhill Wheelers - Cycling Club

Website: www.ferryhillwheelers.org.uk

Club meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 8.00pm in Ferryhill Catholic Club. If the first Monday is a Bank Holiday, the meeting takes place the following week.

Ferryhill Scouts

Address: Scout Hall- Siemen Street, Dean Bank, DL17 8NF
Contact: Michael Turnbull

Scouts: Ages 10-15 years - Tuesday 7.00pm-9.00pm

Cubs: Ages 8-10 years - Thursday 6.00pm-7.30pm

Beavers: Ages 6-8 years - Friday 6.00pm-7.15pm

Ferryhill Walking Club

Monday 10.00am

Meet at the back of Nat West Bank

Ferryhill Town Band

Address: Dean Bank Recreation Ground, Ferryhill, DL17 8PS
Tel: 07794 928252
Contact: Andrew Potts

Thursday 7.30pm-9.30pm

Sunday 5.00pm-7.00pm

Ferryhill Warrior Taekwondo

Address: 6-7 Parker Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8JY
Tel: 07467 144007

Monday 6.00pm-7.00pm [white belt to blue tag]

Monday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 6.00pm-7.00pm [white belt to blue tag]

Friday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Residents Associations in Ferryhill

Ferryhill Station & Chilton Lane Residents Association

Address: 15 Eldon Terrace, Ferryhill Station, DL17 0AW
Contact: Mr Liam Fellows
Email: F.S.C.L.Residents.Association@gmail.com

Lakes Residents Association

Address: 20 Coniston Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8EZ
Contact: Mrs V Birchall
Tel: (01740) 652471
Email: veronicabirchall@ntlworld.com

Castles Residents Association

Address: 27 Hylton Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8QP
Contact: Mrs V C Hall
Tel: (01740) 650475

Dean Bank Residents Association

Address: 7 Newton Street, Ferryhill, DL17 8PW
Contact: Mrs J Weston
Tel: Dean Bank Institute - 01740 657221

Community Centres in Ferryhill

Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre

Address: Lambton Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8BQ
Tel: (01740) 654121
Contact: Paula Bihari

Day	Time	Activities
Monday-Friday & Saturday Morning	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Boxing Academy - Child specific sessions Monday, Wednesday, Friday, £3.00 per session
Monday-Friday	n/a	Childs' Play Nursery
Monday-Sunday	11.00am - 11.00pm	Public Bar - Pool team Wednesday and Thursday night
Monday-Wednesday	Ring for times	New Dance Generation
Monday & Sunday	Morning	Slimming World
Tuesday Evening & Saturday Morning	Ring for times	Football Academy - Children aged 2 to 11years
3rd Thursday of Every Month	1.00pm	Age UK Luncheon Club
Subject to Bookings	n/a	Evolution Active Sessions - Personal Trainer
Subject to Bookings	n/a	Room available to hire

The LADDER Centre

Address: 5 Coniston Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8EZ
Tel: (01740) 651639
Contact: Kath Merrington

Day	Time	Available to	Activities
Monday	11.00am	Adults	Free Health Walk
Monday-Friday	9.00am-11.00am	Adults	Free Job Club
Tuesday & Wednesday	9.00am-3.00pm	Adults	Free Advice & Guidance
Thursday	9.00am-11.00am	Adults	Free Advice & Guidance
Thursday	12noon-2.00pm	Adults	Smoking Cessation
Thursday	Ring for times	Adults	Happy Hive - Free meal and social group
Friday	9.00am-3.00pm	Adults	Free Benefits Clinic - Help to complete forms, new applications, etc.
Tuesday	6.00pm-7.45pm	Ages 10-13 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Wednesday	4.30pm-6.00pm	Ages 5-9 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Wednesday	6.15pm-7.45pm	Ages 14-18 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Thursday	4.30pm-6.00pm	Ages 5-9 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Thursday	6.15pm-7.45pm	Ages 10-13 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Friday	4.30pm-6.00pm	Ages 5-9 years	Young People - Please ring for details
Friday	6.15pm-7.45pm	Ages 14-18 years	Young People - Please ring for details

Tea/coffee available every day - donations to Macmillan.

Please Note: Services change regularly. For up to date information please contact the LADDER Centre direct.

Mainsforth Community Centre

Address: 34 High Street, Ferryhill Station, DL17 0AG
Tel: (01740) 658853/ 07780 481264
Contact: Mr. W. Holdsworth

Day	Time	Activities
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	4.30pm-8.00pm	Mainsforth Boxing Academy - All ages
Thursday	7.00pm-9.00pm	Ferryhill Stage Society - Please contact Mrs E McGowan on (01740) 658853
Sunday	2.00pm-3.00pm	Chance Drama - Juniors
	3.30pm-5.00pm	Chance Drama - Seniors
	8.30pm-10.30pm	General Knowledge Quiz

Dean Bank Literary Institute

Address: St. Cuthbert's Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8PP
Tel: (01740) 657221
Email: dbfinstitute@googlemail.com

Day	Time	Activities
Monday (Fortnightly)	Ring for times	DIDO - Days in and Days Out - Entertainment, Tea, Bingo, Days throughout the North East
Monday, first of each month	7.00pm-9.00pm	Dean Bank Residents Association Meetings
Tuesday	4.30pm-6.00pm	Yoga Class - Meditate and exercise
Tuesday	7.00pm-9.00pm	VIVO - Choir of all ages
Tuesday & Thursday	Ring for times	Young at Heart - Light exercise for over 50's
Wednesday, first of each month	6.00pm-9.00pm	Women's Institute
Wednesday	10.00am-11.00am	Tablet and IT Group - IT and Computer Training
Wednesday	2.00pm-4.00pm	Tea and Biscuits
Wednesday	4.00pm-5.30pm	Well Being for Life - Health Advice
Thursday	10.00am-12noon	Craft Club - Share craft ideas, chat and have a cup of tea
Thursday, last of each month	7.00pm-8.30pm	Bingo - A friendly social bingo with a cup of tea and raffle
Friday	4.00pm-6.00pm	Cook for Life - Healthy Eating / Advice
Saturday	11.00am-2.00pm	Stonham / Positive Horizons - An activity group for all adults in need of support
Sunday	2.00pm-4.00pm	Art Group - Leisure and social art group. Instruction given on an informal basis
Every 6 weeks	Book an appointment	Chiropodist

Schools in Ferryhill

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

Address: St Cuthberts Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8PP

Tel: 01740 651512

Headteacher: Mrs P Northcote

Cleves Cross Primary School

Address: Cleves Cross, Ferryhill, DL17 8QY

Tel: 01740 651599

Headteacher: Alison Lazenby

Broom Cottages Primary School

Address: Broom Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8AN

Tel: 01740 651363

Headteacher: Sean Kavanagh

Ferryhill Station Primary School

Address: Chilton Lane, Ferryhill, DL17 0DB

Tel: 01740 651291

Headteacher: Edward Jackson

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College

Address: Merrington Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8RW

Tel: 01740 651554

Health Providers in Ferryhill

Ferryhill & Chilton Medical Practice

Address: The Surgery, Durham Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8JJ

Tel: (01740) 651238

Ferryhill Health Clinic

Address: Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill, DL17 8JL

Tel: (01740) 651246

Burgess & Hyder Dental Group Ferryhill

Address: Old Sorting Office, Durham Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8LG

Tel: (01740) 651124

Denehurst Nursing Home

Address: Merrington Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8NL

Tel: (01740) 655314

Tenlands Nursing Home

Address: Wood Lane, Ferryhill, DL17 8JD

Tel: (01740) 657201

Housing

Livin

Livin are a Registered Social Housing provider.

Contact Address: Farrell House, Arlington Way, Spennymoor, DL16 6NL

Tel: 0800 587 4538

Bernicia

Bernicia are a Registered Social Housing provider.

Contact Address: Bernicia HQ, Oakwood Way, Ashwood Business Park, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 0XF

Tel: 0344 800 3800

Email: contact@bernicia.com

Red Supported Living

Red Supported Living provides single occupancy and shared housing for vulnerable adults from County Durham, aged 18 years and over.

Contact Address: 4 Main Street, Ferryhill, County Durham, DL17 8LA

Tel: (01740) 654333

Handy to Know - Local Organisations

Ferryhill Library

Address: North Street, Ferryhill, DL17 8HX

Tel: 03000 269530

Email: ferryhill.lib@durham.gov.uk

Web: www.durham.gov.uk/libraries

Opening Hours:

Monday 9.30am-5.00pm

Thursday 9.30am-5.00pm

Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Ferryhill Foodbank

The foodbank is run with local churches, facilitated by Durham Christian Partnership.

Tel: 0191 303 7559

Website: <https://durham.foodbank.org.uk>

You can receive food from the foodbank if you have been issued with a foodbank voucher by one of our referrers.

St. Luke's Church - Thursday 10.30am - 12noon

Ferryhill History Society

Contact: Geoff Wall

Email: walltowall9@hotmail.com

Wednesday - Last Wednesday of every month.

7.00pm in Eldon Arms Public House, Ferryhill Station

The Dining Cart

Address: 12 Darlington Road, Ferryhill, DL17 8JP

Tel: (01740) 657333

Meals on Wheels Service every day.

Knitting Club - Monday 1.00pm-3.00pm

Handy to Know - Local Organisations

The Garth

Address: Church Lane, Ferryhill, Co. Durham, DL17 8TH

Indoor Bowls - Tuesday 6.00pm

Coffee Morning - Wednesday 10.00am

Craft Class - Tuesday 1.30pm

Bingo - Thursday 1.30pm

Bingo - Saturday 7.00pm

Ferryhill Police Station

Address: Church Lane, Ferryhill, DL17 8LT

Tel: (01740) 651204

Ferryhill Post Office

Address: 16 Market Street, Ferryhill, DL17 8JN

Tel: (01740) 653335

Ferryhill Town Council

Address: Town Hall, Ferryhill, County Durham, DL17 8JL

Tel: (01740) 652157

Ferryhill & Chilton Chapter

Address: Southwest Durham News, 1st Floor Office, Shildon Town Council, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, County Durham, DL4 1AH

Tel: (01388) 775896

Email: chapter@swd.news

Contact: Mr Jeff Ridley

Useful Telephone Numbers

Ferryhill Town Council 01740 652 157

Citizens Advice 0344 411 1444

Advice in County Durham 0191 372 6753

Wellbeing for Life 0800 876 6887

RSPCA 0870 555 5999

Livin (Landline) 0800 587 4538

Livin (Mobile) 0300 111 2344

Police - Emergency 999

Police - Non Emergency 101

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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4 Together Area Action Partnership

There are 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) in the County who give local people and organisations a say on how Durham County Council (DCC) services are provided and who bring local people and partners together to take action on local issues.

Our Partnership covers the 4 main settlements of Ferryhill, Chilton, West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham and we have Partnership Board representation from local people, elected Councillors, and partner organisations including DCC, town & parish councils, police, fire, health, housing, business and the voluntary sector.

Together we work with communities to identify local priorities and actions to tackle them, allocate funding to and support the development of local projects and monitor the difference that our funding and support is making in our communities.

If you would like to become a local forum member, we can send you useful updates on ours and our Partners work and you'll be invited to meetings & consultation events to discuss community issues and to influence decisions that affect your area.

Anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the area can get involved with 4 Together Partnership and we currently have 830 people who are part of our wider Forum.

The key focus for 2019-20 continues with 'Children, Young People & Families', 'Older People' and 'Health & Wellbeing' and in 2018/19 alone, more than £154,902 was allocated via your 4 Together Partnership to help tackle local issues within these areas. This brought in an additional £134,828 of match funding to the area. Here's some of the projects we've funded recently:

Area Budget

1. **£13,860 Stepping Out of the Box (Changing Relations)** - a project for FBEC students that reflects local industrial heritage & unpicks the related gender norms
2. **£10,000 More Sport for Thought (Ferryhill LADDER Centre)** - a health & wellbeing focused project, delivering football and multi-sport youth sessions
3. **£10,000 Helping Hands (Cornforth Partnership)** - funding for a project worker to help families overcome personal barriers and 121 support to help them make positive changes to their lives
4. **£10,000 Shut Down (Enter CIC)** - creating an interactive theatre in education piece, examining the way young people use social media platforms, phones and video games
5. **£10,000 Independence Matters (Endeavour Woodcrafts)** - delivering weekly workshops to promote independent living skills, increasing confidence and boosting wellbeing
6. **£6,140 Information Advice Service (Age UK)** - encouraging and assisting older people to claim welfare benefit entitlements, helping them make informed choices and access support
7. **£20,000 Heating System (Chilton Sports & Social Club)** - main hall heating system upgrade; the club is a well-used local community hub, supporting a number of local groups
8. **£20,000 Living Food (Inside Outside Community Development)** - to provide practical, educational sessions in bee-keeping, hen-keeping and growing food for bees, hens and people
9. **£25,000 Older Persons Social Isolation Fund awarded to Cornforth Partnership Healthy Communities** - provision of specialist 121 support helping residents to better manage their personal health & wellbeing, strengthen their independence and reduce their risk of health problems
10. **£10,000 Welfare Reform awarded to Ferryhill LADDER Centre Holiday Hunger** - tackling holiday hunger through provision of a range of holiday activities with free food included

Youth Fund

11. **£3,300 Awarded to Eden Learning Trust/FBEC** to provide a sensory room and safe space for young people during times of need or crisis
12. **£3,302 Awarded to (DCC) for Lead the Way** - an action-packed, fun filled, activity programme/courses combining excitement and team challenges, providing an opportunity for young people to develop social skills, reduce negative and risk taking behaviour and aspire to "believe, achieve and succeed"
13. **£3,300 Awarded to Cornforth Partnership for Healthy Communities** - delivering healthy cooking sessions, social activities and issue-based sessions, supporting children and young people to make sustained changes to their health and wellbeing

We also assist your Durham County Council elected members in their Community Champion role including supporting the allocation of their Neighbourhood Budget.

Your Councillors are Peter Atkinson, Brian Avery, Pauline Crathorne, Joe Makepeace & Christine Potts.

For more information about 4 Together Partnership or to join our forum please contact us!

Tel: 03000 267211 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk

or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/4-Together-Partnership/1575008879401776>

