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Dear Consett Readers

Welcome to the October issue of Consett Magazine! We're excited to bring you another edition filled with positive local news, heartwarming stories, and features that celebrate the very best of Consett. This issue's cover showcases a wonderful photograph sent in by Stephen Finch of Shotley Bridge Cricket Club, beautifully capturing the motion of the sport and the intensity of the players.

On page 4, the Consett Lions Club updates us on their inspiring community projects, from a first-aid event to generous food donations. Their dedication to making a difference shines through. Also on page 4, we celebrate the incredible efforts of the Consett & District Sunderland Supporters' Association, who have raised over £50,000 for Willow Burn Hospice—a true testament to the power of local support.

Page 5 brings you Joyce Shaw's delightful tale about the North East staple, pease pudding, along with the mouth-watering story of Belfry Chocolates, a local chocolatier blending Brazilian and British flavours. On page 7, we celebrate the Rotary Bursary that's helping local students with their education, and the skilled sheep shearers of Muggleswick, who keep an ancient tradition alive.

We're thrilled to announce the reopening of the Empire Theatre on page 9, following essential repairs, ensuring this iconic venue continues to entertain for years to come. Pages 10 and 11 highlight exciting opportunities for local businesses through the Durham Business Growth Programme, offering grants to help businesses thrive.

On page 12, you'll enjoy Lorraine Weightman's humorous short story, and on pages 13 and 14, we preview a fantastic comic art exhibition by local artists Phil Bartle and John Bagnall. We also shine a spotlight on Relmans, Consett's trusted greengrocer for 27 years, and explore the cutting-edge achievements of CAV Systems, a global leader in aviation technology based right here in Consett.

Finally, we highlight the expertise of The Frame House, a local business crafting beautiful frames for over 30 years, and hear from Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen as she seeks community input to shape the future of policing in County Durham and Darlington.

At Consett Magazine, we're proud to provide free, positive local news that brings the community together every month. A huge thank you to our advertisers, contributors, Marco Elsy, Barry Kirkham, and the entire Consett Magazine team for making this issue possible.

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Consett Lions Club News

The Consett Lions Club was thrilled to welcome Jackie Robson, the new Zone Chair, as their first official visitor. Jackie was impressed by the exciting projects currently in progress and expressed optimism about the club's future, especially with potential new members.

A special thanks goes out to The Grey Horse for their generous donation of food collected during their recent beer festival. Sandra and Dave, the landlords, also went above and beyond by shopping at Lidl GB with monetary donations, contributing to the food delivery at Glenroyd House.

The club is also hosting a **St John Ambulance Awareness Event** on November 7th at 7 PM at The Steel Club. This free first-aid session will teach essential life-saving skills. To book a spot, contact Richard Judd at 07779 345811 or via email at **juddrichard1976@gmail.com.**

Additionally, the **Town Raffle Draw** is fast approaching, with tickets available for £1 each. The draw will take place on November 21st at The Steel Club. Local businesses are encouraged to contribute prizes, and community groups can participate by selling tickets.
Upcoming Events:

- Charter Lunch – October 26th
- World Sight Day – October 10th
- Air Ambulance Collection – Consett Tesco
- Christmas Social Meal – December 10th

For more information about joining the club, contact **07501 017663** or email **p.jarman@hotmail.com.**



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Consett & District Sunderland Supporters' Association Raise Over £50,000 in 12 Years

In 2012, members of Consett and District Sunderland Supporters' Association chose Willow Burn as their Charity of the Year, 12 years later the partnership is still going strong and the group have raised over £50,000 through various events, including talk-ins, annual barbeques and raffles.

Rachel Quince, Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Fundraising & Marketing was thrilled to collect a cheque for £4265.00 from committee members at their summer barbeque on 22 June at Consett Rugby Club.

Michael Nixon, Secretary of the association said about the support for Willow Burn: "1 in 2 people's lives are affected by cancer. Being a local facility, it became an obvious choice for the branch to support for the number of years we have now. Every member will know someone who has been touched by Willow Burn so any help we can give can only be of benefit."

Rachel said: "It is always a real pleasure to go down and say thank you to the members of Consett SAFC Supporters Association at their annual barbeque. We are truly grateful for the support but never surprised by the level of generosity that comes from the members - their dedication to not only the football club but also their Local Hospice is truly special.

The level of income they have raised for the hospice in such a short space of time has made a real difference, in the 2023/2024 season alone they raised enough to fund a full-time palliative care nurse for six weeks."

To join the branch or make a donation, please email
info@consettsafc.com

It's just Pease Pudding!!!...our Northern Speciality! By Joyce Shaw

I have taken countless journeys by train to Cardiff as my family live there. It can take seven hours or more and I have often joked that I can fly to New York in a faster time!

However, when my daughter was a student there, a train journey was very useful, as, in the past, I have transported a bike, a vacuum cleaner, and of course various big cases over the years of train travel. However one day, it seemed a good idea that I should try flying, to save a whole day of travel.

Of course I had to travel light and I was limited to the day and time of travel, as there are not many flights to Cardiff from Newcastle.

I packed my hand luggage very carefully including some of my daughter's favourite North Eastern food… am absolute necessity was the home boiled ham and pease pudding as some of the delicacies! (Pease pudding hardly exists outside of our area and is certainly not as good out of a tin!)

Arriving early morning at the airport, I didn't need a passport, but there were security checks to be made, and so I confidently put my case on the conveyor belt, ready for inspection.

I was mortified when they asked me to open up my case and they pointed to my package of ham and pease pudding! It was fresh and neatly wrapped up in its plastic box. I asked why they had picked out such an innocuous item, as it wasn't even a liquid and I was flying inside the UK.

The security officer pointed out that it was of the same consistency as Semtex and I could be carrying material that could make a bomb!!!

I invited him to open the carton and taste it, I offered to share the pease pudding with him just so that I could manage to get a portion into Wales! However he would not hear of it and sent me on my way without the "offensive" article!

Needless to say I spent the journey frustrated and fuming that no doubt someone at the airport would be enjoying a breakfast of fresh pease pudding …..fancy imagining that an innocent member of the public could even know that pease pudding was similar to Semtex!!! So much for internal flights around the UK..I take my pease pudding on the train now!!!

PS ..Semtex is a word coined from two words…the place it was first manufactured in the Czech Republic is Semtin, a suburb of Pardubice ..and "ex" the abbreviated word "explosive." More of a "nearly was"!!



Belfry Chocolates: Sweet Creations by Renata

George Ledger - Consett in Focus

A chocolatier is a master of chocolate, skilfully crafting indulgent treats like truffles and confections from the finest cocoa beans sourced globally. Belfry Chocolates, a charming kitchen start-up in Consett, is the brainchild of Renata, a talented baker originally from Rio de Janeiro.

Before moving to England with her family in 2015, Renata ran a small café in Brazil, drawing inspiration from her grandmother's recipes. Her love for baking and chocolate, passed down through generations, has been refined over the years, resulting in unique creations that blend Brazilian and Portuguese flavours with British classics.

Renata's passion for her craft inspired her to launch Belfry Chocolates, a playful nod to her surname, Campanario, meaning "bell tower." Her delightful treats have become a hit at local markets, including Consett, and her offerings now include cakes, brownies, and flapjacks, all of which are as delicious as they sound!

If you're in the area, Belfry Chocolates is a must-try for anyone with a sweet tooth. Each treat showcases Renata's expertise and love for blending flavours in the most delightful way.



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Rotary Bursary for Local Students

Consett Rotary hosted an presentation event at Consett Golf Club recently to celebrate three local students who were given a bursary by Dr Trudy Stewart to help with their further education.

Dr Stewart prior to going to university was helped by Stanley Rotary Club in her quest to obtain a degree, and ultimately a doctorate. Now as a distinguished expert on her field of speech therapy, she wished to help local students in a similar way. As the Rotary club in Stanley is no more, some members of Consett Rotary and Tom Kennedy - a former recipient of a Rotary scholarship - led by Brian Stobbs became the vehicle to channel the generous donation.



Local education establishments were approached and three students were chosen with the help of sixth form leaders and Rotarians Karen Brierley and Norman Sellar. The students share the bursary equally.

Keagan Shaw from New College Durham, studying Environmental Sciences, Sam Bush from St Bede's Lanchester, studying History and Bethany Jackson from Derwentside College who is studying Artificial Intelligence, were presented with their awards.

Dr Stewart was taken by surprise at the end of the presentation when President Rob Grinter on behalf of Consett Rotary Club, presented her with a Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship Award for her munificent contribution in helping others.



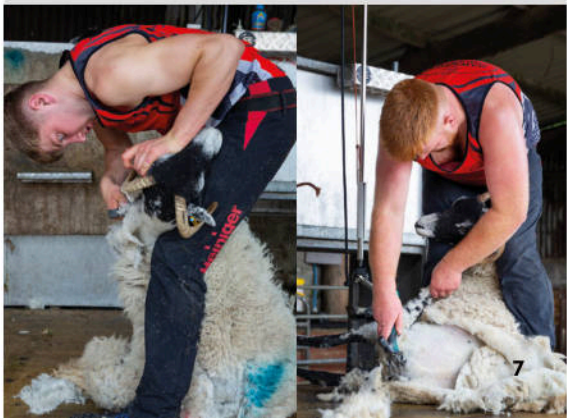
Sheep Shearing: The Skilled Art of Phil Hawksby and His Team

George Ledger - Consett in Focus

Phil Hawksby, along with his team of expert shearers, is based in Durham but travels far and wide, covering farms from Humberside to the Scottish borders. With over 10 years of experience, Phil has earned a reputation as a trusted shearer, taking care of sheep shearing needs for local farmers. We recently caught up with Phil and his team at a farm in Muggleswick, near Consett.

Sheep shearing is an ancient craft, with roots stretching back to 3500 BC, when bronze blades were the tools of the trade. Today, most shearers use electric or battery-powered machines, making the process faster and more efficient, though it's far from easy! A skilled shearer can transform a woolly sheep into a sleek, shorn beauty in just a few minutes.

So, the next time you see a flock of sheep looking neat and tidy, spare a thought for the centuries-old tradition and skill that goes into creating that perfectly shorn fleece!



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Empire Consett Reopened After Essential Repairs

Empire Consett reopened to the public in mid-September after the successful completion of essential roof repairs. The historic venue, which had temporarily closed its doors in February, welcomed visitors back on Friday 13th September.

Guests are now able to enjoy the Empire Lounge Café, open from 10am to 3pm, along with screenings of the Tim Burton sequel, Beetlejuice Beetlejuice. Tickets for the film are priced at £5, with a special offer of five tickets for £20, allowing up to three adults per group. The venue's popular Bringing in Baby screenings also returned on Tuesday 17th September, giving parents and guardians with babies under one the chance to watch the film in a relaxed, baby-friendly setting.

Cllr Elizabeth Scott, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economy and partnerships, shared her delight over the reopening: *"We were so pleased to see Empire Consett reopen. This venue has provided top-quality entertainment for over 100 years, and after these essential repairs, it will continue to offer outstanding shows and performances for many more years."*

The first theatre production following the reopening is The Full Monty, performed by CBS Theatre Group from 1st to 5th October. The autumn season also featured an exciting line-up of live music, theatre, ballet, and comedy. Additionally, the 2024 pantomime, Cinderella, will star Coronation Street's Kevin Kennedy and Benidorm's Crissy Rock.

Now reopened, the venue operates from 10am to 3pm, Tuesday to Saturday, with extended hours for cinema and theatre performances. For more details and upcoming events, visit **www.empireconsett.co.uk.**

DURHAM BUSINESS growth

Consett Based Businesses Access £10,000 in Grants.

Small and medium-sized businesses in Consett now have an exciting opportunity to accelerate growth through the Durham Business Growth Programme, launched by Durham County Council. The programme offers various grants to help businesses expand, improve operations, or reduce their carbon footprint. Firefly New Media is here to assist businesses in accessing these funds and turning them into actionable growth.

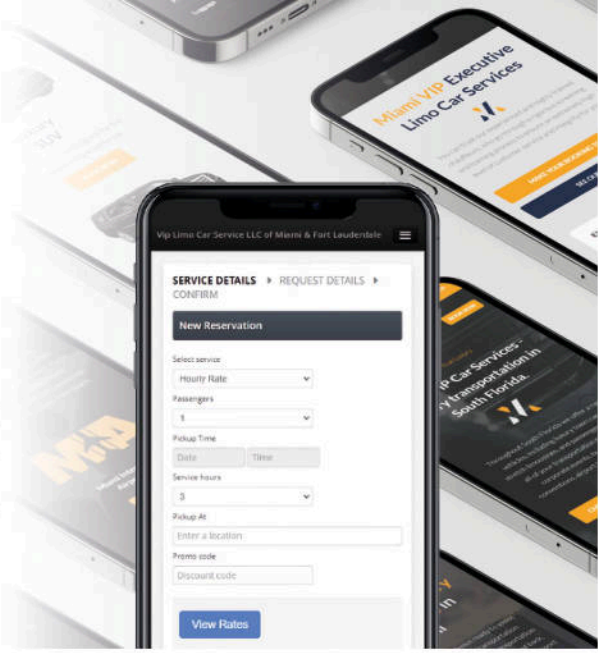
Revenue Grants: A Boost for Business Growth

A key feature of the Durham Business Growth Programme is the revenue grant, covering up to 40% of eligible project costs, ranging from £1,000 to £10,000. These grants are designed to help businesses enhance operations, whether through expert consultancy or small-scale equipment investments.

For businesses looking to improve marketing, online presence, or digital engagement, this grant offers a fantastic opportunity. Firefly New Media specializes in exactly these areas—marketing strategy, social media, video production, and web development—crucial elements for businesses aiming to increase visibility, attract customers, and drive growth.

Enhance Your Marketing with Expert Support

In today's digital world, a strong marketing strategy is essential. Businesses can use these grants to hire expert consultants who will help craft and implement effective marketing plans, from engaging social media content to multimedia campaigns.



At Firefly New Media, we work closely with businesses to identify their unique strengths and opportunities. Our tailored marketing strategies ensure that your brand resonates with the target audience. Whether you're launching a new product, entering new markets, or simply boosting brand awareness, we provide the tools and expertise to help you succeed.

Strengthen Your Online Presence with Web & App Development

In addition to marketing support, the revenue grants can help businesses invest in their online presence through web and app development. In today's digital-first world, having a well-designed website or app is crucial for customer engagement and operational efficiency.

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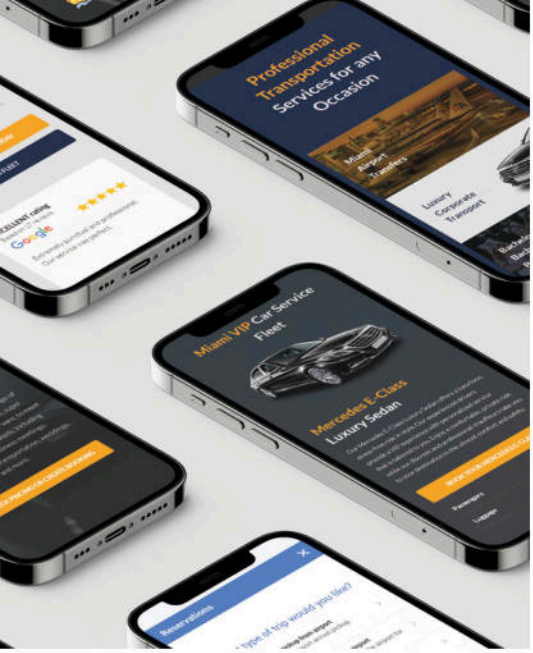

we ensure that your online platform is visually appealing and user-friendly. With support from the Durham Business Growth Programme, you can make critical investments in your digital infrastructure, improving customer satisfaction and driving revenue.

How Firefly New Media Can Help You Secure Funding

Applying for grants can be complex, but Firefly New Media can guide you through the entire process. We not only provide the services funded by the grants, but also help you secure the funding itself. Our team's experience with grant programmes ensures your application highlights the potential impact of your project.

By partnering with us, you gain a trusted ally dedicated to your business's success. We'll help identify the best use of grant funds, prepare a compelling application, and deliver the high-quality services that bring your project to life.

Maximise Your Marketing Potential

If you're looking to improve your marketing efforts, now is the perfect time to leverage the Durham Business Growth Programme's revenue grants. Firefly New Media understands that successful marketing is about more than just promotion—it's about engaging your audience and building relationships. Our expert team offers solutions that drive real results, from social media campaigns to video production.

Build a Strong Website That Works for Your Business

A professional website is critical for making a strong first impression. Firefly New Media offers complete web design and development services to ensure your site not only looks great but functions seamlessly. Whether it's an e-commerce platform or a user-friendly mobile site, we'll ensure it's optimised for success.

Take Action: Unlock Your Business's Potential

The Durham Business Growth Programme provides a unique opportunity for businesses in Consett to access financial support and invest in their future. Firefly New Media is ready to help you secure these funds and offer expert marketing and digital solutions to help you grow.

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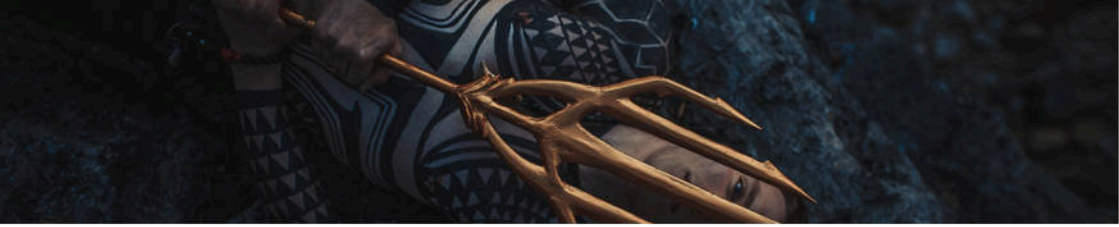

Dreamboat

A "True" Story By Lorraine Weightman.

The other day, just before closing time I was out shopping in a local store looking for a gravy jug. I stooped down to explore the bottom shelf and retrieved the last one on display. It was a little dusty but at a mere £1.99, it seemed like a real bargain. Taking it to the nice lady behind the counter, I mentioned its condition. She immediately knocked £1.00 off the price. Popping it in my bag I returned home with my 99 pence prize!

Placing it on the bench beside the sink, I began preparing dinner for the following evening, when my friends were arriving. I had a lovely lamb roast in mind to place in the slow cooker and simmer overnight. I also decided to prep the vegetables and leave them in the fridge ready to cook the next day.

Making myself a cup of coffee - as I had run out of wine - I left the dishes until later and watched the evening news.

Nothing much was happening and the coffee wasn't working, so I decided to nip out to the shop for a small bottle of Tequila.

On my return, after filling a tumbler of my favourite drink - the litre bottle being on special, so I couldn't resist - Feeling a little guilty I decided to make a start and wash the dishes before settling down for the evening.

I began with the ones in the sink, leaving them on the drainer to dry, then noticed my new purchase looking forlorn, dusty, and unwashed on the bench. Picking it up, I rubbed it gently before immersing it in the bubbles.

There was an almighty flash and a roaring whooshing sound that filled the whole kitchen. I was completely covered in dish water and soaked to the skin, while the floor was awash with a tsunami of soapy suds!

Regaining my balance and holding onto the edge of the sink for dear life; I just managed to stop myself from floating into the garden through the open kitchen door.

In the moment I felt myself being grabbed from behind, a huge arm lifting me out of the bubbling sea of foam.

Feeling quite lightheaded and unable to fathom out what was happening, I closed my eyes and went with the flow. Slowly, I could sense the waters receding, yet I was still being held in someone's arms! Eventually the sound of washing waves of water stopped and for a split second I felt faint, yet forced myself awake.

That's when I saw his face, with its beautiful wide smile. Still perplexed, I looked into his eyes inquiringly.

Was I really face to face with Aquaman!?

'You're Jason Momoa, in my kitchen',
I squealed,

'Ah, everyone gets us mixed up'
he grinned,

'I'm The Genie of the Gravy Boat, and I'm here to introduce you to your dream partner'

'I think I've just found him',

I drooled, as he produced The Enchanted Trident of Neptune!

'Make a wish Lorraine, you can pick from anyone in the entire universe'

I thought for a couple of seconds, then replied,
'I choose you - do you like Tequila?'

Gravy Boat Genie rested his trident against the door in the living room and grinned.

'It happens to be my favourite beverage',
he laughed,

'This day is turning out just the way I hoped it would!'

We clinked glasses and sat side by side on the sofa.

'That's the best 99 pence I've spent in my life',
I whispered under my breath,

Bottoms Up!

Comic Book Capers

Phil Bartle and John Bagnall, two Consett based artists will be holding an exhibition of comic art in October at Consett Heart in John Street.

Their work will be available to view from 18th - 31st October 2024 and is definitely a must see.
Both John and Phil are known in the area as artists and this latest collaboration may prove to be their best yet.

John who was born in Liverpool, grew up loving comics from American and classic British publications like the Beano and Dandy.

Art school brought John to the north east at the age of 18 to study Fine Art at Newcastle University; attracted by the fact that one of his music heroes Bryan Ferry had studied there in the 1960s.

After working as a graphic designer for many years in Durham, while becoming part of the burgeoning UK small-press comics scene he began having his work published in the UK, USA and Australia. He also self publishes his comic book work to this day in titles like 'Knitting with Coalsmoke' and 'Dusty Sideboard.'

Feeling a call to to priesthood and then completing his studies in Spain and Rome, he was ordained in 2015 and became parish priest of St.Patrick's Consett in 2016.

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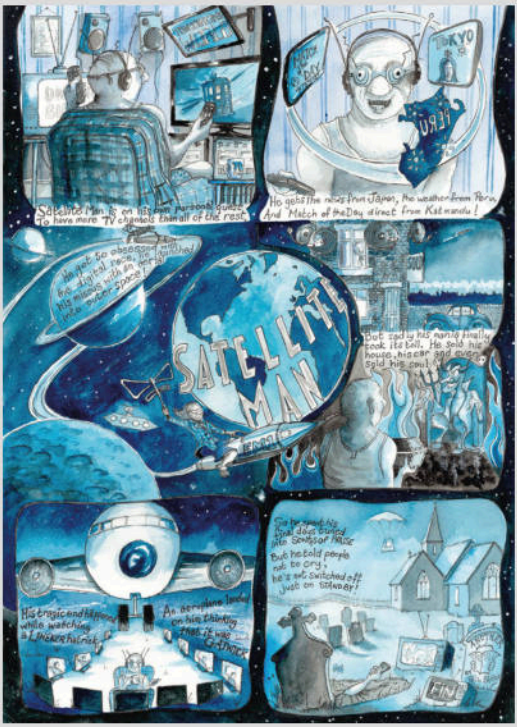

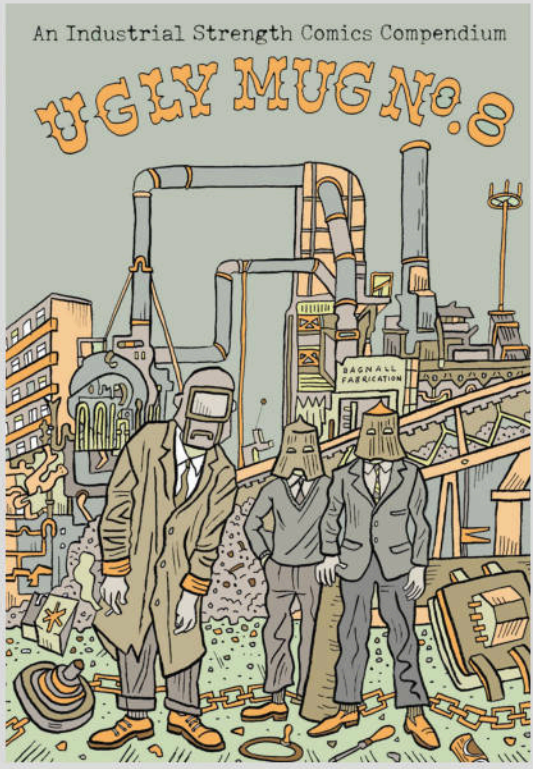

Consett and County Durham have been an inspiration to John, particularly its industrial past and its working-class culture and warm humour.

Phil was born and bred in Consett and he too was and is a great fan of comic book art, including The Broons.

Reading and enjoying the same publications growing up, Phil's art reflects, as does John's the ordinary everyday life of a town in a most amusing, clever and endearing way.

Many of us will have prints or even originals of Phil's work proudly displayed in our homes, as they beautifully present and capture a time and a place for the people of Consett; depicting scenes right from our early childhood at school or at the park, to the ultimate Consett nightspot, known as Botto's!

John drawings and stories similarly depict a northern town - even though it is imaginary - sometime in the past, called Slackdale.

Some original works will be for sale during the exhibition, as well a selection of John's comic books. The company of Bartle and Bagnall will offer all who visit the exhibition a pleasurable and amusing slice of the past.

Don't miss it!



Relmans: Consett's Trusted Greengrocer for 27 Years

David Leck - Consett in Focus

When it comes to fresh, quality produce, Relmans has been a staple in Consett for 27 years. This family-run business, led by Chris, his wife Louise, and their son Louie, is dedicated to providing top-notch fruit and vegetables to the local community. Their shop on Middle Street is a vibrant hub, drawing in customers from early in the morning with colourful displays both inside and outside.

In an era dominated by supermarkets and online shopping, it's refreshing to see a small, independent greengrocer thriving. Relmans' success is a testament to the family's hard work, deep knowledge of the trade, and their commitment to excellent service.

Chris's day starts long before most of us are awake. At around 4:00 am, he heads to the North East Fruit & Veg Market to hand-pick the freshest produce for the day. After loading up the vans, it's back to the shop to unload and carefully arrange the fruits and vegetables for customers. But their service doesn't stop there—Relmans also supplies local farm shops, hotels, restaurants, and other businesses, ensuring that their orders are packed, loaded, and delivered with care.

Relmans is a shining example of a traditional business offering not only first-class produce but also outstanding customer service. My morning with them was a delightful reminder of the value that independent, family-run businesses bring to the local community.









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Join us as we help shape the future of policing in County Durham and Darlington

- By Joy Allen

It is an absolute privilege to continue serving our communities as Police and Crime Commissioner for County Durham and Darlington.

My first term was a wonderful success, and I have many of you to thank for those achievements.

Back in 2021, you played an instrumental role in helping me to identify the issues that make our communities feel unsafe and impact your quality of life. My first Police and Crime Plan was built around delivering a strong and visible policing presence in our neighbourhoods – just as you had asked - and now, as I develop my new Police and Crime Plan 2025/29, I'm asking for your help again to set the course of policing over the coming four years.

Earlier this month, I launched a survey to capture your voice on a whole series of issues and emerging threats to public safety.

These include ASB, drug use and dealing, dangerous driving, off-road bikes and crime reporting as these are issues that are raised with me frequently. The statistics show that alcohol and drugs are a motivating factor in so many of the crimes reported to police, and it's important that we address these problems as part of our approach to fighting crime.

If you haven't yet had time to complete the survey, we will be attending a series of shows, farmers' markets and other public events over the coming weeks where you will be able to meet members of my team and have a face-to-face chat with either myself, my Deputy Graham Hall or key OPCC staff about the improvements you would like to see.

It's a busy programme which sees us travel the length and breadth of County Durham and Darlington, putting local people in the driving seat of policing change. It's important to me that we speak to residents and businesses from all walks of life, backgrounds and communities from farmers and landowners through to parents, students, civic leaders, volunteers and youth workers, so please come along and tell us what you think.

I cannot emphasise how seriously we value your feedback. My Police and Crime Plan is your Police and Crime Plan. The issues that are important to you are important to me and your views, combined with crime data and public correspondence to my office, will set the tone for how we will approach pressing issues to your safety over the next four years.

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"We also work closely with local schools, colleges and universities not only to invest in the development of their own staff but also to provide access to opportunities for the next generation."

The company continues to invest in the development of its facilities and is working on a number of partnership projects to further advance its business and the manufacturing and engineering sector in the North East region.

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