

THE GLEBE CENTRE



The Glebe Centre is unique in its versatility, offering a wide range of room sizes and flexible seating arrangements to accommodate all types of corporate and social events, whether it be for training, conferencing or celebrating. With suites ranging in capacity from 1 to 350 delegates we can accommodate everything from small meetings and seminars through to large conferences with space for exhibition and display materials.

Our IT Suite also provides excellent training facilities for any business requiring the use of 'off-site' IT capabilities.

Fitness and leisure are important aspects of the Glebe Centre, fully equipped fitness suite is available offering an

excellent range of cardiovascular equipment. Our large gymnasium is also available for team sports and group activities such as football, table tennis, basketball, badminton etc. The Glebe Centre regularly hosts classes in martial arts, various dance fitness including Zumba classes and offers sports coaching/training for all ages and abilities.

A special occasion requires a special location and the Glebe Centre provides everything needed for a celebration to remember. Seating layouts can be arranged to suit the most formal or casual celebrations with helpful staff always available to discuss your specific requirements to ensure every detail is just right. Superb catering facilities are available with menus designed to suit all tastes and numbers. A well-stocked, professionally managed bar is on hand to serve our guests throughout their visit. Our main hall has just recently been refurbished and can be smoothly converted from a wedding reception to an evening disco to offer the complete venue for the newlyweds and their guests. A large stage offers the perfect setting for live entertainment or disco.

PARK VIEW PAVILION



Park View Pavilion has a function room and a bar which is the perfect venue for 60 people wanting to hold an event.

The Pavilion can be hired for events and functions (parties, christenings etc.) in coincidence with the Sporting Calendar, fees may vary.

For information and booking either venue please contact The Glebe Centre reception on 0191 5208650 or e-mail glebecentre@hotmail.com

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CLERK OF COUNCIL
MRS LESLEY ARMSTRONG

Hello residents,

I hope you all had a good Easter. Just to let you know what has happened in the last few months.

Murton Parish has purchased a new Transit Van which was essential for our operation and provide us with the tools to continue to improve our services.

Works have now been completed on our first phase of renewing the underground pipe-work over our Welfare Park, starting from the main entrance right through to our Bowling Green.

Murton Parish Council and Murton Welfare Association are working closely with ICT Services at Durham County Council to improve our network infrastructure and install wi-fi, new computers and superfast broadband to the Glebe Centre and Cemetery Office to enable us to offer an improved service.

The Parish Council reserves each year a sum of money for disbursement on grants to local community groups and activities which contribute constructively to the life of the village. These grants are limited and can, therefore, only be made available to those groups that can demonstrate a need for assistance. Groups which have recently had financial assistance include: Murton Toddler Group, Murton Cricket Club Juniors, Park View Football Club and The Community Club. Requests in writing to Lesley Armstrong, Clerk of the Council.

Many thanks to our Parish Clerk and members of the Parish Council for supporting me in my role as Chairman. The past few months have been busy with invitations promoting the work of Murton Parish Council, some of the events attended include:

- Peterlee Town Council Mayoress at Home.
- Civic Service at Cockfield
- Seaham Christmas Light switch.
- Murton Xmas Tree Lighting Event.
- Senior Citizens Christmas Party in Glebe Centre.



FITNESS FOR ALL

Families can now take their fight for fitness outside as they give a new £10,000 alfresco gym a spin.

Traction equipment, a sit-up board, tai chi spinner, body-building trainer join other equipment at Murton Memorial Welfare Park. The outdoor fitness equipment has been bought with a £9,945 grant from the Big Lottery Awards for All kitty, and the new kit has been added to other equipment installed over recent months for the children to use.

The equipment is situated adjacent to the Youth Centre to provide an alternative attraction to promote health and fitness without having to pay substantial gym costs. The centre attracts youngsters on an evening to participate in indoor activities such as computer games, pool and internet browsing, but this equipment will encourage these young people to go outdoors, giving them an outlet for their frustrations by providing them with extra facilities so they can participate in some form of physical activity.

Pictured opposite Murton Parish Council's Chairman Tom Pinkney and Clerk Lesley Armstrong checking out the new outdoor gym equipment.



GLEBE CENTRE ACTIVITIES LIST

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>	
Monday	Mothers&Toddlers	9.30—11.30	£1.00 per head	
	Iyanga Yoga	9.45 - 11.15	£4.00	
	Childrens Street Dance	3-5 yrs	4.45 - 5.30	£3.50
		5 yrs+	6.00—7.00	
	Brass Band	6.30—9.00	See band	
	Keep fit Class	5.45—6.45	£2.00	
	Slimming World	6.30—8.30	£5.00	
Tuesday	Cycle Group	9.30—11.30	See group	
	Short Mat Bowls	8.30—12.00	See bowls	
	Mothers&Toddlers	9.30—11.30	£1.00 per head	
Wednesday	Mothers&Toddlers	1.00—3.00	£1.00 per head	
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	Karate	7.00—8.30	£3.00	
	Tai Chi	7.00—8.30	£3.50	
	Heritage Society	5.00—8.00		
	Brass Band	6.30—9.00	See band	
	Kids Football	6.00—7.00		
	Murton Support Group	9.30—11.30		
Thursday	Short Mat Bowls	8.30—12.00	See bowls	
	Mothers&Toddlers	9.30—11.30	£1.00 per head	
	Applegarth Dance School	4.00—8.30	£3.50 per head	
	Gymnastics	4.30—6.30	£5.00	
	Fit Kidz Cardio	6.00—7.00	See group	
	Police Football	8.00 - 9.00	Free	
	1.30-2.45			
Friday	Mother&Toddlers (Surestart)	9.30-11.30	Free	

FINANCIAL NEEDS

In 2014/15 Murton Parish Council expect to spend a total of £357,850 (Gross Expenditure) on the delivery of services to the village. The Council anticipate receiving £32,420 in income (Receipts) for services delivered and £50,203 LCTSS grant from Durham County Council. Leaving an amount of £275,000 to be raised by Precept (Council Tax).

This Precept represents an increase of **4.15%** from the 2013/14 precept of £260,000.

The amount applicable to a property listed in valuation **Band D** is £164.62 an increase of £6.57 per year, £0.12 per week. For a property in **Band A** the amount shall be £109.00, an increase of £4.36 per year, £0.08 per week.

Rationale for Increase

The current Government have implemented changes in the way council tax bases (the number of people who pay council tax) are calculated which took effect in 2013. This resulted in the numbers of people paying council tax being reduced.

Durham County Council are once again providing us with a grant for 2014/15 to partially offset the shortfall and reduce the amount of increase required, but it is not enough to keep council tax levels the same as 2013 which is one of the reasons why an increase is required.

The Parish Council is not immune from the Government's austerity measures, we face an uncertain future. No guarantee has been given by either the Government or Durham County Council that the compensatory grant will be awarded in the future. The prospect of council tax capping by the Government in the near future may mean that the council will not be able to raise council tax for some considerable time, yet inflation and other costs continue to rise. In order to maintain the Council's assets and the services they continue to provide the community, the parish felt that an increase is necessary.

<u>Summary:</u>	2013/2014	2014/2015
	£	£
Budget Requirements	319,602	325,430
Less—LCTS Grant	59,602	50,203
RAISED BY PRECEPT	260,000	275,000
Estimated balances at End of Year	£103,601	£120,169

Council tax Calculation

Precept amount divided by 1670.5
(being the total band D equivalent dwellings for Murton) **£164.62**

Estimated number of dwellings in Murton 3,875

Any comments or questions in relation to Murton Parish Council services should be addressed to:
Mrs Lesley Armstrong, Clerk of the Council.