



The Stanley Bulletin

December 2021



A Message from the Mayor

I'd like to wish everyone across all our communities a very merry Christmas.

The people, organisations and businesses across the Stanley area have made it a year to remember. Having come together so spectacularly to combat the rigours of COVID19 and support those in our community who found themselves out of work, ill or housebound – our communities, just like last year, once again stepped up to the challenge to help those who needed it.

As Town Mayor, it has been incredible watching the work of PACT House as it has continued to prepare meals, send out food parcels and help with medical deliveries, not to mention the work it does to make sure kids are fed and have toys, adults have health and sanitary products and the incredible foodbank that never seems to empty, thanks to kind donations.

Just for Women has helped so many people subjected to domestic abuse as the world retreated behind its front doors. Advice in County Durham, which continues to help people cope with and climb out of debt and energy poverty and in Annfield Plain the Community Centre has provided invaluable help and support to their community... and these are just some of the many incredible organisations helping across the Stanley area.

In recent weeks, our Environmental Team has tackled fallen trees and damage caused by Storm Arwen across the area. The team, already carrying out essential work removing overgrown mess and fly-tipping, mobilised immediately to ensure storm damage was addressed.

I had the pleasure of welcoming people back to the Civic Hall as Blooming Good Fun celebrated our horticultural heroes, as well as seeing packed houses for the Beauty and

the Beast panto – the biggest and best festive show I can remember. Not to mention fantastic events to commemorate Remembrance Sunday, celebrate Armed Forces Day and enjoy the Christmas Tree lights switch on.

So, as we stand on the brink of another wave of COVID19, this time the Omicron variant, we do so knowing we rolled with the punches dealt over the past 20 months and came back time and again. We lost loved ones and endured sacrifice, but got through this as a community and will do so again.

So please, celebrate safely, celebrate sensibly and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Olga Milburn



Last Chance for Panto Tickets... Oh yes it is!

The last petal is preparing to fall on the Stanley Civic Hall panto – so get your tickets now!

The final performance of Beauty and the Beast will take place on Christmas Eve, and there are still some seats available for shows in its final week.

The professional production is without doubt the biggest, best and most professional panto staged at the Civic and only a few tickets remain.

Panto producer, and Silly Billy actor, Reece Sibbald, said: **“Like the classic tale, time is running out for us and I’d urge anyone who hasn’t yet seen the production to come along in our final week and for anyone who has seen it and enjoyed it – come back!”**

Beauty and the Beast is captivating audiences at Stanley Civic Hall this Christmas, with the professional cast promising a fantastic family night out. For tickets and information on performance times, visit: www.stanleypanto.co.uk



Community Recovery Support Still Available

Do you have a Community Recovery Project Proposal? Stanley AAP is helping deliver emergency schemes to support residents and communities to combat the challenges of COVID.

Within the wide-ranging work undertaken by AAPs, since the outbreak is the allocation of over £185,000 to projects across the Stanley area.

Stanley AAP Co-ordinator, Daniel O'Brien, said: **“Given the challenging situation we still face, it has been agreed that there will be a generic focus for the remainder of this financial year on Community Recovery. This could mean many things, depending on the environment you are delivering in and also the community within which your work is carried out.**

“Taking on board the wide remit that Community Recovery could cover, we have compiled a list of potential areas that we think Community Recovery could focus on.”

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Deadline for online applications is 5pm, Friday January 21, 2022



The list:

- Employability Initiatives
- Advice and Guidance
- Physical Activity, Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Organisational Sustainability
- Food Provision and Support
- Social Isolation
- Support for the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Support for Small Businesses

This is not an exhaustive list and there may be other areas taken into consideration.

Funding can plug gaps in provision and add value to other funds and programmes where possible. Daniel added: “We want projects that can supplement existing activity and explore new innovative ways of working in a changing landscape. The minimum amount people can apply for is £5,000.”

To discuss proposals or obtain a link to the online application form, contact:



Little Litter Pickers

Parents, youngsters and staff from Annfield Plain Junior School joined Stanley Neighbourhood Warden John Smith litter picking in their community.

As part of their Junior Leader Award, the young people chose to turn out and make a real difference in the place they live.

John said: **“Even in the wind, rain and snow, we all came together to make a difference. One member of the public was so impressed that they bought the school tubs of chocolates.”**



Santa Shutdown

Stanley Town Council offices and the Civic Hall will be closed across the Christmas period, starting from the final panto performance on Christmas Eve.

The offices will reopen on Wednesday 5 January.

During this time, if you do need to contact the council, please get in touch with your local councillor:

Details are on the website:
www.stanley-tc.gov.uk/councillors

PACT House



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CHRISTMAS DAY FREE DINNER DELIVERY

We will be delivering Dinner in to the community on Christmas Day this year.

If a delivered Christmas Dinner would benefit you or someone you know this Christmas please let us know. Lunch with all the trimmings and some extra goodies to help spread the Christmas cheer around our community.

Please ring 07720 650 533 or message our page to book by 3pm on Friday 17th December



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Civic Hall Stanley Presents

AN EVENING WITH BEATA NIEWITECKA

Toi Et Moi

'TOGETHER AS ONE'



Stanley Town Council

Join us for a Valentines exclusive evening of violin and piano music. Performing a beautiful array of music both new and old.

Saturday 12th February – 7pm

Tickets £14 standard & £12 concession

To book call 01207 299110 or visit www.civichallstanley.co.uk

Coming to Stanley Civic Hall in 2022

Tickets on sale now for...

Toi Et Moi - Classical and popular violin renditions from the fantastic Beata Niewitecka - 12th February 2022

Voices of Virtue - Soul and Gospel Choir - 26th March 2022

Contact Stanley Civic Hall for more info: www.civichallstanley.co.uk