

West Auckland is home to about 2,600 people. The village dates from the 12th century and is set around one of the county's longest greens, lined with many listed historic buildings (see Leaflet No.3). The centre is a conservation area.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS + FACILITIES

SCHOOLS

Two Primary Schools in the village: Copeland Road and Oakley Cross. Local children also attend the nearby St Helen Auckland Community Primary School. For Secondary Education children mainly travel to Bishop Auckland, Staindrop or Barnard Castle.

copelandroad.durham.sch.uk 01388 832576

oakleycross.durham.sch.uk 01388 833186

sthelenauckland.durham.sch.uk 01388 604 168

PLACES OF WORSHIP

St Helen's Church in St Helen Auckland is the 12th century Anglican parish church for West Auckland and St Helen Auckland. Alongside regular services it offers lunch clubs, ladies' and men's groups, and social events. The new meeting room extension 'The Ark' is available for hire. sthelenschurch.co.uk 01388 604152

The Vineyard Centre is the only church in the village, on the Aptec Enterprise Park, on the E side of Darlington Road. Besides regular services, it offers community activities such as a Toddler Group, 50p Cinema and Games Afternoon.

westaucklandvineyard.net 01388 834005

St Mary's RC Church in Vart Road, Bishop Auckland serves the Roman Catholic community in the village.

stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk 01388 603431

High Etherley Methodist Church, 2 South Road, DL14 0HZ. Email: david.payne@methodist.org.uk 01388 778207

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church is at 21 Cockton Hill Rd. DL14 6EN
bishopmethodist.org.uk 01388 450705

Bishop Auckland Baptist Church is at 22 Cockton Hill Rd. DL14 6AH bishopbaptists.co.uk

Wear Valley Christian Centre is at 58 South Church Rd. Bishop Auckland DL14 7JX.
wvconline.org.uk 01388 601534

There is a **Hebrew Congregation Reform Synagogue** in Darlington jewishgen.org, a **Mosque** in Darlington, mosques.muslimsinbritain.org, a **Hindu Radha Krishna Temple** in Middlesbrough shaivam.org and a **Sikh Gurudwara Sahib** in Darlington allaboutsiks.com

COMMUNITY SPACES

The Memorial Hall, Darlington Road, opened in 1925 was built in memory of our First World War fallen. It now hosts a wide variety of weekly events including Slimming World, Zumba, Carpet Bowls, Keep Fit and Street Dancing for youngsters. Hall phone 01388 833924 (not regularly manned) Also Dave Williamson 07708 350458 dave.williamson76@sky.com See also www.thevillagehalls.co.uk for full details.

The Monteith Community Parish Room lies behind the S side of the green in Monteith Close. Home of West Auckland Parish Council, the main hall is available for meetings and events. (Contact: Sharon Proud. sharon.home@btinternet.com) Current groups including crafts, toddlers, yoga, walkers, bingo and social gathering. List of contact numbers is on the front doorway display panel at Parish Room, 1 Monteith Close, DL14 9UB.

The Working Men's Club on the N side of the green, is a long-established institution, for many decades central to the community life in the village, and remains a lively social hub. 01388 832804.

The Well on the S side of East Green is a drop-in café and resource centre for residents and visitors alike. Run by the Vineyard Centre (see churches) the Well runs a food banks for those in need. thewellatwest.co.uk 01388 834005

The **Doctors' Surgery** is in Front Street, St Helens Auckland, operated by the Auckland Medical Group. www.aucklandmedicalgroup.co.uk 01388 604163

The **Dentists** on the N side of the green is run by the West Auckland Dental Practice. www.westaucklanddentalpractice.co.uk 01388 833899

The **Post Office** is part of McColls general store on the S side of the green. 01388 832683

VOLUNTARY GROUPS AND CLUBS

The **Women's Institute** meets in the Knight's Hall at the Manor House, first Monday in the month at 7.00pm. A warm welcome to new members. Contact: Diane Wood 07484 227633 diane.wood16@btinternet.com

Scouts and Guides. St Helens Rainbows and Brownies - sthelensrainbowsandbrownies@gmail.com - meet in the Vineyard Centre (see Places of Worship), with St Helens Scouts - sthelenscouts.co.uk. Guides - bishopaucklanddivision@gmail.com - meet at St Helens Church Neighbourhood Centre

The **Youth Club** meets weekly upstairs at the Working Men's Club on a Tuesday night.

The Memorial Hall and Monteith Parish Rooms host local groups (see above entries)

The Boxing Club, on Station Road, is in the former Youth Club. Contact Stephen Nicholson 07901 900529.

West Auckland in Bloom

The group seeks to enhance the village's attractive environment with planters, spring bulbs and shrub planting. Facebook: West Auckland in bloom. Contact: Jean Pattison. jeanpattison@btinternet.com 07921 824821, Audrey Beck 07811 768496.

St Helen & West Auckland Local History Group

A history and heritage group covering the two villages. Contact John Raw, jraw2883@aol.com 01388 663764

West Auckland Neighbourhood Watch is dedicated to promoting a safe and secure environment in the village. It currently focusses on the main village green area. To join see Facebook.

Clean Up St Helen and West Auckland Group is dedicated to keeping our villages litter-free. To join for forthcoming litter picks and news see Facebook.

West Auckland Town Football Club is successor to the famous 'First World Cup' winners of 1909 and 1911 (see Leaflet No. 2). 07812 361338
westaucklandtownfc@gmail.com Facebook: @westauckfc

NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The local **Member of Parliament** is Dehenna Davison (Con), www.dehennadavison.com

The **Durham County Council councillor** is Rob Yorke (Lab) rob.yorke@durham.gov.uk. The second ward seat is currently vacant pending an election.

The Parish Clerk of **West Auckland Parish Council**, is Sharon Proud. www.westaucklandparishcouncil.org.uk
Also see Facebook.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Besides the Facebook pages noted in entries above the following may be of interest.

Memories of West Auckland and St Helen Auckland

TOURISM, RETAIL AND INDUSTRY

Places to stay

The 16th century **Manor House Hotel** offers accommodation with full restaurant facilities also spa and wellness centre, and hosts weddings and events. 01388 834834 enquiries@manorhousehotel.net

In the nearby Tindale Crossing, there is a **Premier Inn** which is close to the retail park and amenities. There are three **Airbnb holiday homes** in the village.

Places to eat and takeaways

On the north side of the main green is **Janie's Kitchen**, on the south side there is a tearoom in the '**Antiques**' shop, and on East Green is **The Well** coffee shop, run by volunteers and includes a Food Bank.

At the top of the village is the **Eden Arms** public house, providing food and drink with a rear beer garden.

For **takeaway food** there is a choice of Chinese, Pizza or Fish and Chips.

There are many **shops and businesses** in the village: hairdressers, butcher, baker, electrician, antiques, bathroom specialist, tattoo studio, tanning salon, betting shop plus a small general dealer, a Spar and a McColls.

Industry

On Darlington Road are two large factories (Smurfit Kappa and Potters Ballotini), and the Aptec Business Park which includes caravan storage, car repairs, logs and timber merchants, pallet services, scaffolding contractors, stonemason and scrap metal services.

TRANSPORT

The following **bus services** run through the village.

- 6 Durham – Cockfield
- 82 West Auckland – Bishop Auckland
- 84A Darlington – Bishop Auckland
- 85 Barnard Castle – Bishop Auckland
- 104 Ramshaw – Newfield
- 881 West Auckland – Escomb

Train services from **Bishop Auckland** link to the main East Coast main line at Darlington.

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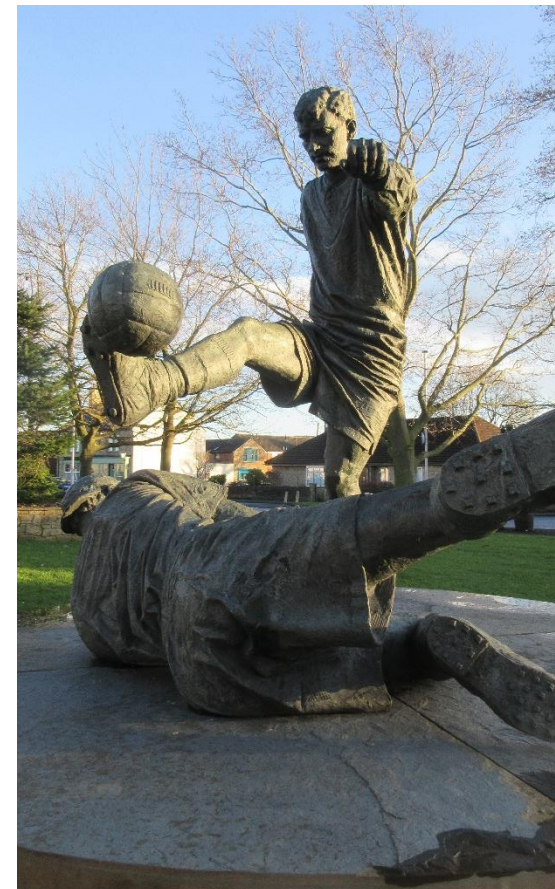
- 1 An Introduction to West Auckland
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- 3 The Historic Buildings of West Auckland
- 4 West Auckland: Rural Walks

Correct to Jan 2022, for updates contact

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AN INTRODUCTION TO WEST AUCKLAND

The village's amenities and services, community buildings and churches



The World Cup Sculpture by Nigel Boonham, 2013

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