New newsletter from Hartlepool’s Centre for Independent Living

WELCOME to the first in a series of newsletters aimed at ensuring local residents and people connected to the Havelock Centre and Warren Road facility are kept up to date with progress on the creation of the Centre for Independent Living (CIL).

CIL News will keep you informed of the key milestones for this £4 million project including information about open days, consultation events and general progress on the site.

Work on new centre is underway

WORK is under way to create a new, multi-million pound centre in Hartlepool which will provide vital services for people with disabilities and the local community.

Hartlepool Council is behind the ambitious project to provide the Centre for Independent Living on the site of the current Havelock Centre in the Burbank area of town.

The £4m development will result in services from the existing Havelock Centre and Warren Road facility at Oakesway transferring into the state-of-the-art new building which is expected to be completed by late summer 2016.

Councillor Carl Richardson, the Council’s chair of Adult Services Committee, said: “Despite the severe financial constraints being imposed on the Council, we are still managing to secure investment in services and facilities by being creative and innovative.

“There’s no doubt that this facility will provide the very best services for people in our town with disabilities along with vital other facilities for the local community.”

Hartlepool Council’s Building Design & Construction Section will be overseeing work on the new centre.

For further information, contact Neil Harrison at Hartlepool Council on (01429) 284371 or email neil.harrison_1@hartlepool.gov.uk

A message to the future; a glimpse into the past

SUGGESTIONS are being sought for a time capsule that will be on permanent display within the new Centre for Independent Living.

Chris Horn, from Hartlepool Borough Council, said: “We are keen to encourage people to look back at the history of both the Havelock Centre and the Warren Road facility.

“We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who may have any pictures, memories, or stories that they would like to share.

“A time capsule is a great way for us to leave messages and memories for future generations.”

If you have any suggestions for inclusion in the time capsule please contact Chris Horn on (01429) 851371 or email chris.horn@hartlepool.gov.uk

Follow the new build

YOU can follow progress of the development, which is expected to be completed by late summer 2016, on the new look Hartlepool Now website.

The Hartlepool Council-run website recently underwent a major expansion and now has lots more information to help people live as independently as possible.

The website includes eight main categories: Living at Home; Looking After Someone; Housing Options & Care Homes; Keeping Safe; Getting Out & About & Socialising; Keeping Healthy; Working & Learning and Money Matters.

There will also be lots of regularly updated information from over 100 local service providers, plus chatty blogs on topics of interest.

The website has been designed to be very easy for people to find their way around and will be fully accessible on mobile phone.

You can follow progress on the CIL project at http://www.hartlepoolnow.co.uk/pages/home/follow-the-build