

**Meeting of East Tynedale Forum - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017****Albermarle Barracks**

Meeting held at Albermarle Barracks where the Community/Social liaison officer, Lisa Robinson, gave a brief overview of life at the barracks. The barracks is home to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Horse Artillery regiment and there are 81 houses, mostly for the RHA. Extra quarters in Newcastle provide for some 400 unattached soldiers. Facilities on the barracks are limited and although there is a bus every day, it can be isolating for young soldiers and families. Partnerships and working in local communities are always welcomed and the HIVE Information support officer, Debra Ackroyd, based at the barracks is keen to promote events, activities, job vacancies etc. to the service community mostly through the HIVE blog. Any flyers that are emailed must be in a JPEG/PDF format.

The blog can be viewed at: <https://oustonhive.blogspot.co.uk>

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**Future funding of the Forum**

The Chair, Tom Martin, has drafted a letter to be sent to all members of the Forum asking them to contribute a proportionate amount of funding, per year, to keep the Forum going. It should work out at no more than 2p per head of electorate of councils. PTC is looking at a contribution of £300.00. Since this meeting the letter has been received by PTC on 7<sup>th</sup> June confirming the amount.

**Next meeting**

AGM at Wylam Institute - 7 pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July.