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## Keep Calm and... start your own business!

**An enthusiastic young car mechanic has used the demise of a 40-year-old company to start his own business.**

Time-served Ford technician Nathan Barber was one of more than 80 people who lost their jobs when stricken family firm Holiways went into administration in August. But instead of moping about, the 22-year-old former Woodham Academy student initiated an ambition to start his own business.

Nathan is now running MotorFix Auto Repairs, from Unit 1 at Brighthouse Court on Burtree Road, Aycliffe Business Park.

"I always wanted to set up on my own, and after what happened with Holiways it seemed like a good time to do it," said the former Byerley Park School pupil.

"The Holiways owners had it for 40 years, they've been for a long time, so it wasn't good for anyone."



Nathan is running an introductory offer for new customers, with a value service and 30-point vehicle health check from just £49.99, valid until 30th November.

To see Nathan's Video Interview in full, go to our Video Vault on [www.aycliffetoday.co.uk](http://www.aycliffetoday.co.uk)

● MotorFix Auto Repairs is at Unit 1, Brighthouse Court on Burtree Road, Aycliffe Business Park, DL5 6HZ. Call 01325 320937, or 07584 208022.

## Windlestone Hall sells for £240k



**The grade II-listed Windlestone Hall near Newton Aycliffe has been sold for a cut-price £240,000 by owners Durham County Council to private investors, who claim they will restore the stately home to its "original splendour".**

More on [www.aycliffetoday.co.uk](http://www.aycliffetoday.co.uk)

## Solid growth on Aycliffe Business Park

**Valad, the European multi-let real estate investment manager, has completed 250,000 sq ft plus of lettings and sold over 100,000 sq ft of industrial and office space at Aycliffe Business Park (ABP) over the course of the last 18 months.**

Valad were advised by Jones Lang LaSalle, Sanderson Weatherall and Morganfield Developments who act as joint agents on the park.

ABP is the second largest business park in the North-East, covering about 672 acres and is home to over 250 companies, with firms including Husqvarna, Katell, Raisco, A-Tech Fabrications, Finley's, BTS, DPE

Automotive and most recently Group Homesafe Ltd, who recently completed the acquisition of circa 20,000 sq ft on Redworth Way. Jonathan Simpson, partner at Sanderson Weatherall, said: "The level of take up on the park over the last two years has been excellent. "This has helped us significantly decrease the voids across the estate which is a great result for the fund investors. Perhaps the concern now moving towards 2013 will be the shortage of good quality stock, particularly with Hitachi now firmly on the horizon."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Council's £182m savings on target

An update on Durham County Council's Medium Term Financial Plan outlines how, despite continued uncertainties regarding Government funding, the council's plan remains on target to deliver the third year of required savings.

Council leader Cllr Simon Henig said: "To date we have hit very tough savings targets for 2011-12 and 2012-13. Short of further unprecedented announcements, 2013-14 also looks set to deliver the budget cuts required."

More on this is on [www.aycliffetoday.co.uk](http://www.aycliffetoday.co.uk)

### Holiways for sale

The former Holiways car showroom has gone up for sale for just under £2m. The collapsed family-owned Ford dealership went bust in August, with a loss of more than 80 staff.

The showhome and land - totalling 27,502 sq ft (2,555.02 sq m) - has gone up for sale for £1.95m with Sanderson Weatherall.

### Ebac's £1m bid

Newton Aycliffe-based Ebac has put in a £1m bid to the Government's enterprise fund as part of plans to become the UK's only manufacturer of washing machines.

The firm wants to start building washing machines and fridge-freezers, creating another 200 North-East jobs.

Full story on [www.aycliffetoday.co.uk](http://www.aycliffetoday.co.uk)

## A word from your MP...

Hi and welcome to the very first edition of the Aycliffe Today newsletter - it gives me great pleasure to write this brief column for what I think is another exciting venture for Newton Aycliffe.

As most Newtonians will know, my Constituency office is based in Aycliffe town centre, but the Constituency of Sedgefield itself is vast, meaning I'm often at various points of the region, from Hurworth village near Darlington, to Ferryhill and my home village of Trimdon.

I was elected to Parliament in 2007, succeeding Tony Blair, and I feel extremely honoured and privileged to represent the people of my Constituency, and the people of Aycliffe.

Other than my political commitments in Parliament, I have lived in the Sedgefield Constituency all my life - the North-East is a beautiful part of the world, and I care passionately about the area and the people.

My philosophy has always been to work as hard as I possibly can, for the people of Sedgefield, and I'm lucky in that I have a job I enjoy so much.

As many of you will know, there are lots of many exciting developments planned for Aycliffe coming very soon. There's Hitachi, of course, and the much-awaited new Aldi store opening before Christmas. I also believe the redevelopment of the town centre, while long overdue, will soon begin to take shape - so I think when you roll it all in together, there are really exciting times ahead for the town.

Phil Wilson



Phil Wilson MP  
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Tues 23rd Oct: Sunderland RCA (A) 7.30pm

Sat 27th Oct: Whitley Bay (A) 3pm

Weds 31st Oct: Spennymoor (H) 7.30pm

Sat 3rd Nov: West Auckland (H) 3pm



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