

What a Sur-prize



Alison said: "I can't believe I have eyebrows. I lost them in 1986 after getting Hodgkin's lymphoma and have had to draw them on ever since.

"I feel great, and I'm over the moon, every morning I get up and look in the mirror at them. It's such a massive confidence boost. I feel like I won the best prize ever."

Tattoo removal expert, Barry, and his wife Michelle, provide free tattoo removals to the unemployed and people in refuge who have a marking of a former partner's name.

Barry said: "Alison is a lovely client who had unfortunately suffered from an illness that we most fear. After her long battle she suffered from hair loss and the hair line on the eyebrow did not recover.

"After our shear tenacity we have strived to bring these cosmetic procedures to people who cannot get the treatment on the NHS, and we would like to take this opportunity once again and ask people to contact us and we are more than happy to help.

"We pride ourselves on helping people as we ourselves would not like to sit in silence and remember what we have suffered in the past.

"Everyone's appearance is important

– so why mock those who have suffered. Our perception on seeing people with either tattoo's or hair loss is taken in different ways by society, but at Bellissimo we will continue to provide these services to the young and old."

Michelle also provides scar camouflage alongside mobile beauty treatments.

Barry said: "We have treated over 200 clients now and as you will have seen in last week's story the results are fantastic."

"Michelle is still offering the 50 per cent discount on permanent makeup procedures on eyes, brows and lips until further notice as this helps the community during our credit crisis.

"We would like to take this opportunity to say to the community of Wearside: 'if you need our help with any of our cosmetic procedures please contact us'.

"We would also like to ask the self help groups for the young and old who either support the underprivileged who have visible tattoos, or groups that help alopecia or chemotherapy patients to contact us as we would like to help, too."

My number is 0800 0845 047 if you need me? You can also email barry@bellissimo-ne.co.uk or visit www.bellissimo-ne.co.uk



Alison's eyebrow during healing

AFTER Alison McCarthy lost her eyebrows from having chemotherapy due to Hodgkin's disease, she was forced to draw them on with a pencil every day.

But now the 49-year-old has been given a new lease of life thanks to some permanent eyebrows.

Alison, who lives in Murton, contacted Barry and Michelle Crane, who own Roker-based Bellissimo North East, after seeing an advert in the Echo about the couple offering free treatments to people who suffered hair loss due to chemotherapy and alopecia.