

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Banner Project

The Fenhall Drift Banner project is nearing an end following 2 years of work from Lanchester Miners' Banner Group. The work of the group has resulted in conservation works being undertaken on the original banner, the production of a replica banner, art and dance workshops in the schools and the production of a community leaflet and school pack. The project will culminate with a celebration event on 27 June.

Family Art Workshop

Saturday 17 May
10.00am - 2.00pm



Lanchester Community Centre

FREE

Flower Hair Garlands, Flags, Badges,
Stained Glass Window Pictures, Dec-
orative Letters

*Everyone welcome
Stay as long as you like*

We hope to make some items to use at
the celebration event

Blessing of the Banner

The original Fenhall Drift Lodge
Banner is to be hung in the Parish
Church at the end of June.

To mark this occasion the banner
will be blessed at a Service in
Lanchester Parish Church on
Sunday 29 June at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome
to come along to this
special service and
see the original ban-
ner in its new home



Durham Gala

The replica banner will attend Durham Gala
on Saturday 12 July. Burnhope Banner
Group have kindly arranged for us to march
and attend with their banner. Transport has
been arranged and a bus will leave at ap-
prox 8.15am from Lanchester. Please con-
tact Freda Dawson, Burnhope Banner
group on 07812173915 if you would like
transport. Return tickets cost £5 for
13+ years and £2 for 5 - 12 year olds.

Or make your own way there and join us in
Durham for this exciting event.
It is hoped that the banner will be selected
to be Blessed at Durham Cathedral at the
3pm service, which would be amazing.
Final confirmation of this is awaited.

Banner Celebration Event

A celebration of the banner project is planned for Friday 27 June in the afternoon.

At 1.30pm the replica banner led by Lanchester Brass Band and accompanied by several
hundred school children will parade along Front Street from the EP Primary School to the Village
Green.

At the Village Green a display of maypole and traditional miners' rapper dancing will take place along with
music from Lanchester Brass Band and St Bede's School. Light refreshments will be available.

Please come along and enjoy the first outing of our community banner. The event should be concluded at
approx. 3.00pm and is dependent on favourable weather conditions.

Please note that the whole of Front Street will be closed to traffic between 1.15pm - 2.00pm. In addition



Lanchester Community Emergency Plan

Early in May two workshops took place to continue the work to produce a Community Emergency Plan. The workshops were facilitated by Carole Lawford from the Civil Contingencies Unit who is working with communities to produce emergency plans. A draft document for Lanchester has been prepared by the community. This draft document can be viewed on the Lanchester Partnership website from the beginning of June via the following link www.lanchesterpartnership.org.uk/links Comments and suggestions on the draft plan can be forwarded to Sally on 01207 521957 until 20 June.

A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR LANCHESTER

The Parish Council have decided to proceed with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and a working group has been established to undertake this task which is likely to take 18 months to two years to complete. An application has been made to the County Council to designate the Parish boundary as the geographical area to be covered by the Plan. This request starts a six week consultation to be carried out by the County Council during which representations can be made regarding this proposal following which the County Council can confirm the designation or modify it in the light of any representations received. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council notice board and the County Council website for further details.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has representatives at present from the Council itself, the Lanchester Partnership, the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester Group, the Farming community and several members of the community. Representatives from other appropriate organisations or individuals are welcome – please contact Sally Laverick, Lead Officer (01207 521957), or Councillor Mike Wardle who is chairing the Working Group (01207 521622). The Working Group intends to draw upon work already done in the Parish and published in the Village Design Statement, the Parish Plan and the Locality Map with initial concerns focussing on:

The Historic Environment; the Settlement Limit; designation of Green Spaces; Flooding; Wildlife Corridors; areas of Landscape Value; Sustainable Development and Alternative Energy – however it is likely that there will be a range of additional issues that the plan will consider.

There will be opportunities to input into the plan throughout the process, however if you have any immediate concerns please let either Sally or Mike know. It is intended to keep everyone informed as the Plan develops by a variety of forms of consultation and the final version will have to be put to the vote of the whole Parish before it can be approved. When it is approved it will be a significant part of the whole planning process as it applies to Lanchester. It will be an important document.

Schedule of Council meetings 2014 / 15 All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 10 June	Ordinary
Tues 8 July	Ordinary
Wed 30 July	Finance & Development
Tues 9 September	Ordinary
Wed 24 September	Finance & Development
Tues 14 October	Ordinary
Tues 11 November	Ordinary
Wed 26 November	Finance & Development
Tues 9 December	Ordinary
Tues 13 January	Ordinary
Wed 28 January	Finance & Development
Tues 10 February	Ordinary
Tues 10 March	Ordinary
Wed 25 March	Finance & Development
Tues 14 April	Annual Village Conference followed by Ordinary meeting
Tues 12 May	Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. Planning and Recreation meetings are scheduled as required. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Audited Accounts

Lanchester Parish Council is currently undergoing its external audit. As part of this process it is a requirement that the Annual Accounts are made available to the public. The period specified for this purpose is 12 May - 9 June. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957.



Lanchester Parish Councillors

Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	
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Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522	
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Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627	
Alasdair Nairn	1 St Bedes Court,	529384	
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790	
Mike Wardle	8 Ornsby Hill,	521622	
Julie Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	
Peter Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	
Philip Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	

Staff Lead Officer / Clerk Sally Laverick 521957 /
529415
Handyperson David Maddox



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Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council has introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next session will be at Park House on:

**Tues 8 July
6.30 pm - 7.00pm**