

Lanchester Parish Council

August 2010

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.



Lanchester Locality Map Launch Countryfile presenter Matt Baker supports local document

The official launch of the Lanchester Locality Map document took place on Saturday 29 May on the Village Green, Lanchester. The document recognises the need to value the rural community. Representatives from the Parish Council, Partnership, farming, wildlife and environment groups worked together over several years to produce the document which provides a framework of

actions to safeguard farming, wildlife and the environment in the Parish.

Last minute work commitments prevented Matt Baker presenter of Countryfile and The One Show from attending the launch. His mother, Janice Baker who owns a local sheep farm read the following statement of support on his behalf:

'I am really impressed with the whole project. I know from working on 'Countryfile' what 'people power' can achieve and your locality map is a prime example of that. The aims of this important document, to safeguard farming, wildlife and the environment are all things close to my heart, and should I feel be the back bone of any rural community. I am very proud of my farming roots and whenever I can we travel back up north with our young family to the farm, which unfortunately is just outside your map. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well for the future in your hopes and aspirations for this fine project. Long may it continue.'

The event was attended by representatives from all aspects of the rural community, including; farmers, landowners, horseriders, cyclists, walkers, community groups etc. The event which included displays and light refreshments was officially opened by Councillor Ossie Johnson, Chair of Lanchester Parish Council and Janice Baker was joined by John Gall a local landowner and former deputy Director of Beamish Museum, in welcoming the publication as a valuable demonstration of support for the whole parish environment. The Locality Map document includes a framework of actions and funding has been secured to employ a development officer to start to take things forward. The full document and summary document can be viewed on-line at www.lanchesterparish.info



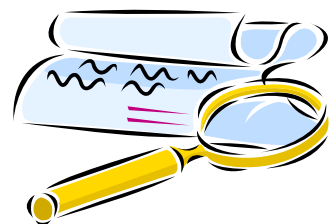
Annual Report 2009/10

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2009 / 10 was published in June and distributed to houses in the Lanchester Parish. If you didn't receive your copy or would like further copies, please contact the Clerk on the number below or pick up a copy at the Library or Community Centre.

The report outlines the services that the Parish Council provides and the main achievements of the year. The report also provides an overview of expenditure and income for the year.

A summary of the financial picture is shown as follows:

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| Balance at 1 April 2009 | 98,517.94 |
| Total Income | £71,816.73 |
| Total Expenditure | £74,156.96 |
| Balance at 31 March 2010 | £96,177.71 |



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Lanchester Dairies support the Village Green project

Work is ongoing to finalise details for the village green project. Developments include the introduction of a recreational path along the side of the burn, surface improvements to an area beside the church, the installation of a Parish Council information board on the main green and the installation of a circular tree seat on the main green to encourage people to sit and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

The Parish Council has been offered a grant towards the project of up to £12,000 from CDENT (County Durham Environmental Trust). However one of the conditions of the grant is that a 10% contribution is needed from a third party.

We are delighted to announce that Lanchester Dairies have offered the £1200 to allow the grant to be released.

Many thanks for their generosity.

Schedule of Council meetings 2010 / 11

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| Tues 14 September | Ordinary |
| Wed 29 September | Finance & Development |
| Tues 12 October | Ordinary |
| Tues 9 November | Ordinary |
| Wed 24 November | Finance & Development |
| Tues 14 December | Ordinary |
| Tues 11 January 2011 | Ordinary |
| Wed 26 January | Finance & Development |
| Tues 8 February | Ordinary |
| Tues 8 March | Ordinary |
| Wed 30 March | Finance & Development |
| Tues 12 April | Annual Meeting of the Parish Followed by Ordinary meeting |
| Tues 10 May | Annual Meeting followed by the Ordinary meeting |

All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board at Park House. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

County Durham Environment Awards

Success for Kitswell Park Bike Track and Play Area



Lanchester Parish Council and Lanchester Partnership were delighted to hear that they had won an award in the Community Partnership category of the County Durham Environment Awards for Kitswell Park Bike Track & Play Area.

Representatives from Lanchester Parish Council, Lanchester Partnership and Southern Green Ltd attended the awards ceremony on 24 May at the Gala Theatre, Durham.

The Community Partnership Award is given by Durham County Council in recognition of the commitment of all parties involved in successfully delivering the scheme to the benefit of the local community

Kitswell Park Bike Track and Play Area was opened in April 2009, is maintained and managed by Lanchester Parish Council and provides beginner and advanced bike tracks, teen play equipment and an under 5's play area.



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:

Tuesday 14 Sept.
Tuesday 9 November
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

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| Neil Fleming | 11 Broadoak Drive, | 520987 | |
| Ossie Johnson | Stella House, Durham Road, | 521937 | CHAIR |
| Colin Burton | 15 Deanery View, | 520840 | |
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| Keith Harrison | Colepike Home Farm, | 529522 | |
| Paul Jackson | Stonebeck, Front Street, | 521208 | |
| Kevin Leary | 60 Deanery View, | 521627 | |
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| Mike Wardle | 8 Ornsby Hill, | 521622 | |
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| Lead Officer / Clerk | Mrs Sally Laverick | 521957 / 529415 | |
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