

Lanchester Parish Council

Newsletter

August 2011

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.

Locality Map

Over the last few months the primary schools in the Parish have become very involved in the Locality Map project. Sue Charlton the Locality Map Development Officer has visited the schools and provided a range of activities including: building insect hotels in the school grounds, an egg hatching project, mini-beast hunts, installing ponds in the school grounds, growing produce and visits to farms and local nature reserves.



Creating an insect hotel

Hundreds of children aged from 4 years to 11 years have thoroughly enjoyed their involvement with many giving up their lunch and play times to work on the projects.

Work on other aspects of the Locality Map project continues with progress being made on the heritage walks and wildlife audit.



**Making a splash
Work on creating a pond**

The Lanchester Garden Pond Survey has just been launched. The aim of the survey is to find out where the ponds in the Parish are. This helps us plan where new ponds should be created to help our wildlife thrive in the countryside. If you have a garden pond please take part in the survey. A survey form can be downloaded from the website, or give Sue a ring and she will send a form out to you.

How would you like to keep fit, meet new people and all for free. Well why not join our team of conservation volunteers. We meet monthly and carry out lots of varied jobs around the Parish. Recent work has included woodland management and habitat pile construction, pond works and a butterfly survey day. No experience is needed and all levels of fitness are encouraged. So whether you are 14 or 114 why not get involved. Please contact Sue for more information.

If you would like to become involved with any of the activities please get in touch with Sue Charlton the Development Officer email her on sue.charlton@lanchesterparish.info or contact her on 07585 001 355.

You can also find details of everything happening on the Project and more on our website www.lanchesterparish.info or follow us on Twitter (LanchesterLM) and facebook (Lanchester Locality Map).



The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas
Funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and is managed by One NorthEast in the North East region.

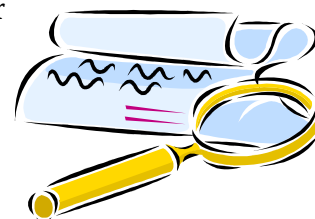


Annual Report 2010/11

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2010 / 11 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 2010 | £96,177.71 |
| Total Income | £80,699.86 |
| Total Expenditure | £90,747.40 |
| Balance at 31 March 2011 | £86,130.17 |



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The new tree seat in use

Village Green - Celebration

A celebration event was held on Thursday 9 June to officially launch the new facilities on the village green.

The project, completed in May includes the introduction of a recreational path along the side of the burn as well as surface improvements to an area beside the church, the installation of a Parish Council information board and circular tree seat on



Maypole dancing on the green

the main green to encourage people to sit and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

The event was attended by children from the local primary schools who were the first to officially walk the circular path. In addition children from Lanchester EP Primary School gave a fabulous demonstration of Maypole dancing.

Many members of the community attended the event and enjoyed the dancing and refreshments on offer.

The Parish Council who have led on the project have provided funds for the development. In addition a grant of £15,200 has been funded by County Durham Environment Trust from funds received under the Government's

Landfill Communities Fund, from the Premier Waste Management Company. A 10% contribution of £1500 has been made available from local business Lanchester Dairies.



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COUNTY DURHAM
Environmental Trust

Allotments Agreement

A new Management Agreement was signed in April between Lanchester Parish Council and Lanchester Allotments Association. Under the agreement the Parish Council owned allotments to the rear of Durham Road will be managed and operated by Lanchester Allotments Association.

The allotments have been successfully managed by the Allotments Association for the past 10 years and the new agreement allows the association to manage them for a further 20 years.



Ossie Johnson, John Dixon, Robin Gates and Stuart Walker sign the new agreement

Entrance Improvements



Work continues to improve the facilities at Kitswell Park. Work to improve and enhance the entrance to the park took place in early Spring.

Neighbourhood Wardens

Durham County Council employ Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol local areas and deal with issues such as dog fouling, fly tipping, graffiti, littering and anti-social behaviour. Incidents can be reported to Stuart Liddle the Neighbourhood Warden on 01207 693693



Lanchester Parish Councillors

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| Ossie Johnson | Stella House, Durham Road, |
| Colin Burton | 15 Deanery View, |
| Elizabeth Cook | 46 Manor Grange, |
| Bob Glass | 2 The Paddock |
| Bill Gray | 27 Foxhills Crescent, |
| Margaret Gray | 27 Foxhills Crescent, |
| Keith Harrison | Colepike Home Farm, |
| Paul Jackson | Stonebeck, Front Street, |
| Kevin Leary | 60 Deanery View, |
| Alasdair Nairn | 1 St Bedes Court, |
| Stuart Walker | 2 St Bedes Court, |
| Mike Wardle | 8 Ornsby Hill, |
| David Lindsay | 13 Foxhills Crescent, |
| Malcolm Clarke | 14 Briardene |
| Alan Myers | 10 Ashdown Grove |

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| Staff | Lead Officer / Clerk | Sally Laverick |
| | Handyperson | David Maddox |
| | Development Officer | Sue Charlton |

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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 sessions will be at Park House on:

Tues 13 September
Tues 8 November
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.