

Lanchester Parish Council

Newsletter

August 2012

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 Miners Banner Group

The Fenhall Drift Banner is owned by Durham Miners Association and has been returned to Lanchester under the custodianship of Lanchester Parish Council.

The banner was made in 1960 and carries illustrations of the Parish Church on one side and a Roman Figure and Miner on the other side.

The first meeting of the Lanchester Miners Banner Group took place in July. The purpose of the working group is to agree and co-ordinate the works needed to the banner and raise the necessary funds to enable the work to take place. It is hoped that this will be a community project involving many members of the Parish. The group considered funding opportunities and were surprised and delighted to hear that two very generous personal donations have been promised.

The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for 6 September at 4.30pm at Park House. If any members of the community wish to join the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957.



The Parish Council would wish to offer its sympathy to all those who suffered during the recent floods.

FLOODING – CAN WE HELP?

A group of Lanchester residents has formed a Flooding Action Group to help those whose property has been flood damaged. The group includes Lanchester's County Councillors and members of the Red Cross, Lions, Partnership, Parish Council and all 3 churches. It is working with the County Council's Community Flood Engagement Officer.

By mid July members had visited 72 properties, 36 of which had had flood water inside them.

At present the group is focusing on trying to help those who have suffered damage. Later it will look at ways of trying to reduce the danger of flood damage in the future.

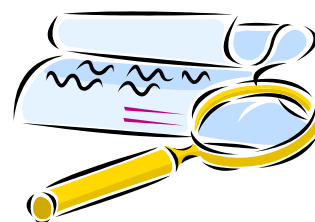
If you would like to help, or you have suffered flood damage, or you know someone who has, please ring Mike or Jill Gladstone on 528 114.

Annual Report 2011/12

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2011 / 12 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:

Balance at 1 April 2011	£86,130.17
Total Income	£118,712.87
Total Expenditure	£132,663.33
Balance at 31 March 2012	£72,179.71



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Grants received

Within the last 4 years the Parish Council, working with partners and on its own have secured over £194,000 to deliver projects and improve services.

Sources of funding have included: Heritage Lottery Fund, Rural Development Programme for England, Durham County Council, Youth Opportunities Fund, Northern Gas Networks, County Durham Environment Trust, CIF grant, Area Action Partnership, local businesses etc.

Project undertaken include:

Bike Track & Play Area	- £90,000.00
Village Green phase one	- £16,700.00
Village Green phase two	- £1,955.00
Tree Grants	- £300.00
Locality Map project	- £68,000.00
Walk Leaflets	- £3,200.00
Quality Status Bursary	- £500.00
Gateway Project	- £12,274.00
Lynwood	- £800.00
Village Comp. Prize Money	- £800.00



Many thanks go to the organisations and individuals who have worked with us on these projects

Football Field

Recent maintenance work has been undertaken on the football playing surface at Kitswell Road following requests from our local football teams.

The playing surface has been stripped back, levelled and re-seeded. Despite being hampered by the appalling weather, the pitch is now re-seeded and should be available for play sometime in the next playing season.

The work will improve the playing surface and enhance the quality of experience for all players.



Area Action Partnership - Work priorities for 2013/14

How many times have you said 'why did they not...' or 'why couldn't they...' at the start to a sentence that puts the world to right. Well in this case we would like you to help us put your area right.

The Area Action Partnership are looking to set its work priorities for 2013 / 14 and are seeking the views of local people. Your views are important, so have your say. The Area Action Partnership is a way of involving you in the work of your County and Parish Councils, housing, health, police and emergency services, local businesses and the voluntary and community sector, placing you at the heart of local decision making.

Questionnaires can be picked up at community venues or by contacting the Area Action Partnership office on 01207 529085.

Code of Conduct

Legislation requires that Parish Councils have in place a Code of Conduct which meets the requirements of the Localism Act.

The new Code of Conduct was adopted by Lanchester Parish Council in July 2012 and is based on the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.



Lanchester Wildlife Book and Heritage Walks Leaflets

Both of these popular publications are available for the community to enjoy. Copies can be collected from the Library, Community Centre or from the Parish Council office at Park House.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	VICE CHAIR
Elizabeth Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334	
Bob Glass	2 The Paddock	295765	
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522	
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208	
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	
David Lindsay	13 Foxhills Crescent,	520102	
Malcolm Clarke	14 Briardene	07542	
Alan Myers	10 Ashdown Grove	07502 163913	
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 11 September
10.00am - 11.00am
(coffee morning)**