

Lanchester Parish Council

Newsletter

August 2013

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 - Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner

Following the announcement that the monies had been secured to deliver the project, work is progressing steadily on the various aspects of the project. The project will include works to the original banner, the production of a replica banner and involve banner and traditional dance workshops in the schools and wider community all culminating in a celebration event in the village. Information packs will be produced and distributed through the schools and wider community.

Funding of **£23,500** has been secured from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget with the addition of some personal donations. Thanks go to our County Councillors Ossie Johnson and Richard Young for their kind support.

The necessary conservation works to the original banner have been co-ordinated and the work will be undertaken by Jim Devenport and Kate Stockwell over the summer and early Autumn.

Durham Bannermakers have been appointed to create a replica banner and work has begun and should be completed in the Autumn.

Durham Bannermakers have been appointed to deliver the banner workshops in the schools and in the community and the dance workshops will be co-ordinated by Aubrey O' Brien a Lanchester resident. Discussions with the schools will take place in Autumn to agree a timetable for the banner and dance workshops.

A celebration event has been scheduled for the end of June 2014 and work on developing the information packs and organising the celebration event will continue through the year.

If any members of the community are interested in becoming part of the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957.



Emma from Durham Bannermakers

Annual Report 2012/13

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2012 / 13 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 2012	£72,179.71
Total Income	£89,373.47
Total Expenditure	£61,267.69
Balance at 31 March 2013	£100,285.49

The Balance figure includes substantial monies received as grants for specific projects as well as monies identified for particular works.



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Parish Council Steps In To Tidy Up Grassed Area

Last year the Parish Council were informed that the County Council was to stop cutting the grass in the area either side of the Lanchester Valley Walk between Station Road and Newbiggen Lane.

Following several months of discussion between the County Council and the Parish Council and representation from many concerned residents, the Parish Council took the decision to arrange and pay for the cutting of the grass in this area. Grass cutting commenced again this year.

The Parish Council have entered into a licence agreement with the County Council to cut the grass this year and the Parish Council will review this arrangement at the end of the year.



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.



Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets are once again providing a colourful display throughout the village during the summer months.



Tree Works

The Parish Council have recently secured a comprehensive report on the trees at Kitswell Park and on the Village Green which has identified necessary maintenance works to the trees in these areas.



The Parish Council appointed a local tree company who have undertaken the tree work over the last few months. This work will ensure that the trees are maintained and managed to an appropriate standard.



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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 10 September
10.00am - 11.00am
(coffee morning)