

Lanchester Parish Council

Newsletter

May 2010

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 Launch

The launch of the Locality Map document will take place on Saturday 29 May at 11am at Park House Play Area.

Representatives from the Parish Council, Partnership, farming, wildlife and environment groups worked together to produce the document which aims to provide a framework of actions to safeguard farming, the environment and wildlife in the Parish. To enable the identified actions to be addressed, funding has been secured to employ a development worker.

A summary of the document has been prepared and will be distributed to all households in the Parish in May.

Look out for your copy.

The launch event on Saturday 29 May will include all aspects of the rural community. Taking place at 11am at Park House Play Area, everyone is welcome to come along. There will be displays and light refreshments available.



Keith Harrison, local farmer, Parish Councillor and Chair of the Locality Map Working Group

Village Entry Project

The Area Action Partnership is leading a road safety project which will look to develop physical gateway features at the entrances to Lanchester. The aim of a gateway feature is to slow down traffic entering the village. The village was identified using Durham County Council Highways and Police data from the last 3 years. The designs of the gateways will involve the police and highways working with the Parish Council and via consultation with local residents. The Lanchester design work will commence within the next couple of months. For more details contact the Area Action Partnership on 01207 529857.



Lanchester Flood Warden Scheme Open Meeting

Durham County Council together with the Environment Agency would like your support to establish a flood warden scheme in Lanchester.

Are you interested?

Can you spare 1/2 hour to come along and find out all about it?

Time: 7.00pm
Date: Tuesday 15 June
Place: Park House,
Station Road,
Lanchester



Lanchester Parish Council, Park House, Station Road, Lanchester, DH7 OEX Tel: 01207 521957

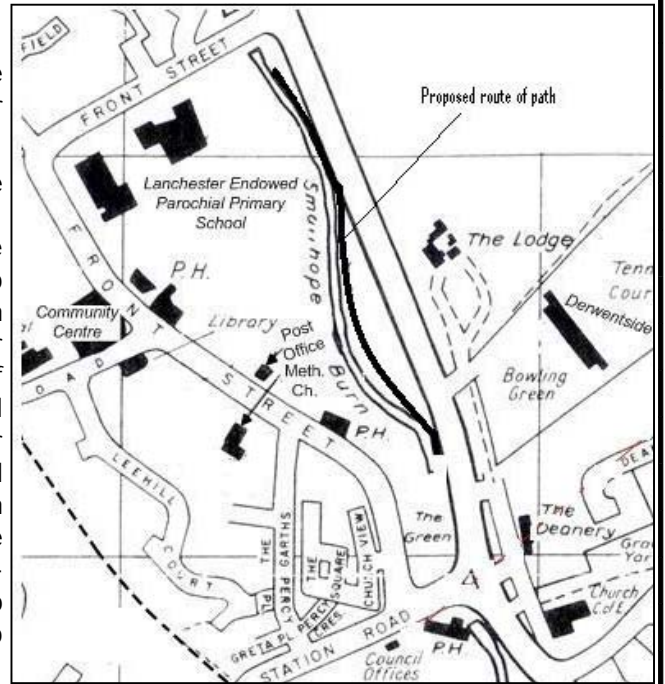
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Village Green Developments

Following consultation with the community last year, the Parish Council have considered a number of developments for the village green and are excited to present their proposals.

These include the introduction of a recreational path along the side of the burn on the underused stretch of the village green. This sinuous path approximately 130m long would link the existing unused seats on the green and would connect to paths at the top and bottom thereby creating a circular path around the village. The path which would be wheelchair accessible would allow people easier access along the whole of the green and it is hoped that it would become a much loved short walk by all members of the community. Other developments include surface improvements to an area used for parking 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. Also included in the development are some necessary tree works to address low limbs problems and trees in poor condition.



The Parish Council are currently seeking funding to contribute to this development.



High Sheriffs Award

Congratulations go to the Young Peoples Working Group, part of Lanchester Partnership

for winning the High Sheriffs Award for their involvement in the Bike Track project at Kitswell Park. The young people received the award at a ceremony on 25 March at Durham Castle.

Area Action Partnership NAME CHANGE

The Mid Durham Rural West Area Action Partnership which covers Lanchester and its surrounding area has changed its name to

MID DURHAM AAP.

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 17 May - 14 June. If you wish to examine the records during this period please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957

Public Participation

Lanchester Parish Council meets regularly at Park House, Station Road. 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.

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 11 May
Tuesday 13 July
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

Neil Fleming	11 Broadoak Drive,	520987	
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	
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Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	VICE CHAIR
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Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208	
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627	
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