

Lanchester Parish Council

May 2011

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.



Archive Training

Locality Map

The Farming group are continuing to meet to develop training and support requirements for the rural community of the Parish and the first information sessions and training days are beginning to be delivered. Work on a Wildlife Audit for Lanchester Parish is well underway with a first draft currently being produced by local volunteers. A series of walks leaflets to describe the heritage of the area are planned and volunteers have just completed the first surveys of these walk leaflets.



To support the historic audit a series of training visits to the Durham Records Office Archives have taken place with 24 people enjoying the training. Further visits are planned so please get in touch if you would like to come along to these FREE informal events. An interest in local history is all that is required.

In addition training opportunities in mapping wildlife, wildlife surveying, information sessions in renewable energy and computing are also ongoing. Upcoming training includes: first aid (agricultural workers and lone working), beginners sheep shearing, with new opportunities advertised as they become available.

Local school children are also involved with the project. Projects include the construction of a bug hotel in school grounds, mini beast hunts, egg hatching programme and trips to local nature reserves and farms.

The monthly practical conservation working group has been busy planting hedgerows, undertaking woodland and pond management and helping Lanchester Partnership with their annual clean up of the village. The next event is planned for the 21st May, at Malton Nature Reserve.

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.



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 16 May - 13 June. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957

May Pole Dancing returns to the Village Green

May Pole dancing returned to the Village Green on Thursday 14 April when children and teachers from Lanchester EP Primary school accompanied by Mr Burt Hunter and Mr Chuck Fleming showed off their skills. The dancing formed part of several days of entertainment for 20 visitors from various European countries as part of the Comenius project which encourages educational and cultural links between young people across Europe. The May Pole dancing was so successful that the school are planning to make it an annual event.



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Village Green

Improvement works on the village green have almost been completed.

It is intended to hold a celebration event in the early summer. Please look out for details on the notice board and come and join us in the celebrations.

The project was made possible through a grant from CDENT from funds received under the Government's Landfill Communities Fund, from the Premier Waste Management Company and a contribution of £1500 from Lanchester Dairies.



Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available to the public at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. The scheme promotes the release of information and intends to demonstrate openness and transparency in its work.

There is a guide to information which lists the information held by the Parish Council and the methods by which this can be accessed by the public. A copy of this guide can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 521957.



Schedule of Council meetings 2011 / 12

All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 14 June	Ordinary
Tues 12 July	Ordinary
Wed 27 July	Finance & Development
Tues 13 September	Ordinary
Wed 28 September	Finance & Development
Tues 11 October	Ordinary
Tues 8 November	Ordinary
Wed 30 November	Finance & Development
Tues 13 December	Ordinary
Tues 10 January 2012	Ordinary
Wed 25 January	Finance & Development
Tues 14 February	Ordinary
Tues 13 March	Ordinary
Wed 28 March	Finance & Development
Tues 10 April	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting
Tues 8 May	Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. Planning and Recreation meetings are scheduled as required. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Lynwood House Public Meeting and Consultation

- Approximately 90 people attended the Lynwood House event on 14 April and saw the proposed plans for the innovative multi-user centre. Many completed the feedback forms which will be considered by the working group of partners.
- Work continues by the partners to make the plans into a reality.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	
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	VICE CHAIR
Mike Wardle	8 Ornsby Hill,	521622	
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Staff	Lead Officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415
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	Development Officer	Sue Charlton	07585 001355



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 12 July
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.