

Lanchester Parish Council

Newsletter

May 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.



Let's Celebrate !



March and April saw three celebration events in Lanchester.

The Launch of the 'Lanchester Wildlife' booklet on 17 March attracted hundreds of people to the Social Club. Professor David Bellamy OBE, Mrs Pat Glass MP and Councillor Ossie Johnson officially launched the proceedings following which those present enjoyed the refreshments and activities on offer. This professional publication was written by a group of dedicated volunteers with support from the Parish Council Development Officer and is available at the Library, community venues and from Park House.



The Lanchester Heritage Walks Leaflets were launched on 31 March on the Village Green. Walkers young and old and numerous dogs took part in the event which included guided walks of two of the six walks. Speakers included Mrs Pat Glass MP, Mr John Gall and Councillor Ossie Johnson who spoke of the wonderful heritage of the Parish highlighted in the leaflets. Many thanks must go to the volunteers who helped research, waymark and walk the routes. Both publications have been made possible through funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Leader RDPE and Lanchester Parish Council.

The third event celebrated the improvements to the village green. This formed phase two of the development following the successful introduction of the path last year. Improvements included tree planting, tree works, planting wild flowers, hedge laying, litter bin and seat replacement and the installation of wood carvings along the route of the path.



Funding for the scheme had been secured through a Northern Gas Network grant, National Tree Week grant and Lanchester Parish Council. A generous contribution of £500 had been donated by Lanchester Wine Cellars Ltd. Members of the community including children from all three schools and representatives from Northern Gas Networks and Lanchester Wines attended the celebration on 27 April.

A wonderful glass plaque was presented to the Parish Council by Northern Gas Networks.



Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner

The Banner has now 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. Following the closure of the Fenhall drift, the banner has been relocated in several communities across County Durham before returning to Lanchester this year.

Advice has been sought on the work and repairs needed to the banner and a group needs to be established to co-ordinate the works and raise the necessary funds for the project to progress. If any members of the community wish to become part of the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957.



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Schedule of Council meetings 2012 / 13

All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 12 June	Ordinary
Tues 10 July	Ordinary
Wed 25 July	Finance & Development
Tues 11 September	Ordinary
Wed 26 September	Finance & Development
Tues 9 October	Ordinary
Tues 13 November	Ordinary
Wed 28 November	Finance & Development
Tues 11 December	Ordinary
Tues 8 January	Ordinary
Wed 30 January	Finance & Development
Tues 12 February	Ordinary
Tues 12 March	Ordinary
Wed 27 March	Finance & Development
Tues 9 April	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting
Tues 14 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.

Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme, the purpose of which 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.



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 14 May - 12 June. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957.

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 342352	
Alan Myers	10 Ashdown Grove	07502 163913	



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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 July
6.30 pm - 7.00pm

Staff	Lead Officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415
	Handyperson	David Maddox	