

Lanchester Parish Council

November 2010

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.



Welcome, Welcome, Welcome

Lanchester Parish Council are delighted to welcome Sue Charlton to the Parish as the newly appointed Development Officer for Farming, Wildlife and Environment.



Sue Charlton - Development Officer
Farming, Wildlife and Environment

Sue was appointed in October following a rigorous selection process and commenced work on 1 November for an 18 month period.

The appointment of the Development Officer to work on the action plan of the Locality Map document has been made possible through a funding package of £73,000 secured from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Rural Development Programme for England and from Lanchester Parish Council.

The Locality Map document which was officially launched in May recognised the need to value the rural community. Representatives from the Parish Council, Partnership, farming, wildlife and environment groups worked together over several years to produce the document which provides a framework of actions to safeguard farming, wildlife and the environment in the Parish.

Sue will work with all areas of the rural community in the Parish to fulfil the action plan. It is hoped that the whole community will be involved over the next 18 months to support, understand and participate in the work being undertaken.

Sue Charlton says: *'During my time with Durham Wildlife trust I always enjoyed the days when I could come out with the volunteers to work on areas within Lanchester Parish such as Malton and Salter's Gate. The scenery is always stunning and the habitats special and we always had a good day out.'*



Lanchester Locality Map - Launch Event May 2010

Working on the Lanchester Locality Map is a great opportunity and also a great task. A great deal of time and effort, by the whole community, has gone into bringing together this comprehensive document. It is my job now to start to deliver the actions identified in the locality map.

Over the next few months I aim to be out and about meeting as many people and groups as I possibly can and begin to identify and deliver projects that will support the rural community, deliver for wildlife in the parish and enhance the environment.'



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.

Gateway Project

The Gateway project is a road safety project which is looking to develop physical gateway features at the entrances to Lanchester the aim of which is to slow down traffic entering the village.

The project which is to be funded from monies from the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership will introduce physical features at the entrances to the village with the aim of reducing the speed of the traffic. A working group comprising of Parish Councillors, County Councillors, Partnership, Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator, Police, Durham County Council Highways Officers and school representatives, have drawn up suggestions for each of the entrances to the village. For several weeks these proposals have been displayed in the village and a consultation event held on 9 November.

Following the consultation, the working group will meet again to consider the feedback and prioritise options.

Please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957 with any comments on these proposals



Christmas Lights

The big Christmas light switch on will be by

Sue Charlton

(Lanchester Parish Council)

and school children on

Saturday 27 November

at 6.00 pm

on the Village Green.



Lanchester Brass Band will be there providing musical accompaniment

Please join us

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.



Grants

Lanchester Parish Council is able to make small grants to community groups and charities. If your group wishes to be considered for a grant, an application form must be completed and returned before the end of February. Application forms and guidance notes can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 521957. The Parish Council considers all requests at its Ordinary meeting in March.



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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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	
David Lindsay	13 Foxhills Crescent,	520102	
Staff			
Lead Officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415	
Handyperson	David Maddox		
Development Officer	Sue Charlton		



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 January
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.**