

Lanchester Parish Council

November 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.

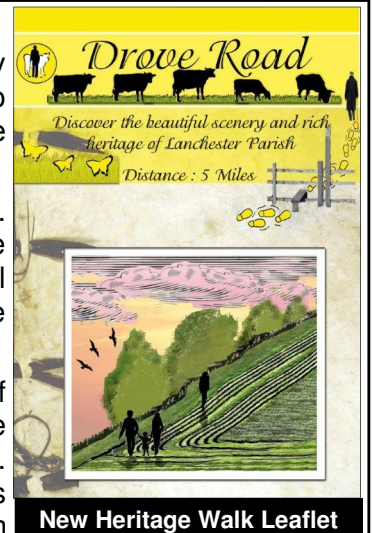
Locality Map

The Locality Map project continues to work on the outcomes of the Locality Map publication, and over the last 12 months working groups have met to produce two important pieces of work; a wildlife audit and a series of heritage walks.

A volunteer group have been meeting to compile a Wildlife Audit of the Parish. The volunteers have undertaken research, compiled information from a wide variety of sources and written the audit. The 'Lanchester Wildlife' booklet will be published this Spring and will be accompanied by a launch event, so please look out for details of this community event.

A heritage working group have been meeting to work on producing a number of heritage walks leaflets for the Parish. A local historian has undertaken the specialist work and volunteers have walked the routes and provided feedback. The walks cover the whole of Lanchester Parish and are of varying length. It is hoped that they will be well used by all members of the community. The Seven heritage walk leaflets are currently being proofed and printed. The leaflets will be widely distributed throughout the Parish with a launch event also to take place in the Spring.

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).



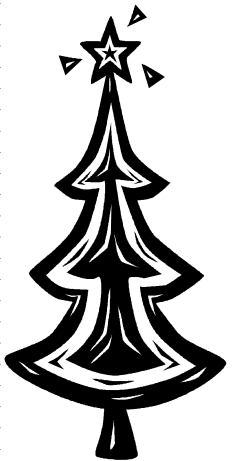
New Heritage Walk Leaflet



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.

Christmas Lights

The big Christmas light switch on will be by



Pat Glass MP
and school children on
Saturday 26 November
at 6.00 pm
on the Village Green.

Lanchester Brass Band will be there providing musical accompaniment

Please join us

Training Event

Training and continued development are important to Lanchester Parish Council. A recent event in Shildon in October provided specific training for Councillors and Clerks. Several members of the Parish Council attended the training which included a number of enjoyable and informative sessions on council related topics.



Councillors Alan Myers and Malcolm Clarke

Village Green

Following the completion of recent works on the Village Green, consideration has been given to further improvements and developments.

Phase one of the scheme, completed in May this year included the introduction of a recreation path, tree works and circular tree seat etc.

Members have considered further improvements and a scheme has been agreed which includes: tree planting, tree works, wild flowers, fence replacement, litter bin replacement and complementary artwork along the route of the new path.

The scheme is now being developed and funding sought to achieve its aims.



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 Council considers all requests at its Ordinary meeting in March.



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 on the Village Green. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Grants for Community and Voluntary Groups

The Area Action Partnership (AAP) has a small grants scheme aimed at supporting local groups. Grants of up to £400 can be obtained and the AAP are keen to encourage more groups to apply.

For more details or an application pack, contact Durham City District CVS on 0191 3844801

Cricket Club Agreement

A new Licence Agreement was signed in September between Lanchester Parish Council and Lanchester Cricket Club.



The Licence allows the cricket club to operate and manage the cricket facilities at Kitswell Park for a further 17 Years until 2028.

The Club provides a successful and popular cricket facility offering cricket opportunities to children and adults.



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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 January
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.