Lanchester Parish Council November 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.



Christmas Lights

The big Christmas light switch on will be by

Dennis Laucock (Olympic Torchbearer) and school children on Saturday 24 November at 6.00 pm on the Village Green

Lanchester Brass Band will be there playing a selection of Christmas Carols

Please join us

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group

The Fenhall Drift Banner, made in 1960, has now been returned to Lanchester under the custodianship of Lanchester Parish Council.

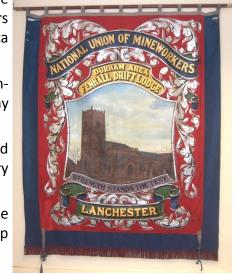
Advice has been sought on the work and repairs needed to the banner and Lanchester Miners' Banner

Group has been established to co-ordinate the works and raise the necessary funds for the project to progress. In addition to the repairs to the original banner the group hopes to raise funds for a replica banner and to co-ordinate activities in the schools and community.

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group would like to make contact with anyone who worked in Fenhall Drift Mine or indeed anyone who may have memories or photos of the drift mine.

The group are meeting regularly to progress this exciting project and are busy completing funding applications to raise the necessary monies.

The group would welcome new members. If any members of the community are interested in becoming part of the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957.



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Grants received

Within the last 4 years the Parish Council, working with partners and on its own have secured almost £194,000 to deliver projects and improve services.

Sources of funding have included: Heritage Lottery Fund, Rural Development Programme for England, Durham County Council, Youth Opportunities Fund, Northern Gas Networks, County Durham Environment Trust, CIF grant, Area Action Partnership, local businesses etc.

Projects undertaken include:

Bike Track & Play Area - £90,000.00 Village Green phase one -£16,700.00Village Green phase two -£1.955.00Tree Grants - £300.00 Locality Map project - £68,000.00 Walk Leaflets - £3,200.00 Quality Status Bursary -£500.00Gateway Project -£12,274.00Village Comp. Prize Money - £800.00

Many thanks go to the organisations and individuals who have worked with us on these projects

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.

Lanchester Wildlife Book & Heritage Walks Leaflets

Both of these popular publications are available for the community to enjoy. Copies can be collected from the Library, Community Centre or from the Parish Council office at Park House.

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.

Big Garden Bird Watch 26 - 27 January 2013

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is the charity's most important event of the year.

Last year over half a million people counted more than nine million garden birds. Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds.

Taking part is very simple. Over the weekend of the 26 - 27 January, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through the website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch or by post.

You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on the website or calling the hotline 0300 4568330.

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Tues 8 January 6.30pm - 7.00pm

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: