

Lanchester Parish Council

November 2013

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.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The big Christmas light switch on will be by
Councillors Ossie Johnson and Richard Young
and school children on
Saturday 30 November
on the **Village Green**

Refreshments & Christmas Carols from 5.30pm
Lights to be switched on at 6.00pm

Christmas Carols from Lanchester Brass Band and
Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society

mulled wine ~ sweets ~ cakes ~ mince pies ~ please join us



County Durham Environment Awards 2013

The Lanchester Village Green Project was awarded a Commendation at the recent Environment Awards Ceremony at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Durham in October.

The Village Green project was undertaken in two stages and was completed last year. The project included the installation of a new path, tree planting, tree works, drainage works, planting native flower bulbs, hedge laying, creation of wildlife habitats, litter bin and seat replacement and the installation of wood carvings.

The Environment Awards aim to reward great design, environmental guardianship and community spirit in County Durham. The project was considered by the Environment Awards panel this year and awarded a commendation.

The project was made possible due to funding from CDENT, Northern Gas Networks, Lanchester Parish Council, Lanchester Dairies and Lanchester Wine Cellars Ltd

Lanchester Parish Council were thrilled to receive the award in recognition of the project.



Lanchester Miners' Banner Group - Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner

The banner group has been making great progress on all aspects of the project which includes conservation works to the original banner, the production of a replica banner, banner and traditional dance workshops in the schools and wider community, the production of Information packs and the organisation of a celebration event in the village.

The necessary conservation works to the original banner are taking place and the banner is currently away in Leeds for textile repairs.



Progress on the replica banner



The replica banner is almost complete and will be delivered to the community at the end of November.

The schools have agreed the times and content for their banner workshops which will be delivered by Durham Bannermakers. Discussions are currently taking place with the schools to agree a timetable for the dance workshops which will be delivered by Aubrey O' Brien in the New Year.

Work continues on gathering material for the information packs and leaflets. Any photos or information on the Fenhall Drift would be gratefully received.

A celebration event has been scheduled for Friday 27 June 2014. The event will include the marching of the banner, music, rapper dance and may pole dance demonstrations and refreshments. Please look out for further information on this exciting celebration event.

For further information on this project please contact Sally on 01207 521957.

Grants for Community and Voluntary Groups

The Mid Durham 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 Lynn or Pam on 01207 529857 or 529844

.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 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

Lanchester Parish Councillors

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| Ossie Johnson | Stella House, Durham Road, | 521937 |
| 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 |
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| Julie Richardson | Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank | 521741 |
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| Staff | Lead Officer / Clerk | Sally Laverick | 521957 / 529415 |
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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 14 January
6.30pm - 7.00pm**