

# 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

On Saturday 25 November, hundreds of people gathered on the Village Green for the annual Christmas Light Switch On.

The evening was cold but dry and families flocked to the green to see the Christmas Lights.

Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society played an excellent selection of Christmas Carols. Volunteers manned a gazebo and gave away mulled wine, mince pies and cakes for the adults and juice, sweets and a lucky dip prize for the children.

The lights were formally switched on by Canon Robert Spence accompanied by Jack Hall and Ava Bullerwell from Lanchester EP Primary School and James Leighton and Molly Morgan from Lanchester All Saints Primary School.

The Parish Council would wish to thank members of Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society for attending the event and also to the volunteers who worked to make the event a success.



*Photographs courtesy of Paul Winship*

## WW1 Beacons of Light

Lanchester Parish Council are working in partnership with Burnhope Parish Council to light a beacon as part of the WW1 Beacons of Light Event on 11 November 2018.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on 11 November 2018 throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories - a century after the guns fell silent.



The Beacon will be located on high ground at the picnic area between Burnhope and Lanchester Parish.

Further details of the event including exact location and how to attend will be provided during the year.

## Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

Work continues on the preparation of the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan. Once adopted, it will have legal status and be used in making decisions on planning applications within the Parish.

A working group of the Parish Council including representatives from community organisations and individuals have been working for a considerable time to develop the plan. Draft policies are now being finalised and a draft document is being prepared for community consultation.



## Village Green War Memorial

A working group of the Parish Council including members of the community are working on a project to have the names of fallen soldiers added to the Village Green War Memorial.

A company has been appointed to undertake the works which are planned to be completed in time for the 100 year commemoration of the end of WW1 in November.

A grant of £9,500.00 has been secured from the County Council Neighbourhood Budget and the Parish Council have also committed funds to enable the project to progress. Work continues on checking the list of names for inclusion to ensure that it is complete and accurate.

## Precept

The Parish Council considered its precept requirement at a recent Council meeting and set the precept for 2018 / 19 at £60,401.14. The result of the increase will mean that a property in band D will see an increase of £1.10 or 2.78% in 2018 / 19. This equates to 2 pence per week. The Council will continue to work hard to realise efficiencies and to develop projects for the community.

## Lanchester Parish Councillors

Jude Considine		659720
Ann Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334
David Friesner	56 Briardene,	529982
Alison Gray	14 Lee Hill Court,	520292
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937
Trevor Jones	Willow Green, Ford Road,	
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627
David Smith	53 Humberhill Drive,	529880
Ian Tute		529286
Martin Walker	28 Broadoak Drive,	529594
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790

<b>Staff</b>	Lead officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	520146 / 529415
	Handyperson	David Maddox	



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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 sessions will be at Lynwood House on:

**Tues 13 March  
6.30pm - 7.00pm**

**Tues 8 May  
6.30pm - 7.00pm**