

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 24 November, hundreds of people gathered on the Village Green for the annual Christmas Light Switch On. The evening started wet but cleared up for the event 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 Parish Council was delighted that Eric Hepplewhite kindly agreed to switch on the lights. Eric is well known in Lanchester for his many years of working with children and young people, particularly with Boys Brigade. 2018 saw the magnificent Poppy display in the village as part of the commemoration activities for 100 years since the end of World War One. This project was coordinated and managed by Eric, who worked with members of the community for two years to make and paint over 4000 clay poppies. The display really was spectacular. Thank you Eric for your vision to deliver the project.

Eric Hepplewhite was accompanied by Steffi Coyle and Max Sylvester from Lanchester EP Primary School and Catherine Bell and Kai Beet 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



Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute WW1 Beacons of Light

On Sunday 11 November at 7.00pm Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council lit a beacon as part of the WW1 Beacons of Light Event.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many

millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, Beacons of Light were lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories - a century after the guns fell silent.

The event which took place at Burnhope Picnic Area attracted a large crowd. John Atkinson-Millmoor played 'Battles O'er' on the Pipes, Parish Councillor Ossie Johnson read out the 'Tribute to the Millions' and Mark Draper played 'The Last Post' on the cornet. The beacon was lit at 7pm and burned brightly under a clear sky.



Precept

The Parish Council considered its precept requirement at a recent Council meeting and set the precept for 2019 / 20 at £62,817.18. The result of the increase will mean that a property in band D will see an annual increase of £1.76 in 2019 / 20. This equates to just over 3 pence per week. The Council will continue to work hard to realise efficiencies and to develop projects for the community.

Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

The final amendments are being made to the draft Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan which will contain a number of planning policies for Lanchester Parish.

The community will get a chance to respond to the draft document with a 6 week community consultation being planned for April / May. A summary document will be sent to all dwellings and the full document will be available to view at a number of community venues. Further information on the consultation process will be provided shortly.

Following feedback on the draft document, the plan will be formally assessed and a referendum will take place to vote on the plan.

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

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CHAIR



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 Lynwood House on:

**Tues 12 March
6.30pm - 7.00pm**

**Tues 14 May
6.30pm - 7.00pm**