

Lanchester Parish Council

March 2022

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.

Manor Grange Play Area

Work on the new play area is due to start

HAGS SMP Ltd have been awarded the contract and will commence work on site shortly.

It is expected that the play area will be completed in Spring / early summer.

This will provide a more accessible and greatly improved play facility for children aged under 12.

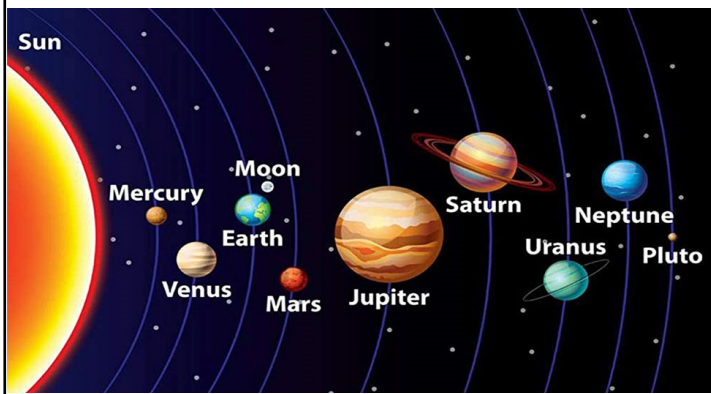


Solar Planet Walk

Lanchester Parish Council is working on an exciting project to install a Solar Planet Walk along the Lanchester Valley Walk. The project will provide a scaled version of the planets from the sun to pluto. The sun will be located in the village and the 9 planets will be spaced out to scale along the valley walk towards Consett. Each planet site will have interpretation and information.

The project is in its early stages and will require a licence and planning permission from the County Council. In addition it will be necessary to apply for grant monies to fund the project. A working group is meeting to progress the project.

It is hoped that this will become a popular and well loved walk and cycle route providing opportunities for recreation, education and improved health benefits



Heritage 100 Walks

The Heritage 100 Walks is a project co-ordinated by the Walk and Talk Trust which was founded for the public benefit, to promote the physical and mental health benefits associated with regular healthy exercise, specifically walking.

The project aims to create 100 circular heritage walks across County Durham over the next few years. It is planned that a heritage walk in Lanchester will be included as part of the project. Each walk will tell a story about the heritage of the area.

The Parish Council are pleased to be involved and support the project. Parish Councillors have met with officers to begin progressing the walk route. It will be necessary to agree and finalise the route and compile the heritage information to 'Tell the Story'.

If you would like more information or would like to be involved in any way please contact the Parish Council on 01207 520146.



Precept

The Parish Council considered its precept requirement at a recent Council meeting and set the precept for 2022 / 23 at £70,660.78

A property in band D will see an annual increase of £1.71 in 2022 / 23. This equates to less than 3½ pence per week. The Council will continue to work hard to realise efficiencies and to develop projects for the community.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon event

Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council are working in partnership to light a beacon as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

More than 1500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom and beyond.

The event will take place on Thursday 2 June at Burnhope Picnic Area, Edge Lane. The event will start at 9.30pm with the beacon being lit at 9.45pm as the sun sets.

Please join us for the celebrations.

People are advised that the event site will be dark in places and the ground may be muddy and uneven. In addition care needs to be taken when crossing the road from Burnhope to the Picnic site. There are no toilet facilities on site.

There is no parking at the picnic area. People are being encouraged to walk from Burnhope to the picnic area.

A coach will be provided free of charge from Lanchester to the event. **Booking is essential.** To book a place on the coach please contact Sally on 01207 520146.

Further information on the event will be available in due course.



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