

Lanchester Parish Council

November 2021

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 Light Switch On

On Saturday 27 November, families gathered on the Village Green for the annual Christmas Light Switch On. The stormy wind had eased and the snow came down.

A great selection of recorded Christmas Carols were provided by Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society.

The Parish Council were delighted that Christine Monaghan and Frank Redfern had agreed to switch on the lights. Christine and Frank were editors of the Village Voice up until lockdown in March 2020.

Between them they clocked up an amazing 27 years working on the Village Voice. Christine and Frank were accompanied in the switch on by Cuthbert and Sophie from Lanchester EP Primary School and Harry and Matthew from Lanchester RC Primary School.

The event was live streamed free for those who wanted to watch from home. The Parish Council would wish to thank Lanchester Partnership for organising this virtual element of the event.

The Christmas lights will shine bright this year bringing joy and happiness to all. The Lights will again be extended throughout January to bring cheer to people through the dark winter nights. We hope you all enjoy them.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan - Celebration Event

Organisations and members of the community came together to celebrate the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan on Wednesday 20 October at Lanchester Community Centre.

The Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan will guide development, regeneration and conservation within our Parish over future years. It includes a number of planning policies developed to reflect the wishes of the local community. It was progressed through a working group of the Parish Council and included representatives from local groups and residents.

Following many years of hard work and a delay due to the pandemic, on 6 May 2021 the community voted **YES** to the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan at referendum. The turn-out was high an overwhelming 89% voted yes to the Plan, a great endorsement from the local community.

Cllr. Keith Harrison the Chair of the Parish Council thanked all those who had been involved for their tireless determination to complete the plan. A moving letter was read out from Mike Wardle the Chair of the working group who had been unable to attend the event.



Manor Grange Play Area

Lanchester Parish Council are developing a project to improve the play facilities at Manor Grange Play Area which will include providing a more accessible and improved play facility for children aged under 12. Funding has been secured and a lease for the land obtained.

During the summer the project was put out to tender. The returned tenders are now being considered so that a contractor can be appointed. It is hoped that the works will commence shortly.

We look forward to the community enjoying this new and accessible play area.



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 520146. The Parish Council considers requests for grants at its meeting in March.

Idling of Traffic

Lanchester Parish Council and residents are concerned about the problem of air pollution caused by idling vehicles in the village and in particular outside of schools at drop off and pick up times. This can impact on air pollution and could cause health problems.

The Parish Council would ask that drivers turn off their car engines when parked up.

Thank you



Defibrillator

A defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the pharmacy on Front Street. It has been installed in the centre of the village for the benefit of the community. The defibrillator is available to members of the public 24 hours a day to use in the case of a life threatening emergency.

The defibrillator can be used by anyone. If you see someone who is unconscious and not breathing normally call 999 for help. As well as guiding you through CPR, the call operator will be able to advise you if there is a defibrillator nearby. If there is, they will ask you to stay with the patient and continue CPR but ask someone around you to go and fetch the defibrillator. The 999 call operator will give you the code to unlock the cabinet so the portable defibrillator can be removed. Once activated the defibrillator will give the person using it clear audio instructions. You cannot hurt someone with a defibrillator because it wont work unless the person is in cardiac arrest.



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