

# 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.

## Lanchester Community Emergency Plan

The Lanchester Community Emergency Plan is to respond in the event of an emergency and promote resilience in the community. Emergencies could include: flooding, serious fire, accident etc. Due to the recent floods we wanted to provide the community with some useful information and resources to help prepare for similar events in the future.

Check your flood risk:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

Prepare with a home or business flood plan. Templates can be downloaded from the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-flood-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-your-business-for-flooding>

Sign up to river flood warnings to receive alerts via text, telephone call or email:

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

You can also sign up to flood warnings by calling Floodline

Telephone: 0345 988 1188

Textphone: 0345 602 6340

To protect your property, consider investing in property protection measures, a useful source of information and support is The National Flood Forum charity: <https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/>

They have a specific section about <https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/reducing-your-risk/protecting-your-property/>

Blue Pages is a directory of flood resilience products: <http://bluepages.org.uk/>

Further guidance on property protection measures can be found on the Flood Protection Association's website: <https://thefpa.org.uk/flood-protection/>

Floodre insurance. Flood Re is a re-insurance Scheme that can make flood cover more widely available and affordable as part of your home insurance: [www.floodre.co.uk](http://www.floodre.co.uk)

For emotional support the British Red Cross have a telephone support line: 0808 196 3651 open 10am-5pm Monday-Friday (Wednesday until 8pm)

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/support-line>

The Samaritans: [116 123](tel:116123)

We are always looking for more volunteers to help in the event of an emergency. Actions may include distributing aqua sacs to reduce flooding of premises or checking on vulnerable areas/people in the village. If you would like to become involved please contact Laura on 01207 520146.

## Christmas Light Switch On



Saturday 25th November saw the annual Christmas Light Switch On, a much loved community event attended by a huge part of the community.

Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral Society attended the event and provided a great selection of Christmas Carols.

A team of volunteers served complimentary mulled wine and mince pies. There was also a small gift for all the children. Many thanks to the volunteers who kindly gave up their time to help out.

The Parish Council were delighted that Sally Laverick agreed to switch on the lights this year. Sally was Lanchester Parish Councils Clerk for over 15 years. The Parish Council thought it only right that Sally be the one to turn on the lights as a thank you for all of the hard work and dedication she has put into this event in previous years.

Sally was accompanied in the switch on by Ava and Reuben from Lanchester EP Primary School and Esther and Jessica from Lanchester RC Primary School.

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

Following a short speech from Councillor Keith Harrison the Chair of Lanchester Parish Council, the countdown commenced and the lights were switched on to the delight of everyone there.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event and the Christmas Lights as much as we did.

## Precept

The Parish Council considered its precept requirement at a recent Council meeting and set the precept for 2024/25 at A property in band D will see an annual increase of £2.04 in 2024/25. This equates to less than 4 pence per week. The Council will continue to work hard to realise efficiencies and to develop projects for the community.

## D-Day 80 Beacon event

Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council are working in partnership to light a beacon as part of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, in Normandy, France.

The event will take place on Thursday 6th June at Burnhope Picnic Area, Edge Lane. The event will start at 21:15.

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



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