

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

During the last year there have been eight scheduled meetings of Thirston Parish Council. Thirston Parish Councillors have also attended the Joint Cemetery Committee and the Recreation Field Committee. Councillors also continue to attend meetings organised by Northumberland County Council.

The Council continues to review costs. Mindful of pressures on household expenditures the Parish Council has decided to maintain the precept at £6,500 for 2014/15 the same level of 2013/14 and 2012/13. The Council continues to ring fence money for specific projects to benefit the parish.

There have been a number of planning applications that have been reviewed by the Parish Council which include, in many cases, site visits to determine the impact of these applications on residents and the area in general. The Parish Council has made representations to the Planning Committee as appropriate on the Planning Applications that have been reviewed.

All this work relies upon the dedication of our local councillors. To that end I wish to thank, on behalf of myself, but more importantly on behalf of the people living in the Parish of Thirston the following Parish Councillors - Councillors Euan Davidson, Hazel Lindley, John Marshall, Anne Morton and Doug Green. Our thanks are also due to Sandra Proctor for her time as Parish Councillor. Following her move out of the area Doug Green joined the Parish Council.

Special thanks are due to our County Councillor Glen Sanderson for his support throughout the year.

In particular I must thank our Parish Clerk, Lisa Hamlin, for the work she does on the Parish Council's behalf and for the support she gives to me and the other councillors throughout the year. From all of us a heart felt 'Thank You'.

John Secker
Chairman - Thirston Parish Council
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