

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

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. To reflect increased costs the precept has been increased by £500 for 2016/17. Funding of £1,000 remains ring fenced towards the cost of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish 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.

The Parish Council also continues to identify and report issues with footpaths, potholes and the like to NCC for the Parish and organises Litter Picks in West Thirston and Eshott each year.

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.

Special thanks are also 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 very heart felt 'Thank You'.

John Secker
Chairman - Thirston Parish Council
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