

THIRSTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

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

The Council continues to review costs. This year the precept has been maintained at the 2016/17 level of £8,000 for 2017/18. The Parish Council continues to ring fence money for specific projects to benefit the parish.

The Parish Council continues to identify and report issues with footpaths, potholes and the like to NCC for the Parish and again organised Litter Picks in West Thirston and Eshott in late March this year.

As always 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. Special thanks are also due to Hazel Lindley for deputizing for me as Chairman when I was unable to attend meetings.

Special thanks are also due to our County Councillor Glen Sanderson for his valuable 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. In particular without her liaison work and contacts we would not achieve the amount of support we get from NCC for the parish.

From all of us, and the residents of the Parish, a very heart felt 'Thank You'.

John Secker
Chairman - Thirston Parish Council
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