



KYLOE PARISH NEWS

December 2018



Seasons Greetings
from your Parish
Council



The Next Meeting of the Parish Council

will be held on

Tuesday, 18th December

commencing at

7.30 pm

in

Lowick Village Hall

Members of the public are welcome at this, and all Parish Council Meetings,
but if you wish to ask a question or address the Council, it would be helpful
if you could let our Clerk know beforehand

2019 Meetings of the Council

will be held on

5th February & 7th May (Annual Meeting, starting at 7 pm)

**NORTH
OF TYNE**
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**COMBINED  
AUTHORITY**

This body, which will affect future infrastructure and service delivery in our area, officially came into being on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Representatives of its constituent authorities, Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland, held their first official meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November in Morpeth when a 'vision' statement and priorities for early investment were agreed. The Authority is to gain access to £600 million funding over the next 30 years. An Interim Mayor is likely to be appointed this month, with mayoral elections due to be held in May 2019. Labour have drawn up a short list of 4 politicians (all based in Tyneside) from which their candidate will be chosen. Other parties have yet to announce candidates.

More information at: [www.northoftynedevelopment.com](http://www.northoftynedevelopment.com)



The Parish Council is investigating the possibility of installing **litter bins** in Fenwick Village.



### **Captain C D Leyland Fund**

Thanks to the sale of Fenwick Village Hall in 2016, grants of around £1000 are available to residents of the Parish and any organisations which support them. The Fund aims to support people, and activities, in the Parish, which advance education, improve health, foster engagement with the arts, culture, heritage, science, or amateur sport, or promote equality and diversity and relieve poverty.

**Interested?** There are two ways to apply:

- Individuals living in the Parish should apply to the Parish Council in the first instance;
- Charitable or Community Organisations that deliver, or wish to deliver, activity in support of the residents of the Parish should contact Jon Goodwin at the Community Foundation (0191 222 0945 or [jg@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:jg@communityfoundation.org.uk))

Visit [www.communityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk) for more information about the Foundation itself



### **Bell View Centre, Belford** provides a wheelchair accessible car to help people live independently and to make essential and social journeys within the north Northumberland area. This 'BRINGO' service is open to people aged over 50, or carers who do not have access to their own transport and who have difficulty accessing public transport because of ill health or mobility problems. It is available to any eligible residents in Kyloe Parish on payment of an annual £12 subscription.



Further information at [www.bellview.co.uk](http://www.bellview.co.uk) or 01668-219220

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**Defibrillator** The Parish Council has secured a grant from the EDF Renewables Barmoor Wind Farm Community Fund for the installation of a defibrillator on the gable wall of the former Parish Hall in Fenwick – our thanks to the new owners of this for their help in siting it and to Cllr. Biglands for his persistence in completing the application. .



A training course will be arranged for volunteer operators - if you are interested please let Sheila, our Clerk, know.



Our MP was told by Highways England last summer that work on 'improvements' to the A1 in our area will begin next year. Their website still lists 2018 as the start date – an example of 'slippage', perhaps.

More information: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk)



**Policing:** The Northumbria Constabulary website suggests a structure for the policing of our area which is well out of date, with many officers listed either having moved or retired. Resources for deployment across our area may become clearer after the 2019/20 budget has been agreed.

However, we did learn that in September, of the 4 recorded crimes in the Parish, 3 related to the festival at Beal – this is not considered ‘excessive for an event of this size’ - and the remaining one was a fraud committed by electronic means – cybercrime. The police are still investigating burglaries at the Cornhill and Lowick village shops in October.

The local crime map can be found at: [www.police.uk/northumbria/F7/crime](http://www.police.uk/northumbria/F7/crime)



**Royal Mail** have asked us to raise awareness about scam mail. They never knowingly deliver scam mail – typically this involves fraudsters sending convincing letters – often fake competitions or prize draws – designed to trick folk out of money or other valuables. Anyone can receive this unwanted mail and even the most alert can be taken in by it.

If you, or someone you know is in receipt of scam mail please write to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL enclosing any suspect items, or phone (0800-0113 466) or e-mail them ([scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com))

**Berwick Hospital:** Following the decision not to progress a shared hospital – leisure facility on the Swan Centre site in Berwick, a local non party-political pressure group has been formed to ensure that our area does not suffer a further reduction in locally provided medical services. This is all the more important because of the location of so many medical facilities in the south east of the County and on Tyneside. Your Parish Council is supporting the campaign.

The Campaign's website: [www.abetterhospitalforberwick.co.uk](http://www.abetterhospitalforberwick.co.uk)



**William Allan, VC**, was born in the Parish. Your editor recently visited the Royal Welsh Military Museum in Brecon and saw his medal and the watch presented him by the Town Council. His grave, in Monmouth, has recently been refurbished and re-dedicated. The Museum also contains fascinating information about the Zulu War and Rorke's Drift, the action in which Corporal Allan was awarded his VC – presented by Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle in December 1879.

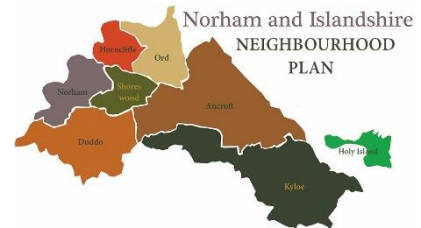
Information about the Museum: [www.royalwelsh.org.uk](http://www.royalwelsh.org.uk)

A book entitled 'Zulu War V.C.s' by James Bancroft, was published by Pen & Sword in September this year; it includes biographical details of William Allan.



The dead of World War 1 were remembered at Lowick Parish Church on the **Centenary of the Armistice**, which ended the conflict in 1918. The Chairman of the Parish Council laid a wreath beneath the Kyleo War Memorial to honour our community's war dead.

**The Neighbourhood Plan** Steering Group has now received the consultant's analysis of the initial consultation exercise which was carried out earlier this year.



The designated heritage and natural environment sites were recognised and valued by respondents. There was little demand for change and development, with any housing development to be small scale and affordable. There should be more re-use of existing buildings to provide small business start-ups. Broadband access should be improved. The peace and tranquillity of the countryside is highly valued.

The Report found that the majority of residents throughout the Plan area supported the proposed vision and objectives, but there was some feeling that these were too vague and did not provide enough clarity for what development would be supported in the future.

Four more closely defined objectives are therefore suggested;

- Infill housing development of high quality design in designated areas would be supported, and, where there are high levels of second home ownership, this should be for permanent occupancy.
- Existing and new local businesses should be encouraged, with the rural economy supported through farm diversification schemes and sensitively designed tourism development.
- Valued green spaces, community facilities, footpaths and cycle ways should be protected and enhanced.
- Development which has special regard to our historic villages, special landscapes and wildlife, tranquillity and dark skies should be promoted.

Further development of the Plan and local consultation will now be undertaken. Please let Colin Wakeling know if you would like a PDF copy of the Report.

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