



# KYLOE PARISH NEWS

June 2019

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July

Future Meetings will be held on



**17<sup>th</sup> September & 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**

**and on**

**4<sup>th</sup> February & 5<sup>th</sup> May (AGM) 2020**

Meetings start at 7.30 pm (except the AGM which starts at 7 pm)  
and are held in Lowick Village Hall.

Members of the public are welcome at all meetings of the Council and can  
put questions to the Council in person or in writing.

If you want to raise an issue it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk,  
Sheila Henderson, know beforehand.



At its Annual Meeting, the Council elected **James Hutchinson and Stephen Biglands** as **Chairman and Vice-Chairman** respectively.



**TOUR OF  
BRITAIN**



Stage 3 of the **Tour of Britain Cycle Race** is due to start in Berwick on **9<sup>th</sup> September**, with competitors following the Tweed Valley then heading inland to Duddo, Etal and Ford before taking the B6353 to Barmoor and B6525 to Wooler. The climb from Ford to Ford Common is likely to count as a 'mountain stage'.

The final race route and stage-by-stage-timetables will be revealed in August.

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



Police and Crime Commissioner  
**Northumbria**

**Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner:** a bi-election to choose a successor to Vera Baird will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. So far four candidates have announced their intention to stand.

## Internet availability for Kyloe Parish




Your Council is aware of the wide range of internet speeds available to people and businesses within this rural parish. It is widely recognised that it is essential for rural areas to have access to high quality broadband speeds if they are to thrive in the future.

In order to discover what the latest plans for improving our internet access are, your Council has met with the County Council's team (iNorthumberland) on two occasions. The first was at a Public Meeting in Lowick Village Hall; the second was a follow-up session at County Hall to receive a detailed briefing on;

- the current status of the internet rollout programme in the Parish, and
- the opportunities to improve access for residents and businesses.

The present situation is quite complex. However, for those in the Parish whose internet access is unsatisfactory, there are ways in which faster speeds can be achieved with financial support from a number of voucher schemes.

A summary of the current position and the options for improvement is being prepared and will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.30pm in Lowick Village Hall, when members of the public will, of course, be welcome to attend. The report will then be posted on the Parish Council website.

 From 1<sup>st</sup> July patients with musculoskeletal conditions or persistent pain can access a new service which will be provided in partnership with Connect Health by clinicians who will assess, advise and support a range of conditions. Where appropriate they will support patients through self-management and provide information to improve their health and well-being.

Patients can access the service by calling **03301 244 652** or by **GP referral** if a more specialist assessment is required. Clinics will be held in community hospitals and health centres across the County. Patients who self-refer will be given an initial telephone appointment with a chartered physiotherapist for an assessment which will help make sure that the most appropriate level of care is offered, as early as possible, as well as supporting patients with self-care. Other specialist physiotherapy services will continue to be offered as normal.



The Cheviot Trail Race in March started from Fenwick. Entrants were bussed there before running back to Wooler. At the start of the race many of them relieved themselves in the area in full view of local residents. Your Council has contacted the organiser to insist that there is no repetition and that portaloos are provided in advance of any future event.



**The Holy Island Causeway concrete blocks** which were placed by the information boards at its landward side have been put there by the landowner, and since they are on his land, the County Council can take no action. Your Council remains concerned that they may create a hazard and will continue to seek a resolution of the issue.

**Bell View Centre's 'Bringo'** Wheelchair accessible Community Transport service is available to older and disabled residents of the Parish to enable them to access local services. In the near future it is hoped to extend this service by starting a **Hospital Visiting Transport Scheme** which would operate early evening weekdays, to allow visits to friends and relatives who are in hospital – in Berwick, Alnwick or the Wansbeck.



For more information about access to the scheme and possible costs, please contact the Centre: **01668-219220** or

[bellviewbelford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bellviewbelford@hotmail.co.uk)

A number of Funds are available to support groups and individuals within our Parish:



**The FB & PFB Lough Fund:** supports charitable activity within a 20-mile radius of Berwick which can tackle disadvantage, strengthen communities or make the area a better place to live (e.g., sporting, cultural or environmental activities):

Next deadline for applications: **5<sup>th</sup> August**

**The CD Leyland Fund:** was established after the sale of Fenwick Village Hall and makes grants available to organisations or individuals to help advance education, improve health, engagement with the arts, culture, heritage, science, or amateur sport, and encourage diversity.

Individuals should contact the Parish Council in the first instance

**EDF Renewables Barmoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund** uses revenue from the wind farm to make grants to organisations operating for the benefit of communities near the wind farm.

Applications for the next round of grants: by **Mid July**

All of these funds and a range of others are administered by the **Community Foundation** who are happy to offer advice on making applications:

[www.communityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk)



**The North Northumberland Genealogy Group's** 2019-20 programme kicks off in the Bell View Centre on **21<sup>st</sup> September** at 10 am (coffee available from 9.45), when **Pat Littlewood** will be talking about **Postcards – the Social Networking Tool of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.**

The **Northumberland Local Plan** has been submitted. Planning Inspector Susan Heywood will conduct an independent examination before its public examination.



A **House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy** has made a number of recommendations. Its Chair, Lord Foster of Bath, stated, “Rural communities have been ignored and underrated for too long. We must act now to reverse this trend.

We can no longer allow the clear inequalities between urban and rural areas to continue unchecked. A rural strategy would address challenges and realise potential in struggling and under-performing areas ... doing nothing is not an option.”

The Committee’s key recommendations include:

- Government needs to ensure that policies and legislation are attuned to the needs of rural communities and their economies;
- For a national strategy to be effective it is essential that policies are delivered locally. This must include effective partnership working from all relevant public, private and voluntary bodies to break down the silos which often characterise rural policy;
- Ofcom should be directed to conduct a review of the Universal Service Obligation, focusing on what minimum commitment would be needed to sustain and support rural businesses and communities, especially in remote areas, and include both download and upload speeds;
- Government should review the impact of business rate revaluation on rural and small businesses. There is also an urgent need to review the rate relief provisions on rural pubs, local shops and businesses. There should be an investigation into whether the current tax system is discouraging investment in diversification.
- Government should review the funding of rural public transport. It should do more to better understand and track rural criminality. Funding should reflect the challenges and costs of providing health services in rural areas.

More information: [www.parliament.uk/rural-economy-committee](http://www.parliament.uk/rural-economy-committee)

The **Rural Services Network** ([www.rsonline.org.uk](http://www.rsonline.org.uk)) is organising a series of road shows intended to take many of these recommendations forward.

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