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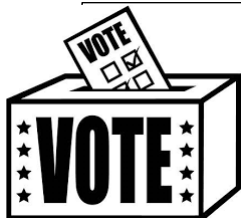
Easter Greetings
From
Your Parish Council



Parish Council Meeting: Because of problems with holding a 'remote' meeting of the Council, we are trying to arrange a 'real' meeting, albeit in the open air, but this is dependent not only upon the weather but also Government Covid-19 Guidelines.

As always, members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions at any Parish Council meeting. **Please let our Clerk know if you might wish to attend the next meeting,** whenever it can be arranged; details will be posted on the Parish Website and outside Fenwick Hall as soon as they become available.

Council Tax 2021-2: The Parish Council precept has been held at the same level for another year, but your Council Tax bills could show this as representing a decrease, because of changes in the number of properties being assessed for the Tax.



Elections: This year three elections will be taking place on **Thursday, 6th May:**

- Parish
- County Council
- Police & Crime Commissioner (postposed from May 2020)

Nominations must be submitted by **8th April.**

If you are not registered to vote you must apply by **19th April**
Applications for Postal Votes must be submitted by **20th April.**

Further Information: The County Election Team:

elections@northumberland.gov.uk 01670 624811



Potholes: winter rains and frosts will have added to the number of potholes on our roads, creating a potential danger to users and damage to vehicles. If potholes are not reported to the County, they are less likely to be fixed; go online but don't be daunted by the map reporting device that will appear

– the rest of the process is quite straightforward!

<http://mapreport.northumberland.gov.uk/potholes/>



Parking: From time to time the Parish receives reports of inconsiderate parking and continues to keep the situation under review, especially in Fenwick Village. When parking, please consider the safety of other road users, pedestrians, and the impact on neighbouring properties. Please also avoid damage to roadside verges.

Coastal Summits: Two online meetings have taken place between County and Parish councillors and County officers to consider the impact of last year's increased visitor footfall to



the coastal area of Northumberland, particularly the AONB, in the wake of pandemic travel restrictions. This welcome increase in visitor numbers to our area has put pressure on local infrastructure. To address this, and ensure, that, as far as possible, visitors have a safe and welcoming experience, while protecting the environment and characteristics of the area, the County aim to:

- Promote active travel and the use of public transport; provide more dynamic visitor information; disperse demand;
- Enhance car parking facilities; increase some charges to manage demand; introduce on-street parking regulations (e.g. at the Beal end of the Holy Island Causeway); increase parking enforcement; identify possible overnight camper van sites and discuss these with local communities;
- Invest in public toilet provision and enhanced cleaning; increase the number of litter bins and the frequency of their emptying;
- Develop a County-wide destination management plan.

To view the recent meeting:

[Meeting of Coastal Summit on Friday 19 February at 2pm - YouTube](#)



Berrington Footpaths: a list of work and repairs to make a clutch of footpaths in the area more readily accessible has been forwarded to the County Rights of Way Team. This principally involves the replacement of missing bridges, repairs to stiles and some limited clearance of fallen trees. There are still other paths to be surveyed but it is a start. We are waiting for a response from the County.



The CD Leyland Fund aims to support individuals 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.



If you think you or your organisation might be eligible to receive a grant from the Fund, please contact our Clerk, Sheila Henderson (individuals) or the Community Foundation (organisations). jq@communityfoundation.org.uk

Parish of St John the Baptist, Lowick: After a lengthy vacancy the Parish now has a new Vicar, Revd. Charlotte Osborn, who was licensed at the end of January. She writes;



“As your new Vicar I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself here until such time as I can do so in person. When my husband Leo retired in August we returned to our roots in North East Norfolk where we have a small cottage whilst I looked for a job. We are very much looking forward to living in North Northumberland, knowing the area a little after a 19-year stint in the north east whilst Leo was Chair of the Newcastle District of the Methodist Church and I was Chaplain to Newcastle Airport. I hope to increase my cycling fitness as we shall be living in Branxton initially, so please do call out to me if you see me puffing by!”



Northumbria Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Northumbria Healthcare are on the lookout for more members to help shape local healthcare services for local people. Members have the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about the care is delivered to people across Northumberland.

Membership is open to anyone aged 12 or over. Members can be involved as much or as little as they like, from simply receiving voting papers to donating time as a volunteer or standing for election to become a Trust governor. It is absolutely free to become a member and you can opt out any time. To find out more: <https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/get-involved/join-our-our-foundation-trust/> or call 0191 203 1296.

Sgt. William Allan, VC, who was born in the Parish, died in 1890 during a ‘flu pandemic in Monmouth, where he was an instructor with the local Volunteers. We have just heard from the Civic Society there that they have applied to erect a Blue Plaque at the site where he lived in Monnow Street (Monmouth’s main thoroughfare). To support the application, they have also produced a booklet detailing local press coverage of his death.



Northumberland 250: With the popularity of Scotland’s North Coast 500 motor route, a circular 250 mile route has been created for Northumberland taking in Alnwick and the Coast before following the Tweed at Berwick. The original route map suggested vehicles would join the A1 via Smeafield Station – not a ‘clever’ junction at any time - rather than on the Belford by-pass. The designers of the route have now recognised the potential hazard and amended the map.

[Northumberland 250 \(nland250.com\)](http://nland250.com)

Assuming Covid-19 restrictions permit, the **Lindisfarne Festival** is due to take place again at Beal from 2nd-5th September with 9 stages in operation during that period. The organisers are claiming a likely sell-out event. The Parish Council is not consulted before the issue of licences for such events.



The **Deal**, which was signed off on 18th March, involves the five local authorities on both sides of the Border, plus the UK and Scottish Governments and provides funding aimed at achieving sustained and inclusive economic growth. It will support the development of a new theatre and conference centre in Berwick, the Ad Gefrin Visitor Experience and Distillery in Wooler and a play village at the Alnwick Garden. www.Borderlandsgrowth.com



The County put in several bids to the **Restoring Railways Fund** to support its plans for improved rail connectivity. These included the re-opening of Belford Station (for the time being technical issues appear to rule out any re-opening at Beal) and an hourly stopping rail service between Berwick and Newcastle. Whilst unsuccessful in the first round, further details have been sought on the case for Belford Station, which also depends on the hourly service.

Northumbria Police and Crime Plan, 2021-5:

Police Commissioners are bound to produce a Plan every four years, normally at the start of



Police and Crime Commissioner
Northumbria

their term of office, but, since the pandemic led to the postponement of the elections for a year, this one has been produced at the 'fag end' of our current Commissioner's period in the post. It sets a number of priorities for fighting crime including tackling anti-social behaviour, crime reduction, prevention of violent crime, a commitment to neighbourhood policing and victim support. It recognises, amongst others, the growing threat of cybercrime, the devastating impact of rural crime on more isolated communities and promises to maintain investment in rural policing as well as enhanced resources to tackle cybercrime.

Every three months a detailed report on criminal activity, its victims, Police and criminal justice responses, will be made available. The Plan can be viewed in full at: www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk

Note: At least four candidates appear likely to be contesting the Police Commissioner election - one independent, and three party political nominees.

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