



KYLOE PARISH NEWS

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Best wishes for 2022 from your Parish Council

We hope you are recovering from recent storms and remain safe

THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, 17th May 2022 (please note the change of date)** starting at **7 p.m.**

in

Lowick Village Hall

to consider the Chairman's Report, and Statement of Accounts, and elect officers for the coming year.

It will be followed by a regular meeting of the Council.

Members of the public are welcome at this, or any other, meeting of the Council, but if you want to address the Council it would be helpful if you could let our Clerk, Sheila Henderson, know beforehand



The Council has welcomed newly co-opted member, Sue Begbie, from Mount Hooley. That still leaves **one vacancy** to be filled by co-option, so if you are interested in finding out more about the work of the Council, and an opportunity to contribute to the life of your community, please let our Clerk know.

Storm Arwen: Apart from reviews announced by Energy Regulator Ofgem and the Business Department into the response of the energy distribution networks to the impact of Storm Arwen, Northumberland CC is also examining the impact of the Storm – the views of residents and businesses are crucial to understanding what lessons can be learned by all the agencies involved.



Please send any comments you have to:

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Fenwick Village Traffic: Posts to carry the **interactive speed signs** have now been installed, and the display units, if not yet in place, will be mounted shortly. These have been funded through Cllr. Hardy's Small Schemes Allowance – our thanks to him for facilitating this.

Hopefully, the installation of these signs will help reduce **speeding** through the Village. However, following the recent survey which many of you completed, your Council decided to recommend for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan all the measures proposed, apart from the chicanes or pinch-points, but with the addition of 30 mph reminders to be painted on the highway. The Council also agreed to further examine the **parking** issue.

The Council is also trying to secure the provision of a self-financing **electric vehicle charging point** in the Village. Possible sites are under active consideration, as well as funding.



Christmas Lights: With financial support from the Parish Council, using funds made available through the Capt. C D Leyland Fund, a team of enthusiastic volunteers erected and lit a Christmas tree (kindly supplied by Ford & Etal Estates) on the grassed layby area in Fenwick Village, and organised a carol service, which brought some 40 or 50 people to enjoy a fine evening together, accompanied by a quintet from the Berwick Concert Band and refreshments. It was considered successful enough to warrant a repeat next Christmas. A collection raised £100, divided equally between B.A.R.K. and Bell View, Belford.

For the record, the concrete block supporting the tree did not come from the foreshore at Beal and has helpfully been stored ready for future use by our former Parish Council Chairman, James Hutchinson.

However, events like this do not happen on their own and need volunteers willing to give up a bit of their time:

If you can help, please get in touch with the 'Fenwick Social Group' through WhatsApp:

Please email any photos of the event which you are prepared to share to the Editor.



Preliminary work has been undertaken to locate a **defibrillator at Beal** near the service station. An application for grant funding is being progressed.

The Parish shoreline is part of the **Coastal Area of Natural Beauty** (AONB) which has experienced a considerable increase in visitor numbers, especially over the past couple of years. Some parts of the local infrastructure have shown signs of strain in coping with this influx, resulting in a number of problems, such as congestion and vehicle parking, which have a negative impact on the lives of local residents and also spoil visitors' experience. In our 'patch' this has been evident particularly on the road leading to the Holy Island Causeway.



The AONB has commissioned consultants to report on access issues in its area, including car parking and public transport provision and recommend possible solutions. The timescale for this exercise means it is unlikely that this will result in any measures being implemented in time for this year's holiday season.



Natural England have completed a review into the **management of people and dogs in the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve** (LNNR) and concluded that the Dog Zoning Scheme will not be continued but the current seasonal Shorebird Protection Areas will be maintained and, where appropriate, extended. Improved information and interpretation facilities will aim to make visitors more aware of the importance of the LNNR and the impact disturbance can have on bird and seal populations throughout the year. The LNNR will also emphasise the need for the control of dogs in the Reserve and alert owners to the problems caused by the pirri-pirri bur. The current wording of the byelaw may be reviewed to provide greater clarity in requiring owners to have their dogs on a short lead at all times in the Reserve. They also hope to be able to identify suitable dog walking areas in and close to the LNNR. Regrettably, they have also found it necessary to consider the provision of body cameras for staff and volunteer wardens to reduce incidents of abuse.

If you would like a copy of the full report, please email the Editor

Second Homes: The Government has announced measures targeting second home owners abusing a tax loophole to avoid paying council tax and to qualify for small business rates relief by claiming their often-empty properties are holiday lets. From April 2023 a property will have to be available for letting for at least 140 days a year, and actually let commercially for at least 70 days.



Neighbourhood Policing Team: Berwick-based Sgt. Duncan Budge was welcomed to the last meeting of the Council and outlined the work of the Team. Going forward, it was hoped that more regular contact could be maintained.



Platinum Jubilee: This year Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth celebrates the 70th Anniversary of Her accession to the Throne following the death of her Father, King George VI. It is hoped that this will be commemorated in communities throughout the country.

One group has suggested that wheelbarrows (Kyløe's mobile alternative to the scarecrow), decorated appropriately, be displayed in front of properties. The Council may be able to obtain some funding to 'kick-start' local initiatives – large or small – but hopes our smaller and more dispersed communities as well as our larger settlements, can be involved.

Please get in touch if you have any ideas with which to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime Jubilee - displays, street / row parties, community picnics, for instance.



Access to GP Surgeries: The Northumberland NHS CCG is gathering patients' views on accessing GP surgeries through a survey which aims to understand their preferences on issues such as which healthcare professional they prefer to see, how quickly they want to be seen, whether weekend and evening appointments are useful and whether telephone or online consultation is preferable to travelling to the surgery. Those sharing their views can be entered into a prize draw offering High Street vouchers.

The survey should take around 10 minutes to complete and is running until 25th February: www.northumberlandccg.nhs.uk/share-your-views-about-accessing-gp-practices



Community Foundation

Grants are available for organisations that benefit Kyløe Parish – together with neighbouring parishes – from the Capt CD Leyland and other Funds at the Community Foundation.

Should you wish to discuss any potential applications for support of at least £750, please contact Ross Wilson on 0191 222 0945 or rpw@communityfoundation.org.uk.



IT Support

Northumberland Libraries' Digital Help offers free phone advice if you need a spot of help with an IT problem, such as getting online, using the internet, setting up a free email account or troubleshooting other basic problems.

Ring 0345-600 6400 on weekdays (8.30-16.30) to schedule a call back appointment from Help Line staff between 10.00 and 19.00 on a Tuesday or Thursday