

# Chairpersons Report 2023/24

*Ellington & Linton Parish Council*



# Tree Maintenance

Following a tree survey in early 2023, significant work on tree maintenance was completed near both play parks and at Ellington Nature Reserve.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this was to remove dead or diseased trees or limbs of trees.

**Aim:** To make safer the areas most used by residents or where trees were close to property.

Further work is still scheduled, and we will keep in touch with residents about this in future newsletters.

# Community Events

Action: Continue to support and develop community events.

Purpose: Organise and manage collective celebrations, provide food/ refreshments. Attendance at Remembrance Day and Christmas events continues to grow in both villages, and this year we have added some Easter activities.

Aim: Bring the community together to celebrate key points in the year.

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# Motorbike Disorder Signage

**Activity:** Working in conjunction with Northumbria Police we have installed xxxN of signs.

**Purpose:** These indicate the areas where it is illegal to ride a motorised bike; these include both recreation fields and all footpaths.

**Aim:** The signs act as a “first warning” to offenders and allow the police to confiscate bikes more quickly. In the same locations we have also included no fly-tipping signs – Please note tipping of grass cuttings onto fields or verges is also against the law!

# Motorbike Disorder Signage



# Playground Maintenance

**Activity:** Both play parks have had comprehensive repairs and maintenance completed.

**Purpose:** Ensures all of the equipment has had an annual check and repair where needed.

**Aim:** Recognise the value of the play areas to families, we aim to keep these in good working order.

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# Playground Maintenance



# Newsletters

**Activity:** Written & Delivered by your parish councillors, we are very pleased to issue our third newsletter.

**Purpose:** To deliver a paper copy newsletter to each household in the parish, at least twice a year, containing information about current issues.

**Aim:** To keep residents informed about the work of the parish council, and encourage you to get in touch with us about the issues that matter to you.

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## ELLINGTON & LINTON Parish Council

### SPRING 2024

**What's On!**

- Coffee Mornings at Ellington Village Hall, every Friday morning from 10 am - 12 noon.
- Coffee Mornings at Linton Village Hall, every Tuesday morning from 10 am - 12 noon. (including bingo session from 11 am - 12 noon) Everyone welcome.
- Ladies Luncheon Club, at Ellington Village Hall, every Wednesday for over 60's £7 for 2 Course lunch. To book please contact - George Jackson
- Carpet Bowls at Linton Wednesdays 12.30pm - 2pm
- Community Post office Van Located outside Ellington Village Hall Every Thursdays 3.30pm - 4pm
- Archery at Linton Fridays 4pm - 5pm

**What's New! What have we done?**

**TREE MAINTENANCE**  
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**MOTORBIKE DISORDER SIGNAGE**  
Working in conjunction with Northumbria Police we have installed a number of signs. These indicate the areas where it is illegal to ride a motorised bike; these include both recreation fields and all footpaths. The signs act as a 'first warning' to offenders and allow the Police to confiscate bikes more quickly. In the same locations we have also included no fly-tipping signs - please note tipping of grass cuttings onto fields or verges is against the law.

**NEW WELCOME SEAT AT LINTON**  
Creation of a bespoke outdoor bench seat for Linton. The design incorporates important aspects of the village, showing nature and wildlife. Not only does it provide a welcome resting point along a popular walking route, it is also a piece of art that marks the entrance to the village and welcomes visitors.

**NEWSLETTERS**  
Written by your parish councillors we are very pleased to issue our third newsletter. We will be delivering a paper copy newsletter to each household in the Parish, at least twice a year, containing information about current issues. We want to keep residents informed about the work of the Parish Council, and encourage you to get in touch with us about issues that matter to you.

**PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE**  
Both play parks have had comprehensive repairs and maintenance completed this year. We ensures all of the equipment has had an annual check and repair where needed. Recognising the value of these play areas to families we aim to keep these in good working order.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**  
We continue to support and develop community events. Organising events & celebrations provide food/refreshments. Attendance at Remembrance Day and Christmas events continues to grow in both villages and this year we have added some Easter activities. We want to bring the community together to celebrate key points in the year and hopefully add other dates to the calendar in the future.

**HOW TO CONTACT US:**  
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## Spring is in the air!

**Parish Council Vacancy**  
Kathleen Robson a long standing and valued member of the Parish Council for 999 years has decided to step down. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Kathleen for all the years she has dedicated serving the community. This opens up the opportunity for a new member to join the Parish Council. Are you interested in local matters? Do you want to serve your community? Could you be a voice for residents in the community? Please apply to the Parish Clerk registering your interest in the process and what interests you about being a Parish Councillor. Please remember to include contact details. Closing date Monday 31st May 2024

**We need your Help**  
**What is antisocial behaviour?**  
There are three main categories for antisocial behaviour, depending on how many people are affected:  
 • Personal antisocial behaviour is when a person targets a specific individual or group.  
 • Nuisance antisocial behaviour is when a person causes trouble, annoyance or suffering to a community.  
 • Environmental antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.  
 It is disappointing that most of the time people are hesitant in making any reports, either because they can't see the point or they think nothing will be done. The fact is **Nothing can be done if incidents aren't reported, so please if there's a problem or incident DON'T just put it on Facebook - report it by any one of the methods below. Any future actions need evidence to back them up.**  
 For contacting the Police:  
 999 in an emergency  
 101 if non urgent  
 Online submission via Northumbria Polices Website if non urgent - Link: Report an incident - Northumbria Police  
 Email the Neighbourhood Police - [ashington.ap@northumbria.police.uk](mailto:ashington.ap@northumbria.police.uk) - Please note, this mailbox is not constantly monitored, therefore it should not be used to report anything that carries any element of risk  
 Anonymously via Crime Stoppers Tel 0800 555 111  
 For contacting the Council's Community Safety Team please email Senior Community Safety Officer mark.henderson@northumberland.gov.uk

**Parish Council launches survey**  
What is great about living in Ellington & Linton parish, or what would you like to see improved? The Parish Council would love to hear from you! We mean this! Your input is valuable to us as it will enable us to better serve as representatives of the community. We'll shortly be sending out paper surveys to all households, but in advance of that we're have released the survey online. It will remain open until the end of May. Please do fill in as much or as little as you'd like. We appreciate your participation in this important initiative.

**FIX MY STREET**  
The Fix My Street app is a powerful tool for citizens and local governments alike. This app provides an easy and efficient way for citizens to report problems in their community, such as potholes, broken streetlights, or garbage accumulation.

*The Parish Council values your input and opinion, we love to see people at the meetings, taking an interest in the community & village we all love.*

**PARISH MEETINGS**  
16.05.24  
20.06.24  
18.07.24

**Councillors**  
 Cllr Mark Powers - Chair Person [markpowersuk@gmail.com](mailto:markpowersuk@gmail.com)  
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# General Power Of Competence

**Activity:** The clerk successfully completed the certificate in local council administration.

**Purpose:** Allows the parish council greater flexibility on the types of activities it can support.

**Aim:** To help the parish council start to develop better community engagement.

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A big thank you to all the parish Councillors & resident volunteers that gave up valuable time to work on these projects.

A big thank you to Helyn for keeping us in line and compliant with everything that we do.