**Platinum Jubilee – June 2022**

The Council would like to invite residents to a meeting to discuss the long bank holiday given for the Jubilee celebrations.

Expressions of interest should be sent to the clerk and a meeting will be organised sometime in October.

**Free Tree Giveaway**

Northumberland County Council have pledged to make Northumberland the first net-zero county by 2030. But they need your help.

We can reduce our carbon footprint by planting more trees across the county, and this year the Council are giving away 15,000 free tree saplings to residents, schools, community groups and parish and town councils.

Claim your free tree today and help make Northumberland a cleaner and greener county for all: <https://nland.uk/freetrees>

**Memorial Gardens**

Covid Stone - A stone is to be placed in the Memorial Gardens with words to reflect the pandemic and all those who have been affected.

A seat was placed in the gardens in memory of Diana Robison BEM who died last year. The Council held a dedication for the family and members of the groups Diana was most involved with.

**Comb Hill Play Area**

 The Council have agreed contractors for the replacement of the wetpour on the bottom 3

play areas. A single black colour will be positioned to avoid shrinkage.

It is hoped that the paths will be attended too later in the year/next spring.

**Burn Field Cycle Track**

The Council have instructed a contractor to begin a refurbishment of the cycle track which will include siting a new path so cyclists can return back to the top without impinging on other cyclists, or walkers.

**South Tyne Railway Preservation Society**

The area by the railway is owned by STRPS and local volunteers have been tidying this area up and making a permissive walkway. The Council have set aside £1000 to contribute to this work which has helped in the making of some steps. The Council hve also purchased a new bin and dog bag dispenser at the entrance on the metal bridge.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact STRPS, or the clerk, who will forward on your name.