

Play Areas (incl posts and chains) RosPA has carried out their annual inspections and the equipment passed the inspection. There was a recommendation that the seat bases on some of the swings be replaced.

Public Conveniences Redecoration will start shortly.

Mobile Mast/BT Phone box VLC will write to the local MP and Councillor Lawrie requesting they pressurise for reinstatement of the rural mobile phone programme.

Northumberland LED street lighting/Undergrounding of cables Most of the streetlights had now been replaced by LED and the remainder soon will be.

Proposed Village Community Trust The workshop was well attended and the report was circulated. Another meeting with PCC will discuss the way forward.

Use of Postal Addresses A letter received asked for a sign 'Boathouse Lane' to be put up. It also expressed unhappiness that NCC did not cut the verges. SH indicated that as far as she was aware the verges had been cut for the last two years by a local farmer and therefore were probably better looked after than most NCC roads. There is a signpost at the corner which points towards 'Boathouse and Norham Dene'. It was agreed that if the writer wished to put up a sign there would be no objection but he would have to find a suitable location.

Bus Stop Requests VLC will write to Councillor Lawrie for confirmation of the outcome of his conversations with Perrymans.

Sun Dial by Village Hall This was now in place and was much appreciated, along with the new lavender hedge.

Electronic Speed Sign Still a goal once funds permitted. Speeding in the village was raised at the community workshop.

Footpath Maintenance The path from Horncliffe to Norham had become blocked/overgrown has been dealt. The pavement west of Glebefield hedge was due to be cut on 25th July. Fly tipping in the Bow Well. GS has cleared it (garden refuse).

Street Signs/Village Map A suggestion (in the light of comments re lost delivery drivers) that a map of the village, or the most confusing part of it, should be put up, showing all house names. This suggestion will be pursued. A request that the Castle Street sign on the village hall be refurbished/renewed will be considered.

New Speed signs/30mph reminders A request will be made for 30mph road markings to be reinstated. A suggestion that the 30mph sign at the foot of castle bank should be moved to the top of the bank. Request from Class 3 at Norham School for a pedestrian crossing, in principle a good idea. To be pursued.

Local Transport Plan Programme Same requests as last year, namely reinstatement of the road edges where badly broken up (from Norham Castle to West Mains, and from Morris Hall Farm to Norham Station Road End), and resurfacing of the access road from the village hall to the village shop. In addition a request for resurfacing of the lane from West Street to St Cuthbert's Square will be made.

To look at state of Roads and Pavements Disappointment was expressed at the quality of repairs to potholes, and the long-term financial implications of frequently repeated bad repairs. This was particularly the case by Morris Hall Farm where doubt was expressed that the road was fit for purpose. This would also be discussed with NCC Highways

A query had been raised regarding the upkeep of the BT exchange, that it was not being properly maintained. VIC will contact BT.

Date of next meeting 2nd October at 7.30pm in Village hall

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

A full version of these minutes is available on the notice board and on the village website

NORHAM NEWSROUND SEPTEMBER 2017

Forthcoming Events.

Friday 1st September : **Concert**; St Cuthbert's Church; 7.30pm; see below
Thursday 7th September : **W.I. meeting**; 2pm in the Village Hall.
Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th : **Norham Local History Exhibition**; see below
Sunday 10th: **Translation of St Cuthbert**; 10am and 6pm in church; see below
Monday 11th : **M.U. meeting**; 2pm at the Mason's Arms
Wednesday 13th : **Scottish Country Dancing** starts; Village Hall; 7.30-9pm
Thursday 14th : **Parish Walk**. Meet on the Green; 9.30am.
Monday 25th; **Commemoration of Piper Laidlaw**; 10am at War Memorial
Thursday 28th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** in church 10.30-12 noon.
Sunday 1st October: **Harvest Thanksgiving for Norham**; 10am in church

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the friends and family of

Thomas Aitchison, who died on 1st July;

also Barry Hall, who died on 17th August.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kirsty Mitchell and Patrick Moseley who were married in St Cuthbert's on 22nd July;

also to Leigh Spackman and Angela Eyre who were married in St Cuthbert's on 7th August

and to Norma Ferry and Margaret Orrock who were married at Marshall Meadows on 13th July.

W.I. The talk at the September meeting will be about the Northstar Centre.

M. U. At the September meeting Julie Frost will talk on Hospice Care.

OilCAN - The next oil ordering date is 8th September, can you let me have your orders by 3 p.m. on that day please. Jan L'Argent 01289 382897.

CRAFT CLUB - Craft Wednesdays are changing slightly from the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month to fortnightly starting on 6th September. This is to avoid confusion that has occurred in 5 week months. The village hall is open to crafters from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., at a cost of just £2 for the whole afternoon or part thereof. We have refreshments available. Although set up and run by a member of Norham WI the craft club is open to all. Information from Jan L'Argent 01289 382897.

A LITTLE NORHAM CHRISTMAS! A whole new festive event coming to the village hall! Tickets available in advance only — £5 each, to include a glass of prosecco and canapés. Proceeds to the Great North Air Ambulance and Northern Soul Kitchen. So please put Friday 24th November 6-9pm in your diary now! And if you're the kind that likes to be organised and would like to book a ticket now (numbers will be limited!) please contact Tory Craig 07745130987

EARLY WARNING! Friday 4th November.: 'Forget Me Not—The Alzheimer's Whodunnit'. In Norham Parish Church. Details later.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FOLLOW UP MEETING

Monday 16th October 6pm

Norham Village Hall

'Ask not what your village can do for you, but what you can do for your village'

You will be aware that a Community Workshop was held on 10th July to discuss possible ways to enhance the Norham experience for residents and visitors alike. Over 40 attended, and all those attending should by now have received a copy of the report. If you have not, the report is available on norham.org, on the Parish Council noticeboard. If you would like a paper copy please contact Tory Craig (details below).

There will be a follow up meeting on 16th October 6pm in the Village Hall. The aims of the meeting are to identify smaller projects which can be achieved in the short term, larger longer term projects (to cover some of the more fundamental issues raised) that may take some considerable time to finalise, and individuals and/or organisations with enthusiasm and energy who are willing to become involved and play a part (large or small) in making it all happen! It is possible that the short term projects could be taken on either by existing organisations in the village or by new working groups set up for that purpose.

So please read the report, consider the ideas in it and how you might like to help. All those willing to roll up their sleeves and do something are welcome!

It would be helpful if you could confirm you are coming to:

Tory Craig torylintocraig@aol.com

07745130987

WEIGHTON WAYTES CHOIR

Friday 1st September 7.30pm

St Cuthbert's Church

Back for their third visit in as many years the ever popular Weighton Waytes Choir is a well-established, mixed voice, community choir based in the lovely East Riding town of Market Weighton, which is situated at the foot of the Yorkshire Wolds. The choir currently has around 40 members and sings in four-part harmony. Their members come from all walks of life; are of all age ranges; have a love of singing; and look to perform a wide range of music for the pleasure of others. Following their hugely successful concert last year, the choir is returning accompanied by flute, clarinets, bassoon, trumpet and keyboard to perform what will be a mixed programme of secular and sacred, choral and instrumental music.

Tickets on the door:£5; Under 16s free

THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CHEST SCHEME is now open to new applications. Community groups may apply for funding from the scheme, such as community building committees, WIs, Scouts, sports clubs and so forth.

Please share this information across your networks, newsletters, etc. Application forms and guidance are available on the County Council website:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Grants/Grants-Funding.aspx#communitychestscheme>

Of note is the new **HelpForYou** scheme which provides grants of up to £200 for a young person under 18 to achieve an ambition. Each panel is able to award at least 10 Help For You grants.

Applications will be decided by a Grant Panel established by each of the five new Local Area Councils and the first deadline for applications is Friday 29th September.

PETANQUE CLUB RE-LAUNCH Fancy a nice friendly game of boules played in the style that gives everyone the same chance to win whether your active or not very fit?

The petanque pitch and its surroundings are not what they were, as folk in South Lane and Bow Well Cottages are only too aware. The club has been run for a few years by folk from Swinton and Whitsome with Rod Thompson in charge. Rod has now retired from Whitsome post office and is moving away and no one has played petanque for over a month. We hope that is all about to change but we could do with some help.

We need:-

Willing "gardeners" to clear the weeds and cut the hedges

People with transport to take the hedge cuttings to the dump (they take too long to compost down)

A shed or summer house which is no longer wanted but still has some life in it.

and last but not least – people who want to play petanque !

Please contact Joan Lawson 382015

NORHAM AND LADYKIRK HISTORY SOCIETY is holding an exhibition *Norham and Ladykirk Through The Ages*. It will include, amongst other aspects of village life, the railway in Norham, the shops and businesses and the net fishing.

Norham Village Hall on Saturday 9th September 11-4

and Sunday 10th September 10-4

Entry by donation.

Refreshments available.

The video of life in Norham, originally shown on the BBC in 1977, will be screened in the Village Hall with other short films of local interest, on Saturday 9th September 7.30pm. Entry by donation. All welcome.

For further information please contact 07703285434 or 07941645855

FLYTIPPING! Another case of flytipping (at Bow Well) has been reported to, and dealt with by, the Parish Council. Residents are reminded that flytipping is illegal, and offenders may be liable to pay a large fine.

If you come across an incident of flytipping in the area please report it via the County Council website at <https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=587> or to the parish council.

ITEMS FOR OCTOBER NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) **before** Thursday 28th September. Newsround is put onto our website each month; if you do not wish your name, telephone number, or any other detail to be published, please advise.