



**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES**

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## Schools Art Competition

### Mid Durham AAP Village Events

**A series of village consultation events** in the form of drop in sessions have been held during June and July across the Mid Durham AAP area. Parish and County Councillors and staff from the Parish and the Mid Durham AAP were present to answer questions from the residents. As a result of these sessions we have updated 6 village action plans for Brandon, Langley Moor, Meadowfield & Browney, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor & Broompark and Esh Winning & Waterhouses. Across the 6 plans 163 issues have been identified over the past two years of which we have collectively managed to address 35% of these so far. It is recognised that this is an on-going process, as a large percentage of these are long term projects and indeed some of these we cannot progress because of budget restraints e.g. public transport and additional shops. Examples of issues raised include speeding traffic, community building and church hall refurbishments, environmental improvements and children's play. For an up to date copy of your village action plan please contact the Parish Council offices or visit our website.

### Floral Displays

**Entrances to all our villages** have been brightened up with the installation of flower beds across the Parish. The Council has worked in conjunction with Durham County Council who have installed the displays which were funded by the Parish Council. The County will continue to maintain the displays and re-plant with Autumn and summer bedding on an annual basis. The floral bed at Castlefields, Esh Winning can be seen on the right.



**This year the Parish Council changed the theme** of its annual schools art competition to Durham Miners Gala rather than Beautiful Durham. There were some excellent pictures created by our local children and many of the schools thought this was a good opportunity for the children to learn about the mining history of our villages. Again, the children received book tokens for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each category and the 1st prize winners' pictures from all the schools were judged by the Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor John Robinson and his wife, Maxine. The following overall winners were presented with a trophy by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Thomas Akins at the Parish meeting on 18th July :

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| Sophie Davidson | Ushaw Moor Pre School                  |
| Lucy Donnelly   | Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning |
| Joel Cairns     | Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning |
| Holly Rippin    | Brandon Primary                        |
| Xavier Rickerby | Brandon Primary                        |
| Jessica Isted   | St. Joseph's, Ushaw Moor               |



Sophie and Xavier are pictured above receiving their trophies.

## **Around the Wards**

### **Brandon**

**Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards support Fun Day** - Volunteers from Durham Vineyard, Brandon drop-in and Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project came together to hold the Brandon Fun Day on 31st May. The Council was once again delighted to support this event which attracted over 400 children and their families on a beautiful sunny day. There were many activities for the children which included a climbing wall, log roll, crazy golf, penalty shoot out, circus skills and laser tag. Indoors there was basket weaving, wooden spinning tops, sun visors and funky glasses to decorate and jewellery making. Brandon Welfare Hall ran a café and there was plenty of food, and lots and lots of ice cream! The Council would like to thank all those involved in making the event such a great success.



**Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project's Summer Activity Programme** has provided a fun packed summer for young people across the Parish area. The programme, supported by the Council, has included a variety of activities including go-karting, paintballing and visits to Alton Towers, Haltwhistle Pool, South Shields and Grisdale Forest and much more. In addition through the programme the Youth centre has been able to open every

Tuesday throughout the summer to all young people 10 years and over, offering water games, team games, barbecues and arts and crafts.

### **New Brancepeth**

**New Banner for New Brancepeth**— thanks to the hard work of the newly-formed Banner Group the village has achieved its goal of producing a new Miners Banner. After receiving £5,000 in the village vote events in 2013 the banner was further funded by the 3 local councillors neighbourhood budgets and the successful fundraising efforts of the local residents. As the former banner had disappeared after the closure of New Brancepeth Colliery in 1953, the group consulted with the elderly residents and used old photos to produce the replica banner. The banner was proudly paraded at this year's Miners Gala by members of the Banner Group.

### **Esh Winning & Waterhouses**

**New lease secured for play area**— the Parish Council has now successfully renewed the lease for Waterhouses Play area from Durham County Council. The Council is now looking to progress the refurbishment of the play site. Having been awarded £5,000 in the village vote sessions in October 2013 a further £11,000 has been secured through the AAP and County Councillors area and neighbourhood budgets. The design will be drawn up using feedback from the local village drop in sessions held in July and the final design will be chosen by the local residents and children.

### **Langley Moor and Meadowfield**

**Friends of Langley Moor Group** recently secured funding for the provision of the three 3 tier planters which have been installed along the grass verge at High Street in Langley Moor. I am sure you will agree these planters make a spectacular impact at the entrances to the village. The group have also been working with the Parish Council, AAP and unitary councillors to progress a project to redevelop the land between the Podiatrist and the fish shop. Funding should soon be in place to advance the project which will involve removal of the grassed area, new paving and seating and flower beds. The next meeting of the group will be 11th September in the council offices.

**Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60s Association** were recently awarded a donation towards outings and entertainment for its members. The group is well attended with over 100 members and meets on the last Tuesday of every month in the Royal British Legion at Meadowfield.

### **Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

**The Council recently supported some of our local students from Durham Community Business College** with their fundraising towards the World Challenge trip to India in 2015. This will be a once in a life time trip for the students who will be working with local villagers, trekking across the spice fields of southern India and using the opportunity to discover the world beyond their home villages, extend their cultural understanding and learn about international differences. The students will also be completing a charity phase in a local orphanage where they will be able to make a real difference to the lives of other young people. The Chairman presented the donation to Amy Powell, teacher at the College, and some of the students who are hoping to take part in the World Challenge at the Council's July meeting.



**Broompark play area to get a makeover**— progress is being made with the refurbishment of the Broompark play area. The Council has acquired a lease from Durham County Council and the village surgery held in June was used to involve local residents and children in the design of the play area. This will be taken to the local primary schools in September so that the final design can be chosen by the children. Once the final funding is in place the work will hopefully begin by the Autumn.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions**

#### **Brandon Community Hall**

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

#### **Esh Winning Library**

2-3pm-first & third Tuesdays

#### **New Brancepeth Village Hall**

10-11am-first Wednesday

#### **Sure Start, Ushaw Moor**

11am-12noon-third Thursday

### **Credit Unions**

Every Tuesday 3p.m.-4p.m. in Esh Winning Library

Every Wednesday 10a.m.-11a.m in Ushaw Moor Sure Start  
Children's Centre

Every Wednesday 9.30a.m-10.30a.m. St. Andrew's  
Church, Brandon

**'Dog Pooh ' bags available free from the Parish  
Council offices and various locations in the Parish**

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