



***BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES***

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***QUARTERLY***

***NEWSLETTER***

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## **New Chairman of the Parish Council**

**At the Parish Council AGM** on 20th May Councillor Brian Nelson was elected as Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Nelson has served on the council for over 20 years and is a well respected member of the local community. Councillor Nelson was presented with the Chain of Office by out-going Chairman, Councillor Tommy Akins. Councillor Nelson will be supported by his partner, Susan, throughout his term of office.



## **Mid Durham AAP**

**The Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP)** has just published its Annual Report 2010/11 which provides an update on the projects supported in 2009/10 and highlights those progressing forward from 2010/11. Below are just a few of the highlights:

- ◆ Small grants fund has supported 62 different community groups through £21,865 of area budget: the groups in turn bringing a further £37,323 into mid Durham.
- ◆ Developed a joint project with Durham AAP to support community venues, aiming to increase awareness of the venues, get more people through the doors and in turn increase income.
- ◆ Worked in partnership to sustain youth work provision in Castleside, Lanchester and Burnhope and extend provision in Esh Winning and Langley Park.

Further information on the AAP and the full Annual Report can be found on their website at [www.durham.gov.uk/mdaap](http://www.durham.gov.uk/mdaap).

Small grants fund application forms are available from the Parish Council offices or from Julie Taylor on 0191 3844801.

## **Synopsis of Annual Report**

**The Parish Council's Annual Report** is published in June and provides a summary of the Council's activities throughout 2010/11. Copies of the report will be available at various places around the parish including Brandon & Esh Winning libraries, Brandon Community Centre, The Orchards, Brandon, Langley Moor Post Office, New Brancepeth Village Hall, Deerness Leisure Centre, Ushaw Moor Post Office and Waterhouses Village Hall. Copies are also available from the Council offices and on the Parish Council website. A brief summary of the report is below:

- ◆ Maintenance of allotment, grazing and garage sites
- ◆ Grasscutting programme
- ◆ Provision of floral containers
- ◆ Contributions to environmental schemes
- ◆ Support to local community groups
- ◆ Community Highways Worker initiative
- ◆ Tree week
- ◆ School's painting competition
- ◆ Maintenance of Public Rights of Way

### **Summary of Accounts**

Balance 1.4.10	114,286
Income 2010/11	<u>198,905</u>
	313,191
Expenditure 2010/11	<u>205,294</u>
Balance 31.3.11	<u>107,897</u>

## **Around the Wards**

### **Brandon**

The Easter Party held at the Community Hall was a resounding success. The party, organised by Sarah Leckenby, attracted more than 100 people and a disco, party games and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Easter eggs were given to all the children and prizes were presented for the Easter Bonnet and Egg hunt competitions.

***The Royal British Legion's*** 90th Anniversary will be celebrated throughout the country between 10th and 12th June. Brandon & Meadowfield branch will be holding a special evening on Saturday 11th June to mark this occasion. All six wards of the parish council have contributed to the event which will include entertainment by tribute act 'Neil Diamond' and a raffle towards the Poppy Appeal.

***The Parish Council*** is funding a joint scheme between the British Legion, Brandon Community Hall, Carrside Youth Project and New Brancepeth Village Hall to celebrate the third Armed Forces Day on Saturday 25th June. Flags will be flown at three of the above locations and celebrations on the day will involve the British Legion, Brandon Community Hall and the local community.

### **Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

***Ushaw Moor Community Association*** recently received a donation towards a bespoke case for the Ushaw Moor Colliery Banner. The banner is currently displayed in the reception area of Durham Community Business College. The association is hoping to raise £2,500 for a case which will protect the banner which is an important part of the heritage of the village.

***Thinking of getting fit for summer-*** The Sir Bobby Robson Centre is now holding a gym club Monday- Friday evenings from 5pm-9pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am-1pm.

### **New Brancepeth**

***Work begins on new play area-*** the final phase of improvements to the play area has begun. The area is being further developed to include equipment suitable for toddlers and young children and a new footpath will be constructed to link the main entrance to the toddler area. Work should be completed by the end of June –just in time for the summer!



***And for the older children-*** why not go along to the Youth Club in the Village Hall, held every Thursday night from 6.30-8.30p.m. There's snooker, table tennis and Wii games.

## **Esh Winning & Waterhouses**

### **Esh Winning**

**Durham Villages Regeneration Company** have completed the new garages behind West View and work has now begun on the erection of nine two-bedroom bungalows in the centre of the village.

**New Primary School**– a ground breaking ceremony to publicise the commencement of building work on the new replacement primary school took place on Friday 20th May.

**We are delighted to report** that the Tuesday Youth Club held in Starr's Bar will continue thanks to the help of the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership.

**Esh Winning Residents Group's** new project for 2011 is hopefully to provide a Christmas tree for the village.

### **Waterhouses**

**The Easter Duck race** was once again a great success, even though the water level was very low this year. Everyone enjoyed the event and the winner of the race was M. Collinson.



**The old planting** around the village hall had become very overgrown, straggly and difficult to maintain. Therefore it was decided to re-design the whole area with slate and attractive planting. We hope everyone agrees that this is a great improvement to the look of the hall.

### ***Dates to remember:***

The Village Fayre on Saturday 18th June at 2p.m.

Village Hall A.G.M. on Wednesday 22nd June at 6.30p.m.

During the last few months the parish council ward has given donations to support the Citizens Advice Bureau, The Great North Air Ambulance, The British Legion and Victim Support.

## **Meadowfield and Langley Moor**

***Two vacancies have arisen in Langley Moor*** ward and an election will be held on Thursday 23rd June 2011 to fill these vacancies.

***New equipment for Brandon British Legion Football Club***— thanks to a donation from Meadowfield, Langley Moor and Brandon wards the football club will be able to buy some much needed equipment. The donation will go towards the purchase of items including new strips and match balls.

***Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Service*** continues for another year within our community due to funding provided from all the wards of the Parish Council. The service offers valuable free advice on a wide range of subjects such as welfare rights, housing and tax. Details of the sessions are on the back page of this newsletter. Please note that the session previously held in Brandon House will now be located in Brandon Community Hall.

***Durham County Council*** are offering a ‘Helping Hands’ Loan scheme to residents. If you are struggling to keep your home safe and comfortable to live in and you cannot access a loan from a bank or other reputable lender you could be offered a ‘Helping Hands’ Loan. The items that can be funded using a loan include repairing or replacing a leaking roof, providing a new heating system or replacing doors and windows. Before you start any work, contact [housingimprovementteam@durham.gov.uk](mailto:housingimprovementteam@durham.gov.uk) or tel:0191 5270501 for more information and advice.

‘***Dog Pooh***’ bags are now available from the Parish Council offices, Esh Winning Library, Meadowfield Chemist, Brandon Library, Langley Moor Post Office, Ushaw Moor Post Office, Deerness Leisure Centre, New Brancepeth Village Hall and Wendy’s shop.

**Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Sessions**

**Brandon Community Hall**

11 am-12noon- second Thursday of month

11 am-12noon- fourth Thursday

**Esh Winning Community Centre**

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 Community Centre

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

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