



BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES

PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair's Charity Evening

Councillor John Grantham would like to express his sincere thanks to those who supported his charity evening on Friday 19th May at the British Legion Club in Meadowfield. The evening raised £841 which will be shared between the Legion and Brandon Community Hall.

New Parish Council Chairman

At the Parish Council's AGM on Friday 16th May Councillor Thomas Akins was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Akins was re-elected to the council in the elections in May 2007 having previously served as a Parish Councillor from 1985 to 2003. Councillor Akins is a respected and well known member of the local community and will be supported by his wife, Councillor Sylvia Akins throughout his term of office. Councillor Grantham, the former Chairman presented the Chain of Office to Councillor Akins at the AGM.

Mid Durham AAP Village Events

Following the success of the village consultation events held last year a further series of drop in sessions will be held during June and July across the Mid Durham AAP area. At these events we would like to :

- Identify projects which could be developed to address issues that affect your village – these may be health, environmental, social or economic related, but should be deliverable before the autumn of 2015. These projects would be brought back to the village residents in October/November this year so that they can identify which projects they think we could invest some funding into. The projects identified should benefit the village or area as a whole and not be specific to one particular group only.

- Discuss the village action plans that were developed after last year's drop in sessions, to update you on work carried out and if there are any other issues we need to address that have come up in the past year.
- Discuss a village specific project or issue that came from last year's Action Plans with you and gain your opinions on this matter. The programme of events for our area are as follows:

Village	Date	Venue	Theme
Langley Moor/ Meadowfield	Tuesday 17.6.14 5-7pm	Boyne Play Pit	Streetscene/ Holliday Park
Esh Winning	Saturday 21.6.14 10-12noon	Woodland Road Communal Hall	Community Resilience
Ushaw Moor/ Broompark	Monday 23.6.14 5-7pm	Ushaw Moor Catholic Club	Community Resilience/Safety
Waterhouses	Tuesday 24.6.14 5-7pm	Village Hall	Play site/ Community Resilience
New Brancepeth	Saturday 19.7.14 10-12noon	Village Hall	Banner/Church/ Community Safety
Brandon	Saturday 19.7.14 2-4pm	Welfare Hall	Community Resilience/Safety

Your local County and Parish Councillors alongside staff from the Mid Durham AAP and Parish Council will be there to talk to you about any issues or concerns you have about your village. So why not come along to your local event, have a cuppa and put your views across, you could make a difference to your village.

Synopsis of Annual Report

The Parish Council's Annual Report is published in June and provides a review of the Council's work throughout 2013/14.

Copies of the report will be available at various locations around the parish including Brandon & Esh Winning libraries, Brandon Community Centre, The Orchards, Brandon, Langley Moor Post Office, New Brancepeth Village Hall, Ushaw Moor Post Office, R & B Convenience Stores 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 as follows:

- ◆ Maintenance of allotment, grazing and garage sites
- ◆ Grasscutting programme
- ◆ Provision of floral containers
- ◆ Various projects with Mid Durham AAP
- ◆ Support to local community groups
- ◆ Community Highways Worker scheme
- ◆ Environmental work
- ◆ School's painting competition
- ◆ Maintenance of Public Rights of Way
- ◆ Funding of CAB outreach sessions

Summary of Accounts

Balance at 1.4.13	135,605.41
Income 2013/14	<u>210,584.70</u>
	346,190.11
Expenditure 2013/14	<u>175,363.74</u>
Balance 31.3.14	170,826.37

Around the Wards

Brandon

The Brandon Family Fun Day was again supported by the Parish Council following last year's success of the event. Durham Vineyard once again organised the event together with other local community groups with free entertainment provided throughout the day.

Council supports local Cricket Club – Following a request from Brandon Cricket Club Brandon ward were pleased to assist with the purchase of 2 new nets for the club.

Local members attended a presentation by the club and were very impressed by the good work the club does for the community. The Club runs 4 Senior teams, 4 Junior and 1 Women's team. The Chairman of the Council presented the cheque to Ian Johnson from the Club at a recent Council meeting.



Brandon & Byshottles Table Tennis Club has built a reputation for being a friendly and welcoming community sports club. Sessions are held on Thursdays 6.30-8.30p.m. and both Saturday and Sunday 10am until 12noon. The Club is always looking for new members and are now recruiting adults for a 12 week 'Move into Sport' course which begins on 7th June. Why not pop along for some fun and gentle exercise? It costs only £2.50 per session (unemployed adults are free) and participants who complete the course qualify for a FREE incentive to carry on playing. This could be a new bat or an Instant Ping Pong set. For more information contact Tony Taylor on 07539275048.

New Brancepeth

The Great North Air Ambulance Service recently received a donation from New Brancepeth ward, together with the other council wards. The GNAAS provides a vital pre-hospital care service across an 8,000 square miles area in the North of England. Crews respond to hundreds of call outs a year and the helicopters are never more than a 15 minute flight away from the nearest hospital.

Esh Winning & Waterhouses

Esh Winning Library held their annual Easter Egg Competition again this year and the council was pleased to provide funding for the prizes for the competition. Local councillors were invited to judge the competition and the standard of entries was very high. The first prize winners of each category were Millie Bevington, Taylor Davies, Hollie Heslop, Cameron Richardson and Grace Bentley.

Langley Moor and Meadowfield

Friends of Langley Moor continue to meet monthly at the Parish Council offices on the second Thursday of the month at 7.00p.m. The next meeting will be held on 12th June and anyone is welcome to come along. The group can be contacted through the Parish Council or at friendsoflangleymoore@hotmail.co.uk. Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found on the Parish Council website.

St. Patrick's Social Committee approached the council recently for financial assistance towards their Spring Party Lunch and their Christmas Party. Both events are aimed at the elderly in our community, including housebound and those who reside in The Orchards in Brandon. The Chairman gladly accepted an invitation to the Spring Party Lunch on 17th May.

St. John's Church Hall in Meadowfield - fundraising to refurbish the hall had begun when sadly the hall was destroyed by fire earlier this year. Lesley Baxter is organising events with the help of members of the public in order to continue fundraising for the hall. A night of entertainment will be held on 20th June at 7pm at the British Legion, Meadowfield, tickets are £5 each. A fayre will be held on 28th June in St. John's Church at 12noon. Please contact Lesley on 07846542035 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Ushaw Moor & Broompark

The ward Councillors are currently working on two projects, the refurbishment of the much needed Broompark play area and the renovation of the War Memorial plaque at St. Luke's Church. Watch this space!

Flower tubs around the villages will be re-filled shortly with summer bedding. Floral beds will also be installed on the verge in Broompark. This will brighten up the villages for the summer months.



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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