



***BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES***

***PARISH COUNCIL***

***QUARTERLY***

***NEWSLETTER***

***JUNE 2017***

**Your Ward Councillors**

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**Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

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**May Elections**

**The recent elections held on 4th May** have resulted in 5 new elected members for the parish council namely Mark Richardson in Langley Moor ward, Lesley Catterson and Ian Spencer in Meadowfield ward, and Hannah Walters in Esh Winning & Waterhouses ward. The Parish Council welcomes these new members and would also like to sincerely thank former members for their dedication and service to their communities. A full list of members can be found on the facing page. The newly elected Unitary Councillors for Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor are Cllrs Paul Taylor and John Turnbull and for the Deerness ward are Cllrs David Bell, Jean Chaplow and Marion Wilson.

**Past Chair's Charity Evening**

**Councillor Susan Neslon** would like to express her sincere thanks to everyone who supported her charity evening in November 2016. Councillor Nelson has continued to raise funds throughout her term of office and a grand total of £2,974.04 has been raised which will be donated to Carrside Youth & Community Project and the rebuild of St. John's Hall.

**New Parish Council Chairman**

**At the Parish Council's AGM** on Friday 19th May Councillor David Bell was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Bell has been a Member of the Council since 2007, served as a City Councillor for 22 years and is also a County Council member. Representing New Brancepeth Ward, Cllr Bell plays an active part in the local community and its local organisations. Cllr Bell's wife, Anne, will act as his consort throughout the year. Councillor David Clegg, representing Ushaw Moor & Broompark ward, was elected as Vice Chairman.



In 2013 the Mid Durham AAP, County Councillors and Parish Councils started work on producing Village Action Plans created from a number of village drop in sessions. Six plans were created across Brandon and Byshottles Parish for 2013/2016 covering a wide variety of village issues. The AAP, County Councillors and the Parish Council are planning to repeat this process again in 2017, with drop ins planned for June and July. If you attend our Summer Drop Ins you will get the chance to enter into our draw and possibly win £500 for your community group. At the session you will need to provide the staff with the name of your group which will be entered into the draw which will take place at the AAP Board meeting on the 13 September 2017. The more times your club name is mentioned the more of a chance you have of winning the £500. So why don't you pop in for a cuppa and let us know your ideas to improve your village. Please see below for dates, times and venues. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the AAP team at [mdaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:mdaap@durham.gov.uk) or ring 07557541413.

**June 16 4.00pm - 5.30pm Langley Moor, Parish Offices,  
6 Goatbeck Tce, DH7 8JJ**

**July 3 4.00pm - 6.00pm Esh Winning Woodland Rd  
Community Centre, DH7 9JJ**

**July 4 4.00pm - 6.00pm New Brancepeth St Catherine's  
Church Hall, DH7 7HZ**

**July 19 4.00pm - 6.00pm Ushaw Moor Catholic Hall, DH7 7LF**

**July 24 4.00pm - 6.00pm Brandon St Andrews Church, DH7  
8QG**

**July 26 4.00pm - 6.00pm Waterhouses Village Hall, DH7 9AS**

**Summer Activities Scheme**—the Parish Council is once again supporting the provision of the summer holiday play scheme with a contribution of £750. The scheme is managed by Durham County Council's Culture and Sport and begins on Monday 24th July for 5 weeks. The sessions are free to attend and details are listed on the following page:

Monday	10.30am-12noon 1pm to 2.30pm	Lanchester Castleside	Multi Sports Multi Sports
Tuesday	10am to 12noon 1pm to 3pm	Meadowfield Ushaw Moor	Environment nvironment
Wednesday	10am to 12noon 1pm to 3pm 10.30am-12noon 1pm-2.30pm	Langley Park Esh Winning Meadowfield Ushaw Moor	Environment Environment Multi Sports Multi Sports
Thursday	10amto 2noon 1pm to 3pm 10.30am-12noon 1pm to 2.30pm	Lanchester Castleside Langley Park Esh Winning	Environment Environment Multi Sports Multi Sports

### **Around the Wards**

#### **Brandon**

**Brandon Boxing Club** has gone from strength to strength since its formation in 2013 when the Parish Council supported the Club with the purchase of new equipment. The Club has been working with the AAP and local councillors to provide its own premises in the grounds of Brandon Cricket Club. Work on the Sports Hub is progressing well and the £183,000 project is now taking shape. There has been terrific support from local businesses so hopefully it won't be too long before the Boxing Club has a permanent base at the Hub.

#### **New Brancepeth**

**New village notice board**—the local residents group is organising the purchase of a new notice board for the village thanks to funding from local County Councillors neighbourhood budgets. The Parish has agreed to take over responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the notice board. **The local banner group** has also asked the Council to adopt the new Miners Colliery Banner to ensure the banner's long term security.

#### **Langley Moor and Meadowfield**

**St. John's Hall Committee** express their thanks to Cllr. Susan Nelson for donating part of the proceeds of her charity fundraising events to the Hall. The donation of £1,487 brings the amount raised towards the new hall to £517,500. The first AGM was held on May 11th and the new amended plans were shown which includes a meeting room as well as a large kitchen and hall space. The next fundraiser will be held at Meadowfield British Legion from 7pm on Friday July 21st. This will be their third rock and roll night with a raffle. Tickets are £3 each. As reported in our last newsletter a lottery grant of £9,560 was awarded to the Hall, Meadowfield British Legion and Carrside Youth Project for celebrate events. So far events have been held to celebrate Burns night, Commonwealth day and St George's day. Upcoming events include 31st July, a parade For tickets or enquiries please contact Lesley Baxter 0784 6542035 or see Facebook Stjohnshallmeadowfield.

#### **Ushaw Moor & Broompark**

**Council supports 'Great Get Together'** -Ushaw Moor Action Group, in association with a local parenting group is planning to host a 'Great Get Together' event on Saturday 17th June (2-4 pm) at the Community Garden in Ushaw Moor. Ushaw Moor ward was pleased to be able to provide funding of £200 towards the event which is part of the national 'Great Get Together' events which are taking place across the UK in memory of Jo Cox. The events will bring communities together to celebrate our differences and the things we have in common.

**Silver Trees Primary**— the Council has donated 3 flower tubs to the school recently so the children can enjoy looking after the flowers during the summer and winter. In addition the Council has agreed to take responsibility for a new notice board which will replace the rather dilapidated one outside the school .

## **Esh Winning & Waterhouses**

**Esh Winning & Brandon Libraries** are planning a series of events during the 6 weeks summer holidays which will take place out of school hours. Esh Winning & Brandon wards have donated £300 each towards the funding for the activities which will be linked to the national Summer Reading Challenge in which all libraries participate. Children are challenged to read 6 books during their summer break and are rewarded with certificates and other small prizes. The theme this year is Animal Agents.



## **Synopsis of Annual Report**

**The Parish Council's Annual Report** is published in June and provides a review of the Council's work throughout 2016/17. Copies of the report will be available at locations around the parish including Brandon & Esh Winning libraries, Brandon Community Centre, Langley Moor Post Office, New Brancepeth Village Hall, Ushaw Moor Post Office, R & B Convenience Stores and Waterhouses Village Hall. Copies will also be available from the Council offices and on the Parish Council website. A brief summary of the report follows:

- ◆ Maintenance of allotment, grazing and garage sites
- ◆ Grasscutting programme
- ◆ Provision of floral containers and flower beds
- ◆ Various projects with Mid Durham AAP
- ◆ Support to local community groups
- ◆ Community Highways Worker scheme
- ◆ Ushaw Moor Sculpture & Christmas tree
- ◆ Schools' painting competition

### **Summary of Accounts**

Balance at 1.4.16	183,967.98
Income 2016/17	<u>205,718.89</u>
	418,180.66
Expenditure 2016/17	<u>212,461.77</u>
Balance 31.3.17	<u>205,718.89</u>

## **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 Thursday

### **New Brancepeth Village Hall**

11am-12noon-first Thursday

### **Silver Trees Centre,Ushaw Moor**

11am-12noon-third Thursday

## **Credit Unions**

Every Wednesday 10a.m.-11a.m in the Silver Trees 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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This newsletter is also available to view on the council's website.