



## LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### **Residents Neighbourhood Development Plan report 13**

Over the last two months we have analysed responses from residents and also from our 'statutory consultees'; mainly groups such as Highways England, National grid and Historic England. Almost all of the responses were supportive and positive. Historic England, however, said we could do more to draw attention to the many assets in the Parish that are of historic interest. This work is almost complete. In addition, Northumberland County Council have carried out a screening assessment of the area which has shown that a full environmental impact assessment is required. This is primarily because we are likely to need a small number of houses in the lifetime of the NDP and we need to assess the impact this is likely to have on the number of people wanting to access the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Any increase in numbers must be monitored carefully and a financial levy is often made on new houses where people are living close to the AONB. This assessment is now underway. The list of consultees is available on our website: <http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk/ndp-finaldocs.php>

We will let you know about the outcome of the assessment as soon as the information is made available to us.

### **Other Parish Matters**

#### **Speedwatch**

We still have a vacancy for Speedwatch training. Anyone interested in being trained, or anyone who was trained in the past and would like a refresher course please email Elizabeth Taylor, the Parish Clerk, at [lesburyparishclerk@googlemail.com](mailto:lesburyparishclerk@googlemail.com) with your name, address, email and 'phone number. If you volunteered and are still waiting to hear about the course, please email to confirm that you are still interested.

#### **Steppey Lane Bridge**

We are very pleased that Northumberland County Council has allocated funds to carry out an initial study to decide on the best way to improve accessibility to the bridge. Once that work has been completed we will have a better view of costs and the extent of the work needed.

#### **Northumberland Estates Outline Planning**

We had anticipated being able to tell you about the outcome of the applications to build over 100 houses in the Parish. However, we understand that Northumberland Estates are submitting more information in support of their applications and in response to the objections that have been raised. There is still time to send in a response if you have yet to do so and, if you have already submitted your response, you are allowed to send in



additional information if you wish to make further comments.

### **New Parish Councillors and Annual Parish Meeting**

We are delighted that Bob Whittaker, who lives on South View, joined the Parish Council March. Since then, Sir John Hall has resigned as he is very heavily involved in work relating

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to The North of Tyne initiative. This

creates a further vacancy and anyone interested in joining the Parish Council is invited to seek further information from Mrs Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council, or any of the Parish Councillors. Our Annual Parish Meeting takes place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Residents are warmly invited to attend.

### **Aln Valley Railway**

Last year the Aln Valley Railway received an EU grant for the construction of a halt at Greenrigg, just over half way along the line to Alnmouth station. The halt will comprise a platform, run round loop and a siding. Passengers will be able to alight from the train and



visit the AVR café and toilets which will be located in a former British Rail carriage placed in the siding. They will be able to walk along various permissive pathways towards Lesbury or Alnmouth or along the Greenway beside the rail track that is being constructed by Northumberland County Council, also with the aid of an EU grant. When complete, the halt will provide a destination for passengers travelling from Lionheart station as well

as walkers, horse riders and cyclists – known as a Greenway. The establishment of a halt at Greenrigg will open up the countryside to many people who are unaware of this beautiful, but hidden, part of Northumberland.

### **Elections**

The Village Hall will be used as a Polling Station for the election of a Mayor for North of the Tyne on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and for the European Parliament elections on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

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**Parish Council Chairperson:** David Knowles – 830467, **Parish Councillors;** Kym Bradshaw – 833292, Mark Church - 07455186790, Peter Cossins – 830597, Andrew Hodgson—07971604908, Jean Humphrys – 07906146163, Jane Norris —830244, Adrian Vass, Vice Chairperson – 830134, Bob Whittaker – 830185.

**Parish Council meetings** are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend.