

HEAR ABOUTS

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The Free Community Magazine for Eglington Parish
North Charlton | South Charlton | Eglington | & Everywhere Between

From the Editor

I hope you have all summered well? I must have as I only remembered I needed to be back on the Hear Abouts grind stone about 2 weeks after the editorial team should've had their meeting!

So this one is a little more thrown together than usual.

Aiming to be a little more organised for October's issue!

Andy

As this issue goes to print it is our intention to hand deliver as many as we can The April edition was left at collection points. If you missed this or the last issue because you didn't venture out or aren't on any notification lists, you can download previous issues from <http://www.eglingham.info/hear-about-magazine>

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Early October

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100 Club Results

August

1st - 41 - Brenda Robertson £25

2nd - 21 - Joan Sharp £15

3rd - 3 - Janice Myers £10

Also a note to say that annual subscriptions will not be collected because of the current Covid safety measures.

The Draw will resume at a later date.

The Eglingham Calendar 2021 Celebrating the spirit of Eglingham

This is a final reminder to send in your photos for the 2021 Eglingham Calendar. We would like to thank those, some first time entrants, who have already submitted some top quality images, but there must be many more examples which would meet the criteria for the calendar.

We are looking for photos reflecting how people in the parish have been coping with the unprecedented events of recent months – examples of new hobbies perhaps, activities in the home, gardening or indeed views of wide open spaces seen on the daily walk or cycle ride that have been a part of so many people's lives, maybe how people have been supporting the work of the NHS and our carers. We would also welcome photos of views from the garden or from a window in the house. Also examples of how people have been supporting each other, though not images that identify any individual. Perhaps you have seen and photographed some unusual wildlife in the garden. We were blessed with some superb weather during lockdown so there must be some excellent springtime photos of the colourful countryside.

The aim is to collect a wide variety of positive images of this year so our 2021 calendar theme is Celebrating the Spirit of Eglingham.

In order to fit the calendar page, the photos need to be in landscape format (the longer side is the horizontal). Images should be sent in jpeg format to eglinghamcalendar@gmail.com and this year need a slightly more detailed description than previously. This is really important in order to put the photo fully in context. Please also remember to include the name of the photographer!

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 16th September so please send your photos as soon as possible. As always, the more entries we have to choose from, the better the calendar will be.

*Julian Tyley
Eglingham Community Association*

T in the Car Park

...or should that have been G & T in the Car Park?

What could we do, given the current virus situation, to give folks the opportunity to have a bit of light relief and a safe get together? The thought was to do something in the open air and why not a bit of music as entertainment?

So, on the evening of Saturday 22nd August a five-piece band, The Parish, were lined up to play in the Car Park of Eglington Village Hall.

Prior to the event, much thought was given as to how to make the event Covid Secure. It was going to be absolutely essential that we fully complied with government guidelines. Considerations were given to sanitisers, loo access, limiting numbers and contact tracing. All necessary requirements. As of course was table spacing. To this end, Pete came up with a 3D graphic of how the tables should be placed. This was so impressive and made me think that he could easily have had a good career in Planning. To ensure that we kept to the numbers that could be accommodated safely, the event was publicised on the basis that we could only accept entry with pre-booked tickets. Clearly the gig would be weather dependant and the band helpfully agreed to await confirmation a day or two in advance of Saturday. Things were forecast to be fine so then it was all systems go. Gil and Pete put a lot into the preparations and I would also like to thank those who contributed spot/flood lights, lamps and tea lights which created such a nice atmosphere on what became a balmy evening. It was a good team effort.

The Tankerville kindly agreed to deliver pre-ordered takeaways at 7pm and twenty six of us had either fish and chips, Thai curry or Aberdeen Angus burger and chips. Many thanks to Ellen, George and Mary for their efforts which are much appreciated.

Turning to the music itself, The Parish, who had been described as a “party band” did not disappoint.

A stand-alone vocalist was accompanied by a drummer/vocalist, lead guitar/vocalist, rhythm guitar/keyboard and bass guitar.

Commencing at 8pm they played for two hours with covers of songs from the Traveling Wilburys, Jam, Tina Turner, Tom Jones, Rolling Stones, Stereophonics, Dire Straits, Toploader and much more. There was a small forced interlude due to some drizzle which was a cue for Creedence’s “Have you ever seen the rain?” The Blaydon Races was very popular and I am getting a petition together to make DJ an honorary Geordie after his enthusiastic involvement.

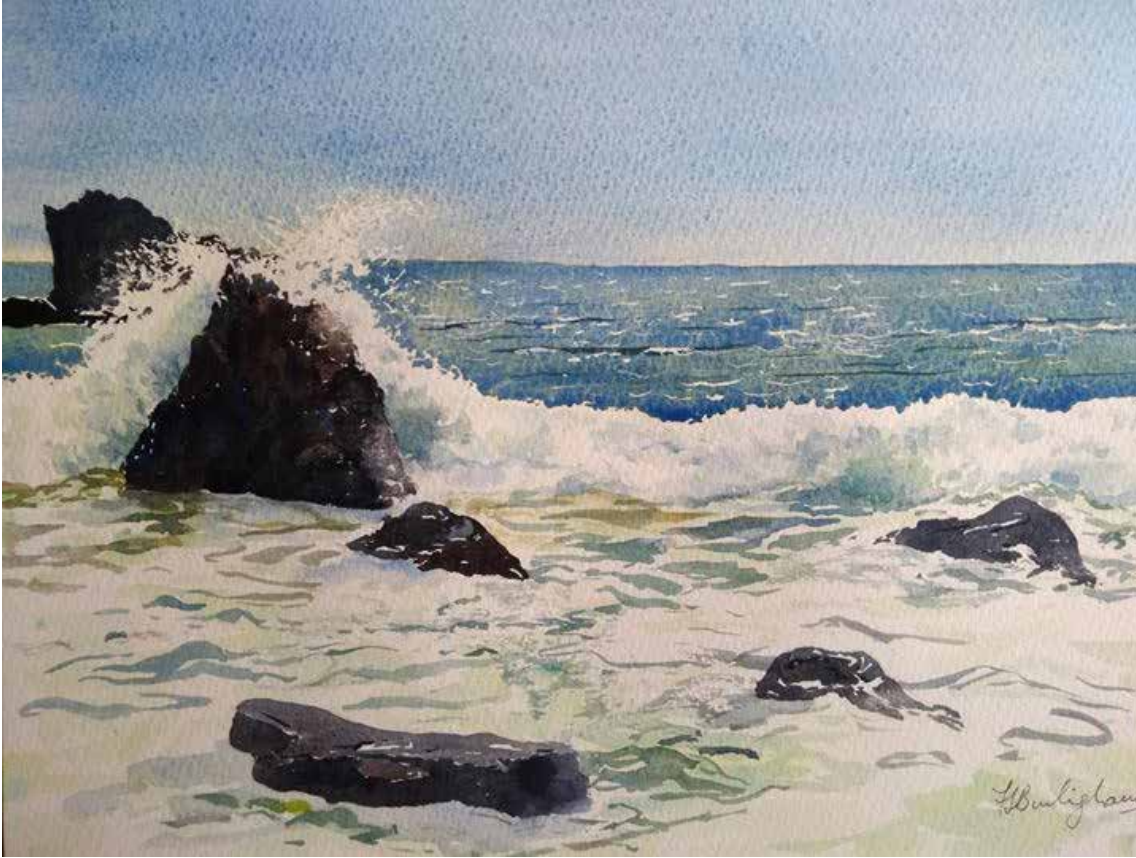
The feedback has been excellent thank you and it seems that everyone was up for a good night out.

So, a huge thank you to everyone who came along and made the night such an enjoyable event. Such social gatherings with neighbours are surely such a nice part of village life. Morrison.

The Covid Creative Corner

Lots of us have suddenly had plenty of time on our hands. Time we'd spend usually going to work, or other inane activities and we've had the chance to spend time being creative!

If you'd like to send in examples of your lockdown creations, please email pics etc to the usual address.



This is the first thing I've painted since lockdown! After a fabulous day on the beach watching the tide come in, I started this in the caravan and finished it off at home. Hope you enjoy.
Frances Buckingham

Baby Blanket lockdown project by Belinda Dance

Jean Sawyer has continued to crank out the paintings for us. Also read her Covid Island Discs later in the issue



September in the sensory garden

Hello, I'm Archie and, despite the coincidence of name, the noble profile and a touch of ginger here and there, the rumour that I am related to Prince Harry is unfounded... unless he has some Saluki ancestry. The Trustees would like me to say a big thank you to the people who have taken the trouble to visit the web site and make a donation either directly to us or to the Pets At Home appeal which has raised nearly £500,000 to be shared with rescue centres across the nation. It has also been reassuring to see so many people at our shop in Wooler and this is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. We are doing a particularly good trade in canine accessories like collars, leads and toys so donations like that would be very welcome.

To cheer everyone up and keep them busy some wonderful people have been doing A PROJECT here at Patterson's Cottage; we had a lot of building work done last year and the ground works, together with the general mire-ness of Charlton Mires, left us with a bit of a mud pit in the middle of the paddock. Volunteer Debbie Bambling sorted out the front garden in the Spring but it mustn't have been enough of a challenge for her. With lots of material support from DW Fife's (big face lick for Ian!), plant donations from a lady in Eglington, plus a hefty donation of time, materials and effort from Debbie and her husband Russell we now have a very interesting sensory garden where the mud pit used to be. It has a bridge, a maze of different surfaces and lots to sniff – the tunnel is part of our playground too because a bored dog can be a naughty dog... apparently.

Barney - the chunky German Shepherd – has found a lovely home in Cramlington where he continues to work on his figure. All of the dogs we helped as part of a big animal welfare raid in March have been re-settled too. Recently numbers here have been low with some of us Rescue dogs being fostered out to volunteers but – as is often the case when the days start to shorten – the Dog Warden is bringing new recruits several times a week and we will tell you about them next month.

Tail wags until then,
Archie



Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

CONGRATULATIONS - IT'S YOU!

Please share this **AMAZING NEWS** with your readers!

It could have been just about anywhere in Britain, but out of all the literally **zillions** of towns, cities, villages and hamlets we considered, **Eglingham** is the place that's been selected to start trialing the government's **exciting** new Covid vaccine, **Brexshot**.

Developed by some friends of the PM's very own special advisor, it's going to be a **world-beating**, red, white and blue, bug-buster of a cure, and **YOU** lucky Eglinghamerers get to give it a go **first!**

Here's what's going to happen.

Next Sunday night the village will be cordoned off (a precautionary measure to stop people coming in from the outside and trying to get their hands on **your** vaccine!). Then on Monday morning everyone living locally will need to report to the Village Hall at 7.30 am sharp when '**Operation Freedom**' will begin.

Shielded behind a PPE lead screen, a team of top health official snipers will use high-powered tranquilliser rifles to **painlessly** inoculate everyone. While unconscious, each resident will also be fitted (free of charge) with a **state-of-the-art** electronic ankle tag (developed by yet more of Super Spad's clever chums!) so we can keep a **caring eye** on where everyone is and make sure they haven't had an unfortunate fatal allergic reaction to the vaccine. Think of it as a 'track and trace' system that actually works!

Over the course of the following few days, participants will need to undergo a series of 'consultations' with health officials who will perform **detailed** physical examinations to check for any trivial abnormal growths (tusks, horns, extra ears, that kind of thing), as well as psychological assessments to ensure that none of the **very rare** side-effects also observed in earlier animal trials re-occur (genocidal tendencies, cannibalism, a mortal fear of pebbles and so on).

Anyway, assuming everything is looking okay-dokey by the following weekend, Brexshot can be rolled out nationwide **ASAP** and made available over the counter at all leading high street pharmacies.

So, congratulations once again **Eglingham**. You're going to **make history**. Or be it. (Haha - just my little joke there!)

Good luck!

Hatt Mancock

*Something or Other for Health **and** Care*

House Martins Take The Plunge

On Saturday 4th July, coincidentally just as some of the lockdown restrictions were ending, a remarkable incident took place in my garden which demonstrated the resilience of nature.

A pair of house martins had built a nest below the eaves of my bungalow, a site used by these summer visitors for many years. I had seen the parent birds flying back and forth for nearly two weeks feeding their young and had heard the chirping of the chicks for several days.

On this particular morning, when I went out into the garden, I saw pile of dried mud and feathers lying on the path below the nest. Looking up I realised that the nest had collapsed onto the ground. Seeing no sign of any chicks, I assumed – and very much hoped - that the brood must have fledged and it was perhaps in the process of doing so that the nest had fallen apart. The alternative seemed to be that the chicks had died in the fall and perhaps taken by one of the neighbours' cats.

About two hours later I went back out to do some gardening and spotted what looked like a bundle of feathers behind a plant pot below where the nest had been. On closer inspection I was amazed to discover that it was in fact three or possibly four house martin chicks, still alive and huddled together to keep warm.

Between the pot and the house wall they were relatively safe from predators but out of sight of the parent birds and in urgent need of food.

Quick thinking was called for and after a brief discussion with a neighbour, we decided on a rescue plan. I found a spare hanging basket that was empty apart from a fibre liner. After moving the plant pot, we found there were four chicks so we carefully picked up each chick in turn and put it in the basket. Two were obedient and went straight in, but one made a dash for it across the lawn before we caught it, while the fourth appeared to have a death wish and was only just saved from disappearing down a drain!

Once in the basket, the four chicks quickly decided to perch on the rim of their new and enlarged nest. I then hung the basket on a hook which was six feet off the ground and very conveniently right underneath what remained of their original nest. It looked as if all four birds would shortly be fully fledged but were not quite ready for flight at this stage.

Now clearly visible but safe from predators, the question was, would their parents spot them? Watching from a point half way down the garden, I waited patiently as the chicks chirped away, and after about half an hour, an adult house martin swooped across the garden and landed on the makeshift nest. Having found their



chicks, the two parent birds now set about feeding the hungry youngsters with a shuttle service, carefully ensuring that all four were fed in turn.

About an hour later, one of the chicks took the plunge – by choice on this occasion - and flew off across the garden. The



remaining three continued to be fed throughout the evening but I was now concerned by the strengthening wind which I feared might blow the birds off their new nest. They would surely have been safer to sit down in the bottom of the basket.

By the following morning two more had flown so there was just one chick remaining, but the parent birds continued their relay of feeding. Eventually, late in the day, this last chick flew the nest, so much to the relief of my neighbour Maureen, myself and the various friends who we had kept informed with regular bulletins, the rescue mission had proved a success!

What still seems incredible is that the four chicks survived a fall of 14 feet onto the concrete path and up to 12 hours without being fed.

What also seems amazing is that these chicks will shortly be on their way to Africa to spend the winter months.

As for why the nest collapsed, could it be down to the very dry spring leaving the birds with insufficient moisture to dampen the mud for their nest?

Julian Tyley

Woof



My name is Hamish McTavish Marriott-Lodge and I am a small, rather fluffy little doggy.. Some of you may have seen me wandering around the village with my 'Man' in tow. This is quite a useful arrangement. I have him tie a piece of string type stuff to my collar and I tell him to hold the other end and that way he simply follows me wherever I go.

Someone once told me that my Man was actually my Master. Well I just howled with laughter, the very idea that a rather awkward two legged creature could possible be

my Master. They must be barking mad.

As you will probably have noticed, I have the most beautiful fluffy feet and although they are very attractive, they do have their limitations.

This is really where my Man comes in very handy. I have real problems when I am on my walk trying to manage the old doggy Poo bags. Luckily my Man takes care of this for me, however it would appear that some of my canine friends do not have a Man to do this for them.

It must be very embarrassing for these poor souls having to simply leave their Poo in the middle of the pathway for other dogs and their staff to tread in. I can not imagine anything more horrible than having my gorgeous fluffy feet covered in doggy Poo yuk!!

So, if any of my less fortunate canine friends are reading this and they have a problem with their Man may I suggest that you change your staff. Its not really on old chap just allowing your Man to get away with being so inconsiderate. Give him a quip nip on the bottom or something and he will soon learn.

Finally, I know it is a most tedious task finding decent staff these days but one must go through the motions and of course, continuous on the Jobby training is essential.

Covid Island Discs Chosen by Jean Sawyer, North Charlton

(1) "A Whiter Shade of Pale" Procol Harum. I was a crooner fan - Perry Como, Bing Crosby, Andy Williams during most of my childhood and teenage years. The Beatles came to my hometown of Southport for their first out of Liverpool gig (tickets 2/6d) and I didn't want to go – not that my parents would have let me. University meant lots of changes and "A Whiter Shade of Pale" encapsulates that shift as I left home and started grown-up life in Newcastle.

(2) "Will ye go, lassie, go" The Corries. Scotland has been important in my life – working in Dunoon during University holidays, then many holidays and eventually living and working in Shetland for eleven years. I also used to sing this in my folk-singing days.

(3) "Farewell to Stromness" Sir Peter Maxwell Davies. I got to know Max quite well during my visits to Orkney, especially for the St Magnus Music Festivals. His music can be difficult and some is quite challenging, but this gentle piano piece, originally written to protest against possible uranium mining in the Northern Isles, means much to me.

(4) "Lords Prayer - African Sanctus" David Fanshaw. I came across this music in the 1980s. It has a fresh and exciting feel to familiar words and reminds me of visiting my



friends in Ghana for Easter one year.

(5) Cello Concert – Elgar. This has been in my favourite music repertoire for many years. The sound of the cello is supposed to have neurophysiological resonance for us humans - it certainly moves me!

(6) Requiem – Verdi. I was privileged to join in with an Italian choir, two USA choirs and a Hungarian orchestra and perform this in Perugia and Todi, Italy. I was in the sopranos and John in the tenors. Music crosses language barriers and it's great music.

(7) Four Seasons – Vivaldi. The way the seasons move through the year has always been exciting with changing day lengths, temperatures, wildlife, scenery, and the music represents that. I also once listened to it in a small hall in Venice where the communication between the string quartet and solo violin that performed it was scintillating.

(8) “Four Sea Interludes” Benjamin Britten. For eleven years I would hear the waves crashing against the cliffs near my home in Shetland – I love the sound of the sea and wonder at its many moods.

Book: **The Orkneyinga Saga** full of Norse history and mythology

Luxury: **Paper and watercolour pencils** – which mean I can write words and draw pictures

Eglingham Parish Council

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Eglingham Parish Council held an electronic meeting on Wednesday August 26th 2020.

Introduction of new clerk. The chair introduced the new clerk Lesley Long who said she was looking forward to working with everyone in the future.

Matters Arising

Hedge cutting in Eglingham: The clerk reported that a particular hedge in the village had been trimmed and no longer encroached onto the footpath but it could still benefit from tidying up. Councillors reported that there were other hedges in the village that were encroaching onto the footpath and were detrimental to the overall appearance of the village. It was agreed that approaches will be made to residents in Eglingham whose hedges front onto the public footpath. Cllr McIver also raised a concern that there is a need for a retaining wall for the footpath from the village to Eglingham Terrace as the banking is slipping down. He said he could not understand why when the footpath was put in there was no provision made for the earth bank. The chair commented that this issue had been raised previously with the Parish Council and following discussions with the County Council the PC checked the ownership and responsibility for this land. The land as recorded by the Land Registry is in the ownership of the relevant privately owned properties on the Terrace and as such is their responsibility. The issue of a retaining wall should have been dealt with in

consultation with the County Council at the time of construction of the footpath. It was agreed Cllr McIver will take photographs which the new clerk will send to Highways and copy in Cllr Pattison.

Eglingham Speed monitoring signs: request for meeting with NCC: The clerk will arrange a Zoom meeting for councillors with Neil Snowdon of Highways potentially for next week.

Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan Design Code (circulated to councillors for approval and available for viewing on the Parish website) Cllr Biesterfield recommended the Design Code, which has been professionally produced and it was agreed unanimously to adopt it. He said it has the ultimate aim of bringing us back to a more localised design process and is a document that aims to ensure that development in the parish is guided and consistent and reflects the character of the parish.

Planning matters

20/01422/Ful Land to East of St James Church, South Charlton for discussion regarding proposed affordable homes survey by Northumberland Estates. Cllr Biesterfield explained that Northumberland Estates has commissioned a survey into the need for affordable housing in the parishes of Eglingham and Rennington. This comes after NCC indicated it is not in favour of the application at South Charlton because there is no proven demand for the proposed two affordable homes within the application.

20/02128/REM Land South East of the Terrace, Eglingham, for discussion of Parish Council's response to NCC. A letter had been sent with the PC's comment to NCC based on the Design Code. Cllr Biesterfield confirmed that the PC's comments simply asked for a bit more information on the design of the proposed housing. Cllr Grahamslaw, who had declared an interest, said he would await NCC's feedback on relevant issues. **20/01783/LBC Ogle House, Eglingham**, replace near flat roof with fibre glass. There were no objections and the clerk will respond to NCC.

County Councillors report (circulated) Cllr Pattison said the flashing traffic slowing sign she has funded for the southern entrance to Eglingham had been ordered. She said the 30mph speed limit for South Charlton is still in design, however, NCC traffic management will look into moving this forward in order to proceed with a traffic order which is required to make and enforce the changes. She said that while the increase in visitors to north Northumberland over the summer had benefitted local businesses it had also caused some chaos in small villages. The chair said Eglingham had been busier than usual.

Highway matters; Tarry Lane The chair confirmed that he had met with highways at Tarry Lane to pinpoint the ditches that needed cleaning and this had been done immediately.

Correspondence;

Local Transport Plan consultation (2021-22) The PC has been asked for its three highways priorities for October 11th. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The clerk had received a letter of thanks from the Alnwick District Food Bank for its donation of £225 for the organisations efforts during the pandemic.

Any other urgent issues;

Eglingham Village Hall reopening The clerk confirmed it is understood Eglingham Hall will be open by October in time for the PC to hold its next meeting. Cllr Gray confirmed that South Charlton Village Hall is due to start taking bookings soon.

Invite to Rob Murfin NCC's head of planning The clerk will invite Mr Murfin to the next meeting on October 7th..

Cllr Biesterfield raised whether there had been any progress on the South Charlton Village Hall lease which is due to be renewed in January 2021. The chair said he would chase this up.

Cllr Gray raised the condition of the South Charlton noticeboard and the chair considered that the Eglingham noticeboard was also in need of some attention.

Cllr Biesterfield mentioned that the clerk had obtained costings for the printing of the Design Code into bound copies following a request at the last meeting. It was agreed to have 3-5 copies printed depending on costing.

Energy efficiency Cllr Leishman raised the potential for accessing government grant funding for making properties more energy efficient. It was agreed he will further investigate this and present to the PC at the next meeting.

Time and date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday October 7th at 7.30pm at Eglingham Village Hall**. It was agreed that the Zoom meetings had been a success and would operate as a default where a meeting could not be held in a village hall at any time in the future. The clerk thanked the PC for its kind gifts on her departure.

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EGLINGHAM PARISH

9 Parishes Meeting - A meeting with all nine Longhoughton Division Parish Council Chairmen/Vice Chairmen has been arranged with our MP, Anne Marie Trevelyan and will take place on Friday 11th September at 2pm at Brownieside.

West Ditchburn Road – This road which is in a very poor state of repair is included in the 2021 investment programme and is currently with the design team. This was confirmed by Mr Graham Bucknall, NCC Area Highways Manager,(Northern).

Pavement Area outside South Charlton Village Hall – The pavement area is about to be resurfaced and this work will be paid for out of my 2020/21 Members Allowance.

Business and Planning Act 2020 - New legislation called the Business and Planning Act 2020 came into force on 22 July 2020 allowing businesses to apply for a Pavement

Licence to place removable furniture on certain highways adjacent to their premises for the purposes of selling/serving and/or consuming food and drink outdoors. For your information a similar update is also being issued to all of the Town and Parish Council's later today, ahead of press releases on Monday to launch the scheme. These Pavement Licences are a temporary measure brought in under the provisions of Part 1 of the 2020 Act. The intended aim of this new legislation is to support and make it easier for businesses serving food and drink (including - but not limited to - bars, restaurants and cafes) to survive and bounce-back from the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown. As confirmed in the 2020 Act, these temporary measures will remain in force until 30th September 2021.

Northumberland County Council wants to do all it can to safeguard public health while supporting our economic recovery. The Council recognises that current social distancing guidelines will have considerable impact on the capacity of cafes, pubs and restaurants to accommodate customers. The Council also recognises that there may be some existing practices in relation to the placement of furniture on the highway that may not comply with this new legislation. In response to the requirements of the Act the Council has therefore very rapidly developed its own arrangements to enable the timely implementation of the new pavement licensing regime in the county, via a fully digital on-line application process accessed via a portal on the Council's web page <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/cafes.aspx#streetpavementcafguidelines>

COVID 19 UPDATE

Work continues on economic recovery both locally within Northumberland and also as part of the wider Regional Covid Recovery Group bringing together partners from local government, health, universities and colleges, police and fire.

The Council has been successful in gaining additional funding to support "quick/ready" schemes as part of a wider bid submitted from the North East LEP, North of Tyne Combined Authority and North East Combined Authority following a call for proposals from the secretary of state. Projects are now being refined and agreed with government representatives around delivery aimed to be within the next 18 months.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The majority of payments to businesses for covid-19 grants have now been made with the team paying nearly £90m out to businesses. Grants are now being offered to Ofsted registered childminders and nurseries in Northumberland - further information is available on our online Business Hub web pages. There are a small number of queries outstanding and NCC are working through these as quickly as possible.

REGISTRATION SERVICES INCLUDING WEDDINGS & CIVIL CEREMONIES

NCC registration service is now offering face to face birth registrations and also weddings and civil ceremonies in line with government guidance. The Council are currently undertaking face to face registration activities at Morpeth Town Hall, Fenkle Street, Alnwick and Hexham House. Death registration remains permitted to be a telephone appointment which has been much preferred by families and we are hoping that this will remain in place.

DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT – MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE ELECTORAL REGISTER
Electoral Register - Residents in Northumberland are being urged to safeguard their vote at election time by sparing just a few minutes of their time to make sure their name is on the electoral register.

All 150,000 householders in Northumberland are being asked to look out for the annual canvass letters from Northumberland County Council which will be dropped through letterboxes over the coming week (July 13).

Residents are requested to follow the guidance and, if changes are needed, make them promptly and online wherever possible.

Young people coming up to voting age, students and recent home movers are less likely to be registered to vote so anyone falling into this category needs to pay particular attention and make sure they are registered correctly.

If you have any queries regarding electoral registration, please ring Northumberland County Council's elections office on 01670 624811.

FREE TREES TO HELP TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

Northumberland County Council has launched a pioneering new initiative to help residents, schools and community groups help make Northumberland greener by planting free trees.

The council is one of the first in the country to launch such a scheme which gives every resident the opportunity to play their part in helping tackle climate change.

Nine different species of trees are on offer, which are suitable for small, medium and large gardens, with hedge, copse or native harvest packs available for community groups.

Residents that do not have areas where they can plant a tree will be offered a small cell grown shrub which they can plant in their own container and will be suitable for properties with limited garden space, balconies or rented properties.

This fantastic new scheme will help Northumberland tackle the climate crisis by planting more trees, which in turn will help absorb our carbon emissions and help make our county even cleaner and greener than ever before. This initiative also fits in with the Council's target of halving their carbon footprint by 2025, and making Northumberland carbon neutral by 2030.

Collection points are currently being established, but will open in Autumn/Winter and will follow social distancing guidance and be held in easily accessible areas to help minimise residents' travel and reduce their carbon footprints.

The trees are small cell grown plants, sourced from the UK and provided along with a biodegradable shelter guard, cane and an electronic link to planting and aftercare instructions.

Trees can be claimed by going online to the Northumberland County Council website.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/>

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Covid-19 Help and assistance

Should you find yourself in a position where you may require some additional assistance - this might include a chat on the phone, help with shopping, collection of medication or general advice please in the first instance contact any of the people listed below for your community who will either be able to offer direct assistance or signpost you to someone who can:

Eglingham area:

Jane Hamilton - 01668 217179 mob: 07546 487121 jane.hamilton99@sky.com

Jess Angus - 07912 625195 jess.angus101@hotmail.co.uk

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