



Esh Leaves



Esh Parish Council newsletter for Esh, Langley Park, Quebec, Ushaw and Wilks Hill

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

AWARD FOR THE LANGLEY PARK ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Langley Park Environment Group has been fortunate enough to win an award from Durham County Council for their Stobilee Wetlands project.

Members of the group feel that this is a significant achievement considering that this was their first major project within the village.

In addition to the work put in by their own members the group received a great deal of help with this project, from Unemployed young people on work experience with the Prince's Trust Team Programme. The youngsters who are between 16 and 25 years of age and mostly live in Langley Park, worked extremely hard and deserve a fair share of the credit for this award.

The awards ceremony was only able to accommodate a party of three so the only people able to attend were group member Councillor Keith Heartfield along with two other guests, however everyone else involved in the project should feel a sense of pride in what they have achieved, so well done to all



Stobilee Wetlands © D. C. Rider

of the volunteers who have brought a lot of credit to the village.

There is always room for improvement and the group are hoping to do more major work at the wetlands next year. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this or some of the other activities of the group such as litter picking, should telephone 0191373 2843 or have a look at the Group's Facebook page for more information.

Editor's Note

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is still on-going in the Langley Park area with the latest course which was scheduled to start in late September and the next one due to start on January 6th

2014. These courses are based at Wood View Community Centre. You can find out more by telephone on 01207 502680.

The courses are run in conjunction with Consett YMCA.

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Any items submitted for future editions should be in Microsoft Word format and any photographs should be provided separately and be no less than 300 dpi resolution.

Parish Council Meetings

The meeting dates for the rest of this year and early next are as follows:

- Tuesday 12th November at Quebec Village Hall
- Tuesday 10th December at The Harry Guildford Centre
- Tuesday 14th January in Langley Park
- Tuesday 11th February in Langley Park
- Tuesday 11th March in Langley Park

All meetings are at 7pm and the public are welcome to attend the none confidential part of the meeting after which they will be asked to leave. Agendas are posted on notice boards and the Parish Council website. If a member of the public wishes to bring up a particular matter could they please give the Clerk three working days notice in writing before the meeting.

Former Parish Councillors

Prior to the County and Parish Council Elections earlier this year a number of Councillors from the outgoing Parish Council chose not to stand for re-election.

The Council would like to extend its thanks to all of these former members for

their hard work on behalf of the Parish, especially long serving members such as Alison Hiles and Chris Bloor (who left the Council a little earlier in late 2012).

Apology

It has come to our attention that we missed Councillor Barbara Armstrong out of the list of Councillors on the front page of our previous issue.

We apologise for the oversight.

Esh Parish Walk

It had been hoped to re-instate the two Parish Walks in 2014 (first of January each new year and Rogation Sunday in May).

Unfortunately this may not now be possible as the planned leader/guide is unlikely to be available.

We will have more information on our website and on the Parish Notice Boards regarding this matter nearer to the planned events.

Crumbling Pavements

Newly co-opted Parish Councillor Chris Thompson hit the ground running soon after taking up his new position, when the problem of crumbling pavements and kerbstones at the Crescent, Langley Park came to his attention in the early summer of 2013.

Councillor Thompson began to correspond with Durham County Council Officer Gary

Surtees on the 14th June, in an attempt to bring this issue to the attention of the Highways Department and hopefully resolve the problem.

After some discussion the County Council agreed to move the work which they agreed was needed, forward from the originally planned start date to a new date in July of 2013.

This work has now been completed to the satisfaction of everyone concerned.



The Crescent prior to the repairs
© Chris Thompson



And after © D C Rider

Editor's Note

Councillor Thompson and the editor of this newsletter are jointly running a Job Club, on a voluntary basis, at the Parish Council office every Wednesday between 10 am and 2 pm. This is presently running at a success rate of 39% of clients on the books finding work.

To find out more about the Job Club telephone the Parish Council office on

01913736687 or email this newsletter at editor@langley-park.org.uk and your enquiry will be passed on.

Potholes

Local residents can play their part in keeping our roads pothole free, by reporting any defects directly to the Highways Action Line (HAL) by telephone on **01913706000**, by emailing hal@durham.gov.uk or by filling in the form on the Durham County Council website (follow the link from the home page).

Once a pot hole has been brought to the attention of the County Council and the defect is covered by the Highway Safety Inspection Manual then a liability arises and hence the need for repair.

You can also use the Highways Action Line to report problems with street lighting, damage to pavements, faulty traffic lights, blocked road drains or to obtain permission to leave something on the public highway.

A Clarification

Due to some confusion arising from the Chairman's report in our previous edition regarding the provision of Christmas decorations in Esh, we would like to make it clear that the Christmas tree erected in Esh every year is donated free of charge and not through public fund-raising.

Church Street Community Centre (The Tute)

Building work is now underway at the former Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park and it is hoped that it will be completed by the end of the year.

POLICE REPORT

Over the last month your local officers have noted an increase in reported incidents throughout Langley Park. Most significantly, relating to anti-social behaviour and thefts from vehicles.

Durham Constabulary take reports of crime anti-social behaviour very seriously and work closely with not only the local community but also partner agencies, local housing groups and private landlords to tackle problem persons and/ households.

We rely on information provided by the local community in order to take action and so would encourage reports of this, as and when it is taking place. You can do so in confidence and officers do not need to visit you at your home address.

To report an incident which is on-going or to report information for our reference you can call police at the time by calling 101. Alternatively, if you would like to pass information which does not require a police response at the time, you can send an email to your local officers PC

Scott Crowhurst and PCSO Steven Liddle. Email:

scott.crowhurst@durham.pnn.police.uk or

steven.liddle@durham.pnn.police.uk

Always dial 999 in an emergency, if a crime is taking place and if offenders are nearby.

In the meantime, officers would like to advise local residents to remain vigilant; you too have a part to play in helping to reduce the opportunity for crime. Please ensure your vehicle is locked when leaving it unattended and also that all items of value are removed and are not left on show. If you remove the items and lock your vehicle, you too remove the opportunity of becoming a victim. Should you see anyone acting suspiciously around vehicles please contact police by calling 101 passing descriptions including clothing and direction of travel.

Officers are carrying out proactive work in conjunction with local Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout Langley Park which includes Operation Hawkeye. Operation Hawkeye entails officers and Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators identifying vehicles which are insecure and/ have items on show and making contact with the registered keeper of the vehicle to educate them about their vulnerable vehicle and property.

Competition - Vehicle Security Awareness

As part of our ongoing Winternights campaign we are promoting vehicle security awareness and running an exciting competition for motorists in the area. With the support of South Moor MOT Centre, MD Auto Services, Chester Le Street and Corbridge Road Garage, Consett we have four prizes worth over £30 which will be awarded to the lucky winner in December.

To enter - all you need to do is call into either Consett, Stanley or Chester Le Street Police Stations (Opening Hours 10am-5pm Monday-Friday) and pick up an answer sheet and successfully answer three road related questions.

All answer sheets can be returned to any of the above mentioned Police Stations during opening times to be entered into the competition. Entries will not be accepted via any other method.

Please note: no current employees of Durham Constabulary are eligible to enter.

The lucky winners will be drawn in December with the closing date **Friday 29th November.**

Good luck!



WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Foodbank at Woodview Community Centre

Woodview Community Centre in conjunction with the Trussell Trust has become a Foodbank collection and distribution point.

We would like to request donations of tinned and packet goods to be donated to the Community Centre.

Any enquiries to Barbara on 01913732843 or Alison on 01913731876

All of the food will go to local people.

Thanking you in advance.

Local Shops

A new Coffee Shop has opened in the Co-Op buildings, Langley Park, called No. 4 after its address and kitted out in a Paris Chic and Shabby Chic design. Find out more by calling 01913731404.

Langley Tanning Shop has re-opened under new management, with the latest innovative

beauty treatments. Find out more by telephoning 07874013905.

Beamish Trophy Trial

Once again the Beamish Trophy Trial for old Motorcycles and Cars took place on Sunday September 22nd starting and finishing at the New Board Inn, Hill Top, Esh.

The trial covers over 100 miles of Northern Dales in Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland and has a number of testing off-road sections.

The weather was good with bright sunshine and a cool wind.

In total there were 143 starters on the day from a total entry of 160, there were 134 finishers, 9 non-finishers, most of which broke down with many of them having to be transported back to the starting point.



Beamish Trophy Trial 2013