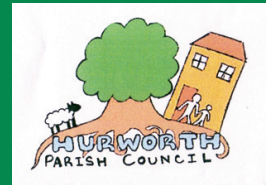


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Chairperson's Comments



To all Hurworth Residents

This will be my last Address as a Parish Councillor and I have thoroughly enjoyed

servicing the community. I became a Councillor in May 2015 and took on the role of Chairman of the Police and Community Together meetings and was then voted in as Chairman of the Parish Council 18 months ago, a position I was very proud to accept.

When I joined the Parish Council I wanted to make a positive difference for the villagers that live in Hurworth and perhaps inspire good people to join the Parish Council themselves. Below are three of my projects which were unanimously approved by the Council.

1. By far the most satisfying project was instigating a children's football pitch at The Grange with a view to Hurworth having its own team. What happened next I take no credit for, both Kelvin Russell and Jeremy Ranson grasped the nettle and the village now has in the region of 10 children's teams with a view to expand. It is truly amazing what they have achieved in such a short space of time and a big thank you to the many volunteers supporting them.

2. We now have large notice boards at the entrances to the village promoting all suitable events, everyone in the village and through traffic are now informed on what is happening and where which is a

great way of ensuring village events are successful and well supported.

3. In the next couple of months you will see three beautifully mounted Hurworth entrance plaques welcoming people and promoting our Saxon heritage.

I hope residents like the new noticeboards and the forthcoming village entrance plaques in particular!

The elections for Ward and Parish Councillors will take place on the 2nd May 2019, and application forms are available from Darlington Town Hall.

I have to inform you, with sadness, that at least four of the present long-serving and pro-active Councillors will not be standing this time, which means that there will be vacancies. Margaret Williams, Wilma Campbell, Graham Wylie and myself will be leaving the council at the end of April. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated Councillors for their help and support during my tenure.

This is your opportunity to make a difference, and to actively participate in the welfare of Hurworth Parish; this is a beautiful and close community, let us ensure that we keep it this way.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like information on what is involved please contact: enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk

Kind Regards Paul Walters

EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



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EPICH 2018 Projects “Giving nature a home.”

Our Hedgehog Highways project continues as we encourage residents to be aware of our prickly friends and how to provide safe, friendly areas in their gardens. With hedgehog welfare in mind, laminated posters have been placed on allotment notice boards about the harm that slug pellets can do and to encourage the use of organic pellets.



We are also hoping to link gardens by creating hedgehog highways. Why don't you get together with your neighbours to cut a 13cm x 13cm hole (5in) hole in your fence or dig a channel beneath garden boundaries to connect your gardens? You can then add your hedgehog hole to the national network at Hedgehog Street and also our EPICH Facebook page

www.facebook.com/epichupdates
You can purchase your Hedgehog Highway sign from us to increase awareness around the village.

We have met with Durham Wildlife Trust to discuss the possibility of arranging some nature based activities for the Summer months. Details to follow.

EPICH's SOS (Save Our Swifts) project to benefit swifts in the parish has been well supported. We have sold all 15 swift boxes to residents in various parts of the village and look forward to hearing about and possibly getting some photographs of them being used this summer. If you are interested in supporting this project, details can be found on the EPICH web site www.epich.org.uk and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/epichupdate



EPICH Grange projects

EPICH volunteers have raked and scarified the wildflower meadow and sown annual wildflower seeds to attract bees and butterflies and yellow rattle seeds to suppress the grass. The wire support for the step over apple trees is now in place ready to start training the apple trees across them.



EPICH Beekeeping

Our six colonies have survived the winter and with the current mild weather the bees have been out and about collecting pollen from various early spring flowers especially crocus and snowdrops. This is a good indication that the Queen is beginning to lay eggs and the numbers of bees will quickly increase.

We hope to have our honey for sale at the Village Festival on the Village Green on Saturday 15th June.

We are delighted that due to our raised profile several members of our community have expressed an interest

in helping out in a variety of ways. This is greatly appreciated as it not only increases our numbers but also our skill base. We look forward to working with them on our projects.

If you are at all interested in learning more about our work or helping in any way, please contact our secretary Judith Redfern on info@epich.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/epichupdates

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP

EPICH would like to thank HPC and HCA for their continued support.

Wilma Campbell

OPEN SPACES

Following discussions with both Bellway and Miller Homes about including more wildlife friendly features into their developments, I am delighted to report the following responses.

Fran Nicholson, planning manager from Bellway. *"I can confirm that Bellway will be installing numerous bat bricks and bird boxes around our development site at Hurworth Gardens and I have requested a plan showing where they will be installed around site from our internal architect. I can also confirm that we will be planting more native species beneficial for wildlife around the SUDS area and throughout site (where appropriate) as suggested by yourself. We are not proposing to revise landscaping plans just at this very minute, as we are still quite a long way off from implementing the landscaping, but I will look to do this sometime in the Spring."*

Eddie Burton / Design Manager / Miller Homes *"Yes, I received your information and it has been passed on to our landscape designer. I am pleased to say that we are able to incorporate most of the general principles set out and for some aspects such as species we have contacted our landscape installation contractor for further advice and pricing. Due to the time scales for the planning application, it may be that some of the features need to be added following the decision."*

We are happy to be part of the community and continue the design and character so our clients feel at home in the village."

Hogweed on the River Tees has been treated twice this year at a cost of £900.

The planters for the Village Hall have been constructed, sited and planted up.

The Open Spaces Audit has been updated in January 2019 and will be available to view on the HPC website.

Cllr Wilma Campbell

HIGHWAYS REPORT - SOME NOTICEABLE CHANGES!

Over the last few months all speed monitors - Linden Court (A167), Steel Bridge (near Otter and Fish), and on Roundhill Road have all shown a reduction of approx. 5% (to about 21%) in the numbers of drivers who have exceeded the 30 m.p.h. speed limit. However, the monitor outside Hurworth School still shows that at least 40% of drivers passing this point exceed the speed limit here. Whilst this is encouraging it is also alarming to note that speeds of up to 70 m.p.h. have been recorded on occasion in all of these areas! Parking continues to be a problem in various parts of the village. The bus stop at All Saints Church has been reconfigured and, as a result, several additional car parking spaces are now available near the Fish Shop. "No parking" signs have been replaced on the village green but it is noted that there has been considerable damage on parts of the green due to inconsiderate delivery drivers and cars being parked on the edges of the internal roads.

In the future it is likely that the double yellow "no parking" lines on Roundhill Road in the region of the Spar shop will be extended and some parking restrictions may be introduced on Westfield Drive near the Priory School.

Cllr Margaret Williams

Hurworth Festival, Saturday 15th June 2019

The Hurworth Community Association was founded in 1969, and to mark the Fiftieth Anniversary, we are going to organise a Hurworth Festival.

This new event is designed to bring all the social groups together and further unite the community, while providing a wide range of entertainment and items of interest for all ages.

The Strawberry Fair, which used to be a very popular annual event will be recreated by All Saints Church and the Scarecrow Festival will be incorporated to provide a wide geographical span to the event.

There will be parking for 450 cars at Hurworth Grange, and the Festival will stretch from the Grange to the Otter and Fish Inn. The groups participating include Hurworth Village Hall, Hurworth Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Rainbows, HACSA, All Saints Church, Hurworth Youth Club, Hurworth Allotments group, HCA. It is hoped that the three public houses along the trail and the small businesses will also enter into the fun.

The event will run from 11:00am until 4:00pm and the entertainment will include:-

- **Two Live Bands**
- **Three dance troupes**
- **Children's Entertainer**
- **Climbing Wall**
- **Bouncy Castle**
- **Laser Quest**
- **Crazy Golf**
- **Inflatable Bungee Jump**
- **Penalty Shootout, with ball firing machine**

Adding to the colour and the occasion, there will be some sponsor exhibits and trade stalls, for visitors to browse and perhaps buy a new house.

Strawberries are the food of the day, but there will be burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and many more gastronomic treats.

Be sure to put the date in your diary and start planning your scarecrow design.



Hurworth Village Hall

Sandwiched between The Emerson Arms and Hurworth Fisheries is your Village Hall. The building was designed by 26 year old architect Mr. GG Hoskins and opened on the 27th December 1864 by Alfred Backhouse and the foundation stone laid by Joseph Pease. Built originally as a temperance hall, the official opening was followed by a public tea for 150 people. The total cost of design and build being £650. Further to designing the Village Hall Mr Hoskins went on to design The Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (now the 6th form college), Middlesbrough Town Hall and Darlington Library.

The running of the Village Hall (Registered charity number 520830) is overseen by a committee of dedicated volunteers some of whom have been involved with the Hall for in excess of 30 years. They have overseen developments over the years that have ensured the building retains its character whilst offering up to date facilities. Internally the hall has been modernised and benefits from having central heating, fully equipped kitchen, modern toilet facilities, specialist lighting to create a party low light atmosphere and is fitted with speakers to suit most amplifier outputs. In addition, the committee has overseen the installation of a large cinema screen and ceiling mount-ed projector.



On the 2nd Sunday of the month the Hall now provides a cinema on your doorstep. Two films are shown with the first at 2.00pm and the second at 4.00pm. Entrance is always by donation and there is no membership fee. This means you pay what you can afford. If you do want to join us please feel free to bring some snacks or a drink and sit back, relax and enjoy the feature film(s) of the day.

But that's not all!!

There is also a weekly programme of activities that you can enjoy that includes Yoga (two different types), Pilates (two different types), Latin dance, Art, Keep fit, Indoor Bowls, Line Dancing and Dog training classes.

The Hall also hosts a series of organised events across the year in addition to these. This year the programme includes 4 quizzes and, more often than not, a volunteer will step forward to set the quiz. On occasion this provides some very interesting topic areas with some questions being challenging and

others not so. There was a time when we struggled to get 25 people to the quiz. Those days are now just a distant memory and numbers have steadily grown with audience figures regularly in excess of 50 people. This means we often have a waiting list for those wishing to attend as it's always a first come first served.

We present plays presented in their own inimitable style by the Library Theatre Company from Leeds whose past performances have included "Talking Heads" by Alan Bennett and "My Brilliant Divorce" by Geraldine Aron.

We also provide musical entertainment to suit all tastes. From an evening of light hearted fun with Uketopians, an amateur ukulele band, to a rocking night of RnB with The Corner Boys to the excellent jazz quartet of Hot Club du Nord.

Events planned for the remainder of the year includes, a murder mystery evening, a weekend film festival of 'old classics', a vintage singer and, following on from the success of 2018's first ever New Year's Eve party we're doing it all again this year.

The Hall's committee also works in partnership with other groups and associates. One example of this being the music in the park event held annually at The Grange. Something that I know a lot of people regularly attend and enjoy but could not take place without working in partnership with others.

And that's not the end of it!!

As if excellent entertainment were not enough we also feed you. Yes that's right

you did read that correctly, we feed you. Quizzes, plays, music in fact at most events held in the Village Hall includes everything from light refreshments to a choice of home cooked meals (and dessert).

If you want to arrange your own event, we can cater for that as well. The Hall can be hired privately for meetings, children's parties or other celebrations/events. A charge of £12/hour is made for the Hall's rental.

So, what are you waiting for? Why not join us and see for yourself?

If you want to know any more please feel free to contact me and I'll gladly explain what events we have planned for the rest of this year or give you a tour of the building. If there's something you'd like to see us do again, please let me know and we'll see what can be arranged.

This is your Village Hall and we'd like to see you using it and, more importantly, enjoying it.

Bill Drumm

Booking Secretary

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The Village Litter Pick. - Saturday 26 January

Many of you may have seen on Hurworth Live that “only two members of the public” had turned up for the advertised litter pick along with three parish councillors; well, as one of those members of the public, I would like to give my perspective.

This is the second litter pick we have done and it's FUN! My husband and I have a competition between ourselves as to who can find the most interesting piece of rubbish and unfortunately I've had to concede defeat on both occasions. The first time my husband won with a baseball cap which I had to admit was better than my plastic plant pot. He won again this time with a pair of tights and half a coconut against my banana and a woollen mitten, we can only guess at the stories behind those items.

It's always a very sociable occasion because everyone we see wants to chat and by taking the dogs along we are fitting the dog walking in too.

It's also an interesting insight into what goes on in the village; for example the seat on the village green between houses 48A and 49 is surrounded by cigarette ends so someone obviously sits there on a regular basis and throws their discarded butts on the ground. They probably think that a small thing like a cigarette end doesn't matter but an accumulation is still littering and making the seat an unpleasant area for others. Perhaps now that they know the whole village is aware of their untidy habit they will take their rubbish home with them.

We often see litter picks and beach clean ups being reported on the news so why don't we, as a village, make our next litter pick a worthwhile social occasion - bring the kids and teach them about personal responsibility, include the litter pick in your dog walk as we did.

Come on Hurworth, find out what a fun time it can be - and see if you can beat my husband

Judith and John Redfern



We're sad that you have left us

The Parish Council has said goodbye to two excellent Councillors.

One who had been on the Council for several years, and the other who made a massive impact but due to other commitments left after a short stint.

Jean Peacock served on the council for 7 years, and took her turn as Chair. During her tenure Jean specialised in Planning Matters, and played a big part during the upheavals of the two new estates, which involved many hours of dedicated work. In addition to the Council, Jean has been on the Management Committee of Hurworth Grange for many years, and we have all benefited from her input and leadership. Hurworth Grange has never been in better condition and never as busy as it is at present. We all wish her a fond farewell, but only from the PC and not her other community engagements.

And then there was Middi (Cllr Mark Middlemiss) He came, he saw, he

conquered and he left, but he will not be forgotten.

Middi redesigned, programmed and installed a new Council web site which includes an area in which to leave comments. He designed and printed the excellent community notices that we all admired, he took a leading position in organising events for the children, and then, of course, there is his famous (or infamous) speed camera art exhibition!

Middi made every meeting lively, and his ideas and enthusiasm brought a new breath of air into the council chambers. Oh, how he is missed. However, Middi runs a farm, has a well-established and well-travelled Irish Band. His daily and weekly commitments are huge, and he decided that if he could not be a wholehearted councillor, then it was better he stood down. Middi, we thank you for your contribution to the community.

Welcome aboard

The council is pleased to report that two new councillors have been co-opted to fill the vacancies.

Tony Winnett, a previous Chairman of HPC, has returned after a three year break, and we welcome Bree Stamp, who organised the first Hurworth Scarecrow Festival last year.

Both have quickly become involved and taken on roles; Bree will be placing emphasis on activities for the younger generation, playground facilities and liaison with the schools.

HURWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

A public meeting was held on 30th January, for all residents to become better acquainted with the 15-year Plan which is being prepared, and if accepted, will help to shape Hurworth Parish in achieving its future Vision. The meeting was supported by 75 residents, a slightly disappointing turnout for an event which could shape life in the village for those who intend to stay here in the long term. This was the last chance for residents to express their views, wishes and personal expectations of being a resident in this beautiful parish.

Nigel Goddard gave a presentation of the future Vision and the way in which this Plan will protect the heritage and greenspaces, and help to dictate the type and volume of future housing, which are so important to many of us. (For 92% of responders to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, The Open/Green space is the most important characteristic of Hurworth).



Since the meeting, some modifications have been made, with the help and guidance of the DBC Planning representatives.

The revised, and hopefully final Plan, will enter a six-week consultation period when all stakeholders will have an opportunity to raise pertinent issues, prior to a Referendum which is expected to be held in June 2019, for the parish to accept or reject the Neighbourhood Plan.

It is a lengthy project, and our thanks go to Nigel Goddard and Hugh Jackson who have stayed the pace, while many have bowed out, and dedicated a massive effort to achieve our objective.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEBRILLATORS (AED'S)

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are becoming quite common and you will probably have noticed them displayed in prominent places. For example there is one on the wall just to the left of the front door of The Grange, see the image above. Soon there will be two more AEDs at strategic points in the Village. There will be one at the east end of the village near the Fish and Chip Shop funded with a grant from the British Heart Foundation and donations from Hurworth Parish Council and a further one near The Comet Public House funded by the Hurworth Rogers Trust.

So when would an AED be used? They are used in the emergency management of somebody who has had a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). With the immediate use of an AED the person's life may be saved.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) occurs because the electrical rhythm which controls the heart is replaced by a chaotic disorganised electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). And an AED is used to correct this and the quicker the better. The AED is used to provide a high energy electric shock to restore the hearts rhythm. AED's are easy to use, compact, portable and very effective. The machines guide the operator through the process by verbal instructions and visual prompts.

There is a sequence of events that need to occur for the resuscitation of a victim of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). This sequence, or 'chain of survival', starts by summoning the emergency services as soon as possible. (Dial 999). The second stage is providing basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (chest compressions

alternated with rescue breaths) to keep the victim alive until the third stage (defibrillation) can be performed.

In order to defibrillate the operator needs a machine and this is why they are often available and ready to use in prominent places. Of course the paramedics will arrive with all the necessary equipment for resuscitation including a defibrillator but they may take some time and time is not what the patient has got.

Some people feel that administering a high energy shock to an unconscious person is a bit dangerous and rather risky. The machines are designed for lay persons and they are safe and will not allow a shock to be given unless the hearts rhythm requires a shock.

Hopefully you will never need to use an AED but if the situation arises where it should be used then simply follow the instructions on the box and it is possible that you might save a life and that must be worth doing.

Despite the intention that there should be three defibrillators in the village it is obvious that they may be some distance from the casualty. So the most important thing to do is to SEEK HELP then do your best to preserve life. (Chain of Survival.)



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Councillor's Surgeries

The Parish Councillor's Surgery is held the first Thursday of the month at 6.30pm at The Grange unless notified otherwise.

Council Web Site; Hosts information about the council, its business and records of all its meetings. There is also a comments section where ideas and opinions may be submitted.



Why not visit www.hurworthonline.com

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