

Spring -  
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2018

# Dinnington Parish Newsletter

Serving the Community



## Chairman's Annual Report 2017 – 2018

### 2017 SILVER AWARD (LARGE VILLAGE)

We have had a very busy year, in particular dealing with the issues generated by all of the building works in and around the village.

Sheraton Park (Keepmoat) and Augusta Drive (Bellway) are continuing at a pace, whilst Persimmon homes and the new Dinnington First School have commenced.

### Main Road Resurfacing

After a great deal of complaining on behalf of residents to Newcastle City Council, we have been advised that the resurfacing of Main Road from approximately "The Raj" to the temporary construction site entrance at the Keepmoat site, should commence within the next two months.

### Dinnington First School Development

Keir Construction commenced work on 12 February with the construction of a new much larger school in the same location, immediately adjacent to the west and south of the existing building, including landscaping, boundary treatments, drainage, access and parking (including alterations to the existing recreation ground parking area to create an additional school drop off point). This will double the capacity of the school from 150 to 300 pupils. The works will be carried out to enable the existing school to continue to function normally, while the new school is built around the old one and then the old one subsequently demolished. Access for construction is from the south via the current Recreation Ground entrance.

Kier have completed the construction of the access road from adjacent the back of the Recreation Ground car park up to their site, together with appropriate fencing, the temporary school staff car park, their site offices and site set up.

They have cleared the topsoil from the new site and have constructed the foundations for the structural steel frame, which at the time of going to press should be erected, followed by the roof over the following weeks. Phase 1 of the works, Construction of the New School will be complete by January 2019, with Phase 2 continuing immediately after consisting of the Demolition of the Old School and construction of New Sports pitches, completing in April 2020.

### Keepmoat (Sheraton Park)

They have been progressing their house building southwards across the site with the current position being 61 homes have been sold, 8 are reserved and a further 6 have exchanged contracts. Keepmoat have now completed the sale of 75 houses out of a total of 133.

### Bellway Homes (Augusta Drive)

Due to the very bad weather during February, they have not progressed their house building as much as they would have liked. They now have 50 houses built out of a total of 71 and 27 houses are occupied. They now expect to complete the development in late 2018.

### Persimmon Homes (Augusta Park)

They commenced work on site on 15 January with the construction of 200 houses. Persimmon have stripped all of the topsoil on the site and have recently completed the main entrance to the site. Construction of the site roads has commenced together with drainage works and house foundations. They are making good progress on the Show houses at the front of the estate and the marketing suite is now open.

### Neighbourhood Plan

We would like to thank everybody who took the time to fill in a questionnaire and can confirm that we received 127 completed questionnaires. We are now in the process of analysing all of the useful information you provided as part of our efforts to take the plan forward and will report back to the community in due course.

## **Dinnington Community Library**

We would like to remind everyone that Dinnington has a Community Library run by volunteers and we encourage current members and new members to come along to use their great collection of books. There is no charge to join the library and everyone is welcome. Dinnington Community Library was set up in the summer of 2013 when Newcastle City Council closed the branch library in Dinnington. The volunteers have recently had a stocktaking session of the books, where they removed some 150 older books and replaced them with new books.

The Community Library is situated in the Memorial Institute which is next to Dinnington Village Hall and is open on Wednesdays 10.30 – 12.30, Fridays 2.00 – 4.00 and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30.

## **Adopt-a-Planter and Northumbria in Bloom 2018**

Following on from our success in winning a Silver award in the Large Villages category last summer, we have again entered the village into the Northumbria in Bloom competition this year. We have included the Dinnington school garden and the Dinnington Allotments. After their success last year we have again included Bracken Close in the Residential Communities category and The White Swan in the Pubs & Hotels category. We once again thank our volunteers for maintaining their planters and flower beds around the village and the businesses who supported us, and hope they will continue to do so in the future. Anybody who is interested in volunteering to help with our continuing efforts to improve the village would be most welcome to join us. Please contact the Parish Clerk for information.

## **Litter pick around the village in conjunction with Northumbria in Bloom 2018**

As part of our efforts in showcasing the village for the Northumbria in Bloom competition and to continue our endeavours to generally improve the village we are hoping to organise a litter pick around the village, prior to the judging. 1<sup>st</sup> Dinnington Scout group has volunteered to help and we are hoping people around the village will join in to cover their own local areas. If you can spare some time and are interested in helping please contact the Parish Clerk and we will try to arrange some convenient dates.

## **Dinnington Doctors Surgery**

The Ponteland Practice are now supplying the only doctors in the village at their morning surgeries. We believe the village merits a better service than this, particularly with all of the new houses being built and we are striving on your behalf to improve this situation.

## **Commemoration of Great War Centenary**

The Parish Council, in conjunction with Keepmoat, Your Homes Newcastle and Newcastle City Council have had the new streets on the Sheraton Park development named after the men of the Parish who fell during World War One.

To mark this, the developer is providing a brick plinth and commemorative plaque to be erected at the entrance to the estate. There will be a ceremony at Sheraton Park to unveil this plaque on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm.

The Parish Council will provide more information on the ceremony at a later date.

If you have any issues you think the Parish Council needs to be made aware of, or would like to attend any meeting of the Parish Council, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings, which are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August) at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Institute hall (the small hall to the left of the Village Hall). The general public are welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to bring forward any concerns or comments if they wish.

I conclude by thanking all parish councillors for donating their time and effort freely to contribute to the well-being of our village and our part-time parish clerk for her help and support both in and out of meetings.

**Raymond Thompson,**  
**Chairman**

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### Crime

From our monthly discussions with the police we know that Dinnington continues to have very low reported incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour. However, the inconsiderate parking adjacent to the school (whilst dropping children off) is still causing problems for the residents who live there and we look for your cooperation in minimizing this issue. Can residents when parking please leave enough room on pavements for users of wheelchairs and buggies and to ensure you do not break the law. PC (3044) Lee Maddison is the dedicated neighbourhood police officer for Dinnington, Brunswick and Hazlerigg (Castle Ward), e-mail address: [lee.maddison3044@northumbria.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.maddison3044@northumbria.pnn.police.uk) Newcastle North Neighbourhood Policing Team, Etal Lane Police Station, Westerhope, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 4AW. Tel: 101 to contact your local police when it is less urgent than a 999 call.

### Dog Fouling

We are still receiving complaints about the amount of dog fouling around the village. The great majority of dog walkers do pick up after their dogs and there is no excuse for not picking up. If you have any information on those responsible for allowing dogs to foul without picking up you can contact the dog warden on 0191 211 6102 or online: <https://envirocallservice.newcastle.gov.uk/dog-fouling/form>

### Dinnington Village Hall Update

On Friday 12 January 2018 the Northumberland Theatre Company's Christmas production 'The Princess and the Goblin', was well attended and enjoyed by 90 people. Thanks to them and the generous support of The Masons Arms, James Anthony Workwear, Challenge Northumberland and Dixon and Thompson we raised over £300 for Village Hall funds.

We have not done any major work on our buildings since last summer. New external pipework has been laid to solve the problem of blockages in the Main Hall Ladies lavatory. Our next project will be the updating and decoration of the entrance passage and small room in the Memorial Institute, which will complete all internal refurbishment work in that building. Externally the gutters and soffits are still to be replaced and painting done. To find out more about the Village Hall or make a donation please contact Treasurer Mike Wood 01661 825358 or Secretary Joyce Porter 01661 821041

### 1<sup>st</sup> Dinnington Scout Group

We would like to thank all the good folk in the village for their support for our Chronicle Wish Appeal application for Group funds which resulted in us receiving £238.66. Special thanks to Terry Borley for kindly allowing us to put our token collection box in the Masons Arms. The Group is looking forward to a busy summer term with the Troop having 3 camps planned, including a joint one with the Cub Pack. We have places available in our Beaver Colony for boys and girls 6 – 8 years old. For more information about joining or anything else about Scouting in general please contact Joyce Porter, Group Scout Leader, on 01661 821041 email: [joyceporter@waitrose.com](mailto:joyceporter@waitrose.com)

### St Matthew's Church

Time seems to go so quickly these days, it only seems to be a short time since Christmas but is in fact a few months ago. We would like to thank those who joined in with our Carol and Christingle services which as always proved to be very popular resulting in a full church. We have a lovely church at the heart of the village which is open to all in the community whether people attend on a regular basis or just on special occasions and we are lucky that we have the support of the village community. We are conscious that building work on the new homes in the village is forging ahead and we extend a warm welcome to the new residents of the village, we hope you will be happy and enjoy living here and may perhaps find the time to visit the church or one of the social events we hold to raise funds to help maintain the church's continuing presence here in Dinnington.

Speaking of which: A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. We will be holding the ever popular STRAWBERRY FAIR in and around the village hall on SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018, starting at 2.30pm. All of the usual attractions, tombola, raffle, cakes and savories as well as delicious strawberry cream teas. Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon.

## City Councillors' Surgery

Monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
(except August)  
10.30am-11.30am  
Dinnington Social Club

## City Councillors' Surgery (cont)

15 minutes before Parish Council  
meetings (at 6:45pm)  
Monthly – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed (except August)  
Memorial Institute

## Dinnington Community Library

Wed & Sat 10.30am-12.30pm  
Fri 2.00pm-4.00pm

## Karate

Mondays  
7.00 – 9.00pm  
Village Hall

## Junior Karate

Wednesdays  
5.00-6.00pm  
Village Hall

## Old Peoples' Treat Fund

Bingo  
8.30pm Thursdays  
Dinnington Social Club

## Beaver Scouts

Mondays  
5.45pm-7.00pm  
Scout HQ

## Cub Scouts

Tuesdays  
6.30pm-8.00pm  
Scout HQ

## Scouts

Mondays  
7.30pm-9.00pm  
Scout HQ

## Rainbows

Wednesdays  
5.30pm-6.30pm  
Memorial Institute

## Brownies

Tuesdays  
6.00pm – 7.30pm  
Village Hall

## Handicrafts

Thursdays  
7.00pm  
Memorial Institute

## Indoor Carpet Bowls

Wed 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Village Hall

## Dinnington Village WI

2nd Thursday of every month  
7.00pm-9.00pm  
Village Hall

## Zumba Gold

Fridays  
9.30 – 10.15am  
Village Hall

## St Matthew's Church

Sundays 9.30am - Service and Holy Communion  
Junior Church members meet during service  
Wednesdays 10.15am - Holy Communion BCP

## Bible Study Group

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month

## Coffee morning

10.30am-11.30am Second Saturday of the month in Memorial Institute

## Revd Mark Edwards, MBE

Tel: 01661 872320

## Doctors at the Clinic, Main Road, Dinnington

## Ponteland Medical Group

Mon – Fri 8.15am-12.15pm

Tues – No Doctor. Nurse in  
attendance 9.00am-12.15

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