

**Otterburn Parish Council – Parish Clerk’s Report
(13 March – 3 April, 2024)**

5a: Nigel Fisher, Civil Contingencies Officers, Northumberland County Council – Emergency plan & communications: Mr Fisher will be attending to provide guidance and assistance on activities as well as responsibilities during an emergency incident such as a major power outage in Otterburn and / or the surrounding area. He will also be providing details on options for communications during such incidents.

6a: Road safety in the Parish: At your request following discussion at the last meeting I have written to Glen Sanderson (Leader of the Council) and Guy Opperman MP in respect of the lack of progress over the past several years since the problem of pavement parking along the main road in the village including the area at the A696 / B6320 junction. I am waiting for a response.

6b: Electric power supply in the Millennium Green: Whilst work progresses with the installation of the cabinet and laying the conduit to the Millennium Green boundary I am still waiting for a date when Northern Powergrid will attend to connect power.

6c: New signage for Otterburn public toilets: I am still waiting notification from NCC when the new signage promised will be installed.

6e: Litter pick event on 16 March: There was a good turnout to help with the litter pick and a significant number of bags of rubbish were collected. Thanks are expressed to all those who helped on the day to help make the village tidier.

9a: Grass & hedge cutting in 2024: I hope to provide you with details for the grass and hedge cutting for 2024 for your consideration.

9b: Superfast broadband in Otterburn: I am waiting an update from Sylvia Pringle (Team Leader iNorthumberland) on the position of Go-fibre work in the Otterburn area.

9c: Speeding traffic through Otterburn: I have provided the latest speed camera data from the cameras in both Otterburn as well as Rochester and Elsdon to NCC, Northumbria Police, Members of Parliament as well as local Councillors. I have had responses from the Police Commissioners office as well as Inspector Kate Benson who has advised a Police speed van will be present more often.

9d: Missing Lynx project: I have posted details of the project exhibition dates and locations of the proposed project.

9e: Otterburn Welcome Pack: Cllrs Corkin, Bloomer and I have met to review the Welcome Pack and amendments have been made. Cllr Corkin will provide an update at the meeting.