



Chairpersons Comments

I hope that it is not too late to wish you all 'A very Happy New Year!'. The last few months since the last Newsletter have, in many different ways, been somewhat challenging for the Parish Council.

Residents had mixed views regarding the Banks group proposals for outline planning for up to 100 houses on Roundhill Road, but, now that the proposal has been given the 'go-ahead', we must surely get the best outcome and look forward to welcoming new residents to our community in the future. At the moment, there are plans that have been put forward (to be considered by the DBC later this month), for a wedding venue at the top end of Roundhill Road.

Due to work commitments, Councillor Simon Coultas stepped down from the Parish Council at the end of last year and, after interviews at the February PC meeting, I am pleased to tell you that Dot Oughton was co-opted to the council and we welcome her to the team.

There are some events planned. So, just to mention a couple, look out for details of the forthcoming Parish walks and activities for children at the Grange at Easter. I hope that you and your families will be able to support these events.

Sadly, there have been several instances of anti-social behaviour by young people in the village in the past few weeks. Should you encounter any such behaviour I would urge you to report it to the relevant authority, so that the message is out there that such behaviour will not be tolerated. There has also been an increase in the amount of graffiti spoiling our village. Since once it starts, it always seems to be added to, I hope that any that is found is either reported to the DBC or to the Parish Council so that arrangements can be made to get it removed quickly.

Dog fouling and speeding are still a problem in the village, but I am pleased to report that the zig-zag lines near the Primary school entrance have been extended to make the school crossing place much safer and that dropped curbs have been completed along Roundhill Road which allows wheelchair users to safely get to the Spar shop and the rest of the village.

The Council is in the process of writing a new Neighbourhood Plan and, if you feel that you could assist our team in the development of this, then please contact the Parish Clerk at the office at the Grange.

An advance notice-The Annual Assembly is scheduled to take place on Friday 19th of May 2017 in the Fletcher Hall at the Grange and I hope that you will take this opportunity to find out what is, or has been, happening in our village.

Margaret Williams HPC
Chair.



Looking to the Future

Cllr David Wood and his team have embarked on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan which spans the period from 2017 to 2032.

The council has been following the Parish Plan which was developed in 2010, and has been updated each year. Tremendous progress has been made, climaxing in Hurworth being awarded Gold Status by the National Association of Local Councils, Hurworth becoming the first council in the north of England to achieve this.

However, times are changing, government policy is changing and Hurworth Parish is about to become larger.

The Vision

This initial objective of the Neighbourhood Plan is to determine what the residents want their village to look like in fifteen years time. Should it embrace small businesses, should it be a dormitory community with residents commuting to other towns, should it try to attract tourists and visitors, does it need to attract young people should it aim to be an old peoples retreat; many questions!

Once the Vision is formatted, then the Plan must schedule the shape, size and facilities it will require to achieve this Vision and to provide long-term sustainability.

The Process

In order to obtain as much information relating directly to the views and wishes of the Hurworth community, a questionnaire will be prepared and distributed to every household in the parish. This is your chance to shape your future.

The results of the questionnaire will be carefully evaluated, and priorities will emerge. The details will be analysed, notations listed, priority weightings allocated, and a picture should emerge.

Throughout the process there will be a close liaison with Darlington Borough Council, and the Hurworth Plan should be dovetailed into the Darlington Borough Framework. Future planning will then be in accordance with the two bodies future outlook.

There is likely to be at least two Public Meetings to involve the residents and all parties and stakeholders, so that all views are heard. The first is likely to be the Annual Assembly on 19th May 2017.

Looking to the Future

The Referendum and Acceptance

All residents of Hurworth Parish will have the opportunity to vote on whether the parish will accept the Neighbourhood Plan. This is essential as it is critical to the development objectives which will affect your quality of life, and whether you wish to stay in Hurworth in future years. You will need to decide whether you 'buy into' the Vision.

The Timeframe

Cllr Wood hopes to be able to complete the exercise and schedule the referendum in eighteen months. This means that by the time the 2018 Annual Assembly is arranged in May 2018, a fully detailed report with supporting material, and conclusions should be available for debate.

The Benefits

It is essential that your local Parish Council have solid guidelines upon which to direct their actions, spend your money, and achieve your wishes. The new Plan will provide these guidelines.

It is vital that future building developments are controlled so that the Vision can be achieved. The final Plan, which requires the acceptance

of Darlington Borough Council, will provide the mechanism to work together to decide the number of new buildings, their location and the style in which they are constructed.

In the event that the village is to become larger, then it is essential that the appropriate infrastructure is in place.

The amount of funding needed to achieve your Vision needs to be calculated, so that funding can be raised to finance your plans.

The Hurworth Plan will help you to decide whether this is the village you wish to live in, and will become a keystone for new people who may wish to consider bringing their families to our village.

Conclusion

This is your village, your home is here, this will be your decision, please ensure that you participate in this process. There will be no benefit in complaining afterwards, please get involved.

EPICH

(Eco People In Croft and Hurworth, pronounced EPIC)



www.epich.org.uk

Hurworth Spring Bulbs

During October EPICH volunteers planted twelve bags of King Alfred daffodil bulbs along the entrances to the Grange estate and Westfield Drive and around Hurworth Place.

Narcissus bulbs were planted on the riverside opposite the Comet and on the grass area next to Lime Cottage.

Four bags of woodland bulbs containing winter aconite, snowdrops, bluebells, native small daffodils and crocus bulbs have been planted at Hawkswood, on the roadside area at entrance to Grange Avenue, on the grass area beside the Otter and Fish, beside the footpath on Emmerson Road corner and on a small triangle of grass near the village Green.

Thank you for the location suggestions, the words of encouragement given to us when out planting and to the two residents who gave up their time to help and even supplied us with tea and biscuits! All greatly appreciated!

Please continue to let us know of areas around the village where you would like to see spring bulbs planted. Tell us of any locations you think would benefit from spring colour and give us an address or brief description of the area so we can find it!

We will supply the bulbs and the planting volunteers - although we are always happy for anyone to come along and help.

EPICH at the Grange

EPICH would like to thank one of our local residents Brian Gable for all the support and advice given to us in order to enhance the Heritage Orchard site at the Grange. Brian has kindly donated several apple trees and a vine which have been planted in that area.

Wildlife Map

The child friendly wildlife map, which describes the flora and fauna to be spotted when walking along Hurworth public footpaths, is ready for printing and should be available for spring time. Copies will be available from the Grange Community Centre, the Mustard Tree Café and local schools and businesses.

Let's get out there and enjoy family time exercising together, whilst exploring our beautiful village.



Suggestions to
Judith Redfern
EPICH Vice chair & Secretary
www.epich.org.uk
www.epich.org.uk/facebook.asp

Beekeeping

During the winter, regular visits to the apiary are needed to ensure the hives remain intact and free from mice infestation. Insulation covers are put around the hives to protect the bees from extreme cold and damp. Extra food in the form of sugar fondant is placed above the cluster where the bees are keeping the Queen warm. Beekeepers are busy sorting out all the equipment they will need for the next season.



EPICH PROJECT 2017

We are always looking for opportunities to help people get closer to nature. Our idea is to convert part of the pathway around the Community Centre grounds into a more user friendly surface, making it accessible to all residents. Eventually it is hoped that this path will link up with the Glebe public footpath forming a circular route within the village. Below is a photo of a similar type of an all weather pathway.

With this in mind, EPICH have researched materials and costs and have applied for a grant to help with the expense. Supporting letters from HPC and HCA have been included with the application, as EPICH are not the landowners. Hopefully our application will be looked on favourably.

PLEASE HELP

For EPICH to continue our work in the local community we need more volunteers. This involves a monthly meeting to discuss projects (with drinks and nibbles) and for those of us who can make it, a weekly two hour work party meeting at the Grange. All ages and abilities are most welcome.

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

We have reached a critical stage for EPICH in that without your help we may not be able to continue these local projects.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR WORK BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP

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

Wilma Campbell

EPICH Chair



HURWORTH VILLAGE HALL - REGULAR CLASSES

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| Monday | 10 a.m. | Bowls | Bill Drumm 01325 720694 |
| Monday | 8 p.m. | Badminton | Hilda Owens 01325 721503 |
| Tuesday | 10.30 a.m. | Pilates | Sue Camidge 07932 312104 |
| Tuesday | 7 p.m. | Art | Chris Redhead 01325 332985 |
| Wednesday | 7.30 p.m. | Yoga | Dawn Hodgson 01325 721518 |
| Thursday | 9.45 a.m. | Line Dancing | Vera Garbutt 01325 721347 Don Keith 01325 262789 |
| Thursday | 8 p.m. | Sequence Dancing | Andy Woodcock 07780 697345 |
| Friday | 9.30 | Fifties Plus Keep Fit | Sue Camidge 07932 312104 |
| 3rd Wednesday in month | | Hurworth Flower Club | 2.00 p.m. |
| Demonstrations – workshops | | Wendy Malkin 01325 721215 | |
| | | Barbara Lawrence 01325 720177 | |

Councillor Simon Coultas

Simon Coultas was elected to the Parish Council in May 2016, along with five other new councillors.

Simon is a Chartered Accountant and brought additional financial and business experience to the council. He is a prominent member of HADD, and has lent weight to opposing the Bank Group's planning application to build a housing estate on Roundhill Road.

Simon's job entails travelling abroad and he has found it difficult to make the level of commitment that he would like.

In November, Simon was called to America, where he received a significant promotion with his company. We all congratulate him on

this achievement. However, his new position will entail more responsibility and even more foreign travel, some of which could mean lengthy periods abroad.

Bearing this in mind, Simon feels that he can no longer devote sufficient time or commitment to the Parish Council, and with some regret tendered his resignation to make room for another person to take up the local challenges.

We thank Simon for the contribution he has made to the community and wish him success in his new position and wish him well with his career.

Hurworth Major Community Events In 2017

Sunday 14th May 2017

Hurworth's 15th Classic Car Show

Enter your car, or come and enjoy a day in yesteryear.
Cars, motorcycles, music and refreshments



Saturday 15th July 2017

Hurworth's 4th Outdoor Music Event

Book your gazebo now. An evening of music to suit all tastes.
Bring your own food and refreshments, sit down, enjoy
sessions of live music, dance, bring the kids, free parking.
Gazebo for ten - £100, field tickets £5, children free.



Saturday 16th September 2017

Hurworth's Seventh Country Fair

A full day of entertainment - animals - fairground - 4 arenas - 2
marquees - beer tent - Punch and Judy - 6 dance troupes on
stage - live music and MUCH, MUCH MORE.

Produce, art and crafts competitions - put in your entry, or just
bring the family and enjoy yourselves. Trade and charity stalls
- sponsor tents - something for everybody.



Sunday 22nd October 2017

Halloween Event

A new community event this year - children and
parents welcome, if you are brave enough!



All these events will be held at Hurworth Grange - the jewel of our parish

Hurworth Parish Council - Action Plan for 2017

Objective / Project

1. Develop a new Neighbourhood Plan covering 2017-2022
2. Monitor and support the Parish Contingency Plan
3. Review all Procedures
4. Continue to monitor and upgrade all 17 Parish pathways
5. Focus on a Succession Plan for council responsibilities
6. Ensure the tree surveys carried out on all trees in the parish are reviewed
7. Engender co-operation agreement with Hurworth House Priory School
8. Carry out designated and approved projects
 - a. As per the approved Schedule dated December 2016
9. Support all pro-active community group Initiatives:
 - a. Hurworth Country Fair
 - b. New Halloween Event
 - c. Village Hall outdoor concert
 - d. EPICH village beautification programme
 - e. Formation of Youth Council
10. Liaison with schools for use of community facilities
11. Continue to monitor further housing development
 - a. Continue council's stance on unplanned housing applications
 - b. Preserve green areas
12. Monitor and control Invasive species infiltration
13. Continue strong financial control and long-term planning
14. Continue close relationship with allotment holders
15. Continue policy of assisting in obtaining grants for village amenities
 - a. Voluntary groups
 - b. Small businesses
16. Carry out a survey of the Community Centre, to evaluate facilities and demand
17. Continue close liaison with police force and PACT meetings
18. Pursue negotiations with Banks Group and their new housing project
19. Complete the installation of the three community notice boards
20. Install four new benches for community use

SOS Darlington Memorial Hospital



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Darlington

Save Our Services @

Darlington Memorial Hospital

Darlington has a non-Party Political Campaign fighting to avoid the downgrading of Darlington Memorial Hospital's key services. This campaign is supported by both Darlington's Labour Party MP Jenny Chapman and Richmond Conservative Party MP Rishi Sunak. Proposals to be put forward by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation

trust could well include the loss of Darlington's A&E Dept. and Consultant led maternity services.

This campaign is therefore aimed at preventing these changes becoming the preferred option when the formal consultation commences on the 1st June.

If DMH lost its A&E it would mean medical Emergencies being transferred to James Cook, North Tees or Durham which could have a very significant impact on the safety of our rural communities.

Given the above, the prospect of all A&E services being transferred away from Darlington, and with the Ambulance service

under such severe strain, the end result could be that lives may be lost due to the extra time taken to get appropriate hospital care.

At the Hurworth Parish Council meeting on 2nd February, the council voted unanimously to support this campaign.

SOS Darlington Home Page:

<https://sosdarlington.wordpress.com/>

twitter: <https://twitter.com/SOSDario>

facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/SOSDarlington/>

Contact Jenny Chapman MP:

Parliamentary

House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

Tel: 0207 219 7046

Email: jenny.chapman.mp@parliament.uk



Highways

Full Details of our Speed Monitor Traffic Statistics can be found on our Website: www.hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk In the HPC Document Archive.

As you can see from our HPC speed monitor data, speeding is a major concern along Roundhill Road, Hurworth Road and The Green/WestEnd, particularly at peak times.

HPC is seeking to provide wheelie bin stickers to residents on these main routes to remind motorists, on refuse collection days, of the need to slow down- would you like to be part of a Highways Working Group? Do you have any ideas as to how we can ensure motorists SLOW DOWN? If so, please do get in touch with Carol or Graham via enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk

We continue to lobby Ron Hogg (our Police and Crime Commissioner) regarding speeding in our village and our speeding data is sent every month to Sergeant Cat Iley at Durham Police in order that resources may be deployed to our village to combat speeding.

HPC have ensured the zig-zag lines outside Hurworth Primary on Roundhill Road have been extended so that motorists have a clear line of sight and our lollipop lady is now visible from the Spar corner.

Darlington's Parking Enforcement Team have responded to our reports of motorists parking inappropriately and illegally during school run times. PLEASE KEEP ZIG-ZAG LINES CLEAR and PARK RESPONSIBLY for everyone's safety.

We have had many reports of motorists entering Blind Lane via the wrong side of the monument. We are investigating the possibility of increased signage in this area.

We have noted the large potholes outside All Saints Church and reported this to DBC. If you are aware of any potholes or issues, do get in touch.

Finally, Community Speed Watch in Hurworth is set to recommence. Sergeant Cat Iley is ensuring the resources will be made available to our team of twelve volunteers!

Welcome To All Saints Hurworth Adrian & Helen



All Saints Church greeted the arrival of their new Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Adrian Thorp, who joined them on 12th February. He was officially licensed by Bishop Mark and installed by Nick Barker on 12th February. Adrian who came from a working class background was educated at Clare College Cambridge, introduced to rowing and squash, and taught how to think. Perhaps the greatest privilege however was sitting at the feet of the many great preachers who came to speak to the Christian Union.

Adrian met his wife Helen at Trinity Bristol Theological College. Her family home was in Batley. Always working as a

couple there were curacies in Kendal and South Manchester, an incumbency in Halifax and then thirteen and a half years as vicar of a large church, St Gabriel's Sunderland. The couple have three children all pursuing successful careers. After Sunderland Helen and Adrian had the joy of serving in Lesotho. On our return they spent a short time in the newly formed parish of the Upper Skerne and then to the Parish of Blaydon and Swalwell where they have been for nine and a half years. Helen has, for more time than anyone can remember, been a Tutor at Cranmer Hall, "the vicar factory" in Durham. Over the years Adrian been responsible for nine colleagues and has served on the Diocesan Deliverance Team.

Community Links:



The Priory School hosted its first Community Christmas Party for the children of our village and it was a resounding success!

Families enjoyed 'Jay's Animal Adventures'; joining in party games; arts and crafts activities; having faces painted; Christmas films and a wonderful Christmas party buffet.

The highlight was meeting the wonderfully patient Father Christmas in his grotto.

HPC is looking forward to continuing to strengthen our working partnership with The Priory throughout 2017 and we would like to thank The Priory School and all it's staff for providing this great opportunity

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Young People in our Village



We would like to develop a Hurworth Parish Youth Council where young people can meet, discuss and plan your own ideas for youth provision in Hurworth.

We will support you and guide you. May be you have aspirations to be our future parish councillors and politicians?

Would you like another play area? Better sports facilities? An update of the skate park? Do you have other ideas????

Email enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk DO GET IN TOUCH - we want to work for you too!

Here at HPC, we recognise that young people are the future of our community and as such, we would like to hear from our young parishioners.

If you would like to meet with other young people from our village to share with HPC how you would like to see our village develop, then we would like you to hear from you.

Welcome To Councillor Dorothy Oughten

Dorothy was born and brought up in Hurworth (her father running a small holding and delivering fruit and vegetables) until she married. After living in Darlington for 11 years (which was a shock to the system) Dorothy moved back to Hurworth and has lived here ever since.

Dorothy qualified as an R.G.N. and for over forty years worked in the Health Service, The Private Sector and in the Community until she retired in 2011.

Since being widowed Dorothy lives with her daughter and two "loopy" Labradors.

It is Dorothy's intention in some small way to strive to look after the best interests of the village and its residents.



Proposed development of Lakeside Eco Lodge Park



Consultation Evening Friday 10th March 5pm - 9pm Hurworth Grange

Maguires Country Parks would like to invite members of the local community to a consultation evening for the proposed development of the site known as Lakeside Eco Lodge Park, Hurworth Moor, Hurworth.

Please come along, view our proposals and chat to us.

www.MaguiresCountryParks.co.uk



New Venture

Westfield Weddings Ltd has submitted a Planning Application to build a Wedding Venue on land to the east side of Roundhill Road. The proposal is that the complex will provide facilities to hold the wedding service, the wedding breakfast and accommodate the evening celebrations. In addition, there will be 30 small caravans to allow guests to stay overnight, and avoid the temptation to drive, having been drinking.

The project has been met with varying views both from HPC and local residents, who have expressed concerns about noise and further traffic congestion, in particular. It is understood that the application was due to be heard at Darlington Town Hall on 20th February 2017.



Licensing Act 2003 Notice of Application to Grant A Premises Licence

I David Graham

Do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority at Darlington Borough Council for the Grant of a Premises Licence at Rockliffe Park Cricket Pavilion, Rockliffe Hall Darlington. DL2 2DU and known as:

Rockliffe Park Cricket Pavilion

The application is to:

Permit the sale of alcohol on the premises:
11:00 to 21:00hrs each day

Interested parties or responsible authorities wishing to make representations on the application must give notice in writing to The Licensing & Parking Manager, Town Hall, Darlington. DL1 5QT by 9 March 2017. The record of this application may be inspected Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) at the Licensing Offices at the above address between the hours of 9.00am to 4.00pm or on the worldwide web at www.darlington.gov.uk

It is an offence, liable on conviction to a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003 to make a false statement in or in connection with this application

Hurworth Parish Council

Hurworth Grange Community Centre, 41, Hurworth Road, Hurworth
Darlington DL2 2BN

For Parish Clerk - Peter Allan & Enquiries

Phone 01325 722 171 E-mail: enquiries@hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk

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; The Council website holds information about the council, its business & records of all its meetings. The site is regularly updated and there is a feedback form.

Why not visit www.hurworthparishcouncil.org.uk Where you can leave comments on issues you may wish to raise in our Guest Book.



Hurworth Parish Council Members

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