

Circular 6 from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA. June 2020.

The Parish Council will provide monthly updates during the period of the Coronavirus Pandemic. It is not possible to meet at this time, but work is still being carried out.

As reported last month, a new litter bin had been ordered for the layby at the Ford near to the Meadows. The Parish Council took delivery of the bin in May and this has now been installed.

The Parish Council sought and received a number of quotes for a new speed sign for the east end of the village and is in the process of deciding which one to order. It is anticipated this will be ordered and installed as soon as possible. The Tennis Court is now open but the playground remains closed until further notice.

The VE Day celebrations in the village were a huge success. The village looked fantastic and it was rumoured that Ulgham had been nominated the best decorated village in the county! The various street parties went very well and allowed people to come together (at an appropriate distance) and have a good time. This was a welcome relief during a difficult period. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the decorating.

It has not been possible for the Parish Council to hold their Annual Meeting this year. However, the Chairman, Councillor Jim Scott has prepared his annual report, and this is available to view on the village website and a copy will be put on the village notice board.

We are grateful to a resident who carried out some repairs to the information sign at the Meadows. Once it has been painted, it will look much improved. As a reminder, anyone who wishes to report potholes or fly tipping etc. can use the link to the County Council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk All of the relevant information is on their home page.

There is a wealth of information on the County Council's website re help and queries during the Coronavirus pandemic – this is updated daily and there is a link on the village website -

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus.aspx>

Contact details for all Parish Councillors are included in the regular newsletters that are being distributed around the village.

Once again, the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has rallied round and helped those in need of assistance during this crisis. It is pleasing that everyone is pulling together at such a difficult time.

Northumberland County Council has just announced that some of their coastal and visitor car parks will be reopened from Friday 22nd May – a full list of those open and those remaining closed is set out below:

Car parks opening by Friday, May 22:

Amble, Island View/ Beacon Hill/Togston Links/ Links/ Dunes/ Braid
Ashington, Blackclose Dene/Hirst Park/Wansbeck Riverside Park
Berwick, Pier Field/Sandy Beach
Spittal, South Greenwich road/Spittal Point/Sandstell Road
Blyth, Beachway/Mermaid/The Ranch /Ridley Park
Cambois, Outfall/Level Crossing/ Beach House/ Buccaneer
East Cramlington LNR (both)
Cresswell, Dunes/ Pond /Golden Sands
Boulmer Village.
Newbiggin Church Point
Newton-By-The-Sea, Newton Steads/ Low Newton
Bedlington Country Park (both sites)
Hadston Scars
Dunston Steads
Seaton Sluice, Holywell Dene/ Old Hartley/Fountain Head
Warkworth, Dunes Road/Beach Road
Beadnell
Corbridge Village

Car parks remaining closed:

Amble, Paddlers Park
Bamburgh, Links Road
Berwick, Castlegate Overflow
Craster, Quarry
Holy Island, Green Lane
Holy Island, Chare Ends
High Newton, Newton-By-The-Sea
Seahouses, Station Yard
Rothbury, Beggars Rigg and Cowhaugh
Wylam (Tyne Riverside Country Park)

From the Village Association.

- We are still hoping to celebrate VJ day in August, government guidelines permitting. Further information to be provided as and when we know what will be allowed by then.
- We have not included all of the previous information on local goods and services but if anyone needs them please get in touch with any of the contact numbers included in this circular and they will send/deliver a copy to you.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to put up the hanging baskets last weekend and a special thank you to Sheila Caisley and family who planted up and nurtured the baskets over the past months. They look lovely and colourful and thanks in advance to everyone who has volunteered to water them. This will keep them looking their best throughout the summer and is a commitment that involves watering every day (sometimes twice a day). Also thank you to those who look after the two flower beds at either end of the village, which have just been re-planted for the summer.

Reminder of Contact Details: Parish Councillors - Jim Scott 790636, Helen Shaw 790170, George Brown 790465, Lesley Newman-07717841474. Chair of the UVA Helen Dunn 791849, Paul and Pauline Martin 790721.

These contacts cover all of the village and Ulgham Grange. If anyone feels able to help in any way please contact one of the above. Sometimes just a phone call to check that all is well can make such a difference to someone

The following recent pictures were taken from the Facebook page Ulgham Village Together. The lambs, black and white were taken by Diane Holmes. The Horseshoe sculpture, created by Dan Lowson, is at the entrance to Orchard Close and was taken by Aillie Davenhill. The picture has been cropped.

