

Circular 10 from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA September 2020.

Latest news on Covid 19 Restrictions - the WI Hall is still not available for meetings until further notice. November 5th celebrations are looking extremely unlikely but a definite decision will be taken in the next week or so.

- **Age UK** - has produced activity packs to give to older people in the community to help them stay active, entertained and have some interesting subjects to chat about together.
The packs include mindfulness colouring (supplied with colouring pencils, rubber and pencil sharpener) exercises to do in the home, a birdwatching chart, recipes, Sudoku, quizzes, word searches, knitting patterns and a pack of playing cards with instructions for games. If anyone would like a pack, please get in touch with **Age UK Northumberland** on 01670 784 800 or email info@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk
- **TV Licensing for over 75s** - Information on the changes to the TV Licensing System for over 75s can be accessed on the BBC Website or the Age UK Website at ageuk.org.uk or you can call Age UK TV Licensing on 08006781602.
- **Dog Fouling** - This was received by a village resident after a conversation with a Vet. 'I was not aware until today that dog mess also affects farm animals. There is a public footpath from Ulgham Park Farm Cottages through a field to a regeneration area that consists of a couple of large pools and plantations, an ideal walking area. The field is owned by a vet from Rothbury who has at least 2 other fields adjacent and rears sheep on them. He has explained to me that dog mess can cause abortions in a very distressing manner. It can also cause a parasite within the lambs' muscles which whilst the animal can appear healthy it causes the carcass to be deemed unfit for human consumption.'
- **Hanging Baskets** - Thank you to everyone who has been watering baskets this summer, they have looked lovely. They will be taken down this weekend 19th September.
- **VJ Day Celebrations** - Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating the village and taking down bunting and flags afterwards. Although celebrations elsewhere were on a much smaller scale than on VE Day, the village did justice to the remembrance of those who fought on after the

war ended in Europe or who were still imprisoned in the far east until August 1945.

- **Sunflowers** - If anyone still wants to enter the sunflower competition the last day for measuring is 25th September. Please ring Tony Warlow on 790305 before the 25th.

- **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT CAKE STALL**

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the event on Saturday 22nd August, either by donations of lovely cakes, pies and jams, money or those who came along and purchased from the stall.

The FANTASTIC sum of £736 was raised.

Thank you to Pauline Martin and your team for organising the event, for the use of your garden and booking sunny weather, for such an important cause.

- **Village Website** – the new address for the village website is ulgham.org. Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband to gigabit. Please register your interest at <https://broadband-upgrade-fund.campaign.gov.uk/register/residential> before 30th September.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – If you notice anything or anyone acting suspiciously please report it to the police by telephoning 101 or Veronica Duffield, our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on 790829.
- **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
- A reminder to anyone who wishes to report potholes or fly tipping etc. please use the link to the County Council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk All of the relevant information is on their home page, or Tel. 0345 600 6400
- 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>
- 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.