

**Circular from Ulgham Parish Council
and the UVA
December 2020**



*Wishing all our residents a
very Happy and Healthy
Christmas and New Year*

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT ULGHAM !!

When: **Saturday afternoon 19 December**

Where: **Outside Cricket Pavilion, Ulgham Playing Field.**

Outdoor Social Distancing Rules will apply and you need to book a time slot for your family.

Contact Pauline Martin on 790721 or email pmartin0553@gmail.com

- Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. To celebrate this season some baubles will be placed around the village. If you find one, please take it home to remind you of this special season.

- Sorry that we can't offer a Wreath-Making Morning this year but if anyone would like a box of materials to DIY, or have a wreath made please tel Helen on 791849.

- **Services at St John's:**
 - Service of Light and Hope, Sunday 13 December at 4 pm. This year the service will appear on You Tube and the link will be published on Ulgham Village Together Facebook site. Anyone wishing to have the name of a loved one read out during the service should contact Pamela Lamb on 790064, or Joanna Dobson on 458945.
 - On 20 December there will not be a service at 11 am but there will be a Carol Service at 4 pm and the usual restrictions will apply. The service will also be on You Tube, where you will be able to sing the carols. The link for this service will also be posted on Ulgham Village Together Facebook site and it will be on You Tube later in the evening.
 - There will be a Christmas Day Eucharist at 10.30 am and the usual restrictions will apply. There will be a Churches at Home Christmas service.

- **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.
- **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. **A quick reminder** that in your **house insurance documentation** a question is often asked whether or not you have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme covering your home.

From the Parish Council

- **Activity Pack 2 from Age Concern** – for seniors available next week. If anyone would like a pack please ring one of the contact numbers in this circular. Age Concern would like any feedback from anyone who has used Pack 1.
- **Thanks** to those who decorated the village for Remembrance Day and Halloween, the village is beginning to look very festive. Let's make it particularly cheering this year.
- **Tennis Court** – trees around the Tennis Court have now been cut down and this has made the area much more open to light and sunshine so hopefully next year it will be used well by residents.
- **A1 Road Closure** – A1 will be closed and traffic redirected through Longhirst and Ulgham between the hours of 8.00pm and 6.00am on Monday 7th December through to Friday 11th December, then again on Monday and Tuesday 14th & 15th December.
- **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 **or please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council.**
- 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.