



**Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and
the UVA
April 2021**

Reminder: as we are in still in lockdown please ring any of the telephone numbers in this circular if help of any kind is required. Local deliveries of food are still available from some suppliers.

- **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.

- **St. Johns Church** – There will be a Holy Communion service on Easter day at 11.00 am. The church is being decorated at present, but it should still be possible to have the service inside. However, if the weather is suitable, the service may be held outside near the War Memorial. Anyone planning to come to this service needs to contact Pamela Lamb on 790064, so she can inform everyone if the service is going to be outside. Following Government guidance, we plan to resume weekly services from Sunday 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday.
- **Village Website** – the new address for the village website is <https://ulgham.org>. Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband to gigabit.
- **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>**
- **Age Concern** have produced another puzzle/information book which will be distributed to some residents with the circulars. If anyone would like a copy please contact Helen Shaw (tel. Number below)
- **Parking on Pavements (Footpaths) on the B1337** - This is a major Bus and through route and can create a real hazard for pedestrians, residents with children in pushchairs and wheelchair users as they will often have to go into the road to get past your vehicle. Please be considerate, aware of this issue in the village and park vehicle(s) accordingly in this and other locations.
- **Hanging Baskets** - will be going up again this year probably from the end of May until September. Thank you in advance for those who volunteer to help with watering, quite a commitment especially if we have a spell of hot weather!!!! (if we are lucky) In particular

many thanks to Sheila Caisley and family who source the plant material and compost and plant the baskets up.

- **Local Elections** - will be taking place on Thursday 6th May there will be literature arriving from the county council with details for residents.

Report from the Parish Council

The Parish Council has continued to monitor planning issues, traffic concerns, highway repairs and the general care of areas within its boundaries. The chair Jim Scott has met with our present county councillor and residents from Woodlands to discuss speeding traffic and pedestrian crossing points at the east of the village, changes are being explored. The cutting of the tree lined boundary of the tennis court has been completed and the court will be ready for play when this is allowed. There is a pile of chippings from this project next to the container, residents are welcome to take some for their gardens. Ulgham Cricket Club are refurbishing their clubhouse and plan to have a new bar and changing room area. Their support has been greatly appreciated in keeping the village playing field looking very tidy.

Thanks those who look after the village environment on a voluntary basis from maintaining the war memorial to picking up litter it is very much appreciated. We have a permanent contractor in place who will tend the church and grave yards. The church and the parish council share the cost of this service. The parish council has joined with four of our near parish neighbours to purchase some trail cameras which will aid us in the battle against fly tipping and trespass.

The village has a defibrillator on the front of the WI Hall. It is checked weekly. If there is a medical emergency in the village that involves using the emergency service 999, an assessment will be made by the operator as to whether it is appropriate to use the defibrillator and the code to access it will be given. They will also automatically send an ambulance. Once activated the defibrillator will talk you through how to use it.

There is a free, confidential counselling service available to all Northumberland residents. In particular there is a concern about 'Re-Entry Anxiety' as we come out of lockdown and general pressures about the pandemic situation will continue to cause mental health concerns. This can be accessed by calling 08081963933 at these times - Monday and Friday 10am-2pm, Tuesday 1pm-5pm, Wednesday 3pm-7pm and Thursday 1pm-4pm. Also, this is the link to the website <https://cygnussupport.silvercloudhealth.com/signup>.

Are you feeling isolated due to being out of work? We can help! We offer free voluntary support to anyone out of work age 16+ living in Northumberland.

You'll receive:

- A personal Bridge worker to help find your next job
- Support to learn new skills and switch careers
- Personalised action plan, CV and interview guidance

Get in touch today by texting, calling or emailing Clair Parker, on 07393796522, clair.parker@northumberlandcva.org.uk

Live Wire Theatre Company have written and recorded some short pieces of work that are interesting and amusing –

<http://www.livewiretheatrecompany.co.uk/lockdown-entertainment/>

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has been kind neighbours and cared for the village/parish environment during a long and difficult winter. We look forward to the light and bright spring days to come.

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 and are available for anyone who needs help in any way. Also sometimes just a phone call to check that all is well with friends and neighbours can make a big difference to days of lockdown tedium.