

Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

May 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.

There will be a gradual opening up of activities held in the WI hall as government guidelines permit. Further details will be given as and when they are available.

- **Neighbourhood Watch** Protect Your Car Campaign - Car crime remains a pressing problem in the UK with one car stolen every ten minutes. Remember these simple steps to keep your car safe --- leave it locked, park in a well-lit or busy area and empty. For more top tips visit www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourcar. 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.
- **Defibrillator** - The village has a defibrillator on the front of the WI Hall which 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.
- **St. Johns Church** - Following Government guidance, we plan to resume weekly services from Sunday 23 May 2021, Pentecost Sunday. Pamela Lamb 790064 is your contact.
- **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.
- **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.

- **Local Elections** - will be taking place on Thursday 6th May. COVID restrictions, social distancing and mask wearing rules will apply at the WI Hall.
- **Sunflower seeds** are available, if anyone would like some contact Helen Dunn 791849. We will have a competition again and prizes for the tallest blooms, probably judged in September.
- **Sale** - One of the village residents has a BOSCH 3600 HB Electric lawnmower, 14" cut height adjuster, grassbox, fitted motor protector, blade sharpened and balanced. Also two edge trimmers, all in very good condition. Offers please to 790305, all monies to go to Ulgham Village Association.
- **Morpeth Lions Charity Trout Competition** - Saturday 8th May, cash and voucher prizes. Contact for information 03458335832.
- **Cresswell Parish Council** - have a vacancy for a Clerk/responsible Financial Officer. The council meets four times a year and remuneration is paid in line with national guidelines. Experience is desirable but not essential. Job Description from cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com or ring Christine Tyrie 07932735172.
- **Age UK** - is recruiting a Health and Wellbeing Officer and is also looking for qualified Fitness Instructors who would like to help older people in their communities regain their strength, balance and prepare for a 'new normal'. Contact Age UK for details
- **Castle School in Ashington** - are asking for good-as-new books, suitable for children and teenagers. Contact the school if you can help.

Elections May 2021

Here is the result of nominations for Parish Council, as they were the only candidates, four existing Councillors and one new one have been elected unopposed.

STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Election of Parish Councillors

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for

Ulgham

The following persons have been nominated:

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Reason why no longer nominated*
BROWN George	Bilsdale, Ulgham, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 3AR		
NEWMAN Lesley-Anne	4 Ulgham Grange Farm, Ulgham, Morpeth, NE61 3AU		
SCOTT Jim	10 The Croft, Ulgham, Morpeth, NE61 3BB		
SHAW Helen Frances	7 The Forge Estate, Ulgham, Morpeth, Northd, NE61 3AJ		
WILSON Deb	8 The Croft, Ulgham, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 3BB		

*Decision of the Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

- 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>
Free Courses – If anyone is interested, there are different topics including Mental Health, Autism, Behaviour that Challenges, Team Leading, Mental Health First Aid, Cancer Support, Adverse Childhood Experiences and many more. Great for distraction and for gaining a Nationally-Recognised Qualification at the same time. These are all accredited NCSE/CACHE courses. **Funding is limited (England only). Contact Annie Furness 0138 8436176.

- 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 <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
- **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.