

# Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

## July 2021

**Reminder: 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.

- **Rendezvous** - every Wednesday, WI Hall 10am-12 Noon, All welcome for coffee and a catch up as lockdown eases. Covid restrictions will still apply so please bring a mask with you.
- **St. Johns Church** - Services are now taking place every Sunday at 11am from now on, for any further information please ring Pamela Lamb tel 790064.
- **Electronic copies** - we all need to do our bit for the environment and cutting down on printing is one way that we can help. If you have an email address and would like to receive an electronic copy, please send a mail to Barbara Chandler at [barbaramchandler@outlook.com](mailto:barbaramchandler@outlook.com) and include your postal address so that we can take you off the paper distribution list.  
Thank You
- **Speeding information** - traffic data from the last 6 months has now been downloaded. Figures are - incoming vehicles 113,015 at an average speed of 20.83mph, with 94.32% under 30 mph. Outgoing vehicles 150,983, at an average speed of 20.96mph, with 93.71% under 30mph. This gives a total figure of 263,998 vehicles. It also recorded 1 vehicle going through the village at 75 mph in the early hours of one morning. Of the 263,993 vehicles going through the village, 41 were travelling over 40mph.
- **Hedgehogs** - we are very lucky to have these lovely, garden friendly creatures in our village and that they are healthy and thrive here. Nationally there has been a drastic decline in hedgehog numbers and there are now concerted efforts to protect them in any way we can. Please be aware of this when using any poison or other means of disposing of unwanted pests in gardens and other green spaces.
- **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.

- **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. **NHS Vaccine Passports Scam** - purports to be from the NHS and informs recipients that they can apply for their 'Digital Coronavirus Passports'. If you click on to the link it takes you to a fake NHS site that asks for personal and payment details. Your vaccination status is obtained **Free** from the NHS App or by calling the NHS on 119. **Courier Fraud Scam** - We're urging residents to be cautious after three pensioners were called by scammers purporting to be police. Yesterday detectives received three reports of a 'courier fraud' style-scam in Northumberland where a man claimed to be an officer from the Metropolitan Police. In the first two cases the man introduced himself as DC Hancock and in third case, DC Harper. As part of the con, offenders try and dupe their vulnerable victims into believing they have already been defrauded and coerce them into sending money, bank cards and other valuable 'evidence' to 'investigators' via a courier. In the first case, the victim withdrew £2,000 from his account before his bank, Santander, intervened to help, stopping him from sending any money and alerting police. The second two victims, though calling the scammers 'very convincing' recognised the calls as scams and immediately contacted officers. Make sure if you are approached in this way: you not only hang up the phone, but make sure the line is clear before calling anyone else. Remember, police officers or your bank will never ask you to hand over money, or transfer funds. If you receive a call like this do not interact with them – hang up and report it. Please take the time to talk to your loved ones about 'courier fraud' and help us reinforce the message that police will never ask anyone to withdraw cash, or send us anything via a courier. If you think you might have been a victim of courier fraud, or any other kind of fraud, please contact Action Fraud immediately by calling 0300 123 2040 Monday to Friday 8am - 8pm or online. You can also contact police, through our website by clicking on the 'Report It' icon or if you are unable to do this by calling 101. Visit our website [Crime prevention advice/FAQs/Feedback](#)
- **Community Foundation** - We award grants to groups and individuals to support a wide range of causes in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, and across North East England. Our grants come from nearly 300 different

funds set up by generous people and organisations. We know that applying for funding can be difficult, so we try to make it as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions, please get in touch. We can also suggest ways you can get help and support with applying. The next round of funding will be decided in September so if you are thinking of applying then do so asap. **Contact details below.** The Community Foundation has a number of funds which have been set up to make a difference by helping **individuals** in the community. These funds are particularly targeted towards young people leaving care, those in education and those developing talents in the arts, sports and science. Anyone who is on an apprenticeship scheme has expenses to meet then the community foundation may be able to help so please get in touch. No two funds are the same, so we match eligible applications from organisations to each fund's interests. If you have any questions about applying, you can call us on 0191 222 0945 or email [general@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:general@communityfoundation.org.uk). Community Foundation, Philanthropy House, Woodbine Road, Gosforth. Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1DD.

- 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](http://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. Also, Coronavirus information available at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus.aspx>
- There is a free, confidential counselling service available to all Northumberland residents. In particular there is a concern about 'Re-Entry Anxiety' 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/>
- **Wor Bella and Howay the Lasses** - March 2022 - two plays by a Northumberland playwright. about WW1 munitionette footballers, 'Howay the Lasses' is at the Gala theatre in Durham and 'Wor Bella', a one-woman play about Bella Reay, one of the many selfless munitionettes who played for Blyth Spartans Ladies in WW1. Bella, born in 1900, was a prolific goal scorer and was the "Alan Shearer of her day"!!! The munitionettes formed dozens of teams in the region and played in front of thousands of spectators. Wor Bella is touring at the end of March/early April 2022.

Premiering at **Blyth Phoenix Theatre** for three days, it travels to **Hexham Queen's Hall, Alnwick Playhouse**, Newcastle Theatre Royal (studio), Playhouse Whitley Bay and Westovian Theatre, South Shields. For more information go to [www.worbella.co.uk](http://www.worbella.co.uk), or Ed Waugh 01914550608 or 07960066377

- 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. Get in touch today by texting, calling or emailing Clair Parker, on 07393796522, [clair.parker@northumberlandcva.org.uk](mailto:clair.parker@northumberlandcva.org.uk)
- **Village Website** - the address for the village website is [ulgham.org](http://ulgham.org). Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband. 'Project Gigabit' means that available speeds will rocket to more than 1,000 megabits or one gigabit per second.
- **Mobile Library** - next visit 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2-2.30pm. Forge Estate.
- **Ulgham Village Cricket Club** - the season has started again but with restrictions linked to covid. For dates of matches please get in touch with Colin Tait Tel. 07966914715.
- **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 lockdown. **Reminder of Contact Details: Parish Councillors - Jim Scott 790636, Helen Shaw 790170, George Brown 790465, Lesley Newman 07717841474, Debbie Wilson 221346, Chair of the UVA Helen Dunn 791849, Paul and Pauline Martin 790721.**

These contacts cover all of the village, Ulgham Grange and the surrounding area 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 even though lockdown measures are beginning to relax. Thank you to everyone who has helped to deliver these circulars during lockdown. Once we have regular activities to include we will return to our newsletter format.