

# Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

## August 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.

- **Village Picnic August Bank Holiday Monday** - because we haven't had the Ulgham Feast for the past 2 years due to Covid19 we are inviting residents, friends and family to come and celebrate the easing of restrictions and a chance to see friends and neighbours. Bring your own picnic to the playing field from 3pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August. There will be live music playing throughout the afternoon and the Cricket Club bar will be open. There will also be a boules tournament to win the Ulgham Village seat for your garden until next feast day in July 2022 and possibly a scratch game of cricket if there are enough willing participants. This is of course only if the weather permits.
- **Attention All You Crafters** - why not come along to Ulgham WI Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of August 200pm-4.30pm. Bring whatever craft project you are working on, Machine sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Paper Craft, Painting etc. Enjoy spending time with other crafters, cost is £3.00 per person. Tea and Coffee will be available. No tuition provided but we can share tips and advice!! Hope you can join us Happy Crafting!!
- **Rendezvous** - every Wednesday, WI Hall 10am-12 Noon. All welcome for coffee and a catch up as lockdown eases. Although most COVID 19 restrictions have been lifted we will still observe social distancing and carrying out cleaning regimes before and after each session. Please bring a mask if it makes you feel more comfortable when meeting others indoors.
- **Sunflower Competition** - please ring Avril and Tony 790305 if yours is flowering and you would like to have it measured.
- **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.

- **WE ARE SINGING AGAIN**

Ashington & District Male Voice Choir has started to rehearse again after the long Covid lock down. Good news after such a long lay-off. Rehearsals resumed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Stakeford & Bomarsund Welfare but still recognising the need for some safeguarding conditions. ADMVC is a community choir which many local and regional charitable organisations have benefited from by putting on concerts by the choir. The members also enjoy the social life created through meeting for rehearsals and membership is open to all gentlemen. No auditions nor the requirement to read music, just the wish to enjoy singing. Prospective members are given a six week 'trial period' for them to see if choral singing is for them. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for gentlemen of all ages to enjoy a pleasurable activity. Science has also proven that SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU, so gentlemen of Ulgham you are welcome to give singing a go and you might find that at a later date you're singing in a concert in Ulgham or at The Sage. If you are interested you can contact Rob Brind on 790169. Further information is also available on the website, [www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org](http://www.ashingtonmalevoicechoir.org).

- **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
- **Mobile Library** - 20<sup>th</sup> August The Forge Estate 2 -2.30pm
- **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 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 or if you are unable to do this by calling 101.

- **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>
- 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.
- **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.