

LESBURY NEWS



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Time to move on

Lesbury's Post Office, Newsagent and Artisan Village Store has recently been put on the market for sale.

As many will know Jill is looking forward to a change of direction and would like to be able to hand-over the business to new owners, who can then be involved in the village community.

Residents will be aware that this is not just a post office offering a range of postal services, but a store that also offers a range of locally sourced artisan goods, bakery items, coffees; eggs & dairy confection; jams, chutneys and alcohol sales. It also offers a great selection of greeting cards, newspapers/magazines and offers delivery and collection services in the vicinity. This is not a business Lesbury residents would wish to lose.

We need your help-

The Parish Council is actively helping to promote the sale of the post office to secure its future. If you know of anyone who is likely to be interested, please ask them **to contact Jill at lesburypostoffice@gmail.com**. **If the post office is not sold before Jill needs to leave, we need to consider what options are available to the community to make sure this valuable service is not lost.**

Please come to a public meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd March at 6pm. Jill will join us to give an update and to answer any questions.



**NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR ULTRAFAST BROADBAND IN LESBURY
PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS – WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022**

**LESBURY VILLAGE HALL
From 5.30PM TILL 7.30PM**

Have you heard..... John Parker was in attendance at the January Parish Council meeting to advise that **Alncom** have taken over the Lesbury Broadband project.

Alncom are an alternative network provider and have been trading in Alnwick for 30 years. You may have already noticed their office which is based in Alnwick Market Place. They work with iNorthumberland and have delivered superfast broadband to a number of local areas. As Openreach are no longer progressing superfast broadband in Lesbury, **Alncom** are going to pick up that project

Alncom will be hosting an open meeting to discuss their plans to build a full fibre broadband network in Lesbury village

Please pop along to meet their team who will be able to answer any of your questions about either the network or the Government funding that is in place to cover the installation costs.

If you are unable to attend, you can still register your interest at: www.alncom.co.uk

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The Coach Inn ...is still closed - Starpubs have been in communication with the Parish Council to state Heineken Breweries are committed to the re-opening of the Coach Inn. At this moment the brewery do not have a firm timeline for the re-opening, but they are able to say discussions are ongoing regarding the future management of the pub. Watch this space. “

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Platinum Jubilee Fund – Northumberland County Council has allocated £70,000 to create a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Fund to enable non-profit making community and voluntary groups, schools, local charities, parish councils and churches within Northumberland to apply for grant funding to help them to take part in celebratory events, and community and legacy projects, to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Further information, forms and guidance are available from:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Grants/Grants-Funding.aspx#queensplatinumjubileefund>

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Parish Council Chairperson : Jane Norris 830244 **Parish Councillors:** March Church 074551867790, Julie Hall 830044, Andrew Hodgson 07971604908 Jean Humphrys , Vice Chair - 07906146163, David Knowles, 830467, Andrew Martin, 833249 Pat Tulip, 830247, plus 2 vacancies. (Please contact the parish clerk if you are interested in becoming a Lesbury parish councillor)

Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome.

If you have any queries or comments on any of the above, please contact a member of the Parish Council.