



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Residents Neighbourhood Development Plan report 10

We are delighted to say that our draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is almost ready for you to see. Photographs of boundaries around the Parish are being taken and last minute tidying up is underway.



It will be sent to Northumberland County Council (NCC) for screening to ensure that the plans have no adverse impact on local habitats. Once that is done we will start our formal consultation over six to eight week period.

Our aim is to make the draft plan available to you on our website in the first week of December, the same time as we send it to NCC for screening. Once the screening has been done we will advertise events in the Village Hall where you will be able to see copies of draft plan and to make your comments.

The draft plan also goes to a number of statutory bodies such as The Environment Agency, Natural England and the Highway's Agency. In addition, we consult with local Land Owners and businesses that have an interest in the locality. Once this stage of the consultation is over and any amendments made to reflect your views, the draft goes to Northumberland County Council for a further stage in the consultation process. Your comments and those from others we consult are scrutinised by an external examiner at the same time as the draft plan.

At that point the NDP group and Northumberland County Council are offered a further opportunity to make amendments; once that is completed the plan is ready for a referendum. Northumberland County Council will conduct the referendum, and we will tell you more of that nearer the time.

Please remember to check the NDP page on <http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk> for details. If you think you may have missed a Newsletter, or you want to look at the Housing Needs Assessment, minutes of meetings or any other documents, or you want to contact a member of the Steering Group you will find all the information you need on this site.

Other Parish matters

Overgrown hedges and trees

Many thanks to the people who have taken very swift action to cut back overhanging branches and hedges and to deal with undergrowth round the River. Thanks also to Northumberland Estates for helping with this tidy up.

Parking at the Post Office



Sad to say, a few people are leaving vehicles in the car park near the Post Office overnight, sometimes for several days at a time. The car park has been so full on occasions that the staff have not been able to park in the morning, nor has the newspaper van. The car park is provided for people who are visiting the Post Office, Village Hall or Church and is not a long-term car park. We will put up a notice soon to remind people of its main purpose.

Improvements at Deep Dene

Each year the Parish Council is asked to identify its priorities for road improvements. Lesbury's priorities are considered alongside those from all other Parish Councils and each year a proportion of those priorities are dealt with by NCC. We are pleased to say that improvements near to Deep Dene, our priority for a number of years, are underway. We are delighted that the pavements are being repaired and hedges cut back making the area much safer for pedestrians.

Citizens Advice - HOUSING ISSUES

Citizens Advice Northumberland is able to provide Legal Aid funded housing advice.

This can include, but is not confined to:

- Possession action on any grounds such as rent arrears or anti-social behaviour
- Anti-social behaviour injunctions against tenants
- Mortgage repossession
- Challenging homelessness decisions
- Major disrepair
- Unlawful evictions

Anyone in receipt of an income related benefit is eligible for legal aid - for all other incomes, an assessment needs to be completed.

For more information contact Sue: suegrebby@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk - **07384518382**

For all other enquiries call Northumberland Adviceline on 03444 111 444

We are delighted to welcome two new councillors, Mark Church and Andrew Hodgson, to the Parish Council.

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