

# LESBURY NEWS

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## LESBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The **Lesbury Neighbourhood Development Plan** was written after listening to the views of the people who live in Lesbury today.

- **YOU** told the steering committee what you liked about the Parish and where improvements could be made.
- **YOUR** ideas were 'translated' into planning terms and linked to planning policies because, once made, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a legal document which must be taken into account when planning decisions are made for Lesbury Parish.

Strict processes were followed in the preparation of the Plan and the **last stage** of this is to hold a **REFERENDUM**. The plan has been updated to take account of all the comments from residents and from statutory bodies such as Historic England and the Highways Department. It also takes account of recommendations made by the Independent Examiner.

### IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Lesbury Neighbourhood Plan REFERENDUM will be held in Lesbury Village Hall on Thursday 10 June 2021.

The **REFERENDUM** gives you an opportunity to state whether or not you support the Plan. A referendum asks you to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a question. For this referendum you will receive a ballot paper with this question:

**"Do you want Northumberland County Council to use the neighbourhood plan for Lesbury to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"**

### CAN I VOTE?

**YOU** can vote in the referendum if: you live in the Parish of Lesbury; and you are registered to vote in local council elections; and you are 18 years of age or over on 10 June 2021. You have to have been registered to vote by 24 May 2021 to vote in the referendum. You can check if you are registered to vote by calling the Helpline on 01670 624844.

The **Objectives** on which the **Policies** in the **Neighbourhood Plan** are based are:

1. Sustainable Development
2. Housing
3. Our Community
4. Historic Environment
5. Well Connected, Healthy and Safe Place to live, visit & work.

### WAYS OF VOTING

**YOU** can vote in person on **Thursday 10 June 2021** at **Lesbury Village Hall** between **7am** and **10pm**.

**YOU** will receive a poll card in the post from Northumberland County Council for this referendum. If you do not receive your poll card, you can contact the Helpline on 01670 624844. If you are already set up for postal voting/proxy voting, then you will already have received information on how to vote this way.

### TO VIEW THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DOCUMENTS

Please visit the Parish Council website: [lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://lesbury-pc.org.uk) and click on "Neighbourhood Development Plan" & "Final Documents" or visit **Northumberland County Council's website** and search "Planning" & "Neighbourhood" ([northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Neighbourhood.aspx](http://northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Neighbourhood.aspx).) If you don't have access to the internet, hard copies of the documents are available to view at **Lesbury Village Hall**.



## Lesbury Parish is taking part in the **NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME** on **Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 June 2021.**



The **National Garden Scheme** gives visitors unique access to over 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England and Wales, and raises of money for nursing and health charities through admissions, teas and cake. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, volunteers and visitors, NGS has donated a total of £55 million to nursing and health charities, and made a record annual donation of £3.1 million in 2018.

**Lesbury Village Hall** will be the central venue for the sale of teas, coffees and plants on Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 June when 8 or more members of the garden club open their gardens to support the National Garden Scheme to raise funds for health-related charities. If you would like to help, please contact Tim Bendix on telephone 01665 830806 or email bendixt@icloud.com.

**To learn more about the scheme or to book a ticket, visit:**  
<https://ngs.org.uk>



Lesbury Village Hall (Tom Allen)

### **HIPSBURN SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Northumberland County Council has confirmed that the Hipsburn School road safety improvement scheme has approved funding in place and works on the project will take place in 2021.

### **NEW DOG POO BIN AT POST OFFICE CAR PARK**

Please could dog owners use the new dog poo bin located by the Post Office car park instead of the litter bin outside the Post Office – thank you! Please also remember to pick up after your dog elsewhere around the Parish.

### **FULL FIBRE BROADBAND**

Following residents pledging their government vouchers for the Openreach full fibre scheme, many did not verify their voucher on receipt of an email from DCMS. As a result, Openreach are still working to try and have the emails reissued to those residents. As soon as this is resolved, residents will be notified of the action to take. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Pringle from Northumberland County Council on Tel: 07827 825357.

### **NEW CHAIR & VICE CHAIR FOR LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

At the May Parish Council meeting, Jane Norris was appointed Chair and Jean Humphrys was appointed Vice Chair of Lesbury Parish Council. Thanks were extended to Dave Knowles who stepped down as Chair but remains on the Parish Council. Thanks also to retiring Parish Councillors Kym Bradshaw and Bob Whittaker.

### **NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The Parish Council also welcomes a new County Councillor representative: Martin Swinbank. Martin joins Gordon Castle to represent you on all matters relating to Northumberland County Council. Contact details on the frontside of this newsletter.

**The Parish website is: [www.lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk)**