



# LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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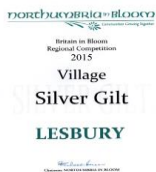
The Parish web site is [www.lesbury-pc.org.uk](http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk)

**New Parish Councillors** - The Parish Council is pleased to announce two new Councillors. Peter Cossins and Kevin Franklin were co-opted on to the PC at the October meeting. Welcome to you both. We still have a vacancy for one additional councillor and if you are interested please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk (details below.)

**Speeding quarry vehicles**-The Parish Council have had many complaints about the numerous, speeding wagons passing through our village from the quarries to and from various sites in the County including the Widdrington wind farms and new housing developments in Warkworth and Amble and have taken the following actions.

1. Through our County Councillors, Heather Cairns and Gordon Castle we have asked Northumberland County Council to investigate the number of trips to and from the quarry. We know that there are set conditions in place for the number of trips; they have asked the NCC Enforcement Officer to check the "books" at the quarry.
2. We have asked Northumbria Police to monitor the situation and they have certainly been in the area.
3. For the second time this year the Parish Council has sent letters to the quarry and to the major hauliers to ask that drivers respect the speed limits and to remind them again of the dreadful situation in Bath where a similar waggon went out of control down a hill resulting in the deaths of a number of people including a child.

We have had a good response from the hauliers, particularly K W Purvis who have the main contract to supply the Widdrington wind farms. They have contacted the PC both by letter and telephone and have assured us that they have given written notice to their drivers (both their own and sub contracted drivers) highlighting our concerns and warned them that speed limits need to be observed. As reported in the "Gazette" (19<sup>th</sup> October 2015) our MP, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, has also contacted NCC and they have agreed to carry out a traffic survey on Longhoughton Road.



**Northumbria in Bloom**- Yes we got our second Silver Gilt Award. One statement from the judges' report provides a nice summary. "The extremely high standard of maintenance throughout clearly demonstrates pride of place" Just in case we carried away they also provided a number of suggestions for improvement! Well done and thank you to Ian August and his team of fantastic volunteers.

**Lesbury Remembers 1914-1918**- This was certainly a day to remember - a pipe band playing; a procession, including children from Hipsburn School in period dress, marching through the village; the exhibits from that period in the Village Hall; the unveiling of the plaque to remember Piper Laidlaw VC and others who served in the Great War. A lot of effort went into organising this event and without naming names our thanks must go to the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work. (photo - P Hignett)



**SHAK Christmas Fayre** - Sat 7 Nov, Lesbury Village Hall. Visit the Coffee Shop with homemade goodies. Also craft stalls selling items for you, your children & dog, book stall, bric-a-brac, tombola AND "name the cuddly dog." In aid of SHAK local dog rescue charity [www.shak.org.uk](http://www.shak.org.uk). Free entry to children, dogs & SHAK t-shirt wearers - Others £1 or can of dog food

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Dave Knowles - 830467, Roger Styring 830531, Adrian Vass - 830134, Peter Cossins - 830597, Kevin franklin - 830122.

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