



## LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### **An update on the Post Office, Newsagents & Village Store -**

During the year the shop has undergone a refurbishment which includes the installation of a new coffee machine making good Italian Coffee and other Hot Drinks to enjoy with sweet home bakes. Pop in and take a look at the new menu.

Important note re: Banking Services. Note that Customers are able to use post office services for personal banking which includes cash withdrawals (any amount up to debit card limits) as well as cash and cheque deposits. This is especially important following the recent closure of banks in Alnwick.

Christmas. We are holding a special Christmas Weekend on 9th & 10th December featuring Christmas Gifts and Goodies; hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies and guess what? Santa is paying a visit to Lesbury and will be in our Shepherd's Hut to greet the children. We also have a special post box to Santa which will be in store from 1st December 2017. Also, orders are being taken for goodies from Turnbull's, Proof of the Pudding Christmas Puddings etc. See Post Office for further details.

**Northumberland in Bloom** - We were delighted to learn that Northumberland in Bloom awarded Silver Gilt for the village, which is a welcome improvement on last year's Silver. Whilst The Coach Inn was awarded a Silver Gilt in the Special Awards for Pubs and Hotels, and Alnmouth Station got Gold again, and also was overall winner in the Special Awards section for Railway, Bus and Metro Stations. Our thanks go to John Malloy and his growing team of volunteers for all their hard work. However, we were disappointed to hear that a handful of plants have been stolen from planters at the top of South View, this is the type of participation that is unwelcome!

**Speedwatch** - Our volunteers have been very active helping to improve road safety across our community and responding to the many calls for action by local residents. It was therefore particularly disappointing to hear that 8 out of the 11 motorists recorded as speeding outside of Hipsburn Primary School were parents. We therefore remind everyone to drive safely and responsibly.

# LESBURY PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Dear Resident,

We are pleased to report on our progress with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. We have now completed a draft of our aims and objectives for the future of the Parish, based on the information you provided a while ago. Before we adopt these as the basis for our plan, we need to be confident that they reflect the views of as many people in the Parish as possible.

Once we are confident that we are heading in the right direction, we will seek support to help us to write what are likely to be very technical policies. We will need to put these policies in place to realise our objectives.

We have recruited a number of people from different parts of the Parish to act as 'champions'. In the main, the champions will help us with communication across the area. They will try to stay up to date with the progress we are making, answer your questions where they can and will help to give out questionnaires and updates. We would like to have more people to help with this, so if you are interested please let us know.

We have a meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Village Hall to tell you more about the plan and to give everyone a chance to meet the champions. We will also tell you about the housing needs assessment that Community Action Northumberland will help us to conduct.

There will be wine and nibbles, music from QSax and, if that isn't enough excitement for one night, we will officially open the refurbished toilets!

Please come along and give us your support.

**If you are able to help, or would like more information, please contact Pam Allen on 01665 830353, or email [jean.humphrys025@btinternet.com](mailto:jean.humphrys025@btinternet.com).  
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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.