



## LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### Neighbourhood Development Plan - Newsletter five

Dear Residents,

We were delighted with the response rate to our housing needs assessment. 58% of all residents submitted their responses, one of the highest, if not the highest, return rate in Northumberland, which is fantastic. It makes us feel confident that we have your support for the NDP.

#### Headlines from the Housing Needs Assessment

The fine detail of the assessment is still being analysed, but we thought you would want to know what was emerging as soon as possible. Of the 58% of people who returned a form over 80% were in favour of small housing developments within the Parish of Lesbury. In the main, people wanted 2/3 bedroom houses or bungalows. Houses would be to attract young people with families to the area and bungalows for the elderly who want smaller and more manageable properties but do not want to move out of the Parish. In the last letter we told you how we planned to move forward. This is what we are doing.

#### The station

We plan to hold a meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm in the Village Hall to consider ways in which we could resolve the issues around parking. We want to be sure that full account is taken of the number of houses being built in Alnwick, Amble and the surrounding areas as this may increase the demand on use of the station. We will have drawings for some proposals and will invite people to speak about the proposals so that you can hear what they say and ask questions.

#### Housing

We will hold a meeting in March to consider what the housing needs survey is telling us and to look at ways in which we can meet the needs for different sorts of small scale developments in the Parish.

#### Education and Leisure

A young man, aged 15, who lives in Lesbury has designed and distributed a questionnaire for young people to tell us what they would like to see in the Parish. Plans will be drawn up to show some options for the future and we will seek your views about the proposals in April.

#### **This is what we have done so far from the list we set out in the last letter:**

Provided headlines from the housing needs assessment

- Set up a meeting with Northumberland Estates

- Set up the first of our focus meetings; station parking on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

- Engaged a consultant to draw up policies

### **Overland water flows and land drainage – Foxton Glade**

The Parish Council recognise the high degree of concern expressed by many residents as to the unacceptable overland water flow from Foxton Glade into the river Aln. Local Authority officers, partner organisations and the developer are working to address the issue and arriving at a satisfactory solution with in a reasonable time frame.

### **Please help with a Lesbury Litter Pick 10am 12<sup>th</sup> April**

We'd like to prepare for the Northumberland in Bloom Spring judging visit to Lesbury on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April by having a litter pick on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12 noon starting Lesbury Post Office. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Photograph by Didrik Breitholtz



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### **Woodland Creation consultation**

Lesbury House has submitted a Woodland Creation Grant application to Natural England, with the objective of creating 1.1ha of new woodland to include species such as Scots Pine, Oak, Beech, Scots Pine, Silver Birch with woodlands shrubs such as hawthorn in the field north of The Coppice. This will improve landscape character, shelter, provide wildlife corridors and contribute towards improved water quality. Residents from The Coppice are being involved in a consultation process informing the design specification.

### **Robbie Moore, County Councillor**

Alnwick, Alnmouth & Lesbury will be holding surgeries at Lesbury Village Hall 18:15 - 19:15 on the following dates and all constituents are welcome  
Tues 27 March 2018, Tues 24 April 2018, Tues 22 May 2018, Tues 26 June 2018  
Tues 24 July 2018, Tues 25 September 2018, Tues 23 October 2018, Tues 27 November 2018

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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.

