



## LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### **Residents Neighbourhood Development Plan report 9**

Now that most of our consultation has been completed we are beavering away on producing a draft document for you to see. Over the last few weeks the draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has started to take shape.

We met with Rory Wilson and Guy Munden from Northumberland Estates, to discuss the developments you would like to see in the NDP for Lesbury Parish. The meeting was very helpful and covered all aspects of development. We are very grateful for the interest the Northumberland Estates are taking in our work for the Parish. We hope to discuss the current draft of the NDP at our next Parish Council Meeting. Once we have done that, we will make a draft available on our website and produce hard copies. We will send out information about the next stage of consultation very soon.

Please 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**

#### **Street Lights**

This is the time of year we begin to notice how well street lights are working. Northumberland County Council has a very good system for notifying them about lights that are not working. All you need to do is to make a note of the street light reference number, which is usually painted on a yellow background in large black print on the lamppost. You then find [Northumberland.gov.uk](http://Northumberland.gov.uk) on the website and scroll down the page to the 'Top Tasks' section where there are a number of options for reporting problems, including letting NCC know the reference number of any light that needs fixing.

#### **Overgrown hedges and trees**

There are times when lights are obscured by overgrown branches, and there are also times when pathways are difficult to use because mature hedges take up a lot of space. In the main, clearing branches and cutting back hedges are the responsibility of householders. Please check to see if you have trees in your garden that obscure a street light, or if your hedge pushes out onto the pavement. We are sure your neighbours would greatly appreciate you taking action to remedy such problems.

#### **Solution to pollution entering the Aln at the Old Bridge**

The water authority and various other bodies we have been talking to about sewage effluence entering the River Aln at the old bridge have now come up with a solution that

protects the river. They are installing a special tank at the level of the river to ensure that effluent is captured and redirected to the sewage system. That's really good news!

### **Josh Pusey in Uganda**

We are delighted and proud to include a message in our newsletter from Josh Pusey who made a very special contribution to young people in Uganda. This is what Josh says:



“I am a local 19 year old who lives on Lesbury Road. This summer I spent 6 weeks in Uganda helping to renovate a school in a rural region. I had to fundraise £700 for local builders to help us and pay for materials and equipment which helped us to do the job. I raised this money by doing a car wash at my house on two separate occasions and I am so thankful for the generosity of those who

donated as it allowed me to have an unbelievable time and make a huge difference to the education of those who need it most.”

### **Tom Wilson**

It is with great sadness that we report on the death of Tom Wilson. We would like to pay tribute to Tom who gave many years of selfless service to Lesbury as a Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council. We offer our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

### **Village in Bloom**

Congratulations! Our amazing Lesbury team were awarded Silver Gilt this year. As far as the Parish is concerned their contribution to making the Village attractive is pure gold. Well done and thank you for your excellent work.

Congratulations also to Alnwick for Alnmouth Station for achieving Gold once again. Thanks to all of those who do so much to make the station so attractive and welcoming.

We are fortunate to have so many talented people who work hard for Lesbury Parish.

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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.