



## Chairman's Message

Welcome to the latest edition of the Woolsington Parish Council newsletter, which I hope you will find interesting and informative.

Since the last edition, the Parish Council have been busy on various schemes and have continued to provide financial support to many worthwhile projects, the following is a brief update of some of our activities.

The primary schools that fall within the Parish have been well supported with regards to various schemes and also encouraging children to get involved with Biodiversity. All four schools were very grateful when we once again donated a real Christmas tree prior to the festive season.

We have continued to support local charity D2 Youth Zone, to enable them to deliver services for young people, including many activities during school holidays.

Healthworks, Inspire Youth, and the Citizens Advice have all benefitted from our financial support to provide various projects within the Parish.

We were more than happy to assist the Newbiggin Hall Community Choir, they meet once a week to sing and socialise, most of its members are retired, and the principle aim of the choir is to combat social isolation.

The Parish Council's Biodiversity Project continues to be a great success, further information on this is contained within the newsletter.

One of the ongoing issues and concerns that we encounter is the condition of our roads and public footpaths. With the help of the Community Infrastructure Levy funding we have been able to invest some of the funding into repairs.

These are all worthy causes, and our involvement demonstrates that this Parish Council supports and listens to the diverse needs of residents.

As the Parish Council continues to maintain its protocols and procedures, we remain committed to represent the best interests of the parish that we serve and with our new website in its third year of operation, our hope is to continue to achieve a higher level of engagement with our residents. As always, we would welcome feedback and suggestions on things that parishioners would like us to focus on and suggestions for areas where the Parish Council may be able to assist and champion causes on behalf of residents.

May I take this opportunity to send my best wishes to all residents within our Parish Boundary area.

*Councillor George Pattison  
(Chair of the Parish Council)*

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## Information

Following ongoing discussions with Newcastle City Council Highways section, and with funding support from the Parish Council, we can advise that the third phase of resurfacing works on Trevelyan Drive is scheduled to be carried out in late May, precise details will be posted on the website nearer the time.

# Your Woolsington Parish Councillors

## Bedeburn Ward

**Cllr Liam Spencer** represents the Bedeburn

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**Cllr Alexander Hay** represents the Bedeburn Ward, as well as being a City Ward Councillor for Kingston Park South & Newbiggin Hall. Cllr Hay is also the Cabinet Member for a Thriving City. Email: [alexanderhay91@gmail.com](mailto:alexanderhay91@gmail.com)

**Cllr Lilian McGuinness** represents the Bedeburn Ward. Email: [lilian.mcguinness@icloud.com](mailto:lilian.mcguinness@icloud.com)

## Callerton Ward

**Cllr Linda Wright** represents the Callerton Ward, as well as being a City Ward Councillor for Callerton & Throckley.

Cllr Wright is also a former Lord Mayor of Newcastle. E-mail: [Linda.wright@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.wright@newcastle.gov.uk)

## Newbiggin Hall Ward

**Chair Cllr George Pattison** represents the Newbiggin Hall Ward as well as being a City Ward Councillor for Kingston Park South & Newbiggin Hall. Cllr Pattison is also a former Lord Mayor of Newcastle. Email: [g.pattison.uk@gmail.com](mailto:g.pattison.uk@gmail.com)

**Vice Chair Cllr Lilian Kennedy** represents the Newbiggin Hall Ward. Email: [lillian2287@outlook.com](mailto:lillian2287@outlook.com)

**Cllr Sharon Pattison** represents the Newbiggin Hall Ward. Email: [sharonann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonann@hotmail.co.uk)

**Cllr Jacqui Robinson** represents the Newbiggin Hall Ward, as well as being a City Ward Councillor for Kingston Park South & Newbiggin Hall. E-mail: [jacquirobinson99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jacquirobinson99@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Woolsington & Bank Foot Ward

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## Clerk to the Council

**Andrew Richardson** E-mail: [woolsingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woolsingtonpc@gmail.com) Website: [www.woolsington-parish-council.com](http://www.woolsington-parish-council.com)

The Council meet on the second Wednesday Bi-Monthly. (Dates and Times are available on the website). Please contact the appropriate Councillor(s) or the Clerk on any matter with comments, complaints, or if you just need advice or information.

## Christmas Parade



The Parish Council once again supported the Christmas Parade, which was superbly organised by D2 Youth Zone. The Parade was aimed at bringing joy and excitement to the Newbiggin Hall

Estate, and it certainly managed to do just that. There were so many highlights, but the standout moment was when Santa, the sleigh and his helpers turned into the first stop at the carpark at Bedeburn Foot, and the little ones were all screaming with delight that Santa had indeed come to town!



Woolsington Parish Councillor's attended and entered into the spirit wholeheartedly, Cllr George Pattison dressed as a penguin, Cllr Jacqui Robinson a Christmas parcel, Cllrs Alex Hay and Liam Spencer both as snowmen. Cllrs John Littleton and Joanne Couchman kindly took photos of the event.

# The splendour of Abbotswood



One of the Parish Council's active community projects is a collaboration with Newcastle International Airport (NIA). The aim of this Partnership is to enhance Abbotswood, a relatively small, varied woodland and grassland site on NIA owned land in Woolsington village. By working together, it is hoped that the site will become of even more value both to the community and biodiversity.

The Abbotswood Project will also look to conserve and enhance wildlife corridors, connecting them to other wildlife corridors in the area, across Airport land and beyond to the wider ecological network.

Since its inception, some 30 years ago, Abbotswood has now become a valued and popular community asset. Although there is no parking, it is easily accessible on foot and as such is important for recreational purposes. It is especially enjoyed by Parish residents and is known for its woodland walks, grassy meadows, wildflowers and wildlife. Wonderful in all seasons, we especially recommend a spring or summer walk through its woodlands and meadows to enjoy the variety of wildflowers.

A Management Plan was created by the Partnership and the first measures have now been introduced. These include:

- installation of insect hotels and bird and bat boxes, with hedgehog houses to follow
- sowing of 2 large areas with native wildflower seeds
- a community event to plant trees, English bluebells, snowdrops and wild garlic bulbs
- 4 benches made by Stanley based company MARMAX, which consist of 100% recycled plastic milk bottles
- a revised mowing system to create meadowland pathways
- creation of an all-weather woodland path in spring 2024



*Working in Partnership (left to right):  
Graeme Mason (Chief Sustainability and  
Communications Officer at NIA), Councillors  
Linda Wright and George Pattison*

## Grants Available from the Parish Council

**Grant funding is available from Woolsington Parish Council, however applications must be from a community-based organisation.**

The Parish Council will not consider applications from individuals and projects that do not demonstrate social or economic benefits. Projects that are political or religious in nature will not be supported.

You can apply for a grant funding by completing the grant funding application form which is available on the website:

[www.woolsington-parish-council.com](http://www.woolsington-parish-council.com)

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Receipt

CIL is a new levy that local authorities can charge on residential developments in their area to ensure facilities and services in the area have capacity to keep up with new homes and to enable further sustainable growth. A part of the levy receipt is called the Neighbourhood Parish Portion which is transferred from Newcastle City Council to the Parish Council once year when certain triggers have been met.

As we have started to receive these funds from the City Council we would welcome suggestions from the community, to enable a list to be drawn up of projects to spend this money on, to improve the parish and local area, this can be done by emailing the clerk at [woolsingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:woolsingtonpc@gmail.com)

The funding can only be spent on infrastructure improvements. For further information, please visit our website [www.woolsington-parish-council.com](http://www.woolsington-parish-council.com)

# Potential Lifesavers: 3 New Defibrillators In The Parish

A defibrillator is a fully portable lightweight device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) should be done until a defibrillator is available and continued when the device tells you to do so. By performing CPR and using a defibrillator you'll give someone the best possible chance of survival.

**Background:** Following a statement from the North East Ambulance Service that it is vital to ensure defibrillators are in as many places as possible in Newcastle, the Parish Council began to explore the costs and practicalities involved.

As a result, Members agreed to fund and install 3 'on-street' defibrillators (i.e. accessible to all, 24x7), each contained within a locked cabinet. We are delighted to announce that they are now located and fully operational outside:

- **Haircraft:** Ponteland Road, Woollington
- **Twin Farms:** Main Road, Kenton Bank Foot
- **The Poacher's Cottage:** Armstrong Street, Callerton

**The Model:** The model is Semi Automatic HEARTSINE 500P. It has a built-in CPR advisor with audio and visual instructions. The cabinet is fitted with light sensors and is illuminated internally at night. It works out the condition of the patient through the

pads and it identifies the type and degree of CPR compressions on an individual patient basis. It will also decide if the shock is actually needed and if the heart is ready for this.



(Left) Defibrillator at the Twin Farms with Manager Naomi Jewell, Councillor George Pattison and electrician Gary Wilson.

Use this link for an overview of its features:

<https://aerohealthcare-aed.wistia.com/medias/jkobptm5ed>

We would like to thank electricians Gary Wilson and Brian of BT Electrical for installing our Parish defibrillators. (BT Electrical can be contacted on 07831 866449)

## What to do in an emergency? Ring 999.

The Ambulance Service will supply the access code needed to unlock the cabinet using the key-pad (each unit has been registered) and guide you through the process. Use this link to understand more on how to use this device in an emergency:

<https://aerohealthcare-aed.wistia.com/medias/bxarqa1c10>

For more information and advice on doing CPR please visit: <http://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/>



(Above Left) Manager Terri Ridley and Councillor Linda Wright outside The Poacher's Cottage, (Above Right) outside Haircraft with owner Jayne Thorp



## The Galafield Centre

Main Telephone 0191 277 7800

**Organisation Type:** Registered Charity  
Newbiggin Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne,  
NE5 1LZ

**Opening hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm**

**Email:** [newcastleouterwestenquiries@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:newcastleouterwestenquiries@newcastle.gov.uk)

## What's on

Galafield Centre is a Community, Autism and a Children and Families Hub in Newcastle. Services available include:

- Health visiting and community midwifery
- **Early Help Family Support:** for families with children up to the age of 19 in need of additional support including anti-social behaviour, school attendance and emotional wellbeing.
- **North East Autism Hub:** for parents and carers of children under the age of 7, before, during and after receiving a diagnosis of autism. The hub offers: Introduction to autism workshops, one to one appointments, drop in sessions. Contact **kerrie.highcock@ne-as.org.uk** to book a session.  
0191 410 9974

- **Citizens Advice Newcastle** advice drop in session on Mondays 9am to 12pm
- Mental health support
- Children's therapies, youth provision,
- Training opportunities, childcare and employability services
- Food bank open every Monday and Wednesday morning 9am to 12pm. For referral please telephone Newcastle **West End Foodbank** on **0191 2753019**
- **Sexual Health Service** for free contraception and sexual health clinics 9am to 11am Monday to Friday  
0191 223 1040

The Centre is run by Action for Children in partnership with other services, including voluntary sector organisations, schools, New Croft Sexual Health Service and Newcastle City Council to create a network of buildings in each locality.

**Northern Learning Trust** supports people with education, training and employment skills from this centre. 07918 627 758