

Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

June 2021

Reminder: please ring any of the telephone numbers in this circular if help of any kind is required. Local deliveries of food are still available from some suppliers.

There will be a gradual opening up of activities held in the WI hall as government guidelines permit. Further details will be given as and when they are available.

- **Rendezvous** - will start again from Wednesday 9th June, WI Hall 10am-12 Noon, All welcome for coffee and a catch up as lockdown eases. Covid restrictions will still apply so please bring a mask with you.
- **Ulgham Feast** - the feast will not take place again this year as there is still some uncertainty about the full lifting of restrictions in place due to coronavirus. However, we are planning to have an event towards the end of summer which will provide an opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours who we may not have seen for some time. More details to come in future circulars.
- **St. Johns Church** - services are now taking place every Sunday at 11am from now on for any further information please ring Pamela Lamb tel 790064.
- **A Cake Sale** - hosted by Pauline Martin in the garden of Capolley Croft, Manor Farm Ulgham. Saturday 19 June 2021 between 2pm and 4pm, proceeds in aid of **St John the Baptist Church Ulgham**. Donations of homemade cakes and / or savouries would be much appreciated. I'm happy to come and collect, - please contact Pauline on 790721 or email pmartin0553@gmail.com. It will be nice for us to see each other and have a socially-distanced "catch up"!
- **Neighbourhood Watch** - If you notice anything or anyone acting suspiciously, please report it to the police by telephoning 101 or Veronica Duffield, our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on 790829. **Protect Your Pooch Campaign**. The campaign encourages people to keep their pets secure, in sight and searchable, and to help make pet theft a specific criminal offence. More information at www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch

- **Defibrillator** - the village has a defibrillator on the front of the WI Hall which is checked weekly. If there is a medical emergency in the village that involves using the emergency service 999, an assessment will be made by the operator as to whether it is appropriate to use the defibrillator and the code to access it will be given. They will also automatically send an ambulance. Once activated the defibrillator will talk you through how to use it.
- **Ulgham Village Cricket Club** - the season has started again but with restrictions linked to Covid. The club has carried out quite a bit of refurbishment over the last few months and if anyone can use two steel lockers that are surplus to requirements but don't have locks that work !!! please get in touch with Colin Tait Tel. 07966914715.
- **Littering** - there has been an increase in litter lately, particularly at each end of the village. We do have a group of dedicated residents who pick up litter every month in normal times, but they have not been operating during the lockdown. However, some residents have continued to do this on an individual basis throughout the last year and we thank them for this service.
- **Hedges** - a gentle reminder that overhanging hedges should be kept trimmed where they are causing obstruction on footpaths.
- **Mobile Library** - this service has just started up again as restrictions are lifted. The library will visit the village once a month beginning in the Forge Estate on June 25th between 2 and 2.30pm. For subsequent months, what do potential users of the library think would be a good location, perhaps having one at each end of the village? Please get in touch with anyone on the list at the end of the circular. These services will eventually stop unless we use them.
- **Village Website** - the new address for the village website is ulgham.org. Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband to gigabit.
- **Ulgham Village Together Facebook Page** - a good site for sharing information and keeping in touch with residents who use it. However, we are aware that not everyone uses social media and we will always try to pass on any information to everyone in the village whenever we can.

- **Community Foundation** - We award grants to groups and individuals to support a wide range of causes in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, and across North East England. Our grants come from nearly 300 different funds set up by generous people and organisations. We know that applying for funding can be difficult, so we try to make it as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions, please get in touch. We can also suggest ways you can get help and support with applying. The next round of funding will be decided in September, so if you are thinking of applying then do so asap. **Contact details below.**
- The Community Foundation has a number of funds which have been set up to make a difference by helping **individuals** in the community. These funds are particularly targeted towards young people leaving care, those in education and those developing talents in the arts, sports and science. Anyone who is on an apprenticeship scheme & has expenses to meet then the community foundation may be able to help, so please get in touch. We make Grants from nearly 300 funds set up to benefit causes in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, and across North East England. No two funds are the same, so we match eligible applications from organisations to each fund's interests. If you have any questions about applying, you can call us on 0191 222 0945 or email general@communityfoundation.org.uk. Community Foundation, Philanthropy House, Woodbine Road, Gosforth. Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 1DD.
- **Northumberland Communities Together Food Partnership.** I am attempting to promote our group and appeal to any food providers and/or charity groups who may be interested in working with us. Along with Northumberland County Councils Communities Together Hub and local voluntary and Charitable groups, we are attempting to co-produce a vision and delivery platform for the kind of food system we should be building for the future and a plan of how to achieve that vision. I would love the opportunity to chat with you about this and am very keen to make contact with any groups who you may think we could work with to discuss this further. I look forward to hearing from you. Many Thanks, Brooke Burgess, The Stobhill Link. Managed by; Northumberland Community Enterprise Limited. 37 Shields Road, Stobhill, Morpeth. NE61 2SA. 01670 519575

- A reminder to anyone who wishes to report potholes or fly tipping etc. please use the link to the County Council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk All of the relevant information is on their home page, or Tel. 0345 600 6400 or please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council. There is a wealth of information on the County Council's website re help and queries during the Coronavirus pandemic. This is updated daily and there is a link on the village website – <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus.aspx>

- **The Parish Council** would like to thank everyone who has been kind neighbours and cared for the village/parish environment during a long and difficult lockdown. **Reminder of Contact Details: Parish Councillors - Jim Scott 790636, Helen Shaw 790170, George Brown 790465, Lesley Newman 07717841474, Debbie Wilson 221346, Chair of the UVA Helen Dunn 791849, Paul and Pauline Martin 790721.**

These contacts cover all of the village and Ulgham Grange and are available for anyone who needs help in any way. Also, sometimes just a phone call to check that all is well with friends and neighbours can make a big difference even though lockdown measurers are beginning to relax. Thank you to everyone who has helped to deliver these circulars during lockdown. Once we have regular activities to include, we will return to our usual Newsletter format.