

Planning the
future of Broomley
and Stocksfield

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Best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful & Prosperous 2022

New Parish Councillors

For the first time since January 2017, the Parish Council has its full complement of councillors after the co-option of three new members in September - Amy Brooks, John Harrison (pictured below) and Jack Lapping. John and his wife moved to Stocksfield in 2020. After a career as a civil servant, he took what he describes as 'very early retirement'. He then began working for the Prince's Trust, ending up as Head of Corporate Services, and finally as Finance Director for a training company before his second retirement in 2016. Amy and Jack have both lived locally for many years and run local businesses. Further information about them both will appear on the Council's website in due course. Maggi Hunt, the Council's Chair, said, 'It's great to have twelve councillors now and we look forward to working with Amy, John and Jack in the coming months'.



Stocksfield Parish Council Declares a Climate Emergency

At the Council meeting on 14 July 2021, members of the Council resolved to declare a Climate Emergency and form a Climate Change Emergency Advisory Group. The Group will consist of at least three Parish Councillors and at present includes Colin Chance (who chairs the group and pictured right), Anne Dale (also County Councillor) and Lindsey Joy.



The group will seek to include volunteers and experts to help identify and then take forward agreed initiatives and will work with residents, businesses, organisations, charities, and land owners for the benefit of Stocksfield.

Colin has also been appointed Northumberland County Council Community Climate Change Champion for Stocksfield and this will link the Parish Council with the County Council, Climate Change Team.

Since July the Advisory Group has met on a number of occasions and volunteers have already joined including representatives

from Stocksfield Community Association (SCA), Broomley School, a local business, and Citizens Advice.

We know that residents will want to help in some way to make a difference to the future of our community, every little bit helps!

Would you be interested in contributing to the Village Climate Change Action Plan?

It is the Council's intention to run a Climate Change community event early next year to obtain information on what YOU think could be done locally to deal with the causes of climate change and improving our environment.

The results of the consultation process will be the start of the process to help formulate the Village's Climate Change Action Plan for the short and medium term. If you would like to be involved then please get in touch by contacting the Stocksfield Parish Council Clerk at: clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk

Coronavirus (Covid 19)

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic continues to be felt by us all and by some more than others. The thoughts of us all are with those who have lost loved ones through the illness. Many more have struggled through serious illness themselves and others continue to fight long-Covid. Despite the success of the country's vaccination programme, the government recognises the need for caution amongst us all. As the infection levels vary locally and across the country, providing specific advice four weeks prior to publication of NE43 News would be foolish but there is no doubt it will remain

a serious health risk over the coming months. Northumberland County Council (NCC) provides very detailed information on a county ward basis, showing the levels of infections, on its website. Although actual numbers of infections can appear low within the ward (which covers Stocksfield, Mickley and Riding Mill), the level per 100,000 residents provides comparative data. The latest government advice regarding Covid-19 booster and flu vaccinations can be found on its website:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The Council has adapted to the risk of

infections from Covid-19. For the time being, full Council meetings are held in the hall at the Community Centre which enables those attending to be distanced sufficiently and for members of the public to attend. The schedule of meetings is shown on the rear page. The Council's normal meetings must be held in person to comply with the law although its other meetings are held remotely. The Council's office is closed to visitors but the Clerk can be contacted by telephone or email.

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email: clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk

Looking after Stocksfield **BINS HEDGES & BALSAM**

There are always one or two things that make it into NE43 News on a regular basis and the Council receives complaints throughout most years about some of them. Garden hedges not being trimmed so that they encroach into footpaths or roads is one such matter – particularly on the Painshawfield Estate where footpaths and roads are very narrow.

Northumberland County Council (NCC) empty the litter bins around the village on a weekly basis but certain bins have tended to fill more quickly than usual since the Covid pandemic. If you see a litter bin that is full, please telephone the number on the bin (0345 600 6400) and NCC will arrange for it to be emptied.

Invasive plants are probably not high on the list of concerns for most residents. There are real issues where Himalayan balsam (pictured) is allowed to grow unchecked around watercourses. The plants overcome the natural vegetation but, after seeding, die to leave the banks of watercourses unstable and susceptible to flood or storm damage. Additionally the seeds are then carried downstream where they cause further damage. June is the best time to deal with balsam before the seeds can ripen. They spread by explosion and can carry for 7m without any help from water! The Council's Rights of Way Group are very active in trying to eradicate balsam from Stocksfield Burn and are always willing to advise if you think you may have the plant on your land – just contact the Council Clerk in the first instance.

Himalayan balsam



Stocksfield Flood Wardens Can you Help?

The Parish Council and the Environment Agency (EA) are looking for local people to play their part in Stocksfield by registering to volunteer as a flood warden and supplement the Council's existing two wardens. Flood wardens are the eyes and ears on the ground, they act as a link between the EA and communities at risk - getting vital information out to local residents.

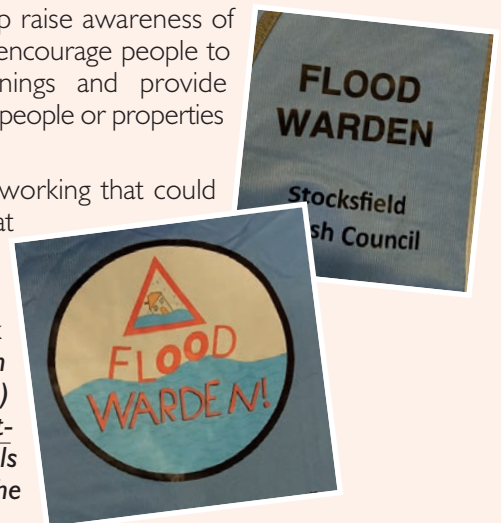
The community already has a contingency plan in place in the form of the Stocksfield Community Flood Plan, but needs new people to volunteer their time to ensure that the plan can be used effectively in the event of a flash flood. This is not a time-consuming role, only requiring your support when flooding is possible and to ensure the plan remains up to date.

Flood Warden Groups exist throughout the country and help ensure the EA's flood warning messages reach the local community and are acted upon. North East wardens have a direct line through to the EA's Area Incident Room in Newcastle.

Outside of a flood event, they can help raise awareness of flooding issues in the local community, encourage people to register to receive free flood warnings and provide information to partners about vulnerable people or properties in the flood plain.

We welcome new ideas and ways of working that could further enhance the excellent work that has already been done over the years.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Council Clerk (clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk) or Colin Hall (Community Engagement Officer) at northeast_engagement@environment-agency.gov.uk Telephone contact details for the Council can be found on the back page of this NE43 News.



Friends of Stocksfield Community Woodland

A few local residents are looking to set up a 'Friends of Stocksfield Community Woodland' group. The purpose of the group would be to tidy up the woodland, improve access, cut the paths through the woods and encourage responsible use of the area.

A public meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 13th December in the Richardson Room at Stocksfield Community Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to establish if there are sufficient people within the community

who would wish to be involved in maintaining and improving this facility. We are looking for people who can carry out some manual work as well as those who can help manage the group itself. Please come along if you care about this wonderful facility that we are all able to use.

Further information can be obtained from Andrew Hastie
email: Ahastie02@gmail.com



GRANTS

During the Covid-19 restrictions, the Parish Council received grant funding from Central Government and decided to make it available to local groups who were able to apply for up to £2,000. The last edition of NE43 News included updates from a number of grant recipients about how the funds had been used. This edition has more information on this and following pages providing updates from other organisations.

Whilst the sums available during and immediately after the Covid restrictions were a one-off, the Council awards grants each year and welcomes applications from local groups. Applications for grants of up to £500 can be made now although grants of more than £500 require early application before the Council's budget is set in the preceding financial year. Full details can be found in the Council's grant policy on its website with applications forms.



St John's garden

At the beginning of 2021 and in the throes of Covid 19, a germ of an idea, to make a peaceful garden space where people could sit and enjoy their surroundings, began. Initially, this was to be self-funded under the expert gardening advice of Helen Taylor, a local lady.

Planning meetings were held and garden plans discussed. At this point, Bill Martin suggested we should apply to Stocksfield Parish Council for a grant. The process was very straight forward and by spring we had our grant of £2000. What a difference this made to the planning and execution and what a wonderful memory of Bill. Since then, the garden has flourished. We ordered plants and shrubs



and topsoil. The addition of three garden seats, allowing people to stop and sit quietly, is thanks to the grant given to us.

So, what have we done? We held a memorial service for those affected by Covid; had open air services when inside services were not possible; had a cream tea celebration and our local Keep Fit and Yoga groups have used this outside space. It is with great joy that we watch people in our community popping into the garden. It does not matter how long they spend in this garden space, they know it is there for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for helping us to make our initial idea come to fruition.

Janis Davidson on behalf of St. John's Church, Meadowfield Road.

Singing Mamas Support Space a Success!

Thanks to a grant from Stocksfield Parish Council's Coronavirus Support Fund, Singing Mamas Choir CIC ran a successful 'Support Space' project over the summer which hugely benefited fifteen women (mothers and non-mothers of all ages) from Stocksfield and surrounding areas.

Over a six-week period, the women (some of whom brought their little ones along too) came together to connect through singing, engage in mindfulness activities and socialise. Tea and cake was also an important part of the session! The project was underpinned by the enormous amount of evidence which supports the simple act of singing as a means to improve your mental and physical health, and featured the NHS Five Steps to Mental Well-being. By the end of the project, all of the women commented on how much they enjoyed the songs and creating gorgeous harmonies with their voices, and reported an overall improvement to their mental health and well-being.

One mum said "I was feeling in a total slump this week but I feel so much better after some breathing and singing... I loved



watching my lockdown baby interact so positively with the others too... a really amazing group".

A great grandmother said "Music, singing, talking is good for our mind and self-worth... it makes me/us so happy and more fulfilled"

Singing Mamas initiated the project because (as reported by the Maternal Mental Health Alliance) pregnant women and new mothers form one of the groups that have been most adversely affected by the Covid pandemic when it comes to a decline in their mental health and well-being. Mothers have reported feeling

lonely, disconnected and without access to an informal support network on which they would usually rely so much. Singing Mamas understands this perfectly and is a national movement for maternal wellbeing made up of nurses, doctors, midwives, musicians, teachers and community workers who are all committed to improving the wellbeing of women through singing.

Find out more about how you can get involved in your local group:
www.facebook.com/smcnortheast
or lindsey@bodhimama.co.uk

Tyne Rivers Trust

Supported by a grant from Stocksfield Parish Council, Tyne Rivers Trust has been working with children at Broomley First School to explore and share their experiences of 2020 by decorating a fish, to tell their story of lockdown. By opening this dialogue we have encouraged appreciation of their local burns a little more through writing a River Journal and following a River Safari.

Visits to the school were further hampered by coronavirus, but the children took themselves for an exploratory walk, and Simone Price, our My Tyne Project Officer, then visited on 20th October to encourage them to really explore the river by drawing it. Simone will return to Broomley First School to help the children make lino prints of creatures from the burn for their River Journal.

A River Safari has been set up and we encourage everyone to follow the route and share their experience with us.



STOCKSFIELD REMEMBERS



KEEP THE DATE

Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Celebration Lunch on
Sunday 5th June 2022
at Bywell Hall

Many of you will remember the Jubilee Lunch held at Bywell Hall to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and we are now delighted to announce that under the Chairmanship of The Honourable Wentworth Beaumont, a small team is currently planning a celebration lunch to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to take place on Sunday, 5th June 2022.

This event will be similar to that which was organised in 2012 and once again Mr Beaumont is very generously inviting residents of Mickley, Stocksfield, Hedley, Bywell and Newton to bring a picnic and celebrate the Jubilee at Bywell Hall.

There will be entertainment, food stalls and lots of fun. More details will be announced early in 2022 but, in the meantime, put the date in your diaries and watch out for further information on Stocksfield Matters, in Stocksfield Parish Magazine and SCAN, on your noticeboards and in your newsletters.

Do Keep the Date Free and Come Along!



#DesignGreatHousing

Many of us are really concerned about the current quantity and quality of volume house-building in our region. Our members tell us this over and over again. But speaking up on the issue is, frustratingly, sometimes dismissed as mere NIMBYism. Because it's very easy to say what we don't like, but much harder to define what we do, how can we differentiate great housing from mediocre tick-box schemes?

We decided we might be able to help on this one, making out a positive case for well-designed housing that provides a range of affordable homes for local people, and is kind to the environment.

CPRE Northumberland's new campaign sets out to do just this. "It's something we see all the time", explained Branch Coordinator Annie Lloyd. "New rural housing applications so often have design

Stocksfield's very own **ULTRAMARATHON**

One very hot Saturday morning in early June, 56 runners, including a few well-known local names, descended on Wheelbirks Farm to run the Cow Shed Back Yard Ultra, held entirely within the farm boundary. Stocksfield's own ultra! Back yard ultras involve running a course of 4.167 miles within an hour. Exactly one hour after the 10am start, all runners need to be back in the starting pen for the bell that signals the off for lap two. If you don't make it back in time, you are disqualified. So go off too fast and you could be waiting a while at the start of the next lap but go too slow and you're a DNF (a hated acronym amongst athletes for 'did not finish'). Easy you might think, but on an off-road course with 450 feet of ascent on each lap, the knowledge that the only finisher will be the runner who completes a lap that nobody else has, and that you could be running for a while, it is a bit of a challenge.



And why a 4.167 miles course? If you manage to complete 24 laps (or yards as they are referred to), then you've run 100 miles.

The heat took its toll early on, but ten hours and ten 'yards' later there were still 25 runners, if not all going strong, they were all still going. Darkness saw further withdrawals and at 2pm the following day, only two runners reached the start of lap 28. An hour later and James Osborn, from Durham Fell Runners, was waiting at the start line for the 29th 'yard'. He was joined shortly by Paul Brunger, the only other person still in the race. Just after the bell sounded to start the lap, and both runners having crossed the start line, Paul stopped, shook James by the hand and then withdrew. James now had to complete one more lap or he too would be a DNF. After 29 hours and over 120 miles, James crossed the line to cheers and to receive his trophy.

If you fancy giving an ultramarathon a go and don't want to leave Stocksfield, the next Wheelbirks Cow Shed Back Yard Ultra is on 16 April 2022! For details see the website - <https://greenermilesrunning.co.uk/>



◀ Exploring the ingredients of good new rural housing

limitations that we know could easily be improved upon, to the benefit of the community, the environment, and residents' wellbeing. We want to input more constructively, setting out what we feel are the ingredients of really great housing design."

So, throughout the Autumn, the campaign is examining one theme a week, based upon the 12 principles in the 'Building for a Healthy Life' toolkit produced by Homes England and the NHS. The group aim to engage public debate and facilitate more 'design literacy'. "There are some really exciting concepts out there", explained Annie. "If people knew a little more about them, they could demand better from housebuilders – as buyers, renters, as Parish Councillors, voters or just individuals feeling powerless about developments on their doorstep."

Most of us understand that more housing is needed, but this provision must prioritise need, location, people and the planet, over pure profit. Poor quality, volume housebuilding is strangling our towns and villages in a chokehold of ugly 'anywhere' standard house types, in schemes led by distant developers rather than by local communities themselves.

Housing must meet identified need, not developer demand. We could be using tax to incentivise brownfield re-use and to discourage greenbelt proposals, empty homes, second homes and holiday rentals. We could rename affordable housing as appropriate housing to dissolve away stigma. We could be preventing landbanking by specifying a finite completion date for developments. And so much more.

We want to keep our green open spaces as just that – the stunning countryside that

we all value for its natural peace and beauty. But where new housing does need to be provided, it is perfectly possible to build sensitive, well-designed, vibrant places with built-in qualities like sustainability, biodiversity, active transport, connectivity, green and blue infrastructure. And at their very core, a quality called 'good placemaking'. Developments need well-connected, attractive layouts that encourage people out of their cars, in favour of active, healthy and climate-conscious transport choices.

You can follow us on our social media Facebook or Twitter pages, or on our website at:
northumberland.cprelocalgroups.org.uk
Or contact Annie.CPRE@gmail.com to find out more, or to join us as a member.

Festival Returns

After missing a year due to Covid-19 restrictions Stocksfield Festival will be back next year on the Parish Sports fields on:

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022

Since it is now nearly two and a half years since the last Festival some of the Committee who organised that Festival, and for some of them all of the others, are planning to stand aside. An appeal for new members of the Committee on Stocksfield Matters has already produced a very pleasing response but anyone coming forward now will of course be most welcome. If you can't commit to being part of the Committee, please consider offering an hour or so on the day – there are always lots of jobs to do.

Please use: stockfest2022@gmail.com to contact the Committee.

For many visitors the music is the main attraction, and once more there will be lots of talented local musicians and singers in the entertainment marquee to provide high quality entertainment. Other activities and attractions have changed over the twelve years since the first Stocksfield Festival and there are sure to be some changes for 2022, especially with a largely new and enlarged Committee.

As a reminder of Stocksfield Festival 2019 have a look at two of the photos taken that day.



Have you got **A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO SPARE?**

Do you enjoy making a positive contribution to your community? If so then the Tuesday Club could be for you.

The Tuesday Club meets every week at Stocksfield Community Centre and is a lunch club for older people, mostly those living alone, enabling them to get together socially over coffee and lunch.

We are currently looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team – either to help 'front of house' serving teas/coffees/lunches and to chat to our clients, or to assist 'behind the scenes' in the kitchen. You would only need to be 'on' once a month.

Tuesday Club is also currently looking for drivers to deliver meals to people in Stocksfield. If you can spare an hour once a month, then we'd love to hear from you.

If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact:
Christine Hooks T: 01661 844863 or Jill Newton T: 07788 808557.

'SCOUT POST' CELEBRATES ITS 20th ANNIVERSARY!

Post boxes as usual will be positioned in both Post Offices and Boots Chemists from 1 December to receive cards to be posted to any address with an NE43 Post Code. To make it easier with the Covid restrictions - which may change - and the lower number of cards posted, there will only be two collection dates Friday, December 10th and Friday, December 17th at 12 noon. We ask for a kind donation of around 35p per card, which is a win/win situation as it significantly reduces the 58p regular cost and with the addition of Gift Aid, provides a much-needed contribution to complete the

kitchen and fittings of the new Scout hut. We usually raise a total of between £500-£600, due to the generosity of everyone who supports us.

Thank you to you all - and to the three shops without whom we would not be able to carry out this valuable project, which helps residents and has become an integral part of the pre-Christmas preparations in Stocksfield.

If you have any query, please get in touch with me at 25 Cade Hill Road or telephone 842302.

Thank you. Philippa Harpin

Broomley First School Democracy Day

On Tuesday 2nd November 2021 County Councillor Anne Dale visited us at Broomley First School to celebrate Democracy Day.

All the children in school took part in an assembly to discuss democracy and what this means to them. We have been totally overwhelmed by the response of the children from Reception to Y4 in how they think we can make choices that will help the world be a much better place, for instance the use of giant hamster wheels to make electricity, and the need to switch off lights and white board projectors when not in use.

It soon became evident that the school's driving force was a desire to work on making our local environment a healthier and greener space, planting not just trees but pollinator plants to encourage insects, birds and mammals; growing vegetables in the garden which can be used by Mr Brenan, our wonderful cook; reducing landfill and waste by recycling and using less plastic. The children are keen to begin their Eco Journey with the launch of the Stocksfield Garbage Crew with Anne Dale, so watch this space...!

The whole school has been inspired to look at how we use energy and how we make democratic choices through the School Council and the Eco School Team (soon to be elected).

Suzanne Richardson
Class Teacher
Broomley First School

Worried about your energy supplies?

Does this summarise your concerns?

"My energy supplier recently went under and the new tariff I've been put on is far more than I used to pay. I've heard energy prices are set to rise further and I'm just not sure I can afford it. What help can I get or small changes can I make around my house to help save some money this winter?"



Hear what Citizens Advice has to say:-

The cost of energy is very high at the moment and it's causing many people to worry. Normally we would suggest switching to a better deal, but the situation is very difficult at the moment and there aren't a lot of good deals out there. However, there are still other small ways you can keep your bills down.

Little everyday things can help, such as making sure televisions and other electronic devices are switched off and not left on standby; washing clothes on a lower temperature; and only filling the kettle with the water you need.

Turning down your main thermostat by 1 degree can save you around £60 on your energy bill. And by spending one minute less in the shower each day, a family of four could save £75 a year on energy and water bills. The Government's Simple Energy Advice website has more tips like this.

You're right in another way about bills going through the roof - and the walls. One way of cutting costs in the long-run is to invest in good insulation if you can afford to. If you're renting, ask your landlord to do this.

You may be able to get financial support to help insulate your home under the Energy Company Obligation scheme. Contact your energy supplier for more information. If you're in a household that's not connected to the gas grid you may also be able to receive help under the Home Upgrade Grant scheme through your local authority.

There's some financial support available for paying your energy bills, depending on your situation. For example, if you're a pensioner with a low income or receive Universal Credit or other means-tested benefits, you may be entitled to the Warm Home Discount. This gives you £140 a year to go towards your bills. Check the

Government website to find out if you can claim it.

The Government recently announced a £500m fund to support households this winter so keep a look out for announcements about how this could help you. In England, it will be distributed by Local Authorities. In Wales, it will be decided by the Government.

Remember you can always call our consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 for free advice about your energy costs and staying warm this winter.

Citizens Advice Northumberland Contact Details

Face to face office opening hours can be found on our website: www.citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Adviseline: **0808 278 7944**

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm

Email advice via our online form at

www.citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Online advice www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Universal Credit Help to Claim service

Telephone **0800 144 8444**

Mon to Fri 8.00am - 6.00pm

Or **01670 339985**

Email: uc@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Debt and money advice

Telephone **01670 339960**

text "DEBT" to 81400 for a call back

Email: debt@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Energy advice

Telephone **01670 339960**

Email: energy@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Macmillan benefits advice

Telephone **01670 339985**

Email: macmillan@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

Bridge referrals: **01670 339960**

Email: bridge@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk

If you are interested in volunteering for us, email volunteer@citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk



Update from

County Councillor

Anne Dale

As we draw to the end of the year, I hope that you will all be able to enjoy being with your families and friends over the Christmas period and can take part in some of the Christmas activities too.

The past year has been challenging in so many ways with Covid, but everyone has worked together to help those who are vulnerable and in need, and this work continues. The virus continues to linger on in the village and I will continue to keep you up to date with the latest statistics on Stocksfield Matters Facebook page. I know that some of you don't use Facebook, but this page has been a wonderful help during the pandemic. A big thank you to the administrators.

The County Council officers continue to work hard to deliver services in our village and in the main are still working from home. I continue to work on projects in the village and at last the 20 mph speed reduction measures on the A695 outside the school are now in place. Unfortunately, speeding continues to be a major problem in the village, together with potholes and blocked gullies.

I am enjoying working with the pupils at Broomley First School on Climate Change. The annual Democracy Day was fun and I was very impressed with their work and enthusiasm on the subject. Unfortunately other projects have been delayed due to Covid, but hopefully we will soon be able to roll out the litter picking project, namely the Stocksfield Garbage Crew! We also hope to be planting an orchard over the winter months.

The County Council elections were held in difficult circumstances in May this year, and I was delighted to be re-elected. I look forward to working with you all over the next four years. If you do need any help or advice I can always be contacted by email at:

Anne.Dale@Northumberland.gov.uk
or by phone on 01434 673326.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society Programme 2022

Our regular series of talks on topics relating to plants, gardens and gardening continues on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm until May (on Zoom until February, thereafter in the Stocksfield Community Hall).

Tuesday 14 December

Richard Barnes

'It's Not All About Plants'

Richard's talk is about the consideration of all the other things that go to make a successful and interesting garden – the often-overlooked bits like boundaries, paths, entrance ways, and so on which need to look good even when the plants are not at their best. He will also include a few ideas on how to achieve the all-round, all-year garden.

Through the summer months there will be regular Garden Gate Pop-Up Plant Sales and visits to both members' gardens and other gardens in the area.

Please see our website for all details: www.stocksfieldplantsandgardens.co.uk.

We welcome visitors to all our events, cost £3 – contact Sue Sinclair on stocksfieldpg@gmail.com.

Alternatively, if you are a member of Stocksfield Community Association (£9 individual or £12 joint via www.stocksfieldca.org.uk), you can join the Society for a year's worth of events and activities for just £3 individual or £5 joint. Subscriptions run from January to December.

WINTER QUIZ 2021-2022

Copies of this year's quiz can be obtained from the Stocksfield Community Centre Office, SCA Management Board members, Boots Chemist Branch End, Branch End Service Station, Stocksfield Village Store, Stocksfield Central Post Office or Jean Robinson (01661 842115).

Price: £2.00 - all proceeds to Stocksfield Community Association (SCA).

Closing date for entries: 10th January 2022

Churches Together

Churches Together in Stocksfield and Mickley warmly invite you to our annual Community Carol Service, to be held at 3pm on Sunday 12th December in Stocksfield Community Centre. Prudhoe Community Choir have been invited, as usual, and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

HOWEVER, ALL THIS IS DEPENDENT ON COVID INFECTION, and we will try to find ways of informing people if we have to cancel.

Hedley Carols

The Chair of Hedley Parish Council, Thea Watkins, extends an invitation to join Hedley's annual carols. Come along to The Feathers yard on 19 December from 5pm to 6pm. The Whittonstall Community Band will be playing, mulled wine and mince pies will be available, and Santa may make an appearance for the little ones!



Stocksfield Local
History Society

The SLHS meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding December) from September to April at Stocksfield Methodist Church, Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield, from 7:30 – 9:15pm. For more details contact Karen Webster on 01661 843242.

2021-2022 PROGRAMME

12th January

Andrew Palmer and Alan Judd

Maps and Toll Road Project update

9th February

Anne Craft

Matrons of the Newcastle Infirmary 1751-1976

9th March

Joyce Quinn

Angels of the North

13th April

Michael Gatherer

Tyneside Murders

NEXT Meetings of the PC Stocksfield Parish Council

The Parish Council meets in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The agenda and minutes of the meetings are posted on the notice boards and on the website (www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk).

Next Parish Council Meetings:

Tuesday 7 December 2021

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Tuesday 1 February 2022

Tuesday 1 March 2022

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings of the Parish Council but at the moment there is a need to ensure distancing of all attendees (including councillors) to minimise the risk of infection from Covid-19.

Contact the Parish Council at:

Stocksfield Parish Council,
Stocksfield Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield
NE43 7HL.

T: 01661 844667 M: 07908 601619
email: clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk
Website: www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk

STOCKSFIELD QUAKERS

Sunday Worship from 11.00am

In Person & Online

All Ages Welcome

Fully Accessible

"... walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone ..."

George Fox 1656

Have your Group, Club or Business meeting here

- Flexible Space : Free WiFi : Kitchen : Garden

Contact and further information

stocksfieldclerk@northumbriaquakers.org.uk

www.northumbriaquakers.org.uk/stocksfield www.quakers.org.uk

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) - Northumbria Area Meeting

Registered Charity No. 1134532

**KEEP
THE DATE**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Lunch
on Sunday 5th June 2022 at Bywell Hall