

Planning the
future of Broomley
and Stocksfield

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Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report May 2017 – April 2018

During another busy year, the Parish Council has continued to work on maintaining and improving facilities in the village and surrounding areas, with a strong focus on ensuring that all of our residents and visitors can enjoy a beautiful, safe, clean and pleasant environment. We have tried to provide the facilities that local people want, and to deal with any problems, very often by working in partnership with other community organisations and public bodies.



Our two play areas at Kate's Plain and Branch End receive many compliments, and are kept in good condition by our Groundsman, who carries out weekly inspections along with necessary repairs and maintenance to ensure that they remain safe, enjoyable places to spend time in. During the year, thanks to a group of Councillors and our Clerk, we organised the installation of additional play and fitness equipment at Branch End play area, with a view to offering options for teenagers and adults, and this has proved very popular. The majority of the funding for this development came from Northumberland County Council's (NCC) Housing Developer Fund.

Following a great deal of background and preparatory work, the Parish Council has now awarded the contract for the long-awaited car park extension at the sports fields. We expect confirmation of the start date for the project imminently, and



anticipate that the new facility will be completed and in use in the next few months. We are very grateful for the advice and expertise of local resident Nick Jones, who, as well as offering support so far, has also volunteered to act as Project Manager, alongside our Clerk.

The 30 year lease on the eastern sports fields began in August 2017, and the Parish Council is now in the process of discussions with Stocksfield Cricket Club, Stocksfield Football Club, Prudhoe and Stocksfield Rugby Union Football Club, and other sports fields users about the improvements they would like to see to the pitches and playing surfaces. We recognise that this development will take time, not least because of the extent of fundraising involved, but we are hopeful that it will result in high quality sports facilities in the heart of our community which will benefit residents for years to come.

Once again, the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial in November, led by lay minister Robert Peers, was well attended by people of all ages, including our local scouting and guiding groups and officers from 3rd Regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery. As usual, Stocksfield Guides provided welcome refreshments after the service, raising £80 for the Royal British Legion.

Stocksfield Scout Hut under construction, a beneficiary of a Council grant.

In the past year, the Parish Council has given grants and donations worth over £9,000 to a number of local groups, including Stocksfield Players, Stocksfield Baptist Church, the Tuesday Club (at Stocksfield Community Centre) and Stocksfield Scouts. The funding supports specific projects which benefit our community and contribute to the life of the village. The Parish Council also makes an annual financial contribution to the Parochial Church Council's Burial Board which looks after the cemetery at St Margaret's Church in Hindley.

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B&SPC Chairman's Annual Report May 2017 – April 2018

The speed and volume of traffic in the village, particularly on the A695 and New Ridley Road, have continued to be a key concern for Councillors and residents, along with the perennial problem of cars obstructing the pavement. Responsibility for highways lies with NCC, but the Parish Council has made strenuous efforts to raise local issues with our County Councillor and NCC officers, and to work in partnership with other organisations, such as Northumbria Police, where appropriate. We have also indicated to NCC our priorities for the Local Transport Plan, placing the emphasis on safety for pedestrians, particularly those who are elderly or disabled, use a wheelchair or have young children.

During the year the Parish Council's Advisory Groups have continued to work on a specific aspect of our remit and to make recommendations for action to the full Council where appropriate. The General Governance Advisory Group (GGAG) looks at financial matters, policies and other issues linked to managing the Council's affairs, while the Planning Advisory Group (PAG) considers planning applications and comments on pre-application enquiries. The Communications Advisory Group (CAG) covers all aspects of the Council's communication with residents and the public, and is currently undertaking a review of our signs and notices, with a view to rationalising them. The Rights of Way and Environment Advisory Group (ROWEAG), though chaired by a Parish Councillor, is mainly made up of local residents who volunteer their time to monitor the health of the river and the burn, keep invasive species under control, and review the footpaths and rights of way within the Parish boundary. This year they have also established the Stocksfield Station Working Group to look after the planted areas at the station. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of this Advisory Group for their dedication to the village.



Our Flood Wardens and the Clerk updated the Flood Plan during the year, and distributed leaflets to those residents most likely to be affected if flooding should occur. The Flood Wardens have also undertaken training to enable them to operate an emergency reception centre should the need arise.

Kath Pollock resigned from the Council in September for personal reasons. As a member of the GGAG, Kath made a valuable contribution to our work, and was also one of the Councillors who led on the provision of additional play equipment, as well as representing the Parish Council on a local community forum. I would like to extend my thanks to Kath for her commitment to our community. In January we welcomed Helen Rae as our newest Councillor; she brings considerable expertise and experience which we appreciate.

The coming year will see concerted effort on the production of a new Parish Council Plan to underpin our work, and we are currently developing a survey which will be distributed to all residents and local businesses, seeking views on how they see the village's future.

Two items of new keep fit equipment recently installed at Branch End Play Area



Finally, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to our Clerk, Nick Spencer, for his efficiency and professionalism, to Martin Stewart, our Groundsman, for looking after our environment with such care and commitment, and to my fellow Parish Councillors for their hard work and team spirit during the last twelve months.

Maggi Hunt

April 2018

Branch End Surgery Changes to GP Staff

Over the last few months we have had some changes to the GP staff at Branch End Surgery.

Dr Lynn Corbett has stepped down as GP partner after 25 years' service. She has moved on to work at several GP-based locations, including our extended hours hub based at Corbridge; patients of Branch End Surgery can book these appointments via the surgery. It goes without saying that all the staff at the surgery will miss Dr Corbett and wish her all the best with her future.

Dr Corbett would like to send her best wishes to all the patients and staff she has had the pleasure of working with over the years, and would like to thank all those that have sent her cards and well wishes. She wishes to congratulate Dr Dornan who succeeds her as partner.

Dr Charlotte Gooding has also left the surgery, Again we wish her well with her future career.

Dr Lorian Dornan has taken on the role of GP partner, helping to guide the future of the surgery. Dr Dornan has been with the surgery for 15 years and has a very good relationship with staff and patients, making her the ideal person to be a GP partner.

We are welcoming two new GPs to the team at the surgery.

Dr Victoria Parker has already started at the surgery and is working Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Dr Parker has come from a Blydon practice and has just completed her GP trainer's course, allowing her to have trainee GPs from as soon as August 2018.

Dr Paul Eastaugh will start at the surgery at the end of June and will be working Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dr Eastaugh has come from a Whickham practice and has also completed a Masters in Research of Medical and Molecular Biosciences with a specialism in Neuroscience.

We would like to thank all of our patients for bearing with us during these changes and I'm sure our patients will give our two new team members a warm welcome.

For more information regarding the GP changes and the extended access hub please contact the surgery or visit our website: www.branchendsurgery.co.uk

Stocksfield Sports Fields car parking

The Council hopes that the construction of the overspill car park will have commenced before this edition drops through your letterbox. Once complete, there should be no need for vehicles to park on the A695 and the County Council has been asked to impose permanent parking restrictions outside the Sports Fields once the work is complete. The Council apologises to any residents who may be inconvenienced by any of the works.

Parish Transport Survey

Do you have concerns about access to public transport across the parish and suggestions as to how it might be improved?

Anecdotal evidence suggests public transport, except for journeys along the A695, is getting worse but real evidence is needed if improvements are to be made. SCATA (Stocksfield Community Association's Trading Arm) and Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council want to find out as much information as they can about all aspects of transport in and around Stocksfield. SCATA and the Parish Council have already researched Community Transport schemes operating in other parts of Northumberland and the survey enclosed with this issue of NE43 News seeks to identify the issues specific to Stocksfield. Once the results of the survey have been analysed they will look at possible solutions.

Please try to complete it and return it to Stocksfield Community Centre in Mount View Terrace or Boots the Chemist at Branch End. If you have any queries relating to this questionnaire or require additional copies for other members of your household then please contact the SCATA office at Stocksfield Community Centre – contact details are shown within the survey.

STOCKSFIELD QUAKERS "Friends on Fridays"

Our Meeting House will be open for FREE Coffee, Cakes, Conversation & Friendship on the last Friday of each month from 2.00pm to 8.00pm

Drop In Anytime! Everyone Welcome!

Our Meeting House is available for hire. Main room seats up to 30, library up to 10. Kitchen and foyer can be used for small groups. Garden to rear. Kitchen, accessible toilet and baby change.

For more information contact:
Maggie Perry - mobile 07947 542500

Can you help at Stocksfield FC?

Stocksfield Football Club is looking for volunteer Child Welfare Officers for their growing club. The club has 150 members and has just started a new girls training session in conjunction with Newcastle United FC Foundation. With ever changing regulations for the Football Association, we are looking for willing volunteers to dedicate a small amount of time to our club. For more information please contact Phil Murray email - philip.murray@harland.co.uk.

We are looking to recruit:

Trustees (voluntary)

We are a local charity working as part of the national Citizens Advice network. Through our advice work we promote people's rights and responsibilities particularly in the fields of welfare benefits, housing, employment and money advice. In addition we use our client based evidence to promote changes in the policy and practice of public and private bodies.

We are looking for people who support our aims and are keen to help plan and manage the work of the charity in helping the people of Northumberland.

How to Apply

To request an information pack to see what the role entails please contact Jane Brown at janebrown@citizensadvice.northumberland.org.uk or by telephone on 01670 853823.

An informal chat can also be arranged with one of the current trustees.

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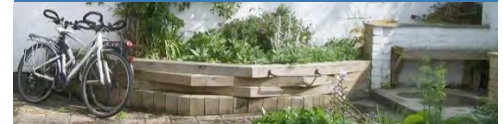
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Stocksfield Quaker Meeting House,
Branch End, Stocksfield, NE43 7NA
Sunday Meeting at 11.00am



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 [facebook.com/StocksfieldQuakers/](https://www.facebook.com/StocksfieldQuakers/)

Join in the Big Tynedale Bake

Your chance to 'bake a difference' with Tynedale Hospice at Home

Tynedale Hospice at Home has launched its annual Big Tynedale Bake campaign and is calling on people across the area to pull on their pinnies and get baking to raise valuable funds to support its work.

Cathy Bates, community fundraiser for Tynedale Hospice at Home, said "We launched our first Big Tynedale Bake two years ago and it's been a great success, raising over £10,000 to support our services.

"This year it's back with a difference – we're encouraging you to bake sweet or savoury - whatever tickles your taste buds. So if cakes aren't your thing but you love a pie or quiche you can still get involved. All you need to do is sign up, get cooking and help 'bake a difference' to people who use our hospice nursing care, family support and hospital transport services.

"Whether you're part of a community group, school, a local business or an individual wanting to host something for friends and family, we're appealing to everyone to get involved. We can supply you with our Big Tynedale Bake Fundraising Pack which includes everything you need to stage a great event."

Ideas for your big Bake with friends, families and colleagues:

- **Host a coffee morning or afternoon tea**
- **Host a bake sale**
- **Have a bake-off – who is the next Mary Berry?**
- **Sell your baked goods in return for donations to the Hospice.**

All funds raised will support the work of the Hospice which provides palliative nursing care to people in their own homes, Family Support Services and a Hospital Transport Service to people living in Tynedale, West Northumberland, Ponteland and the surrounding areas. The Big Tynedale Bake is taking place throughout the spring and summer. If you'd like to get involved please visit:

www.tynedalehospice.com/event-the-big-tynedale-bake

or www.tynedalehospice.com or telephone 01434 606 444



What's in a name? Tell us what you think.

The Parish Council has been reviewing the various signs that it has placed around the village – predominantly at the Sports Fields and its two Play Areas – and how the Council's name is formatted. There is no getting away from it but Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council is a mouthful and causes some design challenges: it is too long to fit neatly onto reflective clothing for employees and volunteers. The Council is considering changing its name to Stocksfield Parish Council and some of that thinking is outlined below.

The Council's origins can be traced back to at least 1894 when the settlements of Stocksfield and Broomley were of similar size. Whilst Stocksfield has grown considerably, Broomley is no longer the 'other' significant area of population alongside Stocksfield. New Ridley, for example is almost three times larger than Broomley whilst Hindley is of similar size. Other settlements within the Parish include Kipper Lynn, Apperley, Old Ridley and Ridley Mill. Stocksfield is so dominant in terms of population that if the Council were being formed now the inclusion of any other settlements in its name would be unlikely. With the exception of four properties near the border with Riding Mill, all properties in the Council's area have Stocksfield's NE43 postcode. In daily use the Council's name is already abbreviated to Stocksfield Parish Council. Its domain name is 'stocksfieldpc' which is also used for its email addresses. Official lists of parish councils within Northumberland can confuse readers who may search for 'Stocksfield' rather than 'Broomley and...' Government guidance is clear that a council's name should relate to the geographical name of the area concerned. It is the Council's view that the inclusion of Broomley in its name can cause confusion (particularly when appearing before Stocksfield) and does not properly represent the geographical area. The argument for not changing is essentially historical and the potential that residents of Broomley may feel disadvantaged or less favoured in some way.

The long and the short of it (pardon the use of language!) is - what do you think of the proposed shortening of the name to 'Stocksfield Parish Council'? Councillors are clear that they believe it would more accurately describe the present-day Council but are keen to hear what residents think before they make a decision. The financial implications for any change are minimal: the Council has for example delayed renewing signs until a decision about its name is taken. Please let your Council know your views before 31 July, preferably by email – full contact details are on the last page of this newsletter. You will need to leave your address when commenting so that we know you are a resident.

News from Stocksfield Golf Club

Now that the wet weather is well and truly behind us (we hope!) and summer is on the way, the course is looking fantastic thanks to the efforts of our hardworking greens staff. Our members, guests and visitors are enjoying their golf and also the social ambience of the club. There's a great view from our decking, and to sit enjoying a drink or a snack after a round of golf – or even after a day at work – takes some beating.

Get into Golf lessons have started, and more are due to begin soon – for gents, ladies and juniors. The cost is just £25 for 5 lessons and, when the lessons are finished, there are some great introductory offers on membership. More details are available from our professional, Steven Harrison sjhgolflimited@yahoo.co.uk.

Guests are welcome to sample our delicious clubhouse food. There's plenty of choice on the snack menu, regular themed nights and tasty lunches on a Sunday. Our monthly quiz night, held on the last Sunday of every month starting at 8pm, is always popular, with lots of fun guaranteed!

If you would like to find out more about what's going on at the club, please email us at info@stocksfieldgolfclub.co.uk or give us a ring on **01661 843041** (option 1 for the office).



Children's Holiday Club

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th July 2018

10am – 12.30pm at Stocksfield Baptist Church and 10.15am – 12.15pm at Prudhoe Methodist Church

Are your children or grandchildren moving into school years 1 – 6 from September 2018? Are you wondering how to keep them busy during long summer holidays? Then look no further: Stocksfield and Prudhoe churches are working together to run a popular children's holiday club during the first week of the school holidays, with the younger children meeting in Prudhoe and the older ones in Stocksfield. It will be five mornings of non-stop fun, with games, crafts and construction, drama, music and Bible stories. Bookings are on a first come first served basis: ring **Barbara** on **01661 599 384** or **Ruth** on **07421 018976** for more details.



Would you like to join us?

If you are new to the village, looking to make new friends, meet up with old ones or would just like some company, why don't you try one of the following activities to be found here in Stocksfield?

Stocksfield Community Centre Mount View Terrace

Every Tuesday is the Tuesday Club from 10am - 2pm with a wide variety of activities and lunch (if you book it - tel 844040 or 844863)

Methodist Church Mount View Terrace

Mondays weekly 10.30-12.30 Drop in for coffee and a chat. Craft Club 1-3pm fortnightly

Wednesdays (Weeks 1,3,5) Coffee Club 10-noon, often with a speaker.

Fridays (last in the month) 7pm Film Night

Saturdays (1st in the month) Charity Coffee Morning 10-noon.

St John's Church Meadowfield Road

Wednesdays (Weeks 1 and 2) Coffee Morning 10.30 - noon

Baptist Church Main Road

Thursdays (Weeks 2,4) noon onwards Lunch Club Please ring Sheena to book a lunch. 01661 843162

Every Tuesday 8pm-10pm between Feb & Dec:
Stocksfield Scottish Country Dance Club
For more information contact
Rosemary Newton 01661 843163

Useful websites:

- www.stocksfieldmethodists.org.uk
- www.bmscofe.org.uk (Church of England)
- www.stocksfieldbaptistchurch.net
- www.stocksfieldca.org.uk

If you need a lift or someone to keep you company ring **01661 844040** or **843081** to find out more.



Bywell Arts Festival Friday 22 – Sunday 24 June 2018

Accessible art, tasty teas, fabulous flowers!

If you're looking for a great family afternoon out that will put smiles on everyone's faces without costing a fortune, why not come to the Bywell Arts Festival?

The ancient Bywell churches of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's once again provide the venue for this popular annual exhibition of paintings and other craftworks by local artists and designers. Both churches have an interesting history and are well worth a visit in their own right, but on this weekend they will be home to around 200 paintings and craftworks for sale by local artists. There will also be some stunning floral displays decorating the churches.

Well established as an exhibition for original works, the Arts Festival in recent years has expanded to offer numbered unframed prints for sale, which has

created a more affordable option and will appeal to a wider range of buyers.

Friday 22nd June, 7-9pm: Be among the first to view the exhibition and enjoy a glass of wine or beer on a summer's evening as you stroll between the churches.

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 June, 10am-4.30pm: Exhibition and sale open. During the exhibition hours there are excellent refreshments available, including delicious cream teas, served in a marquee next to St Peter's church, and a Pimms Bar that opens in the afternoons. There are also cakes, plants and second hand books for sale and a variety of stalls. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the art and relax in this idyllic and peaceful rural setting.

Ample free parking and toilet facilities are close to the churches.



Street furniture's going places

The Council has over recent years been replacing some of its older street furniture as the original items have started to wear. Some may lament the removal of wooden seats and tables but the use of modern composite furniture significantly reduces the maintenance costs of the items and provides longevity. Two picnic tables at Branch End Play Area were the first with one of the two new tables being accessible for wheelchair users. New seats have been installed at other locations where the old seats were no longer functional or where the seat's location had been reviewed. The most recent has been the seat at New Ridley.

The initial consideration of the New Ridley seat was in 2017 and was prompted by a report from a resident that the view had become obscured by the growth of a large expanse of gorse bushes located on private land. Whilst the landowner was prepared to allow the Council to remove the gorse bushes, all detritus had to be removed once cut. The Council was concerned that undertaking such work on private land would set an unwelcome precedent: the Council requires landowners to maintain their own land. The use of volunteers was not viable as it was in conflict with the Council's Volunteer Policy which would have prevented any volunteers undertaking this work from being covered by the Council's insurance. Councillors were also concerned of the proximity of the seat to eastbound traffic on a road subject to the national speed limit. The matters taken together prompted the Council to reposition it south of Lead Road and to replace it with a new composite seat. The Council continually inspects its street furniture to ensure it is fit for purpose and safe to use.

Highways Matters and road safety measures –

update from County Cllr Dale

Northumberland County Council is moving forward with the design work on the introduction of the 20 mph on the A695 at the beginning and the end of the school day, the 20 mph speed limit in the Painshawfield Estate and an anti-skid surface at the Baptist Church corner together with the erection of bollards on various parts of the A695. As soon as there is a draft design available Cllr Dale will be holding a consultation in the village so that everyone can have a look at the draft and put their views forward to the County Council officers.

The County Council's LED lighting project is being rolled out throughout the village. There have been various concerns which Cllr Dale has taken up with the County Council.

Cllr Dale's full Annual Report for 2017/18 is on the Parish Council website which includes various updates on other matters in the village.

If you would like to raise any issues, contact Cllr Dale on **01434 673326** or email: anne.dale@northumberland.gov.uk

Hedgerows & Grass Clippings

Each year the Council receives complaints about overgrown hedges reducing the width of footpaths or even blocking them. Complaints are also made about grass clippings (and sometimes worse) being dumped on verges around the village. Together let's try to keep the village looking its best – please keep hedges cut back to the boundary of properties and remember that dumping grass clippings in a public place (from wherever they have been cut) is a criminal offence.

We'll grant you that

The Parish Council is able to make grants to eligible organisations and groups either based or working within the Council's area. If your group wants to be considered, take a look at the Council's website where full details can be found, including the application forms. The deadline for the next round of grant applications is 30 September 2018. Successful applications for grants of up to £500 would be paid in this financial year but any grant application over £500 would be considered, although payment would be deferred until April 2019. Grants cannot be paid for work already done or something already purchased, so make sure you apply in advance.

Bywell St. Peter's Church

Community ventures (held in a marquee) to raise money for charities. All residents in Stocksfield, Tynedale and beyond are invited to these special events in 2018. Tables reserved for parties of 4 or more at all events. Please phone Philippa Harpin, 01661 842302

Excellent food & enjoyable afternoons guaranteed!

Tombola/Raffle at all events

Home-made Tea/Stroll around the Garden

Aston Greys 25 Cade Hill Road, Stocksfield NE43 7PT

3rd Sundays in June, July & August
3.00-6.00pm; last serving 5.00pm

Sunday, June 17 in aid of Brain Tumour Research

Sunday, July 15 in aid of Mind

Sunday, August 19 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Payment on day, £8 adults, £4 (children under 16)

ALSO new this year -

Sunday, July 29, 3-5.30pm

'Posh' Tea Party including glass of Prosecco in aid of Bywell St. Peter's Church. Payment on day £10

'Sit down' Meal/Stroll around the Garden

25, Cade Hill Road, Stocksfield, NE43 7PT

Sunday, July 8, 1.00pm.

Menu: Extensive selection of: meat & salads; vegetarian quiches; home-made desserts; cheese & biscuits; coffee.

Tickets in advance in aid of major repairs to Parish Church. Please phone Philippa Harpin, 01661 842302 £13.50 adults; £6 children (under 16) includes free glass of wine/fresh orange. Donation Bar.

Important notice This attractive marquee venue, seating 80, including all colour co-ordinated linen & tableware + glasses & cutlery, etc. is available free-of-charge for summer fundraising and charitable events. Please take up this offer; come & see for yourself. Philippa Harpin. Tel: 01661 842302

Stocksfield Plants and Gardens Society 2018/19 Programme

Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Guests welcome.

Tuesday 16th October

Bruce Ferguson **'Foraging Fungi'**
Bruce will be talking about wild mushrooms, as a follow-up to his 'Springtime edibles foraging' talk which he presented to our Society, in May 2017.

Tuesday 20th November

Heather Russell **'My Dream Garden'**
Heather, from Bolam Cottage, will be making a welcome return to provide a guide to the process of creating a high impact, low maintenance garden, using a mix of grasses and perennials.

Stocksfield Retired Men's Association

Meets at 10.30am at Stocksfield Baptist Church. For more information contact David Guy 01661 843390 († indicates ladies' days).

21 June **Annual Day Out**

5 July **Deputy Lord Lieutenant Northumberland**
Mr Tony Glenton

19 July † **Hexham Abbey**
Mr Tom Kelsey

6 Sept **Flying with the RAF**
Mr Jack Harris (member)

20 Sept **Albert Ball & James McCudden**
Mr John Gibson

4 Oct **Lakeland Walking Tales**
Revd Pete Jorysz

18 Oct **Long Range Desert Group**
Mr Mel Wall

1 Nov † **From Crisis to Victory**
Prof John Derry

15 Nov **1918 Big Geordie and his Ancestors**
Mr Peter Dawes (member)

Exercise to Music with Mary Huggin

Stocksfield Community Centre

For more information 01661 842346

Mondays 6.30 - 7.45pm
Low Impact Aerobics /Body Toning

Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.00pm
Step Aerobics

Thursdays 6.45 - 7.45pm
Pilates using Stability Balls

Fridays 9.30 - 10.30am
Low Impact Aerobics/Legs, Bums & Tums

Tuesday 11th December AGM and Members' Evening

Tuesday 15th January 2019

Trevor Jones **'The Alnwick Poison Garden'**
Trevor, the Head Gardener at Alnwick Garden will be coming to talk about the poison garden which was created in February 2005.

He will be describing how it features intoxicating and poisonous plants and has a mission to provide drugs education.

See the Beacon

Open on Sunday 24 June 2018 between 2pm and 5.30pm, 'The Beacon' is located at 10 Crabtree Road, Stocksfield. Its gardens feature a wide range of plants which create wonderful colour combinations and are opened in connection with the National Garden Scheme (www.ngs.org.uk). The entry fee of £5 (children are free) goes to health charities such as Marie Curie and MacMillan nurses and proceeds from teas and cakes go to the NSPCC. The garden is also opened for groups by appointment - for more information contact Patricia Hodgson on 01661 842518.

Can you deliver?

The Council relies upon a group of volunteers who deliver NE43 through letterboxes, two or three times a year. If you can help or even if you could cover for the times when some of the usual team are on holiday, please contact the Clerk. The average round takes about 90 minutes.

Broomley & 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 in 2018:

Monday 2nd July

Monday 3rd September

Monday 1st October

Monday 5th November

Monday 3rd December

Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council. Residents always have the opportunity to raise issues of concern during a public participation section at the start of the meeting.

Contact the Parish Council at:

Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council,
at Stocksfield Community Centre,
Mount View Terrace, Stocksfield
NE43 7HL. Telephone: 01661 844667
email: clerk@stocksfieldpc.org.uk
Website: www.stocksfieldpc.org.uk