

## STAY SAFE

Northumberland County Council have recent issued a leaflet giving advice on staying safe in a variety of situations. The full leaflet is available from the Community Street Wardens (01670 533 656) or from shops, Community Centre, etc.

Key points are:

### AT HOME

- Make sure your home is secure. Always secure outside doors. If you need to use a key, keep it nearby—you may have to get out quickly in event of fire.
- Do not give keys to workmen or tradesmen - they could make copies
- Draw your curtains after dark

### OUT & ABOUT

- If you often walk alone in the dark, carry a personal attack alarm.
- Carry your bag close to you with the clasp facing inward. Carry your house keys in your pocket. If someone grabs your bag, let it go. Your safety is more important than your property.

### ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- On an empty bus, sit near the driver
- On a train, sit in a compartment where there are several other people.

## BRANCH END SURGERY

**Out of Hours - evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays**

In the case of a medical emergency please ring **999** for an ambulance. If you require a doctor when the surgery is closed, please telephone **0191 215 1333** for the out of hours service.



## Parking

We would respectfully request residents to park with consideration in or near bus stops.

The Highway Code states:

**DO NOT** park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example, do not stop

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus stop or taxi rank

Where vehicles are parked near bus stops it is possible that the bus driver's view of potential passengers could be obstructed and the bus subsequently fails to stop to pick up passengers who cannot be seen.

**DO NOT** park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Venue
14 Dec.	History Society	Community Centre
27th Dec	Blood Donor Session	Community Centre
28th Dec	Yule Tide Dance 1940s style	Community Centre
27th Jan	Burns Night Ceilidh	Community Centre
4th Feb	WI Jumble Sale	Community Centre
1-2nd July 2006	Bywell Arts Festival	Bywell Churches

For further details on any of these events, please see local press and posters

Please let us have information on events you wish to include in this listing.



### Train Times

New Rail Timetables, effective from 11th December, are now available. Copies are in local shops and the

Community Centre.

Passengers should be aware that some train times are altered slightly again.

### Refuse Collection over the Christmas/New Year period

Normal Date of Collection	Revised Date of Collection
Friday 23rd December	Normal
Friday 30th December	Saturday 31st December
Friday 6th January 2006	Saturday 7th January

Further details from local press or Customer Services Centre, Tynedale Council 01434 652121

### Street lighting

Faults in street lights can be reported to the County Council. You will need to give the reference of the light, which is on the pole, e.g. KD6 and its location, e.g. on the railway bridge on the A695, Stocksfield.

Freephone 0800 850029

### Water

Leakline - Freephone 0800 393 084

Potholes - Call Pot Hole Pete,

The Pot Hole Fixer - 0808 100 8910

## NE43 NEWS

We hope that you have found NE43 News of interest. The views of contributors to NE43 News are not necessarily the view of the Parish Council. Please let us have your comments and contributions for future issues.

**Larger print versions of this newsletter are available from the Clerk on request**

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### Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council

Next meetings of the Council will be:

January 9th  
February 6th  
March 6th

## New Parish Councillor

As a result of the sad death of Bill Bouch, Broomley & Stocksfield Parish Council has a vacancy for one Parish Councillor. The Council is looking to co-opt a resident of Broomley & Stocksfield with an interest in the well-being of the community who is prepared to take an active role in village life.

Formal business is conducted at Parish Council meetings, which are generally held on the first Monday of each month (except August).

There are also other opportunities to participate in the activities of the Council. Currently the Parish Council has sub-groups with particular interest in Planning and Highways, Footpaths and the Environment, Sports and Leisure.

The Sports Group, in partnership with the Sportsfield Management Committee, is looking at the redevelopment of the multi-sports area at the Sportsfield, while the Leisure Group is looking at ways to regenerate Branch End Play Area. The Footpaths & Environment Group's main interests are the Parish footpath network and environmental matters.

If you are interested in being a Parish Councillor or would like further information, please contact the Clerk.

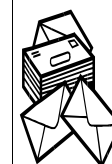


The Parish Council is very grateful to Allendale Estates for the provision of Christmas Trees. We are also grateful to Broomley School and the Doctor Syntax and Branches Restaurant for their support in the lighting of these trees. We are sure that they are much appreciated by residents.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2005

Ex Servicemen were joined at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday by representatives of youth organisations and the Parish Council and residents of Stocksfield.



## Scout Post in Stocksfield NE43

Following the positive response last year, Scout Post is again available to deliver your local Christmas cards to addresses within the NE43 area only - from 6th December. Last collection 5 p.m. 20th December. The Scouts are asking for a donation (minimum 10p) for each card posted and would like to acknowledge with gratitude, the help of the three shops who have agreed to accept a Post Box - both of our Post Offices and Whitelaw's the Butcher. The Scouts hope you will be pleased with the service they are offering and equally pleased to support the young people as they endeavour to raise funds for their new Scout Hut.

If there are any queries, please phone Philippa Harpin, Stocksfield 842302.

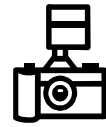


## Bywell Arts Festival



The 2005 Festival made a magnificent £2100 profit. Congratulations and thanks to all concerned.

The Arts Festival Committee is now starting to plan the 2006 event. As in previous years there will be an art exhibition, a concert, music and stalls. The Committee is also considering a children's activity area and face painting.



In 2006, as part of the Arts Festival, there will be a new feature, a **photographic competition** – so get “snapping”! Entry forms will be available in the New Year, but early details are:

Three classes: Under 12s  
Under 18s  
Adults

The subject for all three classes is “Bywell”. Photos can be taken anywhere in Bywell village and can be either inside or outside, of buildings, wildlife, residents, animals, etc. There will be cash prizes for the first three winning entries in each class. Entry fee in the Adult class is £1 per photo, in the under 18s 50p and in the under 12s classes 20p per photo. The maximum size of each entry (including any mount) is 7 x 5”. Photos can be colour black and white or digital.

**In 2006, the Festival will be held over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July.**

If you would like to receive an entry form, please drop a line to  
Margaret Williams  
205 New Ridley Road  
Stocksfield NE43 7QD

## EQUESTRIAN MATTERS



In recent weeks, concerns have been raised about potential conflict between horse riders and car drivers, particularly on the narrow roads around the parish. Can we remind riders that

- Horses should be ridden on the left and changes in direction should be clearly signalled.
- Keep a horse you are leading to your left.
- Never ride more than two abreast and ride in single file where the road narrows or on approach to a bend.

Can we remind drivers that

- Horses are **unpredictable** and their riders may be inexperienced.
- Take care on narrow roads and be prepared for pedestrians, horses, cyclists and children.

**Further information can be found in the Highway Code.**



## Dogs Owners

The Parish Council has received reports that the owners/walkers of dogs are not picking up the excrement deposited by their dogs.

Dog excrement is a health hazard. It is also very unpleasant if it is trodden into the house or sprayed about when the grass verges are cut. Residents allege that they are unable to use certain footpaths or pavements because of the amount of dog excrement left lying.

**Responsible dog owners “Pick it up, Bag it and Bin it”. If you don't you will be fined, up to £1000.**

## Skate Park



The Parish Council has tried for over a year, without success, to identify any area of land which could be used for a Skate Park without diminishing the quality of life for nearby residents. In the light of existing heavy commitments for both funding and councillors' time, it was recommended and agreed that no further time be spent on the possible creation of a Skate Park in the Parish unless or until there is a major change in relevant circumstances.

## ICE



Put some **ICE** in your mobile now! Store the word **ICE** in your mobile phone address book and against it the number of a person you would want to be contacted “**In Case of Emergency**”. For more than one contact name use ICE 1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

E-mails suggesting that people who have created ICE entries on their mobiles are at risk of a virus are a hoax

## Safeguarding Your Electricity Supply



The Parish Council has been advised that over the coming months NEDL will be undertaking vegetation and tree clearance works in our area to help safeguard against unnecessary disruptions to the electricity supply and improve safety.

## Garden Refuse

The Parish Council is continually trying to keep the village tidy and would appreciate it if residents did not use the grass verges and edges of footpaths as places to dump their garden refuse. Such refuse should be composted in your own gardens or taken to the tips at Prudhoe or Hexham.

## Local History Society

The next meeting will be on 11th January. We understand that the booked speaker is now unable to attend. It is hoped that the subject will still be about the Romans.  
8th February Northumberland Dialects  
8th March The Hexham Riots

## NE43 News

We hope that you find NE43 News both interesting and informative. We would be very happy to publish items of general interest in future issues of the news letter, so if your club has something of interest to share with the rest of the community, do please let us have it. Successes in sporting competitions, individual successes, something you wish to publicise can all be considered for publication.

Items can be e-mailed or posted to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Copy date for the next issue is 11 March 2006 and the newsletter will be distributed in the first week of April.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ADVICE

One of my many jobs as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Liaison Officer for the South West of Northumberland Area Command is to try and reassure Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and Neighbourhood Watch contact persons, by keeping them informed about the low levels of property related crime in the Tynedale area.

There are currently three Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Broomley & Stocksfield Parish area. These schemes each have a co-ordinator who is kept informed of property related crime in the area and is supported by myself, a civilian member of Northumbria Police based in Hexham. I pass on advice and information on a weekly basis to schemes in the Hexham, Prudhoe, Bellingham, Haltwhistle and Corbridge Police areas. This information comes from a variety of sources including local Police Officers, Community Beat Managers and the Crime Prevention Officer.

This year many communities have been concerned about thefts perpetrated by Bogus Callers posing as business officials or workers, and ID Theft. These types of crime, which can affect us all, generate a lot of fear in communities, but by taking some extra security precautions, you could reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

The Home Office produces advice literature free for Neighbourhood Watch purposes and they recommend following four steps to try and prevent becoming a victim of a Bogus Caller and being distracted by them resulting in theft or burglary to.

## LOCK, STOP, CHAIN and CHECK

**NEVER LET SOMEONE INTO YOUR HOME WITHOUT CHECKING THEIR ID FIRST.** If someone produces their ID card, this still could be bogus. So ask them for a phone number to ring to check their ID. If you still have doubts, **KEEP THEM OUT.** Ask them to call back at a convenient time, when you can invite a friend, relative or neighbour over to support you.

Similarly, if you are sending personal or banking information through the post, over the phone and internet via email or website, **PLEASE CHECK THE INFORMATION SENT IS GOING TO A VALID ADDRESS.** Your bank should be able to offer advice on security.

If you are worried about Bogus Callers in your area or are concerned you may have been a victim of I.D theft please contact Northumbria Police, Tel: 01661 872555 and ask to report an incident. For further information, or to report a non urgent incident, please visit Northumbria Police Website, [www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk)

If you would like to contact your local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator or would be interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and become a contact person for your scheme or community please contact me Tel: 01661 861439 and leave a message or email: [michelle.owens.4911@northumbria.pnn.police.uk](mailto:michelle.owens.4911@northumbria.pnn.police.uk)

Michelle Owens  
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator  
Northumbria Police



## Let's Go for a Walk in Stocksfield

### A winter walk keeping to roads and pavements.

This walk is a circular route and can be joined at any point. It can also be varied by making detours along various cinder-paths. On a bright winter's day this is a pleasant walk offering good views across the Tyne Valley and the possibility of sightings of a variety of birds and other wildlife. Although this route uses roads and pavements, it is probable that they will not have been treated and could be icy in winter-time.

Starting in Guessburn, near the tennis courts, follow the road to Ridley Mill passing Christmas Cottage. Note the old mill at Ridley Mill. Carry on to the junction with Batt House Road and turn right towards the fords. Go over both fords and continue up the hill towards New Ridley. At the junction with New Ridley Road, turn left and head back down New Ridley Road, passing the golf club, until you reach Meadowfield Road. Turn left down Meadowfield Road and follow it over the Painshawfield Road cross roads. At the junction with Cade Hill Road, turn left down the Scaur Steps (this part of the walk and the part by the fords are the only parts of the route which might be slightly muddy and uneven), over the bridge and turn right back onto Guessburn.

**If you have a favourite route, do let us know about it and tell us what you find attractive about it.**

## Alcohol Consumption in Public Places

*Let Tynedale Council have your views*

Tynedale Council is considering whether it should make alcohol designation zones in parts of Stocksfield.

This would mean that it would be a criminal offence for someone to continue to drink or refuse to surrender alcohol, if they have been asked to do so by a police officer.

Further details are on the Parish Notice boards and copies of the maps showing the proposed designation zones can be seen at Tynedale Council's offices at Hadrian House Hexham.

Comments on the proposals may be sent to:

Director of Regeneration and Communities  
(Alcohol Designation Orders)  
Tynedale Council,  
Prospect House,  
Hexham NE46 3NH  
On line at [www.tynedale.gov.uk](http://www.tynedale.gov.uk)  
E-mail: [community.safety@tynedale.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@tynedale.gov.uk)

**Responses should be sent by 12th December.**

# 1940'S YULE TIDE DANCE

in aid of community centre and poppy appeal

## Take a step back in time this Christmas.

Enjoy an evening on the home front and jive, jitterbug, quickstep, country dance or waltz, to the sounds of Goodman, Miller and Dorsey, and more. With live music from the Jack Lightfoot band, as well as recorded hits of the time, an authentic cold supper buffet, and raffle. You don't have to dance just come along for a fun night and social.

**STOCKSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
December 28th 2005 FROM 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm

**TICKETS £6.00**  
(Includes Supper, Bring Your Own Drinks)

**1940'S CIVILIAN, ALLIED UNIFORM**  
or **BLACK TIE, POLITELY REQUESTED.**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION:** send cheque & SAE (payable to C.Page) to Wisteria Cottage, 1 Jubilee Road, Ovington PHONE 01661 836999, or E-mail [carrie.page@tiscali.co](mailto:carrie.page@tiscali.co).

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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01661 843523

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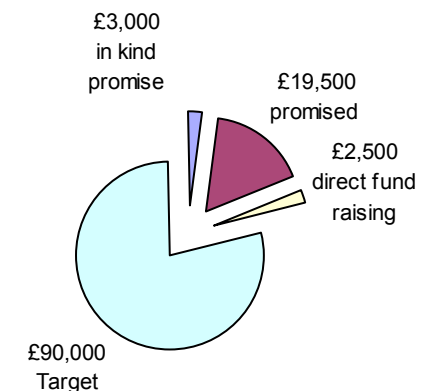
### County Councillor

Ray Thompson  
01661 843332

## Progress at Branch End Play Area

The Play Area Regeneration Group continues to meet and work to raise funds for the provision of new equipment for this popular facility. So far around £25,000 has been promised but as you can see from the diagram there is still a long way to go. The Group is continuing to apply to major funders for assistance but support from residents is also vital. Funders are much more likely to support projects where residents and users of facilities have been seen to make a contribution to the fund raising. Please do support us in our endeavours to refurbish this play area.

### Branch End Play Area Improvement Fund



In addition to the work of the Regeneration Group, and following an inspection by RoSPA, over the winter the Parish Council will be carrying out a series of minor improvements and repairs to Branch End Play Area. Most of these are cosmetic and will not affect use of the equipment.

## Broomley County First School

is collecting Tesco vouchers for sports equipment. The children at Broomley School are aiming to collect £9,000 vouchers and are looking for your help. The school would be grateful for the donation of any vouchers from the community. Please post them through the school letter box or hand to a Broomley family. Thank you.

**The Governors, staff and children wish you a merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.**



## A call to action

### Stocksfield station at risk.

The Department for Transport has commissioned an enquiry into services on the Northern franchise (which provides passenger services along the Tyne Valley line). This exercise is wholly focussed on saving money, and could lead to service reductions and station closures. It neglects the social and environmental benefits of the railway at a time when traffic levels and parking problems are increasing. Stocksfield is one of the stations at risk.

Pressure groups throughout the North East are campaigning against these cuts. For information about how to add your voice to this campaign, please contact Malcolm Chainey preferably by e-mail at [malcolm.chainey@virgin.net](mailto:malcolm.chainey@virgin.net) or Julie Gibbon [juliegibbon@btopenworld.com](mailto:juliegibbon@btopenworld.com)

Residents and passengers should be aware of the threat to services on the Tyne Valley line and use the train and your local stations or risk losing the service.

## YOGA

Gentle therapeutic Yoga. All abilities catered for.  
No need to have previous experience.  
A popular course which is now in its second year  
**NEWTON AND BYWELL COMMUNITY HALL,**  
(Newton Village)  
Every Thursday 7.00 – 8.30 pm  
Professional Tutor- Karen Merkin-Ayre  
Charge - £30 for six weeks or £7 per session  
**ALL WELCOME**

## Church Services over Christmas



Details of Church Services over the Christmas period are contained in the Christmas Card enclosed with this issue of NE43 News

Contacts:  
Church of England: Rev. Tom Emmett 842272  
Methodist Church: Rev. Maureen Lloyd 852143  
Baptist Church: Rev. Paul Revill 842393  
Roman Catholics: Father Paul Zielinski 832298  
Minsteracres: 01434 673248  
Society of Friends: Roberta Ritson 853989

## Blood Donors

The next session for blood donations is  
**27th December at the Community Centre**  
between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Note change from usual times.

## LOCAL INFORMATION CARD

Please cut this out and clip it to your Information Card

Regrettably there were some errors and omissions and these are corrected below.

Our sincere apologies to anyone who has been inconvenienced by the errors.

**Electrician**  
Nigel Hetherington 01661 842406

**Young People's Organisations**  
Cubs Mrs P Harpin  
01661 842302

**Prudhoe Hospital** 01670 394000

**Additions**  
**Young People's Organisations**  
Beavers Mr P Gascoigne  
01661 843405



## STOCKSFIELD WI

The programme for the next few months includes:

4th Jan Banners & Alter Cloths  
Ros Whitehouse  
1st Feb Creating a Wildlife Garden  
Jane Young

For further information contact Chris Hills on 842042

## Recycled mobile phones & printer cartridges .

The Scouts have joined a National Scheme for Scout Groups and would be grateful if you could let them have your old mobile phones and empty cartridges and toner. These can be delivered to the Scout Hut on Monday evenings or given to a Beaver, Cub or Scout or contact the Scout Leaders to arrange collection. Alternatively contact Mrs Harpin on 842302.

## Are you stuck for Wheels? Is Lack of Transport your problem?

Tynedale Wheels to Work can help you access education, training and employment by providing scooters and cars on 'loan' to people throughout Tynedale (subject to eligibility)

Tynedale Wheels 2 Work aims to assist people who are geographically disadvantaged by providing transport to enable them to access employment, training or further education.

The scheme is open to anyone who lives or works in Tynedale and is aged between 16 and 65.

Tynedale Wheels 2 Work aims to provide a short-term solution to break the 'no wheels, no work' cycle.

For further information contact:

**Edwina Little**  
**Tynedale Wheels 2 Work,**  
**A.D.A.P.T., Bluebird House,**  
**Haugh Lane, Hexham, NE45 3PU**  
**Tel/Fax: 01434 600599**  
**E-mail: [edwinal@adapt-tynedale.org.uk](mailto:edwinal@adapt-tynedale.org.uk)**

## Kate's Plain

Most readers will be aware that Kate's Plain has been the focus of several recent articles and letters in the Hexham Courant. Since new play equipment was installed in June 2004, the play area itself and the surrounding footpaths and roads, and also the station area, have become an informal gathering-place for young people on a Friday evening. This has resulted in levels of noise which are unacceptable to the local residents, in offensive language and behaviour, and in under-age drinking.

The distress caused to residents of Mount View Terrace and Brumwell Court has been made clear to your Parish Council at meetings throughout the autumn, and is a major concern. The health and well-being of the young people are also a concern – councillors have themselves seen people as young as 14 who are obviously drunk, and therefore very vulnerable to accident or harm.

The Parish Council however has no statutory powers to deal with law and order issues. We can only urge the Police and the Youth Service to tackle this local problem with some urgency, and this we have done and keep doing. We would like to make clear our belief that only a minority of young people are causing this disorder, and that some recent publicity creates a risk of alienating their more sensible contemporaries. Constructive suggestions from the young people themselves and from concerned parents would be welcome.

The maintenance of the play area is of course the Council's responsibility, and we regret that, even before the project was completed, the perimeter fence had been deliberately cut in several places. Expenditure on repairs such as these means that less of your money is available for other requirements in the Parish.



### BURN'S NIGHT CEILIDH & SUPPER

in aid of SICA funds  
at Community Centre, Stocksfield  
Friday 27th January 2006  
at 7.30 pm  
Tickets £6.00  
Bring your own drinks

### Dancing to 'BORDER CROSSING'

Tickets available from SICA office (842346)



## Guessburn Footpaths

Many residents will have noticed that the footpath which runs alongside the Guessburn behind the tennis courts and the Scout Hut has, over recent months, gradually been eroded away. Following a recent inspection, the County Council Footpaths Officer has taken the decision to close this section of the path until the spring of next year when it is planned to repair it. Unfortunately winter weather conditions will make it impossible to repair the path until next spring

### A695 – Road Slippage - Smithy Burn

As residents will be aware, the A695, near the Smith Burn Bridge, has been breaking up and slipping since the storms in January 2005. The Parish Council was initially advised that it was hoped to repair this landslip in the summer of 2005.

Tests and measurements have however indicated that the problem is much more complex than originally thought. The slippage effects the road, the railway and the sewer above the railway and any repair will have to be carried out in conjunction with all the relevant authorities.

The Parish Council is in regular contact with the County Council highways engineers about this problem and understands that the complexity of the situation means that repairs will not be carried out until all tests are complete and an effective solution arrived at.

### Parish Council Income & Expenditure Statement 1st April - 31<sup>st</sup> October

<b>Income</b>	
Brought Forward	38,327
VAT Repaid	1,482
Precept	48,000
Bank Interest	891
Misc. Income	2,175
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£91175</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Staff Costs	4574
Administration	2963
Grant to Youth Service	2750
Other Grants	5375
Footpaths & Environment including Handyman contract	6034
<b>Sports &amp; Play Facilities Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>8559</b>
Communications	420
VAT paid	1482
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£32159</b>

## Stocksfield Institute Community Association

### YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU!

Unless you have recently moved into the parish, you will be well-aware of the existence of Stocksfield Institute Community Association, or S.I.C.A. as it is known to most residents of Stocksfield. If you are already a member, you will know all about the aims of S.I.C.A. and the opportunities provided at the Community Centre at Mount View Terrace.

The Community Centre was built over 100 years ago as a centre for the residents of Stocksfield and the community association in its present form was founded through the efforts of an energetic and committed group of people over 40 years ago. Many of the successful groups and clubs currently operating out of the community centre today were founded about that time. S.I.C.A. has developed as a centre of the community and with the help of its members would hope to continue to develop and serve the residents of Stocksfield and its surrounding communities. Currently activities in the S.I.C.A. include;

Computer and Internet Access	Karate	Keep Fit
Badminton		
Parents & Toddlers Group	Play School	Youth Cub
Carpet Bowls	Flower Club	Aerobics
Development Group for the Disabled		Care in the Community
Whist Club	Art Club	Yoga
Workout sessions (with crèche)	Life Drawing Class	
WI meetings	Meals on Wheels	
Spinners & Weavers	Local History Society	
Environment Group	Plants & Gardens Society	
There is also a small library offering books and videos.		

S.I.C.A. is run by a management committee made up of members representing the various groups and sections that meet at the centre. This committee has become somewhat concerned in recent years at the decline in membership numbers. There is no current concern about the financial state of S.I.C.A. for this remains sound as a result of the extensive and increasing use of the centre, plus regular fund raising activities. There is concern,

however, that only a small proportion of the residents of Stocksfield is involved as members. Currently out of about 1400 households in the parish, only about 320 households are members of S.I.C.A.

There are financial benefits to membership through reduced rates for hiring the various rooms and other facilities that are available. Membership rates remain very low as you can see from the membership application form alongside.

If you would like to know more about S.I.C.A., why not pick up a copy of S.C.A.N. (Stocksfield Community Association News) which is published each month and delivered to members. It is also available at the MACE store at the station and at Branch End Newsagents.

If you would like to be involved in the work of S.I.C.A. or have ideas for a club, activity or service that might be run from or through the centre, please get in touch with the Warden, Mary McArthur (842346) - she would be delighted to discuss any suggestions that you might have.

Do call into the S.I.C.A. office (open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings) with your completed membership form or to find out more about what goes on at S.I.C.A. and how you might help.

#### SICA Membership Application Form.

1/We wish to join/renew membership of Stocksfield Institute Community Association

#### Annual Membership Rates:

Individual:	£7.00	Couples	£8.50
Individual over 60	£5.00	Couples over 60	£6.50
Junior	£3.50	Family	£9.50

Name: .....

Address .....

Post Code: ..... Telephone .....

1/We enclose the sum of £ .....as payment of the SICA membership for the year September 2005 to August 2006 (cheques should be made payable to SICA).

Please indicate if you wish to receive SCAN by post. Yes/No

If YES, please enclose an additional £2.50 to cover postage for the year.

Please return this form to:

**Stocksfield Community Centre, Mount View Terrace,  
Stocksfield, NE43 7HL**