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THE PELTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Chair's Message



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With Christmas on the horizon there's lots going on in Pelton Parish. If you haven't done so already, please sign our petition to save our Play Area/Green Open Space. If you have any local issues you would like the Parish Council to look at, please contact the Parish Clerk on 07912688050 or clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you. Cllr Danny Wood, Chair, Pelton Parish Council.

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE OUR PLAY AREA/GREEN OPEN SPACE AT THE WYND, PELTON

Pelton Parish Council are petitioning Durham County Council to refuse to sell our Play/Recreation Area registered as an Asset of Community Value. **We need your support.**

There are 2 ways to sign the petition- an online e-petition or a paper petition.

Please complete an online e-petition located on the Durham County Council website or complete and detach the paper petition detailed below. Please hand in completed paper petitions to the reception in Pelton Community Centre or Grange Villa Enterprise Centre prior to 10th January 2023.

If you require any further information please contact the Parish Clerk on 07912688050, 0191 3701969 or clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

CALLING ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL TO REFUSE TO SELL OUR PLAY/RECREATION AREA

Statement on what action the petitioners want Durham County Council to take-

We the undersigned petition the Council to stop discussions with a housing developer, Bellway Homes. Bellway Homes have been given permission by Durham County Council to carry out site investigations on land registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Play/Recreation Area has been registered as an Asset of Community Value due to the overwhelming evidence provided by the community to Durham County Council to prove its importance as a community space. As the Council has recognised the importance and value of this area to our Community by registering this Asset on our behalf, we are calling on Durham County Council to end any discussions about selling this site. **PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THIS PETITION IF YOU LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN COUNTY DURHAM.**

NAME	ADDRESS	Please sign if you agree with the above statement.

Completed petitions to be handed in by 9am on 10th January 2023. Please turn over for more signatory space, if required.

Please turn over if you require more space for signatories to the petition. Name and address of the petition organiser- Mrs Joanne Dickinson, Parish Clerk, Pelton Parish Council, Pelton Community Centre, Front Street, Pelton, DH2 1DE. Email- clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk Telephone- 01913701969 or 07912688050. This petition will be provided to Durham County Council (DCC) and all personal information provided will be handled in accordance with the DCC Privacy Statement. The Committee Services privacy notice provides more information on the data collected and how it is handled. Please see the DCC website for further information.

We are always pleased to work with local groups and organisations to help bring about the best possible community in which to live. These are some of the groups we regularly work with.

Pelton Community Primary School- What a brilliant start to the school year. The children have settled into their new classes and they are making pleasing progress. The staff and children work incredibly hard to enhance learning and we are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious International Schools Award and the Gilt Primary Science Quality Mark.

As well as working hard in the classroom, the children have also taken part in a number of enrichment activities. The children and staff enjoyed dressing up as someone from history on our Horrible Histories Day and we had an author in school to talk to the children. The children took part in a variety of art activities during our arts week, we collected items for the local food bank and children enjoyed taking part in forest school activities.



Some children visited the local residential home and we had a Halloween disco. As part of our community work, we have a 2-year-old nursery provision, we have a food and clothing bank, we run a very successful toddler group and adult learning sessions. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the school office for further information.

Roseberry Primary and Nursery School- We've had a very busy half-term at Roseberry. Our gardening club have been busy planting 200 daffodil bulbs on the school field next to the trees we planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Hopefully they will look beautiful when spring comes around. Some pupils from Y5 and Y6 enjoyed three days on their residential at Robinwood in Alston. They had great fun despite the rain and tried out lots of activities including climbing, canoeing and raft building. As part of their History work about how crime and punishments have changed over time, some pupils visited the castle in Newcastle. After a tour and workshop, we climbed to the roof and had some fantastic views of the city and the quayside.

Our Harvest Festival collection for the Durham Food Bank collected 142kg of food which was enough for 179 meals. Our school community is always supportive of our fundraising and charity events. We have enjoyed welcoming parents into school for our Meet the Teacher sessions as well as our celebration assembly and Stay and Play sessions in Early Years. We are happy to welcome any prospective parents and pupils to come and have a look around our school to see the wonderful things we have on offer. Please contact the school office to make a personal appointment.

Pelton In Bloom Competition- Pelton Parish Council are running a local competition which encourages community green projects, impressive floral displays, and important environmental improvements in the parish area.

The aim is to create a more attractive environment in which we can all live, visit and work. The competition is open to all individuals, groups, and organisations throughout the parish area. Entry is free to all residents within the Parish. Categories to enter and further information will be confirmed in March 2023. Don't worry if you don't have a garden, you can use plant pots, containers, window boxes or hanging baskets for your displays viewable from a public highway or footpath.

Everyone who participates will be helping to improve the Pelton Parish area. Coop Vouchers will be awarded as follows- 1st prize = £100 voucher, 2nd prize=£50 voucher and 2 runners up prizes of £25 vouchers each.

Local Winners of the Northumbria in Bloom Competition-

Roseberry School were awarded level 3 advancing in the Northumbria in Bloom awards for their sensory garden (pictured below).



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LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL-

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS in Grange Villa, Perkinsville, Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends are continually working hard to improve your local area in partnership with the Parish Council.

Perkinsville Residents' Association (PRA) – WE NEED YOU. We are looking for more member's/volunteers after a tough couple of years. PRA was set up to give the village a Collective Voice – by promoting, supporting, and protecting our village within the area. Perkinsville is often described as "The forgotten village"! PRA have received support from both Pelton Parish Council and County Councillors on issues within the village. We were able to hold several events including Christmas Tree Light/Carol events, tidying up the village with litter picks by villagers. We planted up a Field of Hope raising over £1,500 for Marie Curie, and funds from Pelton Parish Council to place ten tubs in the village to show a loved and cared for community. The Queens Jubilee earlier this year was funded by Pelton Parish Council, our local County Councillor and the Ranch who also supported the event for local children (pictured below). Regular meetings were held before Covid which we are keen to resume with enough support from within the village, without this support the few members left cannot continue on their own: There are still things to be done for Perkinsville like improving the wood area behind Coquet Drive- So we need you to come along to meetings, get involved in your village to show Perkinsville the support it needs for the future. If you want to join us, please contact us on our email: perkinsvilleresidentsassoc@gmail.com Or message us on our FB group: Perkinsville Community Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1921778211404752/>



Grange Villa Residents' Association (GVRA)- It's been a busy autumn for the GVRA. We had a very successful Halloween event and disco at the club. And we have started hosting a warm winter space on Wednesdays and Fridays at the club from 1pm to 5 pm. All welcome for soup, teas and coffees, newspapers and games. We are busy thinking about Christmas and are hoping to have a carol service and decorate the village with some Christmas lights. For more information and to find out the dates of the next meeting get in touch with gvresidents@yahoo.com or contact GVRA on Facebook. Pictures below are of the Halloween Event.



Environment Improvements- We have a dedicated Neighbourhood Warden, John Smith who works 4.5 hours weekly dealing with specific parish issues. John has assisted us with flyipping, dog fouling and removing rubbish from gardens in areas across the parish. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 07912688050 if you would like to report an issue we can help with. Since the last newsletter we have collected 167 bags of rubbish. Parish Councillors, Karbon Homes, John Smith, Residents' Associations and Police Community Support Officers have carried out 4 walkabouts together across the parish identifying local environmental issues that require action. Pelton Community Primary School are holding a weekly litter picking club attended by volunteers from the Parish Council and John Smith. They've collected approximately 20 bags since the club started. Well done kids!



Thank you to local residents who volunteer to collect litter across the Parish. Lindsey and Brent collect at least one bag of rubbish a week with the help of Tilly (pictured left), who collects at least 1 plastic bottle each day on her daily walk to put into the recycling bin.

Newfield and Pelton Lane Ends Residents' Association (N&PLERA)- although unable to hold a meeting lately hope to do so in the future, which will be advertised on our Facebook page and on Roseberry Park Facebook page. The camouflage cargo net adorned with hundreds of poppies recycled from clean water/pop bottles by Mary and displayed last year on the art work opposite the school will be repeated this year (we may need a couple of extra volunteers to help put it up if possible). There will be some hand knitted poppies displayed around the villages for residents to take one if they wish (they could still make a donation to the poppy appeal). Hopefully the very much missed "Festive Sing-along" round the Christmas Tree (donated by the Parish Council) situated outside Northview will be able to be held, this year in memory of our much-loved Friday Club members, Shirley, Milly and Elsie. Christmas Decoration competition, ONLY OUTDOOR decorations will be judged, and to recognise that finances may be tight this year, it will not be all about grand lighting and massive displays. Family home made decorations will be judged as well, as these will be extra special. Send your own photos to our Facebook page, but judges will also do a walk around as in previous years. Hilda Park FC are starting collections for the homeless if any of the residents would like to donate, they can drop stuff off at Roseberry playing fields, on Tuesday and Thursday between 5pm and 7pm. Warm clothing that people no longer want. - Hats, scarfs, gloves etc. Food - Pot noodles, rice pots, crisps, mints, chocolate. Soft drinks. Hygiene - Toothbrush and paste, soap, paper tissues, wet wipes, combs, lipsyl etc. Hilda Park FC will do the boxes, so if anyone wants to drop any donations off that would be great. The N&PLERA wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Important Information- NEWFIELD MOBILE POST OFFICE SERVICE, Roseberry Primary School Car Park, Pelton Lane Ends. The opening hours of the Mobile Post Office service at Newfield are-

Tuesday- 12pm to 12.45pm &

Thursday- 3.30pm to 4pm.



Drop-in Warm Spaces

Every Thursday 10-4pm
and Saturday 10-2pm

We all know how much our utility prices are rocketing up. Pop along to spend some time here at the centre in a nice warm room, no charge. Enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Meet other people, enjoy a chat. Do the crossword or puzzles in the newspaper. Enjoy one of the small activities that are on offer.

For more information, please contact 0191 3700726

PELTON YOUTH PROJECT- As of mid-October 2022 we have supported over 700 young people to participate in youth work activities across the Chester-Le-Street area in 2022-2023. This means we are well on our way to working with over 1000 young people this year, as we did in 2021-2022. The project continues to provide young people with an attractive and varied programme of youth sessions and activities for young people aged from 7 through to 19. The programme offers junior youth clubs (pictured below), senior youth clubs, activity sessions (football and bowling), outreach, and our Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The DoFE is a hugely popular element of the programme, with over 60 young people signed up across bronze, silver, and gold levels. Our young people can also experience offsite activities, expeditions, and residential visits during the school holidays. Most recently, in October half term, our senior youth club members visited Edinburgh City Centre and our DoFE members enjoyed a residential to an outdoor activity centre in North Yorkshire. Our term time sessions are available at only £1 for young people to attend while some are free of charge. Many of our offsite visits and opportunities are provided free of charge to our most consistent attenders, which is a great support to local families. Parents and young people wanting to find out more specific information on our programmes should visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/peltonyouthproject/>. If you would like to chat to a member of the youth work team about getting involved, then please contact 0191 370 3465 or email Tom at tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk



GRANGE VILLA ENTERPRISE CENTRE- continue to serve dinners twice weekly on a **Tuesday and Thursday 11am – 1pm** for a small cost – these are available for anyone so please come along and enjoy. We host a small coffee morning/credit union on a **Wednesday 10am – 11am** which includes the option of a hot sandwich and unlimited refills on drinks for £3.50. Our Youth Club runs on **Wednesday and Friday nights 4.30pm – 6.00pm** this is run by Pelton Youth Project and volunteers. Thanks to the **National Lottery** we are now hosting three new classes at the Community Centre which are:

- Children's storyteller (Story Shakers) session every Tuesday (term time) which must be booked directly through Facebook.
- Adult gentle/seated exercise class every Friday morning from 9.45am – 10.30pm for a subsidised fee this is suitable for all abilities.
- Born to Move – children's fitness class bookable through Dream Big Role Play Centre this runs from 1.30pm – 2.15pm once again a subsidised fee.

We are holding a Table Top Pre-Christmas Sale on **Saturday 19th November** – hoping to have a variety of different tables. Please see our Facebook page for more info. Anyone interested please email gv_centre@btconnect.com, message on our Facebook page or ring the office on 01913701674 between 9am – 12pm weekdays - **Hire a table for only £5** – refreshments will be available throughout the day for a small charge. Our Annual Christmas dinners will be held on **Thursday 15th December from 11.00am** menus will be available in the coming weeks – First come first served basis for a cost of £8 per person which includes all the trimmings. We are now accepting donations for our **Christmas Raffle** to be drawn on **Thursday 15th December**. We continue to serve the community and surrounding areas and are always looking to build up our customer base.

Useful Contacts- Pelton Parish Council office-01913701969 or 07912688050, email clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk, our website can be found on www.peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Police, Fire or Ambulance- Dial 999 if it is an emergency.
Local Police 101 Durham Constabulary- report anti-social behaviour, or other incidents not classed as an emergency, and get advice about crime prevention and household security by calling 101. To report littering or persistent dog fouling please call Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Warden Service on 03000 260000 or report online <https://doitonline.durham.gov.uk>
NHS 111- telephone 111 when you need health advice fast, but it's not a 999 emergency.

Fire and Rescue- County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service- get advice about household fire safety, including installation of smoke alarms by calling 0345 2234221

Council Services – The following services provide out of hours support:

Call 03000 267679 – for emergency social care and child welfare concerns
Call 03000 262195- for Care Connect (community alarm service)
Call 01388 722538 – if you are homeless or facing homelessness
Call 03000266000 – for our births, deaths and marriage service

Household Emergencies-

Electricity- if your power supply is interrupted call 0800 668 877
Gas- If you smell gas contact the National Grid on 0800 111 999
Water – call 0800 393 084 for burst water mains or 0800 328 7648 for sewer issues