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THE PELTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

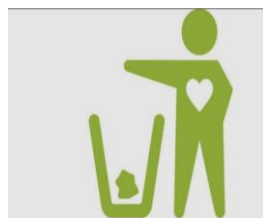
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BUDGET CONSULTATION
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We want to hear from you! As part of our annual financial planning. We want to hear about your priorities for our local communities. The consultation is on page 4 and can also be completed online by scanning the QR Code. We use this feedback to plan ahead for our budget over the coming years.

Pelton Parish Community
Consultation 2026



Our 3 Litter Pickers collected **224** bags from 1.4.26-31.5.26. Thank you to our residents who also help to keep our parish tidy with their own regular litter picking around the parish. We have litter picking equipment available in Pelton Community Centre for residents to borrow. If you have a suggestion for a community litter pick location please contact the Clerk.



Chair's Message:

PELTON WINS GOLD!

We are delighted to have been re-awarded the NALC Gold Award. Re-certification shows that we are still a leading example of best practice as a parish council - but it has also re-inforced our belief that we should always be trying to improve how we deliver for you.

In this issue we are once again running our annual budget consultation. If you can take a minute to take part, it will really help us make decisions for the next financial year. In the meantime, if you see something in your area you would like to change - please get in touch and let us know. As your parish council - we want to make your local community the very best place to live.

Best Wishes
Danny

Updates for our residents-

- Pelton Parish Council has requested that the planning application DM/26/01061/VOC- Bellway Homes Ltd (Durham), Land North And East Of Pelton House Farm Estate, Station Lane, Pelton, DH2 2RF be 'called in' to a Planning Committee Meeting.
- We are working with Urpeth Parish Council to install a defibrillator in the decommissioned telephone box at The Parade, Pelton.
- We have purchased 10 Small Soldier Silhouettes and 8 Large Soldier Silhouettes from the Royal British Veterans Enterprise to install around the villages the weeks before and after Remembrance Sunday. We are also working on a project with an Artist for bespoke Soldier Silhouettes to be installed near to the War Memorial, Holy Trinity Church, Pelton.
- We are holding Community Engagement Events in our villages and look forward to hearing from and meeting our residents.

Further updates on these and the other projects we are working on will be shared on our website and Facebook page.

Local School and pupil Lilly-Mae nominated by Parish Councillors and Lilly-Mae won her category at the Durham County Council Environment Awards 2025- Well done Lilly-Mae!



Upcoming meetings-

Meetings will be held on 29th July 2026, 16th September 2026 and 28th October 2026 in Pelton Community Centre. All meetings start at 6pm. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

PELTON PARISH



Sunday 19th July 2026

on Roseberry Playing Fields

from 11am to 1pm

Traditional Summer Fair

FREE Activities for all of the family— to include

Coconut Shy Running Races Face Painting Craft Activities
Sack Race Egg and Spoon Race Stocks Hula Hooping

Community Organisations providing various stalls at the event— come along and support them

Please Contact the Parish
Clerk on 07912688050 or
clerk@peltonparishcouncil.gov.uk
for further information



This event is weather dependent.
Please check the Parish Council
website for any updates

Roseberry Primary School- It's been a busy start to the summer term at Roseberry, with lots of exciting learning and special events taking place. Firstly, our amazing Year 6s have done a fantastic job during SATS week, showing dedication and resilience during a series of tricky assessments. Classes have enjoyed a range of sports activities, led by our school sports partnership team. This has included Ultimate Frisbee and beginner's golf sessions. Year 6 have also had the opportunity to take part in a robotics workshop to develop their understanding of coding.

Our young chefs at Roseberry have continued to build upon their cooking skills this half term, with our theme of rice proving popular. Some delicious dishes have been made, such as risotto in years 3 and 4. Our choir recently visited Pelton Grange care home to sing a range of songs and this was incredibly well-received by the residents. The EYFS team ran an extremely successful sponsored walk and raised a fantastic £1400 to help enhance our early years provision!

As always, we have space for new pupils in all year groups and offer the most affordable wraparound care in Chester-le-Street. We would welcome any new pupils to our lovely Roseberry family!

1st Newfield Scouts are looking to grow! We intend to add a Squirrels section for 4 – 6 year olds after the Autumn half term. We have 2 dedicated leaders but really need to add 2 more to make this viable. Squirrels would be meeting on a Thursday evening in term time, between 6 and 7pm. We are also always on the lookout for leaders or helpers for our other sections Beavers (6-8 Years old), Cubs (8-10.5 years old) and Scouts (10.5-14 years old). We have links to the older Explorer section for Chester Le Street, Centurions, who meet 3 times a week in different locations and cover the 14-18 age range. Everyone needs a DBS but can then help as little or as much as they want. If you want to get any new skills that can be used in Scouting, we can help you get them! All sections take part in regular activities away from our normal meeting place, such as Camping, Hiking, Raft Building, Climbing and water activities. We also welcome members of the community to demonstrate their hobbies, skills or professions at our meetings. For example, we have previously had a guide dog trainer show the children how and why the dogs are trained.

If you think you could help or want to add your child to our small waiting list, please email david.quinn@chesterlestreetscouts.org.uk. Our Facebook page is facebook.com/1stNewfieldScouts



Grange Villa Community Allotment- Grange Villa Residents' Association have been working hard to develop a Community Allotment in Grange Villa. We have successfully been awarded funding from Miller Homes, Karbon Homes and The Langley Wind Farm Project which has enabled us to make a great start towards developing a fantastic space for all the community to enjoy. We have also been in the Northern Echo thanks to Miller Homes funding and faith in our project. We have involvement from Refuse café and the local schools in the near future, our project is open to all so please drop us a message through our Facebook page and join us. Whether it is to learn how to cultivate, sow seeds, plant veg, make new friends, chat and have a cuppa or just get some fresh air, we need your help to make it amazing.



Newfield & Pelton Lane Ends Residents Association would like to thank Pelton Parish Council for arranging a much-needed litter pick around William Street. Volunteers collected dozens of bags of litter as well as dragging old car and bike parts, car tyres etc from hedges. Thanks to all who helped. NPLERA were proud to support Roseberry Primary and Infants after school club by buying them a new television to replace their old broken one. Hopefully the children will get many hours of entertainment. The photo is used with permission from the school. After the council kindly cut back the shrubs and weeds that were growing over the Newfield sign, volunteers spent a few hours weeding and planting the area.



Pelton and Fellrose Medical Group are pleased to announce the completion of the refurbishment work at the Pelton Fell site on Craghead Road. The practice has been given a fresh, modern look, bringing it more up to date and in line with the main site at the Lavender Centre, Pelton. The practice now boasts three brand new clinical rooms and a larger reception area. The site will be open full-time from 8:30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. The expansion of the clinical rooms means that more clinics can be hosted here to benefit patients. Alongside the normal practice team, there will be other services starting to work from the site, including dieticians, smoking cessation, medical students, pharmacists and others. The refurbishment has been met with positive reviews from the team and existing patients who can see what a big improvement has been made. With the new housing developments in the area, the practice recognised the need to utilise the space better and be able to provide the best service for all patients. The practice team are eager to welcome new patients to the practice. The Practice continues to encourage men who have any symptoms or concerns about prostate cancer to contact us via our online consultation to arrange further discussion or investigations as required.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL-

Pelton Community Centre- Connecting Our Community - Here at Pelton Community Centre we love providing lots to do for the whole family during the School Holidays, this is the start of the Summer Programme 2026, it's going to be so much fun. For more information or to see the whole Summer Programme, please check out our Facebook page [Children's Corner – Pelton Community Centre](#) or pop into the centre and we can talk through everything with you.



SUMMER TIMETABLE 2026

BATH BOMB WORKSHOP 1-2PM RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 5+, BOOKING REQUIRED	£2.50 PER CHILD	TUES AUG 4TH
SAT AUG 8TH	£1 PER PERSON DONATION	HOLIDAY CINEMA FILM STARTS AT 10.30AM ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED
FAMILY WALK & TALK 1.30-2.30PM ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED	FREE SESSION	THURS AUG 13TH
FRI AUG 14TH	£2.50 PER CHILD	MINI SCIENCE 10-11AM FOR AGES 1-4 YEARS OLD, BOOKING REQUIRED
FAMILY CHAIR FIT WITH GFNE 10.30AM ALL AGES WELCOME, BOOKING REQUIRED	£1 PER PERSON	WED AUG 19TH

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.
TO BOOK A SPACE CALL INTO RECEPTION OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL US ON 0191 3700726



SUMMER TIMETABLE 2026

TUES JULY 21ST	£2.50 PER CHILD	BISCUIT DECORATING 1-2PM RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 3+, BOOKING REQUIRED
OUTDOOR EXPLORERS IN THE RAINBOW PATCH 1.30-2.30PM ALL AGES WELCOME, BOOKING REQUIRED	£1 PER CHILD	THURS JULY 23RD
FRI 24TH JULY	FREE SESSION	FAMILY LITTER PICK 10AM START ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
FAMILY CHAIR FIT WITH GFNE 10.30AM ALL AGES WELCOME, BOOKING REQUIRED	£1 PER PERSON	WED JULY 29TH
THURS JULY 31ST	FREE SESSION	FAMILY WALK & TALK 1.30-2.30PM ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED
SUMMER PARTY 10AM-12NOON FOR AGES 5-8 YEARS, TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE	£2 PER PERSON	FRI JULY 31ST

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SUMMER TIMETABLE 2026

BOUNCE & PLAY 1.30-3PM FOR AGES 1-4 YEARS OLD, BOOKING REQUIRED	£1 PER CHILD	THURS AUG 20TH
FRI AUG 21ST	£2.50 PER CHILD	LASER TAG 10AM-12 NOON FOR AGES 4+, BOOKING REQUIRED
HOLIDAY CINEMA FILM STARTS AT 1.30PM ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED	£1 PER PERSON DONATION	WED AUG 26TH
THURS AUG 27TH	FREE SESSION	FAMILY WALK & TALK 1.30-2.30PM ALL AGES WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED
PAINT & CREATE 10AM-12NOON ALL AGES WELCOME, BOOKING REQUIRED	£2 PER CHILD	FRI AUG 28TH

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Pelton Youth Project – Supporting Young People Across Our Community- Pelton Youth Project continues to provide exciting, welcoming, and supportive youth activities for children and young people in Pelton and the surrounding areas. We currently run a wide range of youth clubs and sessions for young people aged 7–19, and up to 25 for those with SEND. Our sessions are designed to be inclusive, fun, and accessible to everyone — and because many of our activities are open access, there are no waiting lists. Whether your child wants to make new friends, try new activities, build confidence, or simply have somewhere safe and positive to go, we would love to welcome them along.

You can find full details of our sessions and activities on our: Website- <https://www.facebook.com/peltonyouthproject/>

To find out more or get involved, please contact:  tom_pelton@yahoo.co.uk  0191 370 3465

Summer 2026 Activities Programme- We are also preparing for another fantastic summer programme during the first four weeks of the school holidays! From Monday to Friday, between 1pm and 5pm, young people will be able to enjoy: Free lunches, Fun activities and games, Trips and off-site visits, Opportunities to socialise and stay active throughout the summer. The programme is aimed at supporting young people receiving free school meals, while remaining open and welcoming to all young people in our community.

If you'd like more information about our Summer 2026 plans, please get in touch we would be delighted to hear from you.

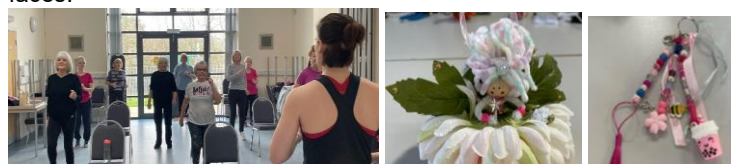
Grange Villa Enterprise Centre- Here at the Community Centre we have several classes each week thanks to funding secured from National Lottery, Sport England and Karbon Homes which gives us the opportunity to run these classes throughout the year that everyone can join in. These include Story Shakers, Baby Social, Youth Club, Moon and Meadow Yoga, Craft Class, Low Aerobics and many more you can find more information on our Facebook Page or pop into the Community Centre for a timetable.

Low cost lunches are served weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays which are available for everyone. We are currently seeking opinions to give our customers an alternative meal in the summer months – usual options will still be available. Coffee morning is every Wednesday between 9.30am-11.00am where the credit union also takes place.

In the coming months we plan to replace/repair the planters we have located around the village and bring some colour back to the streets which their located in/near. We will have a stall at the Parish Summer Fair on Sunday 19th July 2026 offering some bakery assortments and small crafts for a small donation towards the Community Centre.

Our Annual Fun Day will take place in August – details to follow.

Any suggestions to make our Community Centre thrive more or suggestions for different activities are always welcome. We would like to thank all that support us on a regular basis and we welcome new faces.



PELTON PARISH COMMUNITY CONSULTATION 2026. All completed forms to be returned to the Clerk, Pelton Community Centre.

Q1. The below are a list of funding areas that the Parish Council funds. Please could you rank the areas of funding from least important priority as number 1 to most important priority as number 5	Least Important Priority				Most Important Priority
Support for Community Centres.	1	2	3	4	5
Regeneration of Vacant Sites and Buildings in the Parish	1	2	3	4	5
Organising Community Events	1	2	3	4	5
Creating a Neighbourhood Plan	1	2	3	4	5
Road Safety	1	2	3	4	5
Additional Neighbourhood Warden Hours in the area	1	2	3	4	5
Litter picking	1	2	3	4	5
Support/grant for local schools	1	2	3	4	5
Support/grant for local residents' association.	1	2	3	4	5
Other- Please specify in question 4	1	2	3	4	5

Q2. Every year we have to make difficult decisions about what we can spend funding on and whether or not to increase the precept. Last year we increased the precept (Council Tax charged that pays for the Parish Council) by £2.67 per year for a band A property so that we could fund the priorities agreed during last years consultation. We know it's difficult times for our residents and some of our funding has provided vital support to families in times of crisis. In light of the economic climate, and in light of the priorities above, would you support a small increase this year in order to enable us to continue this work?

Please select one option from below:

- ☐ I would support an increase in the precept
- ☐ I would support a small increase (less than £5 per year for a Band A) in order to work towards some of the priorities above
- ☐ I would not support an increase

Q3. Pelton Parish Council is applying for funding to install 2 bespoke Soldier Silhouettes at the site of the War Memorial, Holy Trinity Church, Pelton. Would you support this project?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Q4. Do you have any other comments or feedback for the Parish Council? If yes, please provide your comments below.

Q5. If we arrange some Community Litter Picking Sessions in the Parish. Is this something you would like to volunteer for? Y/N

Q6. Please provide us with your postcode which will be beneficial when reviewing your feedback. If you would like to be contacted about any of the responses raised, please also leave your email address or telephone number in the box below. Your data will not be shared with any third parties. By providing your details you are consenting for the Parish Clerk to contact you if further information is required.

Q7. Are you involved in or do you attend any of these local organisations? Please tick all that apply.

- ☐ Grange Villa Enterprise Centre ☐ Pelton Community Centre/Room 14 ☐ Friends of Pelton Cemetery Group
- ☐ Grange Villa Residents' Association ☐ Newfield & Pelton Lane Ends Residents' Association ☐ 1st Newfield Scouts Group
- ☐ Heel and Toe Charity ☐ Roseberry Primary & Nursery School ☐ Pelton Community & Primary School
- ☐ Holy Trinity Church, Pelton ☐ Allotment tenant/member of an allotment association within the parish