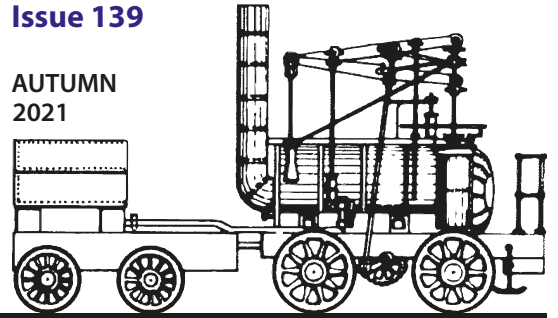


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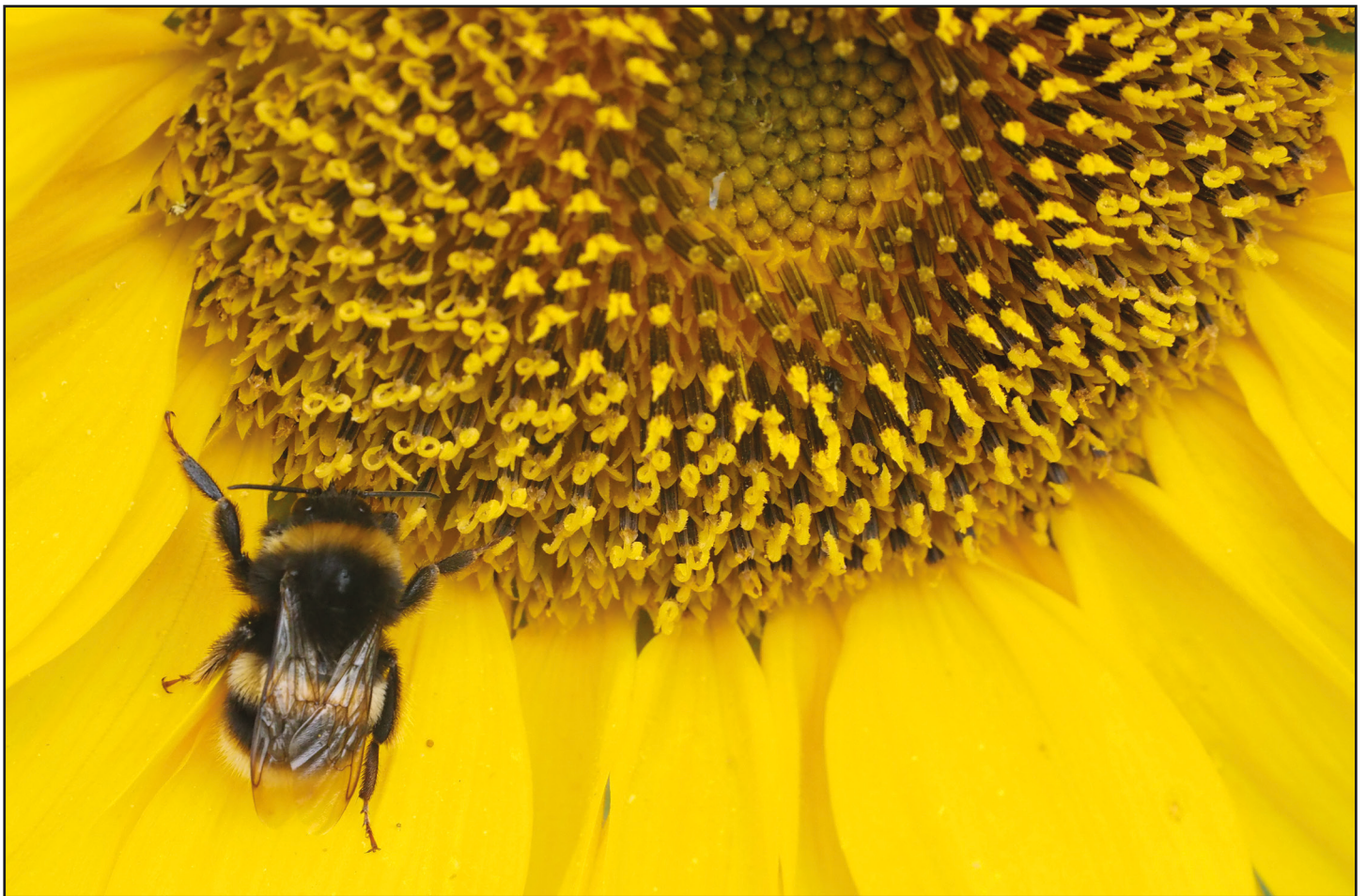
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COVER PHOTO : "Last of the Summer Nectar" by Chris Ritson

## WYLAM PARISH COUNCIL DECLARES A CLIMATE EMERGENCY!



**At its meeting on November 8th 2021,** Wylam Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency. This coincided with the COP26 global climate change conference.

It's clear that action to manage climate change is needed on a national and international level but

individual and community action is every bit as important if we are to preserve our planet for future generations. A Climate Action Group will be established by the Parish Council to drive forward local solutions to climate change.

The Council also planned a **Climate Action Event** to take place on 20th November at Wylam Institute, with

speakers including Hannah Davison from Northumberland County Council Climate Change Team, Herbie Newell from Humshaugh Net Zero and County Councillor Holly Waddell. Local residents and societies also had stands at the event.

A full report on the Climate Action Event will follow in the next issue of the Globe. In the meantime, please follow our Facebook page for the latest updates :

[@Wylam Parish Council](#)

## WYLAM STATION ADOPTED BY BROWNIES, RAINBOWS & GUIDES

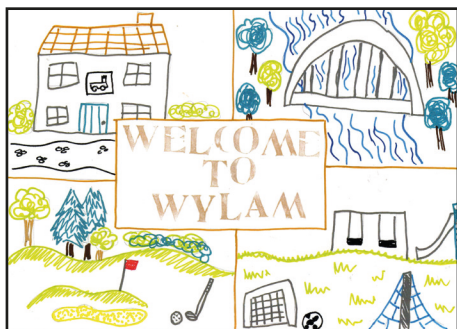


L-R: Marie Addison (Northern) Fiona Forsyth (TVCRP) and Clare Overton (Brownie Leader) with winners Hebe and Erin

**Wylam Station** stands on one of the oldest railway lines in the UK - from Newcastle to Carlisle - and is one of the oldest stations still in passenger use in the world.

Recently, the Station has been adopted by the Wylam Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and a new sign has been placed on the Newcastle-bound platform reading, "Our Station Adopters, Wylam Rainbows, Brownies and Guides Welcome you to Wylam".

In order to mark the adoption, Wylam Brownies and Guides held a poster competition to show the attractions of Wylam village. Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership (TVCRP) arranged for the winning entries to be mounted on Foamex boards and placed in the Community Noticeboards, one on each platform at the station.



Hebe's Winning Design

At a ceremony on Tuesday 21st September, Brownies Hebe and Erin unveiled their winning entries and were presented with their prizes by Marie Addison, Northern's Regional Community and Sustainability Manager for the North East, who said, "It is nice the girls' work will be seen by everyone on the train".

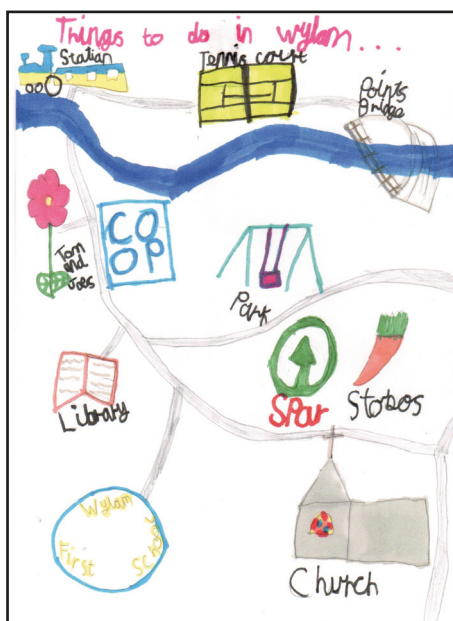
Wylam Parish Council Chair,

Colin Percy, said he fully endorsed the choice of winners and that the framed winning posters he had just been given would be displayed in the Library or the adjacent Railway Museum.

Clare Overton, Brownies' Leader, helped with the unveiling ceremony and said, "In their Brownie Promise, our young members promise to serve their community. Being Station Adopters is a brilliant way for the girls to keep their promise".

Hebe and Erin explained that their posters showed their favourite things to do in Wylam and were intended to give visitors arriving by train ideas on what to see and where to go in the village.

Thanks go to Sam Todd and Gayna Duckworth, both local experts in art and design, who volunteered to judge the competition.



Erin's Winning Design

## WORKS TO WYLAM BRIDGE



Wylam Bridge - Work is now set to commence in January

In the last issue of the Wylam Globe we reported that Northumberland County Council intended to carry out essential repair works to Wylam Bridge, starting in November.

The works are part of a £5million project to repair bridges throughout Northumberland.

The other bridges involved are at Alwinton, Haydon Bridge, Hepple, Lesbury, Redesmouth, Weldon, and Whiteadder (near Paxton).

Unfortunately, much of the work was put on hold due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The contract for the works to Wylam Bridge is currently out to tender with work expected to start in January 2022 and now estimated to take approximately 22 weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

As previously reported, the main part of the work involves repairing or replacing the protective paintwork on the bridge. The contractor will require access to, and use of, land around the bridge to erect scaffolding. The public footpath beneath the Wylam end will be kept open except when the scaffolding is erected and dismantled.

The works to the remaining bridges are going out to tender shortly.

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING ... TO WYLAM

On Sunday 19th December you might catch a glimpse of Santa riding around Wylam on his sleigh, raising money for the First School and FareShare.

Keep your eyes peeled early evening, and please give generously to a very good cause.

# NEW FLOODLIGHT SYSTEM FOR WYLAM TENNIS CLUB

Thanks to a major grant from funding body Sport England, Wylam Tennis Club officially switched on a renovated floodlight system after its Autumn 'Round Robin' Tournament on Saturday.

After a gruelling two hours of play in which male and female members rotated partners in a series of lightning games, the floodlights were turned on and Alan Dovaston, Sport England Investment Manager, presented winners' trophies to the two top players



Alan Dovaston presents Gill Drake with the women's trophy ...



... and John Wiseman with the men's trophy

Gill Drake received the women's trophy and John Wiseman the men's. Special congratulations went to Gill Drake who won the women's trophy for the third time consecutively!

A year ago it became apparent that the club's original floodlight system, installed in 2003, was starting to fail and some of the club's older (and not so old!) members were having difficulty seeing the ball when playing.

Thanks to the Sport England grant and a smaller Northumberland Sport and Play Award, the club was able to commission the installation of a full set of replacement lamps while the club was closed because of Covid restrictions.

The new floodlights will now be in regular use as the club gets back into swing with its regular fun and coaching sessions from Monday to Thursday each week and for League matches against visiting clubs.

Announcing the tournament winners, James Mackay, Chairman of Wylam Tennis Club today said, "I'd like to thank Sport England as the major funder of the project and for their flexibility during the process as we needed to make various alterations to our original proposal. I think it will make a massive difference over the coming winter and the cunning tactic of playing the ball into a dark area of the court will pay off no longer."

For more information about Wylam Tennis Club, including how to join the club, arranging coaching, club news and to check daily court bookings, please see their website :

[www.wylamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.wylamtennisclub.co.uk)

## WYLAM TENNIS CLUBHOUSE UPGRADE SURVEY



Wylam Tennis Club Clubhouse as it appears today. The Committee feels that a major upgrade is needed

Following the installation of their upgraded floodlights (see preceding article), Wylam Tennis Club is now planning a major upgrade and extension to its clubhouse.

The Club's Committee members feel that the current clubhouse, apart from its outdated appearance, does

not offer a particularly welcoming environment to players or visitors to the club. The clubhouse is too cold, poorly lit and does not offer enough social facilities or the opportunity to view the courts in comfort.

As a result, the committee plans to bid for major amounts of funding to improve the clubhouse for all

visitors and hopefully increase its use as a social facility. The improvements planned may also enable the club to offer activities that are not solely related to tennis to the wider community.

In order to support potential bids and refine current project suggestions, the Tennis Club has launched a short online consultation survey using SurveyMonkey.

They would like to invite anyone from the Wylam area (not just Tennis Club members) who have visited the club to complete the survey at :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WC22WT3>

You can also click directly on the SurveyMonkey link via the Wylam Tennis Club facebook page. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey and the club would really love to hear your views regarding the future of the clubhouse.

## ULTRAFAST BROADBAND IS COMING TO WYLAM IN 2022



WeFibre will begin connecting Wylam homes with UltraFast Broadband in early 2022

In the Summer issue of The Wylam Globe, we included an article highlighting the benefits of Ultrafast Broadband, (also known as Gigabit or Full Fibre Broadband) and provided information regarding the Government's national Gigabit Broadband voucher scheme.

The voucher scheme within Northumberland has now closed, but happily a sufficient number of Wylam residents registered interest with the internet provider WeFibre before the deadline. WeFibre have now secured funding and sign-off from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to install Ultrafast broadband in Wylam.

A quarter of those residents in Wylam who registered interest have now reserved their vouchers. The vouchers fully cover the cost of installation and these residents will be the first to benefit from broadband speeds of up to 1,000Mbps (1Gbps) for £20 per month (with no line rental fee).

There is still time for residents who have registered their interest to

reserve their vouchers, and we would encourage any resident who would still like access to faster broadband, with free installation, to reply to the email they received from the DCMS and complete the reservation.

WeFibre has identified potential locations for the placement of the cabinet which will be the critical first stage of the installation. They are finalising build plans with their partner Pioneer, who have been appointed to carry out the work.

Those who have registered interest with WeFibre will receive monthly email updates detailing how work is progressing. The Parish Council will also receive regular updates from WeFibre, which we will share with residents when available.

It is anticipated that the first properties in Wylam will be connected in early 2022.

Other residents who didn't register for the voucher scheme but who are still interested in getting Ultrafast Broadband can visit WeFibre's website for more information :

[www.wefibre.com](http://www.wefibre.com)

## CONSIDER USING SILENT FIREWORKS THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE

November 5th is always an exciting date in the calendar, and this year we saw some spectacular firework displays in Wylam and throughout the Tyne Valley.

Bonfire Night is not always so enjoyable, though, for our pets, for wildlife or for those living with neurodivergence or PTSD.

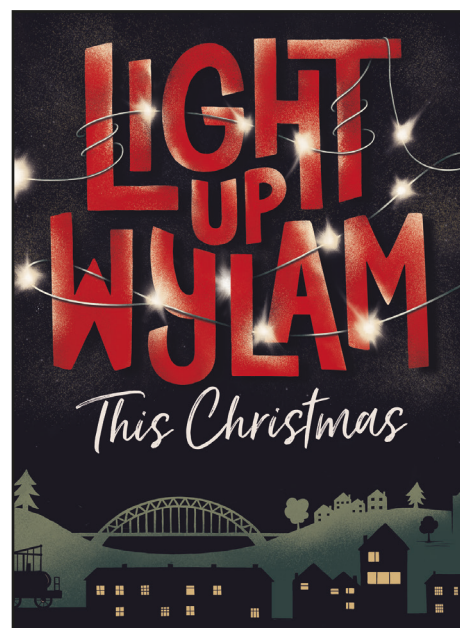
A cancellation in organised, public firework displays has led to

a significant increase in private displays this year.

It's still possible to celebrate big occasions without making big bangs. 'Silent' fireworks are available, which still offer magnificent visual displays, but with a much reduced noise level.

If you're planning a private firework display for New Year's Eve, why not consider trying silent fireworks.

## LIGHT UP WYLAM



"Light Up Wylam" returns on December 12th

After the huge success of last year's Light Up Wylam, the Christmas elves are busy preparing for more seasonal magic.

Light Up Wylam aims to bring a warm communal glow to the village by inviting everyone to festively decorate the outside of their homes. Your homes will then be entered onto a walking trail map and villagers will be invited to vote for their three favourites. Perhaps you can get together as a street, as a family, or as a group of friends and adopt a tree by decorating it communally.

As usual, the large Christmas tree at Charlie's Corner will be lit up, with a tree decoration competition open to anyone who wishes to enter.

Entry to the event will be through programme, which will be on sale in The Spar, Stobos and Wylam Pharmacy. Three of the programmes will contain 'golden tickets' giving the holder a chance to win some fabulous prizes. There will also be a children's Christmas stocking colouring competition. Details of this will be in the programmes. All proceeds will go to Fare Share North East.

'Light Up Night' will be Sunday 12th December at 5pm when the tree will be lit at Charlie's Corner with carol singing followed by refreshments at The Ship Inn. Funding for the lights at Charlie's Corner has been provided by Wylam Parish Council.

For further information, contact Sarah Grainger or Anna Allan :

[lightupwylam@gmail.com](mailto:lightupwylam@gmail.com)

# GREEN MATTERS with LYNNE WOOD

## SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

**Hailed initially as a wonder material**, plastic has long been recognised as a huge pollutant, making its way from land, to rivers, and finally to our oceans where plants and animals consume it.

"How can we help?" I hear from friends and family. Well, we can do the obvious, by cleaning and recycling where possible. We can focus especially on single-use plastic water bottles because too often they are used once, then dumped.

In fact **EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY ONE MILLION** plastic single-use water bottles are added to our oceans.

So let's change things and encourage others to do so too. We can refill plastic bottles with tap water, or replace them with refillable sports/walking bottles.

Look around your home and be creative.



Fill a reusable water bottle, or make your own spray cleaner

For example, you could re-use a spray bottle to make your own household cleaner (use white spirit, white vinegar, water, oil).

Small steps!

Any handy sustainable hints to share? Contact Lynne Wood on 01661 852714

## SOFT PLASTICS CAN NOW BE RECYCLED AT WYLAM CO-OP



The new Soft Plastics recycling bin near the Co-op entrance

**Wylam Co-op** have started a soft plastics recycling scheme.

Soft plastics are lightweight plastics such as crisp packets, pasta bags, chocolate or biscuit wrappers. They also include film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals. These are often marked "Not Currently Recycled", which can cause confusion. Soft Plastics **can** be recycled, but aren't suitable for the Northumberland County Council recycling bins we have at home.

The Co-op website has a full list of what is suitable for the recycling bin in the store. Any brand of soft plastics may be deposited:

[www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics/packaging-list](http://www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics/packaging-list)

The recycling bin is just inside the door of the Co-op, on the left as you enter. Please remember to take your soft plastics with you when shopping, or just drop them off any time you are passing, rather than putting them into your rubbish bin at home.

## QUIZ : HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW WYLAM?

1. Which house in the Wylam area was used as a Convalescent Hospital during the First World War and was once the home of the Hon. Sir Charles Algernon Parsons, inventor of the compound steam turbine?
2. When did Wylam Bridge cease to be a toll bridge, after it was bought by Northumberland County Council?
3. Where is Coldwell Hill?
4. Where was the Haugh pit?
5. How are a 'Bird' and a 'Ship' connected in Wylam?
6. Which building, paid for by his family, commemorates William Hedley, whose experimentations and major inventions were instrumental in early railway advances?
7. Where is Crookoe Wood?
8. Which lane was known locally as 'Walsh's backside'?
9. 1795 records refer to 'The Ferry Boat'. How is it known now?
10. Who described Wylam as "A large uninteresting village, chiefly composed of pitmen's dwellings"?
11. Where is Holly Hill?
12. 'Olivers Field' was developed by housebuilding in 1993. What is its name now?
13. Which building was built in 1915 as a branch of Barclay's bank?
14. Where can you see 'scoria' in Wylam?
15. Where was the Wylam Brewery, which closed in the 1870s situated?
16. Where was Wylam North Railway Station, and in which year did it close to passengers?
17. Where is Dayhole Dene?
18. Of the four most famous Wylam railway pioneers, three were born here: George Stephenson (Stephenson's cottage), Timothy Hackworth (West View) and Nicholas Wood. Where was Nicholas Wood's birthplace?
19. A new British School built in 1854 shows that date on its structure. What are the premises now called?
20. Which body owned the Jubilee Field before the Playing Fields Association took over?

(Answers on next page ...)

# WYLAM JUBILEE FIELD NEEDS YOU!



The pavilion at Wylam Playing Fields

**Wylam Community Playing Fields Association** (WCPFA) is currently run by a very small committee of volunteers. We are always on the lookout for new committee members, but especially right now as some of our long serving committee members are leaving us. If you would like to be involved in helping to run the Playing Field please get in touch, even for an informal chat.

We're looking for help for the Summer Fair, the Jumble Sale and for general Committee Members.

A project we'd love to kick off in 2022 is the development of plans for our buildings. The pavilion, tractor shed and storage sheds are aging and are in dire need of significant refurbishment, or possibly replacement. To sort out our priorities and funding we need to develop some long term plans. If you can help us with this, particularly if you have any relevant skills in project management, planning or construction then please contact us.

You can contact us via Facebook :

[@wylamjubileefield](https://www.facebook.com/wylamjubileefield)

or email:

[wylamplayingfield@gmail.com](mailto:wylamplayingfield@gmail.com)

# WYLAM ROCKETS UPDATE



Amy, Lucy, Hannah and Eleanor from the Under 14 girls team who were all successful in the county trials

**Our 2021/22 season** has started! It's been such a pleasure to welcome back our Rockets and so encouraging to see so many new faces in all our squads. We have established squads now at the following ages and space for new players in many of them :

**U8, U9, U10, U11, U14**

(girls and boys)

**U12, U13 and U15**

(girls only)

We've also held taster sessions for our youngest players, U7s (school Y2), and will be starting training in the new year. Please contact us if you'd like to come along.

Congratulations to four players from our U14 girls team - Eleanor Dunnett, Lucy Glenwright, Amy Goodwin and Hannah Stanton - who were all successful at the Northumberland FA County trials this year. A squad of 20 girls were chosen from across the region and it is a tremendous honour to have four of our team selected to represent the county. These four girls and the rest of their U14 teammates are a great example to our younger players of what can be achieved through hard work and dedication. Well done to the girls, their families, team mates and coaches.

The team played their first match of the season on Saturday 9th

September against South Yorkshire and won 10 - 2.

After many years of seeing our Rockets in their royal blue you might be surprised to see something very different. We're busily designing a brand new playing kit! We are extremely grateful to our kit sponsors. The financial help they provide means we keep our subs extremely low, making football available to many more children. New sponsors this season are Wylam Garage, Bistro En Glaze, The Wood Oven, ABT Electrical Services, The Feathers Inn, N21 Group and Separate Reality. Thank you all!

Managing a club of 200 players and around 40 coaches and helpers takes a lot of administration. Our committee activities include organising winter training, communicating with the different leagues, managing kit, welfare, coach training, financial management, social media, website, club and facilities development. Could you spare a few hours a month to help with background administration? You do not need to be a parent or have any football experience. Please contact us if you think you can help.

You can find us on Facebook :

[@wylamrockets](https://www.facebook.com/wylamrockets)

or email us:

[wylamrocketsfc@hotmail.com](mailto:wylamrocketsfc@hotmail.com).

**QUIZ ANSWERS**  
**1.** Holeyn Hall **2.** 1936 **3.** Aka 'Dobby's Hill' in South Wylam (the Dobsons once farmed the land). **4.** By the river between the Jubilee Field and the allotments. Closed 1868. **5.** They were both inns, which came under common ownership. **6.** St. Oswin's Church. Founded 1885. **7.** Behind Bradley Gardens (on the way to Willy's Well). **8.** The lane running behind the Bird and Ship

up to the Ship Inn's car-park. **9.** The Boathouse. **10.** W.W.Tomlinson "Companion Guide to Northumberland" 1888. **11.** The north part of Horsley Wood to the west of the How Dene. **12.** Denecroft. Originally Oliver Brothers steam wagon depot off Bluebell Lane. **13.** The building on the corner of Chapel Lane. Now Stobo Florists. **14.** 'Scoria' is clinker. Scoria from Wylam Ironworks,

which was on the site where the 1910 Primary School was built, was used in retaining walls to gardens on both sides of the Main Road through the village. **15.** Charlie's Corner. **16.** The site now occupied by the village car park. Closed in 1968. **17.** Between Acomb Drive and Bluebell Lane. **18.** Daniel Farm. William Hedley was born in Newburn **19.** Wylam Assembly. **20.** The Boys Brigade.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WYLAM SUMMER FAIR 2022



Wylam Summer Fair, when it was last held in 2019. Volunteers are urgently needed if the Fair is to happen again

**It will have been three years** this June that Wylam has been without its Summer Fair. The Fair is held on our fabulous Jubilee Field which is owned and managed by Wylam Community Playing Field Association (a Registered Charity).

As well as being a fantastic social event, the Summer Fair is our biggest fundraiser and is important in raising awareness and income for our many

community groups. The majority of the income needed to keep the Jubilee Field safe and fun is generated from this and other fundraising events which we have missed out on for the last few years.

To run a successful event we need more volunteers to bring new energy and ideas, otherwise the 2022 Summer Fair may not happen. Planning usually starts around this

time of year and is a really rewarding way to spend a few hours a month for a few months of the year. For example, we decide what food is to be sold, design the layout of the field, determine the order of events, work out the logistics of ticketing, arrange public address systems etc. All creative ideas are encouraged to make the day different and interesting for everyone. Helping to put it all together is a great way of getting to know the village and its people. These useful skills can also look good on a CV or personal statement.

If you would like to help to organise this event for 2022, or if you'd just like an informal chat please get in touch :

Facebook

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## 2022-23 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP)

**Each year Northumberland County Council (NCC)** produces a Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme. As part of the process it asks Town and Parish Councils to submit the top three priority highways and transport issues for each area, to be considered for inclusion in the Programme.

Each priority submitted is scored against agreed criteria. Those with the highest overall score are considered for inclusion which means that unfortunately not all priorities make it into the final agreed Programme.

At its meeting on 11th October 2021, Wylam Parish Council considered LTP submission proposals from residents and councillors. It was agreed that the following three priorities should be submitted to NCC:

- **Current 30mph speed limit to be extended** along Wylam Wood Road from its junction with Station Road to Hagg Bank.
- **Review of traffic speeds and road safety measures** on Main Road, especially in the village centre near the Spar.
- **Installing additional dropped kerbs** to make Wylam accessible to all.

The Parish Council also welcomed the news from NCC that two of the

priorities submitted in 2020 have been included in the current LTP, but only with feasibility options being developed at this stage:

- **Reinforcing the existing 20 mph speed limit zone** to improve road safety through the village centre.
- **To introduce parking restrictions and speed control measures** in the vicinity of the Fox and Hounds and the Co-op.

Unfortunately the request to implement a programme of footpath repairs in Wylam was not taken forward. Instead, such repairs will be considered when developing planned maintenance programmes. The Area Maintenance Team will continue to monitor and carry out minor works to ensure footpaths are in a safe condition. Residents should report any issues to NCC via the website 'Report It' facility.

The Parish Council is setting up a Road Safety Advisory Group which will discuss the LTP process and wider road safety initiatives in the Village.

If you would like to be involved in the Road Safety Group then please contact the Parish Council Clerk to register interest. Contact details are on page 8.

## WATERFALL OF POPPIES



Poppy Waterfall at Wylam War Memorial

**How lovely it was** to see a waterfall of poppies adorning the War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday this year. Not to be outdone by the 2018 display at the Tower of London, Wylam's Knit and Natter group put in some hard work to create this stunning display. They enjoyed themselves in the process, meeting as they do every Wednesday afternoon at 2p.m. in The Ship Inn over coffee for some pleasant company, conversation and of course, knitting! New knitters are always welcome.

You may also have noticed poppies decorating the trees lining Main Road and that the Post Box outside the Spar shop is wearing a poppy 'hat' – wonderful work from Jean Pollard and friends.

# WCPFA JANUARY JUMBLE SALE

**Who is ready** for a big clear out? Wylam Community Playing Fields Association (WCPFA) has held a Jumble Sale in Wylam Institute in early January for many years. The next date for your diary is Saturday 8th January 2022. Save any jumble until then and look out for posters with more information nearer the time.

The Jubilee Field, and particularly the children's playground equipment, have been very well used during the pandemic as more people stayed at home. This is wonderful to see, but has resulted in much higher maintenance costs than previously incurred. Thus, fundraising events like the Jumble Sale are more vital than ever.

Please do come along and join in. We need lots of helping hands for jumble sorting on the Friday night and Saturday morning, and help with stalls during the afternoon.

## COVER PHOTO COMPETITION

Don't forget our front cover photo competition. Congratulations to **Chris Ritson**, who was the winner for the Autumn issue.



Photos should be :

- Taken in, or around, Wylam
- Ideally landscape orientation
- JPEG format, as high resolution as possible
- Colour or black & white
- Your own work (no copyright images)
- Not manipulated (beyond minor retouch)
- Not containing identifiable persons

Please send entries to the Parish Council Clerk via email (see information to the right of this page)

Parish Councillors will choose a winning entry prior to publication. Note that there is no cash prize.

# HAUNTINGLY GOOD HALLOWEEN GIG

**Wylam residents were treated** to a live outdoor performance at Wylam Library on October 31st when Wylam resident (and Parish Councillor) Helen Walker and her Women's Jazz Collective got together to perform a suitably Halloween-themed set list.

Helen (*trumpet*) was joined by Jude Murphy (*double bass/vocals*), Bridget Enever (*sax*), Caroline Guirr (*keyboard*), Alison Paton (*drums*), and Andrea C E Harris (*vocals*).

Songs included Jeepers Creepers, Bewitched, Night & Day, Fly Me to the Moon and Moondance.

A collection was made for Parkinson's UK, and thanks to the generosity of those attending, £90 was raised.

Many thanks to Margaret at the library for supporting the event, and to Chris Brogan and Jennifer Power for braving the cold to help with the collection.



The Jazz Collective perform at Wylam Library on October 31st

## OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR



Helen Walker joined Wylam Parish Council in September 2021

**In September**, the Parish Council voted to co-opt Helen Walker as Parish Councillor to complete our full membership.

Helen has lived in Wylam for nearly twenty years and many people know her as a musician, trumpet player and teacher. She has a long career in education from primary teacher, Headteacher, Ofsted and Local Authority Adviser. Helen is passionate about empowering young people through music, story, film and positive well-being.

Although now semi-retired, Helen continues to try and raise aspirations in the North East, through music and education and her non-profit, Musilience.

## WYLAM LIBRARY UPDATE

**Wylam Library is open** for you to browse and select your own books on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10.30 - 12.30 & 1.30 - 4.30.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the library. As a result of recent damage to the library building, the gates into the playground will be padlocked and access will be by the rear side gates. These gates will also be locked outside of library hours.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## GET IN TOUCH!

**We'd love to hear from you!**

Please contact :

**Marie Moore**

*Clerk to the Parish Council*



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