



# NEW HARTLEY NEWSLETTER

February 2022



**Hello and welcome!** Our first village event of the year took place in January where over 300 people attended the memorial service to mark the 160th Anniversary of the Hester Pit Disaster.

There was a procession to the Memorial Garden where a service was held. Readings, prayers and hymns took place to remember those who

lost their lives in this tragic event. The new arch for the Memorial Garden, dedicated to John Seymour, is nearing completion and we look forward to seeing it in place very soon.



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Village celebrations - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June



*These celebrations are being brought to you by New Hartley Community Association, New Hartley Club, Seaton Valley Council and other community groups and businesses*

Add this event to your diaries and we'll provide more detailed information nearer the time

**12:00 - 2:00pm**

**Street Party on the field** - join us for a 1950's picnic lunch provided free of charge by New Hartley Community Association

**2:00 - 4:00pm**

**1950's street games on the field** - organised by New Hartley Club

**4:00 - 7:00pm**

**BBQ and Beer tent** - provided by New Hartley Club, including licence

**9:00pm start**

**Live band in Victory Club**



We'd love to you be wearing 1950's style clothing, and there will be a best crown competition.

The 'in bloom group' and 'craft group' are also working on red, white and blue ideas to help decorate the village, so there will be plenty to get involved in. You'll find the most up to date news on our village Facebook page.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the day, please email [newhartleycommunity@gmail.com](mailto:newhartleycommunity@gmail.com)

### VILLAGE GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Community Litter pick** - The New Hartley in Bloom group welcomes you to join them on the last Saturday of the month (weather permitting) at 1pm for a friendly hour of litter picking. We have lots of laughs while keeping our village litter free. Litter picking equipment is provided. Please meet in the Memorial Hall car park.

**Weekly walking group** Every Tuesday 10am start, meet at the Memorial Hall car park. All welcome. This group is very popular with residents who benefit from good conversation and plenty of exercise. As the evenings get lighter next year Jill is looking at establishing an evening walk for the group. P.S. There is always a coffee stop!

**Friday Fellowship** Every second Friday of the month in the Memorial Hall 7- 9pm. This is currently a forerunner to the WI which is starting in April 2022. £2 entry fee to include tea/coffee biscuits etc. We are aiming to have a full programme in place. Ladies who would like to learn more about the WI and get involved please come along.

**Food Pantry** Open for collection every Wednesday between 10.30-11.00am at the Memorial Hall. Just turn up if you need a bag of food. Donations can be made from 9am any Weds. Thank you for all your kind donations this far.

**Tin in the bin** - If you have any tinned food that you would like to donate to the food pantry, you can pop them into the bin which will be situated outside of the Memorial Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Thank you in advance.

**Gentle exercise to music** - every Monday 10.30 – 11.30am in the Memorial Hall. We aim to promote health, increase mobility and independence, improve strength, co-ordination and balance and also to counteract loneliness and isolation, thereby enhancing your quality of life. Pop in or ring Hazel on 0191 2372513.

**New Hartley crafters** Bring along whatever craft, art, knitting or crochet you would like to do. Create, design and learn from others in a relaxed and peaceful friendly environment. No booking necessary, just pop along. We're there every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 7:30 - 9:00pm at the village Memorial Hall (excluding 17<sup>th</sup> March) For further details email [newhartleycrafters@gmail.com](mailto:newhartleycrafters@gmail.com) £2 entry includes a tea/coffee/biscuits.

### NEW HARTLEY IN BLOOM

Our volunteers continue to keep our village looking beautiful. If you would like to join in and help please contact Karen on 07899 789877. No experience necessary, just a passion to enjoy nature and the company of others. A Platinum Jubilee flower bed is being funded by Seaton Valley Council (SVC) and will be maintained by the In Bloom group. It will be to the left of the chicane on Bristol Street as you enter the village. SVC are also working with the In Bloom group and Barratt's Homes to provide a much needed water supply to the Memorial Garden.

## Seaton Valley Council (SVC) update, provided by Susan Dungworth, Chair

- Storm Arwen caused a delay in the winter works programme, but all the planned work in New Hartley has been completed on time. There is still some remedial work needed on trees following the storm, including the one in the Memorial Garden, but they have all been made safe and debris removed.
- There are no vacant allotment plots in New Hartley and the waiting list is currently closed.
- Wild flower sways will be sown again this year on some of the grassed areas on Bristol Street. The areas of grass that were left uncut between Chipchase Court and Dorchester Court were a great success and this will continue for a further year, allowing natural wild flowers to grow.
- Normal grass cutting will resume in late March, weather permitting.
- Some minor work on play park fences has been completed following damage caused by Storms Arwen and Malik. Hasting Gardens play park remains closed for safety reasons, to allow residents time to repair the surrounding fences belonging to them.
- New bright yellow and green frog bins are being installed in the play parks to encourage the children to use them.
- A seat for the bus shelter next to the Memorial Hall is on order.
- We have provided support to St Michael's Church following the damage caused by the storms and road traffic accident. The war memorial and clock have been safety checked and we will be replacing the bench.
- SVC continues to support village events, such as the Hester Pit Disaster Memorial and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we are working with family members to create a lasting tribute to the late Ray Kennedy.

### Update from David Ferguson, your County Councillor


- The Council are aware that there is still a large backlog of work to be done following the recent storms. We appreciate your patience while the local services teams are undertaking work across the region.
- I regularly see reports on social media about dog fouling. We are looking at measures such as increased enforcement and CCTV to help tackle this issue. Please report any dog fouling via the Council website.
- Garden waste collection services start in March (garden waste bins), if you haven't received your renewal or would like to sign up as a new customer, you can do it online using the Council website or by telephone.
- Council website: [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) Telephone 0345 600 6400
- Don't forget if you have issues you'd like to discuss in person, please drop into my surgery (see below)

### COUNCILLOR CONTACT DETAILS & SURGERY DATES

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Join County Cllr David Ferguson and Parish Cllr Jill Henderson for Councillors surgeries on Sat 5th March and Sat 7th May, drop in between 10:30 - 12:00   
(no appointment needed - **venue:** New Hartley Memorial Hall)  
Susan Dungworth is happy to be contacted by email or telephone if anyone wishes to discuss any issues.

### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CONTACT DETAILS

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Please note: there are more committee members, for general enquiries please email Michelle at [newhartleycommunity@gmail.com](mailto:newhartleycommunity@gmail.com) and she will put you in touch with the relevant committee member.

### HALL HIRE

The hall is available for private hire - at only £12 per hour it's great value and a super venue. Children's parties/functions – for bookings please contact Chris Barrell on 0191 237 5426. (deposit required)

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK – search for New Hartley Village Community Association



If you're on facebook, we'd love you to join our group to keep up to date with the latest information and events, this gives you the opportunity to find out about anything that is happening in between newsletters.

### Village post office and coffee shop opening hours

#### Post office:

Mon, Tue, Thu 9:00 - 12:00 & 1:30 - 4:30  
Weds 9:00 - 12:30  
Fri & Sat 9:00 - 12:00



#### Coffee shop:

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri 9 - 4  
Wed & Sat 9 - 2  
Times may vary due to demand

