

# HEAR ABOUTS

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The Free Community Magazine for Eglington Parish  
North Charlton | South Charlton | Eglington | & Everywhere Between

## From the Editor

I'm just back from the annual South Charlton bonfire night and it was great to see so many folk there enjoying with their young families. We (speaking as a member of the village hall committee) have really focused this event on being a small bonfire and fireworks display for parents to bring their youngest to introduce them to the wonders of the bangs and flashes at a time that suits and in a warm and welcoming environment, far from the over busy, josteling displays held in larger towns.

A wonderful turnout and lovely to see the new folks who've recently moved into the parish too!

If you are new to the parish do come along and join in with events, our community will only strengthen the more we support each other and make the most of the events your various committees work hard on to put on. A prime example were the ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen today firing out countless cups of soup and many sausage sarnies. Not a bad display of fireworks by Micheal either! Well done all!

Andy

*Finn update: He's 6 months old already! As you will remember I used Hear Abouts to request details of any due litters of yellow Labs as we had recently lost one of ours and needed a replacement as the other was about to go too. Well Sam is now gone, and indeed I did need Finn for cuddles to ease the hurt.*

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## Coffee & Chats

Eglingham Village Hall  
Saturday 4th November 10-12noon

South Charlton Village Hall  
Saturday 2nd December 10-12noon

All welcome

# Eglingham Village Hall

## Sun 12th Nov

# Christmas Market

### 1.30pm - 5.00pm

Proof of The Pudding

Marilyn & Melrose

The Good Life Shop

Taste of Northumbria

WCF Pets and Equestrian

Ruby Tuesday

Hotspur 1364

The W.I. Bakers

Designer Jewellery

Interiors and Accessories

**Free entry**



# Fundraising for Hope for Children



“Whilst most of us look forward to our easter eggs, two local ladies will instead be racing across sand dunes carrying everything they need to survive in mid-day temperatures up to 120 degrees where any chocolate would certainly melt! Milly Archibald, from Heathery and Claire Wood, from South Charlton, have signed up to take part in the Marathon des Sables in April 2018. This is said to be the world’s toughest footrace involving 6 days and 254km worth of self-sufficiency in the Moroccan desert. They are running as part of Team Hope, and are aiming to raise £16,000 for Hope for Children.

Hope for Children is an international charity that passionately believes every child has the right to a happy, healthy and positive childhood. Almost half of the world’s children are vulnerable and living in poverty. The charity are trying to change this by making a safe and fulfilling childhood a reality for more of the world’s children. Until Christmas, every pound donated by the UK public will also be matched by the UK Government, as part of the Head Held High appeal which is raising funds to improve access to a quality education for vulnerable children in Africa.

To take advantage of this, Milly and Claire are holding a Christmas fair and Nearly New Sale at Willowburn leisure centre from 10.30-14.00 on the 12th November. Please come along and support this worthy cause and remember that any pound you spent will be doubled for charity!

If you would like to take a stall, drop any clothes off to sell at the Nearly new sale (you keep 70% of the sale price) or provide any other fundraising help, please contact [clairebell81@hotmail.com](mailto:clairebell81@hotmail.com).

If you would like to sponsor the ladies, please visit <https://mds2018.everydayhero.com/uk/team-milly-and-claire>

## LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 15th November at 12 noon  
Come along to find out about our special Lunch Club in December  
at South Charlton Village Hall

All welcome for soup, pudding, a cuppa ...and a good old chin wag!

## CraftWorks

Meeting on Thursdays in Eglingham Village Hall

1:30pm - 3:30pm

## WhichCraft

2nd and 4th Fridays in South Charlton Village Hall  
2pm - 4pm

## T@3

There will be a joint afternoon tea with Eglingham Church in Eglingham Village Hall on Sunday December 3rd (details elsewhere in the mag)

We already have a list of speakers for each T@3 to begin 2018. More details in next months issue.

## Eglingham WI

Our speaker for our October meeting was Sharon Wright who demonstrated how to make a posy using all manner of flowers, leaves etc. She produced a beautiful arrangement and it was then up to us to make one of our own. The tables were awash with flowers, greenery, berries, barley stalks which had been brought by everyone and we all set to to make an arrangement of our own. There were beautiful results and Carolyn took some photos of them laid out on the stage for our facebook page. Judi Rutherford gave the vote of thanks for such an enjoyable evening.

Supper was followed by the raffle, which was won by Gill Rollings.

Our next meeting in November will be our Annual Meeting.

*Pat Ives*

# Christmas High Tea

3pm Sunday 3rd December  
at Eglingham Village Hall

£5.00 per person with proceeds going to St Maurice's Church, Eglingham and St James' Church, South Charlton

All welcome any queries to Janice Myers 01665 578967

## Bus Time Table Changes (Already)

Eglingham - Alnwick departures: Mon - Fri: 8.30am, 10.32am, 1.47pm, 4.57pm Sat: 9.32am, 11.32am, 1.47pm, 4.57pm

Alnwick - Eglingham (continuing to Wooler) departures: Mon - Fri: 9.00am, 12.30pm, 3.45pm, 5.20pm Sat: 10.00am, 12.30pm, 3.45pm, 5.20pm.

## Could more lift-giving be a communal way for Eglingham residents to be better connected to key services ?

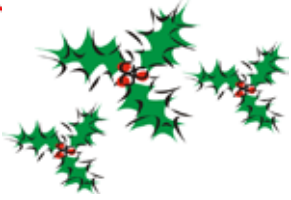
Jeff Turner is a post-graduate student at the School of Civill Engineering at Newcastle Uinversity and an experienced transport planner. He will be at the December coffee and chats (2nd December at South Charlton) as he is conducting a research project to look at how lift-giving could become an even more common way for people in small communities across Northumberland to get to things such as healthcare, major shopping centres and even family and friends? To help his research he would like to chat to anyone who is willing to talk about the journeys they make; the journeys they find difficult; what lifts (if any) they already give or receive and what could be done to encourage them to share more lifts with people form the community who are going their way.

Jan Chisholm Community Transport Officer from Northumberland County Council will also be in attendance. The Council is working with Jeff on this project to see if any positive developments can be taken forward elsewhere in the County.

*Paul McIver*  
Eglingham Parish Council

EGLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL

Christmas



Ceilidh

**SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV**

**7.00 – 11.00 P.M.**

with

**‘SIMPLY NORTHUMBRIAN’**



**Live!**

**Bar**

**£10.00**

**CHILDREN: £2.50**

**INCLUDES**

**PIE & PEA SUPPER**

Tickets from Jane: [Tel:01668 217179](tel:01668217179)

email: [jane.hamilton99@sky.com](mailto:jane.hamilton99@sky.com)



# Come and make your own Christmas wreath

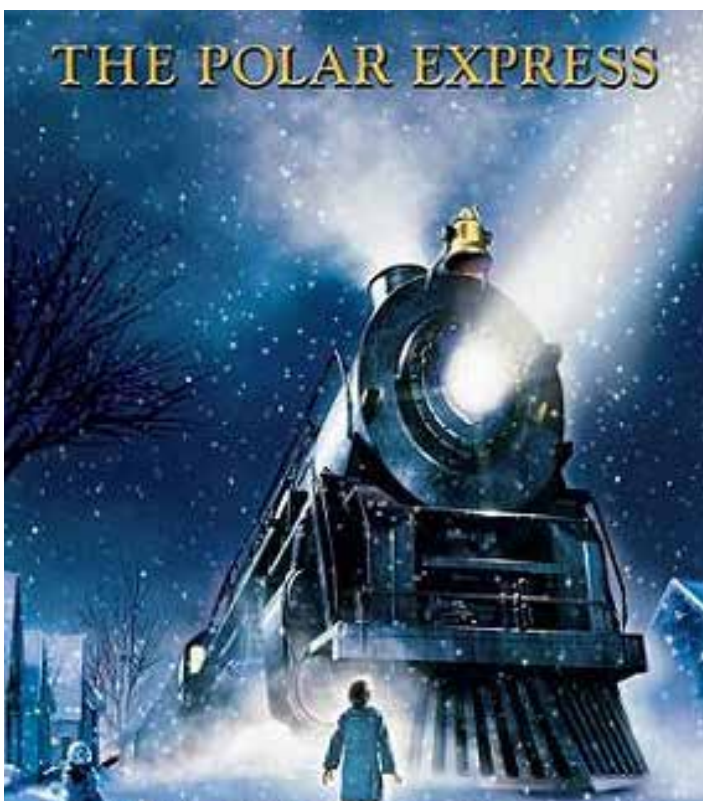
With Chris Cann

Thursday 30th November 7pm to 9pm  
South Charlton Village Hall

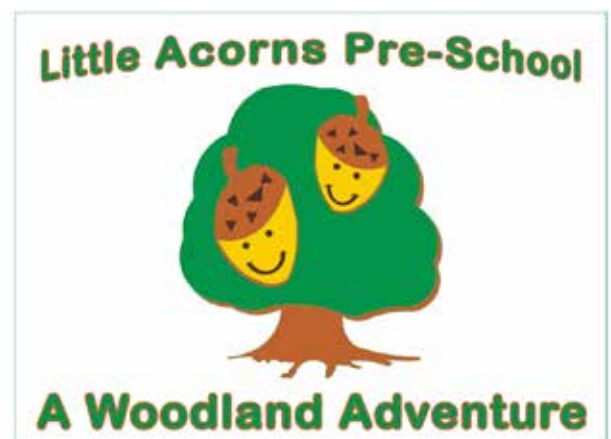
Seasonal refreshments and all materials supplied

Tickets £25

From Sue Jackson 579470 (mobile 07793032697)  
Booking essential  
Last day for tickets Monday 20th November



Showing at 2pm on Saturday 9th  
December  
South Charlton Village Hall. Please come  
along and join the fun.  
Contact details [karenlynas@hotmail.com](mailto:karenlynas@hotmail.com)





# Eglingham Community Association

## Review of 2017

Eglingham Community Association are a body of people who are interested in 'doing' what they can to improve community life in Eglingham. It is not a fundraising body, but we do undertake a few things to keep the wheels turning.

One of the things I wanted to do as the new Chair, was to increase the number of things that get done. Try to make more of a difference, get more people involved and create more community.

We started the year with members of the public asking us if we could put a seat in the Bus Shelter. There was a seat there many years ago, until it was vandalised and the seat broken. We took this to the Parish Council, who own the shelter, but they were not inclined to replace the seat, leaving us with one of the very few bus shelters out there that is seatless.



One of the most visible improvements to the village early in the year was the painting of the milepost. It still looks terrific. I would love to have the 30 mph signs opposite the village hall and the pub re-done. It might be a project that we could take on in future, together with any other old signs that need revamped in the surrounding area. As a community, we need look after our heritage before it disappears.

Village entrance signs were also tidied up as we moved into spring, with Margaret Bell donning the fluorescent waistcoat and removing bags of rubbish.

Work started in the Village Field and we purchased a whole array of tools to enable us to work more efficiently. Margaret formed a plan of work that she has stuck to all year, tidying, digging, planting and pruning, turning the banking into a feature of the field.



The Parish Walk was at Eglingham this year, and ECA carried out the organisation. Julian Tyley led a great little working party to ensure the route was safe, mapped, watered, and provisioned for the big day. It chuckled it down, in case anybody didn't notice. None the less, the tea was enjoyed by around 50 people and most people had a great time, especially those who walked. Even more especially, the one with the

emergency phone who had to stay in the nice dry hall and make sure that all who went out came back, really enjoyed his day.



Work carried on a-pace at the field. When Margaret was joined by Joyce Wilson, things really got moving. Henry Knott was drafted in to provide muscle power on the removal of the nettle roots and other debris.

By the time of the Festival, with the grass cutting having been sorted out with Greenfingers, we had a field that looked as good as ever it had.

What is to be said of the first Festival on the Field. Fortune favours the brave. The decision to go ahead despite a dodgy forecast was borne out by a cracking afternoon enjoyed by over 60 people.

Then it was straight on to the Christmas Calendar, which was done this year in cooperation with the photography group who provided over 50 pictures to choose from. We whittled them down to 12 plus a front cover and have produced one of the best looking calendars we have made so far. Calendars are now for sale. They will be at Coffee and Chats on the first Saturday in the month and at the Christmas Market on November 12th, Eglingham Village Hall. Other than that, contact Julian Tyley or any member of ECA.



Finally, discussions and ideas emanating from the grant panel on how to provide improvements to village life by way of night classes, resulted in ECA being the first body to come up with solid ideas and give them a try. The Art Class in Watercolours are on now, with ECA managing the funding. I have been along to the classes and I am astounded at the quality that is being produced. There are still places left, so I can only urge people with an interest in painting to avail themselves of such a tremendous opportunity.

This new way of thinking and funding has still to be fully developed and there may be classes in crafts, photography, keep fit, IT Skills and the like if enough interest is shown.

There is also an attempt to 'improve the Cultural footprint' in the parish, and I have been working with people from other organisations to try and bring this to fruition. Hopefully, it is not too far away. The aim is to bring top quality acts to our Churches and



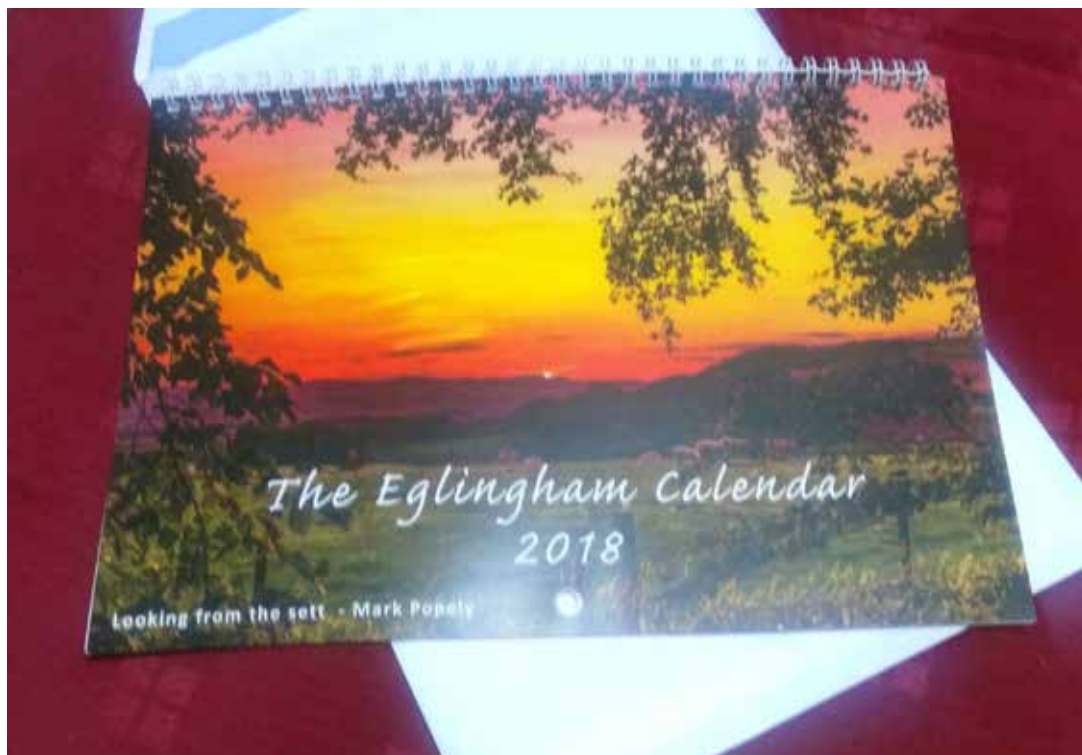
Village Halls that we might not otherwise try because of the financial risk involved. This could be classical music, theatre, puppetry, comedy, choirs, folk, dance, sculpture/art displays or anything else that falls under the 'culture' banner. It should be very exciting.

That concludes my review of the year. What pleases me most is to see everyone in this group pitching in. There have been no shirkers, everything is done on time and with good grace. I would like to thank you all for your contributions.

There are many ECA supporters out there who deserve a mention. Morrison Tate, for the enthusiasm with which he approached the Festival. Joyce for pitching in with the hard work on the gardening. Jane Hamilton, for bringing up the idea of sponsorship and helping to create the Festival on the Field. Gwen and Paul Bateman for helping out whenever required, as well as Ronnie, who quietly helps out in the background.

*Malcolm Angus*  
*Eglingham Community Association*

## 2018 ECA Calendar



This year's calendar is available now.

They will be on sale at the coming Christmas Market in Eglingham Village Hall on the 12th of November. Or from Julian Tyley [juliantyley01@gmail.com](mailto:juliantyley01@gmail.com)

Only £5!

# COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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## **Eglingham**

**Lime Trees** – The Parish Council made a request for 5 Lime Trees to be removed which are situated near the entry point into the Church. On September 14th, I met with Cllr McIver, Barry Wilson, Trees and Woodland Officer NCC, and Mrs Carolyn Brewster to look at the trees. I do not profess to be a tree expert and I therefore speak from the heart on this matter. When I see Lime Trees which are over one hundred years old and have a potential life span of a further 200 years, I personally cannot give my personal support to removing the trees. As the trees are within a conservation area, Planning Officers must visit the site and make an informed decision. They can refuse the request and they can also issue tree protection orders on some/all of the trees should they wish to do so. If the planners have no objection to the trees being removed, I will seek a final opinion from Cllr Glen Sanderson, Environment and Local Services portfolio holder as this will be a costly operation to undertake. Mr Barry Wilson will also make a further check of all five trees to ensure there are no concerns regarding safety issues and/or disease.

**Traffic monitoring strips** – I have been advised that the officer responsible currently has a very large workload. I am hopeful the strips will be laid in Eglingham very shortly and apologise for the delay in doing so.

## **South Charlton**

**SLOW** road signage is now in place on the road through the village and early feedback received has been favourable and traffic does appear to be slowing down. The road heading towards South Charlton coming from the direction of the A1, continues to deteriorate and there is including that section, three places which are particularly bad, on the corner by the church in the village, and, at the top of the bank heading out of South Charlton towards Eglingham. I have reported these issues several times to NCC Highways Department and I will endeavor to do so again and again until we achieve a better road for the people of South Charlton.

**Post 16 Home to School Transport** – I am a member of the Committee discussing Post 16 Home to School Transport which is chaired by County Councillor Glen Sanderson. Discussions are going well and I will report back to the Parish Council once a final decision has been made.

**Mobile Phone Coverage in Eglingham** – Following an enquiry from a resident about the lack of Mobile coverage in Eglingham I received the following information. There are a number of areas in Northumberland and other parts of the UK that suffer from poor mobile connectivity. This is largely due to the way in which mobile operators and the regulator have previously measured coverage as a percentage of population which offered no incentive or obligation to the mobile operators to invest in infrastructure in sparsely populated areas. There has however now been a positive shift by the regulator and mobile operators who are starting to talk about geographic coverage rather than population coverage and as a result we are already starting to



see additional investment in their infrastructure in more rural areas. As I'm sure you will appreciate this is not a quick process and it is likely to take a significant time before coverage reaches near ubiquitous levels nationally. NCC do continue to seek ways to work more proactively between the local and national government and the mobile operators to find ways to assist with this process such as providing assistance in finding candidate sites for mobile telecommunications equipment, etc, however there is currently no formally established mechanism for this to be achieved easily. Please be assured that NCC take every opportunity to continue to raise this issue of poor connectivity in our area, and will continue to explore ways to engage the mobile operators to encourage further investment in order to address connectivity black spots.

Any enquiries please contact - Steve Smith, Digital Design & Delivery Manager, Information Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF, Landline: 01670 622928, Mobile: 07904 114518 Email: [steve.smith@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:steve.smith@northumberland.gov.uk)

## **MYSTREET APP TO BE ROLLED OUT ACROSS REGION**

A mobile phone app which makes it easier for residents to report issues affecting their local community is being rolled out across the region.

The mobile app, 'MyStreet Northumberland', was designed by the Safer Northumberland Partnership and Improving Croft and Cowpen Quay (ICCPQ) following a pilot in the "12 Streets" campaign which focused on identifying issues affecting twelve streets in Cowpen Quay and putting in long-term solutions.

Residents can download the new app and use it to access information on a number of problems such as anti-social behaviour, noise, litter, street lighting and roads all in one place.

From here, app users can access advice or report specific incidents to the council or if they have information or concerns about crime and disorder where they live they can access advice via the app or they can contact their local neighbourhood policing team direct.

Councillor John Riddle, chair of Safer Northumberland, said: "While Northumberland has low crime levels, we know there are issues that affect people's quality of life and it's important communities can easily access advice and report anything they're worried about.

"The app has already been successful, being downloaded thousands of times in its first year, and we're delighted it's being rolled out by Northumbria Police to other local authorities in the area."

The app is free to download onto iPhone, Android, and Windows devices by searching 'MyStreet' in the app store.

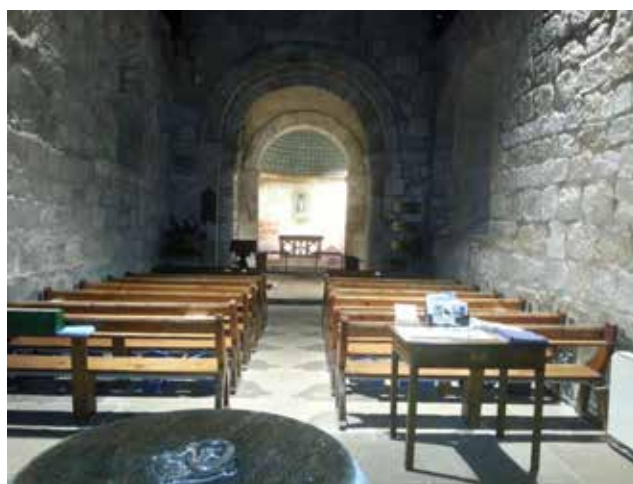
# The Heritage Fund

## Eglingham & Old Bewick Church & Churchyard Funding

Eglingham is very fortunate to have two beautiful and historic churches, St Maurice's in Eglingham and Holy Trinity at Old Bewick, both set in wonderfully atmospheric churchyards. These churches and their surroundings add immeasurably to the beauty and amenity of our parish and are I believe valued by all as an essential part of village life, and are part of what makes our village such a special place to live.

To visit our medieval churches, particularly Holy Trinity, and just sit quietly and absorb the peace and the beauty of the buildings and their surroundings, is a magical and uplifting experience, we all need these moments in a busy world.

Unfortunately it costs about £10,000 each year to maintain and improve these buildings and churchyards this as well as structural repairs and maintenance includes grass cutting and strimming the churchyards and the maintenance cost of the church clock. As there is no funding from the wider church to support these costs, the Heritage fund was set up to help with this and enable those who may or may not be regular churchgoers, but who feel able make a regular or occasional contribution to help preserve these vital village assets.



This fund is completely separate from the funding required for the active life of the church. This comes to about £30,000 per year for the parish share, running costs, and expenses. This is met with some difficulty by those using the churches, but generous donations and fund raising events do help. Unfortunately this year a number of these fundraising events have not gone ahead.

Unfortunately this is not available to Holy Trinity which requires urgent work to underpin the porch and provision of a safety handrail for the internal steps, and upgrading of interior features and furnishings including the Minton floor tiles by the altar.

Margaret Bell and I have recently taken over responsibility for the fund, and wish to thank those who have so generously contributed to the fund in the past and who continue to make regular donations. This has made it possible to support all that has been achieved in recent years. The Fund needs more donations to enable this to continue.

We are doing a mail shot to everyone in the parish asking for your support including details on how to make a donation, or you may contact me,

Lawrence Holmes at e mail address - [lawrence.h@live.co.uk](mailto:lawrence.h@live.co.uk)

or

Margaret Bell at e mail address - [margaretbee48@gmail.com](mailto:margaretbee48@gmail.com).



# EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk; Amy Smith 01665 603755 Email; [amycartmell@googlemail.com](mailto:amycartmell@googlemail.com)

Condensed Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday August 30th 2017** at South Charlton Village Hall.

**Policing** - The chair welcomed PCs Paul Sykes and Phil Gibson based at Rothbury station. PC Sykes confirmed that an individual driver had been spoken to with regard to a complaint of speeding but he urged parishioners to contact him with any further concerns of speeding. Both PCs gave an informative talk on dealing with rural crime. They said that although rural crime had increased in the region, in north Northumberland there was minimal crime. However they also warned that the best way to prevent crime was to lock things up and to report any concerns either by ringing 999 for emergencies or 101 when there are any concerns about suspicious activity and trusting instincts when things not looking quite right. They said it was important to report any concerns regarding poaching as the culprits were often linked to other rural crime. PC Sykes also provided the clerk with details of Northumbria Police's new community message service which encourages members of the public to sign up and receive alerts by text/email/voice. The service can be accessed via a web page [www.yncm.co.uk](http://www.yncm.co.uk).

**Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund;** Ali Wrangham and Nicky Dickinson attended the meeting to request that the parish council would consider applying for windfarm funding to resurface the tennis court on Eglingham Community field. They said that they represented a group of people who would like to play tennis there but that currently the surface did not allow them to do so. It was agreed by the parish council that this was a good idea in principle if an estimated usage could be presented as a part of the application. Mrs Wrangham agreed that they would liaise with Eglingham Community Association to prepare an application for the next round of funding in October but first bring it back to the parish council for approval.

**Representatives of external organisations, Eglingham Community Association and Village Hall Committee;** The chair said that he would be standing down from the village hall committee after seven years and therefore asked if anyone else would be willing to act as a parish council representative/link with the village hall committee.

**Planning;** Charlton Hall 17/01784/COU change of use application withdrawn.

**Correspondence;** Northumberland County Council had asked for the parish council's local transport priorities for 2018/19. The clerk will request a footpath along Eglingham bridge and chicanes at the western and eastern end of the village both to narrow road to limit traffic speed and also reduce speed signs at South Charlton.

Date of next meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday November 1 at Eglingham Village Hall from 7.30pm.

Full minutes available from the clerk and via the website.

## Useful Contacts

Local Councillor

Wendy Pattison: 07779 983072

Clerk to the Parish Council

Amy Smith: 01665 603755

Vicar

Rev. Marion Penfold: 01665 578250

South Charlton Village Hall (bookings)

Andy Gray: 07730 559223

Eglingham Village Hall (bookings)

Julian Tyley: 01665 578460

Health:

NHS Direct - 111

Consulting Rooms - 01665 602388

Bondgate Surgery - 01665 510888

## WhichCraft

at South Charlton Village Hall  
2nd and 4th Friday of each month  
2pm-4pm

## Coffee & Chats

10-12noon Saturday 7th October  
Held at South Charlton Village Hall  
All Welcome

## Residents @ Email List

A resident of the Parish? Then if you haven't already... Sign up for our community email list!

Our very successful email list is open to any resident within our boundaries, just send an email to [david@eglingham.org.uk](mailto:david@eglingham.org.uk) and you will get added.

## Next Issue:

Early December 2017

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