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Warning

Woods Terrace, Murton



Woods Terrace coming from the top end is **NO ENTRY AT ALL TIMES!** Breaking this law will result in a £60 fine and 3 fixed penalty points on your license!

During the times of 8:30-18:00 Woods Terrace is a **PEDESTRIAN ZONE!** You are not allowed to travel up Woods Terrace during these times and **DO NOT PARK** outside the shops during these times!

Deliveries to the shops are permitted only between the hours of 8:30-10:00am and 16:30-18:00pm. Between 10:00am-16:30am vehicles will be ticketed!



Seaham Neighbourhood Policing Team

GET ACTIVE—A little effort makes a big difference!

Whatever your age size or physical condition, you are likely to benefit from being more active. The people who benefit the most are inactive people who start to take regular, moderate activity. You will benefit as much from brisk walking, or activities like gardening and climbing the stairs. You can be active without ever slipping into lycra or joining a gym. We understand that it may seem difficult to fit physical activity into your daily life, due to time and other constraints-but Get Active can help you! Get Active deliver a number of weekly drop ins to provide you with the advice and support you need to become more active and enjoy all the benefits. At the drop ins you will also be given a Mini Health MOT which will check your current health and lifestyle and identify potential risks to your health even if you are feeling well at the moment.



Interested? Contact Get Active for further details on 0191 5692847 or email: cdda-tr.getactive@nhs.net or visit your local drop in: **Murton Glebe Centre-Mondays at 1.30-2.30**

The Glebe Centre Indoor Short Mat Bowls



The bowls play on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from The Glebe Centre, always looking for new members. If anyone is interested contact Michael Mann 0191 5865014 or pop down to the Glebe between 9am to 12 any Tuesday or Thursday morning and see the members in action.

PARISH COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

In accordance with legislation it is now a statutory requirement to publish allowances received by members of the Parish Council. The agreed allowance per year for Members of Murton Parish Council is £574. This is claimed by Councillors:

D Gibson, S Harrison, JG Lormor, G Maitland, H Napier, R Kelly, P Penman and M Haswell.

NEWSLETTER

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Annual Report 2010/2011

Chairman's Welcome

I hope you enjoy our Autumn edition of the Murton Parish Council Newsletter. Please contact www.murtonparish.org.uk if you have any parish issues, or if you could suggest anything you would like to see in the newsletter.

The Parks and Cemetery Superintendent Mr. Colin Dobson has provided us with an exceptional flower display throughout the village, cemetery and welfare park, many thanks to him and his staff.

Murton Welfare Association Secretary Mrs Ann Cowley has arranged day trips to Harrogate, Keswick and York, unfortunately due to lack of interest the York trip had to be cancelled. These outings enable parishioners to socialise and get out and about, please support these events in future to ensure they continue. Younger members of the parish enjoyed themselves at Flamingo Land, always very popular.

During the school holidays a full programme of activities took place at The Glebe Centre and Park View Pavilion. Children were introduced to the sport of Orienteering which involves finding observation points in a given area, with the use of a compass to take bearings, and find your way around. This proved to be extremely popular and was enjoyed by all taking part.

Allotment holders over the welfare park have organised themselves by adopting a constitution, forming a committee and are now known as MURTON WELFARE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION, this will enable them to move forward and bid for funding to improve the facilities they have now. Contact Karen Neil 0191 5262095 if you are interested in an allotment over the park, there is currently a waiting list but you can put your name forward.

The erection of fencing around the park has proved to be effective in preventing vandalism in certain areas, however damage is still being caused by youths to the rear of The Glebe Centre. Please help us to prevent this mindless vandalism by contacting the Police or any Parish member if you know who is responsible.

For the third year a Christmas Tree was erected on the Village Green and the Parish Council purchased lights and a special Switch on was held. This proved to be extremely popular increasing turnout from the previous years and the

tree will be erected again in December, light switch on Wed 7th December at 6pm.

Looking forward the November pantomime this year is Jack and the Beanstalk which will be open to the public on Monday 21st, November 6-8pm. Also not forgetting the Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch on Wednesday, 7th December, tickets £3. Fabulous entertainment will be provided by The New Yorkers, also bingo and raffle. Tickets on sale from 1st December from Glebe Centre reception.

In closing, I would once again like to record my thanks and appreciation to all Murton Parish Councillors for the support and help they have given me over the last six months. My thanks also go to the Parish and Welfare Association staff for their commitment, hard work and dedication to providing a cleaner, healthier environment for us all to live and work in.

T Pinkney Chairman.



Murton Parish Council

The Parish Council Offices are at the Glebe Centre, Durham Place, Murton, Seaham, Co Durham SR7 9BX. Tel No. 0191 5208651, and Fax No. 0191 5208651. Email address: murtonpc@hotmail.com. The Parish office is open 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m., Monday to Friday. Murton Parish Council was established by the Local Government Act 1894, and held its first

ever meeting in a classroom at Murton Colliery School, on Tuesday 4th December 1894.

The Council and its Committees

The full Council oversees all the activities of the Council. The main areas of the Council's work are covered by a number of Committees. These are Finance, Health & Safety and Executive & General Purpose. The Council meets at 7.00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Meetings of the Finance and Health & Safety Committees take place four times a year. Other Committees meet by agreement. Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting and make representation in the first 15 minutes. Notices of these meetings are displayed in the Parish Notice Boards and in the Glebe Centre.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

Murton Parish Councillors represent the two wards in the village. They are normally elected every four years. The last election was in May 2007 and following formation of Unitary Council next elections will be in line with DCC in May 2013.

<u>East Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Councillor Julie Griffiths 27 Harrogate Terrace, Murton	0751 0570720
Councillor Joyce Maitland 31 Mathews Road, Murton	0191 5267133
Councillor Derek Gibson 4 Church Lane, Murton	0191 5260830
Councillor Susan Harrison 3 Truro Avenue, Murton	0191 5267387
Councillor Maureen Haswell 21 Beech Avenue, Murton	0191 5260030
Councillor Ricky Kelly 3 Oak Terrace, Murton	0788 9494167
Councillor George Maitland 31 Mathews Road, Murton	0191 5267133
Councillor Paul Penman 5 South View, Murton	0754 0990327
Councillor Tom Pinkney 21 St. Ives Place, Murton	0191 5261657

<u>West Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Councillor Ann Cowley 8 Winds Lonnen, Murton	0191 5263461
Councillor Margaret Errington 34 Station Est. South, Murton	0790 1504520
Councillor Gary Lormor 3 Melrose Ave, Murton	0191 5266926
Councillor Hazel Napier Moor View, The Village, Murton	0191 5264948
Councillor Victoria McDowell 33 Broadoaks, Murton	0791 9563074
Councillor Marshall Wylde 16 Station Estate South, Murton	0191 5264782
Councillor Gordon Rennoldson 48 Webb Avenue, Murton	0191 5262423

Offices

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of the various Council Committees are elected annually in May. During 2010/2011 the following Councillors held office:

Chairman

Councillor Tom Pinkney

Vice-Chairman

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Finance Committee

Councillor Derek Gibson

Chairman Health&Safety Committee

Councillor Paul Penman

Chairman Executive & General Purpose

Councillor Tom Pinkney

Staff

The Clerk of the Council

Lesley Armstrong

Parks/Cemetery Superintendent

Colin Dobson

Gardeners/Labourers

Richard Jennings

Gary Stobbert

Jonathan Cleary

Steven Selby

Council Responsibilities

The Parish Council maintain on behalf of Murton Welfare Association two football fields, a cricket field, bowling green, whippet racing track and some twenty acres of open space parkland. Murton Cemetery is also run and maintained by the Council.

The Council purchased the former Miners Welfare Hall from British Coal, and leased the building to Murton Welfare Association who have transformed this building into a modern, multipurpose community centre.

Other responsibilities undertaken by the Parish Council include providing children's playgrounds and allotment gardens, grass cutting in public places, maintenance of the Village Green and Cenotaph Memorial, and some lighting in car parks. The Parish Council are also responsible for providing and maintaining some roadside seating, some salt/grit bins in winter conditions, dog-fouling bins, floral displays throughout the village.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The new Sports Facility, Park View Pavilion opened its doors for the first time earlier this year. This would not have been possible if Murton Parish Council and Murton Welfare Association had not worked in partnership to secure over £270,000 of funding to build this new facility. A big thank you to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust for their £85,600 contribution. Also a big thank you must go to our Durham County Councillors Alan Napier and Alice Naylor who contributed funds which enabled Murton Welfare Association to employ a Regeneration Officer (initially one year post) who will be based in Park View Pavilion with a view to develop new community groups.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is now under construction at the rear of The Glebe Centre again this was a successful funding bid through Community Spaces which enabled this facility to be built.

Planning

The Parish Council is a consultee on all planning applications. As such it is responsible for commenting upon all applications which fall within the village. These comments are passed to the Durham County Council who take them into account when reaching planning decisions.

A total of 25 applications have been considered by the Parish Council during the year. The largest of these being the erection of 14 No. Dwellings and Associated Road Improvement Works at Village Farm, Murton SR7 9RP for Harworth Estates.

Annual Competitions

Every year the Council holds a Best Kept Garden Competition and the winners of the 2011 entries were:

BEST KEPT GARDEN	
First	Mrs L Purvis
Second	Mr WJ Clark
Third	Mr T Gilroy
BEST HANGING BASKET	
First	Mrs M Watson
Second	Mr& Mrs BV Dobson
Third	Mr& Mrs Robson

Community Minded Child

Unfortunately no applications came forward for this competition last year but there were 2 nominations so far this year.

Highways and Traffic

Durham County Council is responsible for Highways matters but the Parish Council take an active interest in Traffic issues advising the County Council of matters of local interest. During the year the Council raised a number of issues with the County including road safety matters outside Ribbon

School, B1285 and Woods Terrace. Traffic orders have been completed outside the school, however Woods Terrace remains a problem area and Councillors have worked tirelessly arranging meetings to resolve these issues which are still ongoing.

Quality Services

The Council wants to provide residents with value for money and has therefore decided to adopt Best Value principles on a voluntary basis.

The Council will ensure that fair, transparent and open competition is used where practical and compare its performance against others.

How your money is spent

Each December, the Parish Council sets a budget for the next financial year. The net budget for 2010/2011 is £337,173, The money is collected from the 3775 dwellings in the village by the District Council as part of your Council Tax. Each household contributes, on average, £1.50 per week to the Parish Council's expenditure.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS 2011/2012

	<u>Current Year Budget</u>		
	Expenditure £	Income £	Net £
Administration	71672.00	11172.00	60500.00
Cemetery	58870.00	4500.00	54370.00
Recreational	156900.00	2100.00	154800.00
Playgrounds	2740.00	-	2740.00
Environmental	47590.00	-	47590.00
Total	337,772.00	17772.00	320,000.00
Estimated 'Net' Requirements		£	337,173.00
To be raised by Precept		£	320,000.00
Contribution from Reserves		£	nil
Estimated Balances at Year End 31/3/11		£	31,775.00
Precept divided by Band D Dwelling Equivalents for Murton (2052.8)		£	155.88

Conclusion

The Council welcomes views from residents and people working here on any aspect of life in the village. Please contact any Councillor or the Clerk at the Glebe Centre, telephone 0191 5208651, e mail murtonpc@hotmail.com.