

Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council

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Parish Christmas Tree 2020

Younger People's Ideas Needed!

Did you know that Sacriston

Youth Project runs three sessions per week at Nettlesworth Community Centre: one on Monday evenings and two on Friday evenings?

These kinds of organised activity might not be for everyone, though. The parish council holds funds it can allocate to various things, but there is no point spending these funds on something nobody wants.



This is where you come in. If you are aged in your teens or early twenties, we would like to know what you would like to see in the villages. This might be public exercise equipment, transport to an event or activity somewhere outside the parish, a club for computer gamers, or some type of support group, but these are just ideas.

Please complete the space below and return by posting through the letter box at Nettlesworth Community Centre:

“I WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

”

Name (optional):

Age:

Contact Details (optional):

Alternatively, ideas can be emailed to clerk@kimblesworthandplawsworthparishcouncil.co.uk

What can a parish council do (and how does it spend your taxes)?

Parish councils are funded mostly by a share of the local tax collected by the county council. Known as the “parish precept”, this money is paid annually to the Parish Council.

Parish councils can apply for other funding such as grants but they do not receive funds directly from central government.

Amongst other things, parish councils have the power or a duty to:

- Provide allotments
- Manage commons and village greens under a district council scheme
- Spend money on crime prevention
- Provide entertainment and support the arts
- Promote awareness of environmental issues
- Plant trees and improve signage
- Contribute to traffic calming schemes
- Provide grant money to local organisations.

The Council currently raises around £20,000 per year through the council tax precept.

£8,000 is currently ringfenced to contribute to playground additions, and £5,000 towards parking improvements (if agreement is made with Durham County Council). We are considering the addition of parking spaces at Ugly Lane to assist with congestion on matchdays and school pick up times.

Last year we purchased two new salt bins for Hillmeads, Nettlesworth and next to the church at Kimblesworth, after Durham County Council advised they were unable to provide them for those areas. A new noticeboard will be placed at Woodland Terrace early in 2023.

Two new planters have been purchased for the entrance to Westhills Close, off Edmondsley Lane, which lies within our parish border. We are currently in discussion with Durham County Council regarding the planting of trees in the parish area.

We have paid Durham County Council for the installation and surrounding landscaping, of a carved wooden seat at the corner of Cedar Avenue and the B6312 (see picture on right).

The parish council hopes to soon renew the Public Right of Way and signage at Wheatleywell Lane, Plawsworth, but we await final approval and our contribution amount from Durham County Council.



Two of our planters at Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth



Our new wooden seat, created by local resident Richie Shanks, to be placed on the triangular land between the B6312 and Cedar Avenue.

Christmas trees and lights are always a popular discussion point during the festive season and the Council provided a tree for each village in 2021 and 2022 - planting a tree, which can grow over years might be an option once the community centre lease is extended.

The Council will soon resurrect the trough at Broadmires. We believe this has historic value and can act as a focal point for the area. The Council has agreed to dedicate the project to ‘Community’ and the design of the work and the plaque will reflect this. A contractor is in place.

The Council has awarded a significant grant award this year to Kimblesworth Cricket Club, to renovate the roofing and changing rooms. This is in addition to grant awards made to Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association towards the Summer fairs in 2022 and 2023; and Sacriston Youth Project to continue their classes at the community centre.

Pictures of our Parish

Do you have any interesting, new or old, pictures of our parish? Would you be happy to share them with us and other members of our parish? If so please send them to our clerk (details at bottom of page).



*Miners Gala, The first Kimblesworth banner, 1890s.
Photo courtesy of Durham Mining Museum.*

X20 bus route

After a trial run of the evening and Sunday bus travelling through Kimblesworth in 2020, Go North-East decided to make the change permanent with the support of the Parish Council. However, we are aware that other residents see the increased service as a negative due to traffic and noise and they contacted us with their comments.

We passed all comments received to Go North East during their consultation on bus routes earlier in 2022.

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We currently have three vacancies - please contact us if you are interested in joining the Council.

Nettlesworth Community Centre

The Parish Council do not own the Community Centre but do recognise its importance to the parish. Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association (PKCA) manage the building.

Meetings rooms, halls and kitchens are available for hire. More information is available on their website: www.nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk

Centre timetable

Monday	11am-3pm 4.15-5.45pm 6.30-8.30pm	Community Café SYP (Youth Group) Step This Way
Tuesday	10-11am 6.30-8.30pm	Mini Body Strength Balance Waldrige Fell dog training
Wednesday	11am-2pm 6-7pm 7-8.30pm	Sugar Craft Zumba KPPC Dog Training
Thursday	9.30-11.30am 10am-midday	Little Stars toddler group Mona Lisa Art group
Friday	9.15-10.45am 1-2.30pm 4-5.30pm 6-9pm	SYP Baby and toddlers SYP Baby and toddlers SYP Minis & juniors SYP Senior youth group
Every Second Sunday (monthly)	10am-3pm	Art group

Durham Musical Theatre Group meet regularly throughout the year for rehearsals and the National Flower Arranging Society meet regularly throughout the year for classes.

The Community Centre Committee meet the second Tuesday evening of every month. For further details please email: enquiries@nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk Or call 07757238257.

LITTER PICKS

Local County Councillor Emma Waldock has arranged litter picks in Nettlesworth over the last 18 months and the parish council, would like to thank all volunteers who attend these litter picks with Emma.

Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council also recognises there are regular litter picks by the public around the villages and would like to say a big thank you to those residents who take up their time to make the area look nicer for others.

KPPC WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS A PEACEFUL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.