

# Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council

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## *The Trough Project— Remembering Our Past*

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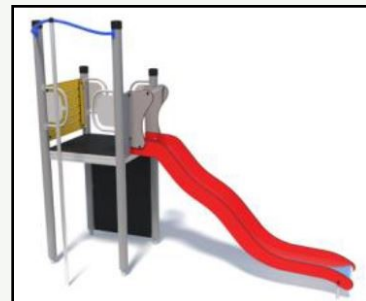
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# What's on the horizon?

The next twelve months will see many new improvements and ideas for the villages.

## Playgrounds

Working in partnership, our local County Councillors, Simon Wilson and Emma Waldoock have agreed with the Area Action Partnership (AAP) team for Chester-le-Street for new additions to the Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth playgrounds. Thank you to both Simon and Emma.



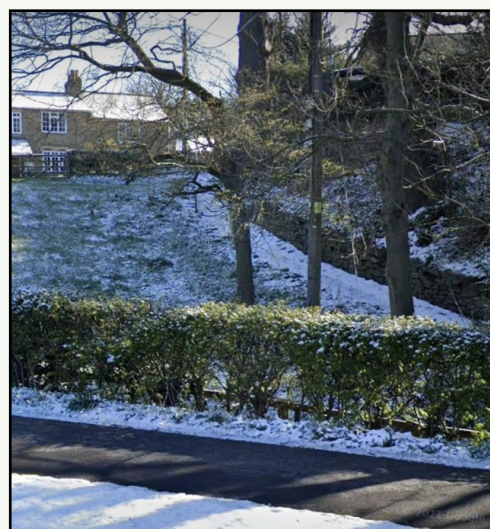
The parish council has campaigned for a refresh to both parks for some time and have also contributed financially to the new equipment (pictured). A new climber and slide will be added at Nettlesworth and a new see-saw style swing at Kimblesworth, both in the coming months. The Parish Council are looking to improve seating and paths at the parks, if required.

## Public Right of Way, Plawsworth

After three years of back and forth, site visits and persuasion, Durham County Council (DCC) have agreed to the resurfacing of the small path connecting the A167 bus stop to Wheatleywell Lane at Plawsworth.

The County Council will fund the new path and a replacement bottom gate, whilst the Parish Council are considering options to replace the open top gate and signage.

We are pleased DCC have indicated maintenance and refurbishment will be complete this calendar year.



## Ugly Lane, Nettlesworth

Funding has been provided via our County Councillors to create a small car park to alleviate issues at the football field on a weekend, to assist with drop off and pick up times at the primary school too. The plans are agreed but we are awaiting approval from DCC's Assets Team who hold the land in trust for KPPC and this is taking a little time.

Hopefully it will be worth the wait.

## New memorial bench, Cedar Avenue

Residents may have noticed the newly paved area off the B6312, at the junction to Cedar Avenue which appeared in March.

A carved bench was due to be placed here but due to circumstances outside of our control, a metal bench referencing the area's mining past will be placed here instead.

Work will be complete soon.

# Nettlesworth spring and trough

A monument to the history of the spring and trough that has sat at Broadmires across at least three centuries is now complete.



The former trough had fallen into disrepair since the water source was switched off many years ago.

A stepped area has been created, with paving and natural stone bricks and lime mortar. The surrounding area has been reseeded, to bring the grass back up to the monument. It was not required, nor practical, to bring running water back to the trough.

The Council are now considering options for a phase two, which may include the



addition of an ornamental tap, a plaque or information panel, and potentially seating. Initial feedback has been

good— we hope our residents approve. The monument is dedicated to the community, remembering family and friends that drank there, and the horses that

stopped for refreshment on their travels.



## Summer Fun Day

The local family fun day for the villages took place on Sunday 4th June, at Nettlesworth Community Centre, with a significant financial contribution made by the Parish Council to ensure fairground rides were available for free to our villages' children. Thank you to Sacriston Youth Project for organising the event, to the Community Association for hosting it at the centre and providing volunteers, and to County Durham Community Foundation for co-funding.

### The feedback we got from the event was amazing:

*"I just wanted to say thank you for a fantastic day. The kids had a fabulous time going on all the rides. ...I saw so many happy faces today."*

*"The atmosphere here today is fantastic."*

*"What a wonderful day. Thank you to all involved. Well done!"*

*"Today has made my day. I have had lots of people come to my stall and have talked to so many people."*

## What do residents want?

The Council have had many suggestions and requests over the last few years that have not yet progressed due to various reasons, such as funding, land permissions, resident support or other priorities that have been pushed to the forefront. Below are some recent ideas from residents:

- **An outdoor war memorial** to complement the existing indoor memorial at Nettlesworth Community Centre—this outdoor memorial could perhaps be placed at Kimblesworth.
- **Tree planting** to complement the trees already planted adjacent to Darley Court, Plawsworth, along the A167.
- **Improvements to the streets in Sacriston that fall within our parish boundary**—seating at the top of Cross Lane is a recent suggestion.
- The Council received approval during COVID for funding to erect **a fence around the football pitch** This would still be open to the public but it is hoped the perimeter around the marked pitch itself would deter people walking across the pitch and help maintain its condition.
- **A second defibrillator**—Although Nettlesworth Community Centre has a defibrillator (funded by KPPC), it has been suggested Kimblesworth Cricket Club would benefit from their own. Do you agree?

**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 (contact details on front page).



*The Ushaw Moor banner was purchased and amended by Kimblesworth, circa 1960. Photo courtesy of Durham Mining Museum.*

## Leyland Clock

We have been contacted by a researcher who is investigating a clock that stood at the side of the A1 (now A167) road at Plawsworth. It had been relocated from its original site at Healam Bridge, in Yorkshire, when the A1 was improved in 1955. In later years, it was dismantled and sent back to Leyland Motors. It was subsequently overhauled, then packed and shipped to the main Leyland agents in Sydney, Australia. Leyland Clocks were located at prominent positions on major UK roads in the 1930s by Leyland Motors Limited.

Please contact us with any information.

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*We currently have three vacancies - contact the Clerk if you would like to join us.*

## 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.

Meeting rooms, halls and kitchens are available for hire. More information is available on their website: [www.nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk](http://www.nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk)

### Centre timetable

<b>Monday</b>	11am-3pm 6.30-7.30pm 6.30-8.30pm	Community Café Durham HiiT Club Step This Way
<b>Tuesday</b>	10-11am  6.30-8.30pm	Mini Body Strength Balance Waldrige Fell dog training
<b>Wednesday</b>	6-7pm 7-8.30pm	Zumba KPPC Dog Training
<b>Thursday</b>	10am-midday 3.45-6.20pm 6.30-7.30pm	Mona Lisa Art group Elements Dance Durham HiiT Club
<b>Friday</b>	9.15-10.45am 1-2.30pm 4-5.30pm 6-9pm	SYP Baby and toddlers SYP Baby and toddlers SYP Inters & Minis/Juniors SYP Senior youth group
<b>Monthly: 2nd Sunday 1st Tuesday</b>	10am-3pm 5.30-7pm	Art group Little Treasures Teen 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 centre provide £2 meals to school children between 3.30-5.30pm every Monday (restarts September).

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

**The Elms, Kimblesworth** *Investing in Children* (a children's rights organisation, based in County Durham since 1996) has purchased the former care home at Kimblesworth.

Its primary use is office accommodation (acting as their new main office from Summer 2024) and will not be used for overnight accommodation.

The property will have a board room, and other rooms which will be used for delivering projects such as 'Type 1', which is a peer support group for children and families with Type 1 Diabetes, and a Youth Council, assisting those who are looked after to help them moving forward.