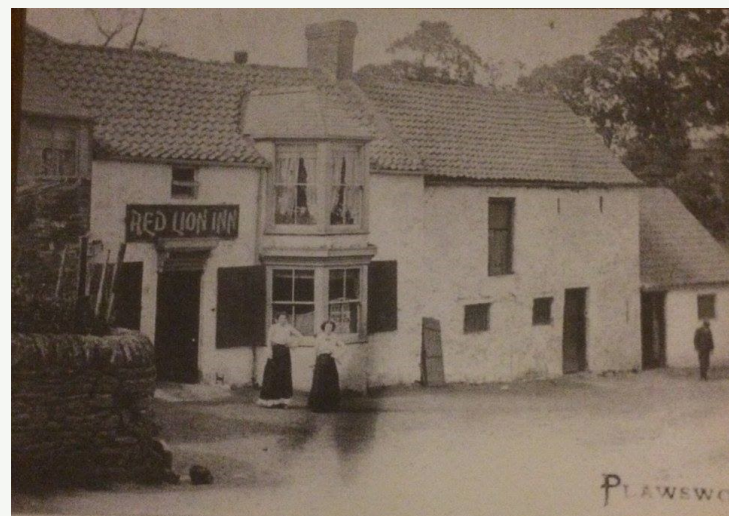


Pictures of our Parish

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?



Or do you have a photograph from more recent times that can be used to promote the beauty and diversity of our green and beautiful parish?

If so please send them to clerk.kppc@gmail.com



The councillors at Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact your Parish Councillors

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Nettlesworth Community Centre

Following a successful Annual General Meeting of members of Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association (PKCA) in June, trustees have been appointed to manage the community centre.

Anyone who is interested in furthering the purpose of the association and lives in Nettlesworth, Kimblesworth, Plawsworth or the surrounding area of benefit can apply to become a member.

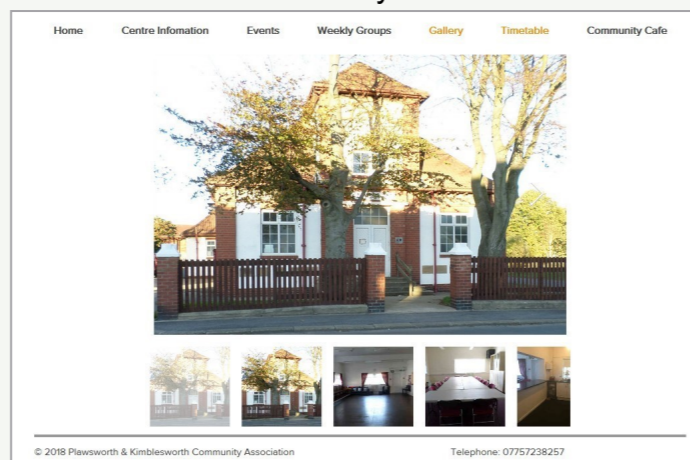
Membership forms are available from the centre.

PKCA have a new website and email address

PKCA launched a new website this year, which provides useful information about the association and the community centre.

The website can be found at:

www.nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk



PKCA have meetings rooms, halls and kitchens for hire. The centre is versatile and has a variety of rooms that can accommodate a wide range of uses. They are available for hire by the hour or by the half day/day on short term or long-term lease agreements.

Trustee Lisa Walker is the booking secretary and can be contacted via 07757 238257 or email at enquiries@nettlesworthcommunitycentre.co.uk

PKCA are currently working with the county council who have appointed an officer to help them source funds for a new heating system and new toilet facilities.

Look out for our new parish website coming soon in 2020.



Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council (KPPC) Newsletter

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What is KPPC?

Local councils are statutory bodies funded principally by an annual precept. The precept is collected through council tax by the county council and is paid to the parish council each year. Parish councils can apply for other funding such as grant and funding awards, but they do not receive funds directly from central government.

All KPPC parishioners are important to us.

If you have a question, suggestion, issue, complaint, request or concern and think your Parish Council may be able to help, please contact us:

Facebook: @kppcouncil

Email: clerk.kppc@gmail.com

Alternatively, please come to one of our monthly meetings usually held on the second Thursday of each month (excluding August) at 7pm. Please check our Facebook page @kppcouncil for the venue.

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Agendas

If you have an item that you wish to be discussed by KPPC please contact the Clerk with details of the issue and, where possible, your expected decision.

The agenda for Parish Council meetings is set one week in advance of the meeting. Any item received with less notice will be held over to the following month.

The agenda is displayed on the official Parish Council noticeboards in the parish.

Parish Council Annual General Meeting

The KPPC Annual General Meeting took place on 9 May 2019.

Alison Cole was elected Chair. Lisa Walker was elected Vice Chair.

Parish Councillor vacancies

KPPC have two councillor vacancies that can be filled by co-option at a future meeting if anyone is interested in the role.

Anyone who wants to serve their community and is eligible to stand should apply in writing with a short explanation of why they should be considered. To be eligible to stand you must be:

- A UK, EU or Commonwealth Citizen;
- Registered to vote on the current register with the local council;
- Have either worked or lived in the council's area for one year. Have been an owner or tenant of any land or premises in the council's area for one year.

Applications should be submitted to clerk.kppc@gmail.com

You asked - we did.

Parishioners in Plawsworth now have a new grit bin ready for any forthcoming winter weather and associated adverse road conditions. There have also been recent minor improvements to the road at Wheatleywell Lane at Plawsworth and discussions are ongoing with Durham County Council.

Road markings have been added to the roadways near to the Post Office, Tanmeads and Cedar Avenue.

What other things would you like KPPC to try to do?

If you would like us to consider your suggestions, or try to deal with any issues or concerns, please bring them to our attention. **See page 1 for the different ways to contact us.**

What is County Lines?

KPPC are pleased to support the police to tackle 'County Lines' drug trafficking by promoting the work police do and making residents aware of the dangers and implications.

Some groups may establish a network between an urban location and the county market, into which drugs (primarily heroin and crack cocaine) are supplied.

The groups exploit young or vulnerable people, to achieve storage and/or supply of drugs, movement of cash proceeds and to secure the use of houses for supply (referred to as 'cuckooing').

The group will exploit the vulnerable people by forcing them to regularly travel between the urban location and the county location to replenish stock and deliver cash. County Lines groups are also diversifying by using other forms of accommodation in the rural market place such as serviced apartments, holiday lets, budget hotels and caravan parks.

PUNISHMENT – If you allow someone to use your home for county lines, you could be punished under The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

FURTHER CONSEQUENCE - Someone who ends up being cuckooed, or who allows their house to be used to sell drugs, could find themselves being made homeless if the police close the premise or they are evicted. The local authority would have no obligation to rehouse them if they become homeless as a result of criminal activity.

46,000 children in England are involved in gang activity today. Help the police combat this by reporting any suspicious activity.

See a video with further information on our Facebook page at [@kppccouncil](#)



Police and Community Together

PACT report figures for November 2019

Plawsworth

Reported theft: 1
Reported burglary: 1
Reported road related: 2
Reported missing persons: 5
Reported suspicious activity: 5
Reported ASB nuisance: 1

Kimbleworth

Reported RTC damage only: 1
Reported suspicious activity: 1
Reported public order: 1

Nettleworth

Reported missing persons: 2
Reported drunk and disorderly: 1

New Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Mark Lumsden is the newest member of the Pelton Neighbourhood Police team. He has worked within the police for a total of 30 years, previously as a PCSO for Great Lumley and Chester Town Centre, and most recently as a Cohesion officer dealing with hate crime offences. Mark will be assisting PCSO Payne in policing Sacriston and Edmondsley, along with covering the rural west of Chester-Le-Street which includes West Pelton and Beamish.

The Herbert Protocol

Do you care for, or are you the family of an elderly or vulnerable adult who is at risk of going missing? Have you heard of the Herbert Protocol? Sign up and work directly with the police and their partners to ensure their safety.

What is it?

The Herbert Protocol is a scheme which will see family, friends, and care providers working together not only to prevent vulnerable adults going missing but to improve responses for locating them if they do.

How will it work?

The protocol will be running throughout County Durham and Darlington. When you sign up, we will contact you to discuss the process, suggesting steps to prevent particularly vulnerable people going missing, as well as contingencies for a swift response should the individual fail to return.

To sign up, contact Tel: 101 or e-mail: Herbertprotocol@durham.pnn.police.uk

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling spoils the environment, upsets local residents and can cause serious health risks, particularly to children. Pick up your dog's waste using a bag and put the dog waste in a rubbish bin.

Please encourage your family/friends to do the same. It will help us keep our parish clean. It is an offence, under a Public Space Protection Order, if you do not clean up your dog's waste. I

If you're caught not picking up, you will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £100. If taken to court, you could be fined a maximum of £1,000.

It takes very little time and effort to clean up after your dog and it is no defence to claim ignorance of the dog's actions. Always carry a number of bags when walking your dog and pick up after your pet. A carrier bag or nappy sack is all you need.

Durham County Council provide dog waste bins throughout the county, at locations such as parks, grass verges, pedestrian areas, footpaths, larger open spaces and coastal promenades. They regularly check dog bins and empty them when required. You can also use any public litter bin to dispose of dog waste.

Have you or a close family member ever served in the Armed Forces?

The Armed Forces Outreach Service is embedded within both the Housing Solutions team in Durham County Council and links closely with all of the main housing providers within the County. The Outreach Workers are all former service personnel and can relate with many of the difficulties that Service life can bring, along with the impact it can still have on personnel after they have been discharged and beyond.

Tel: Housing Solutions on 03000 268000
Email: armedforcesoutreachworker@durham.gov.uk

