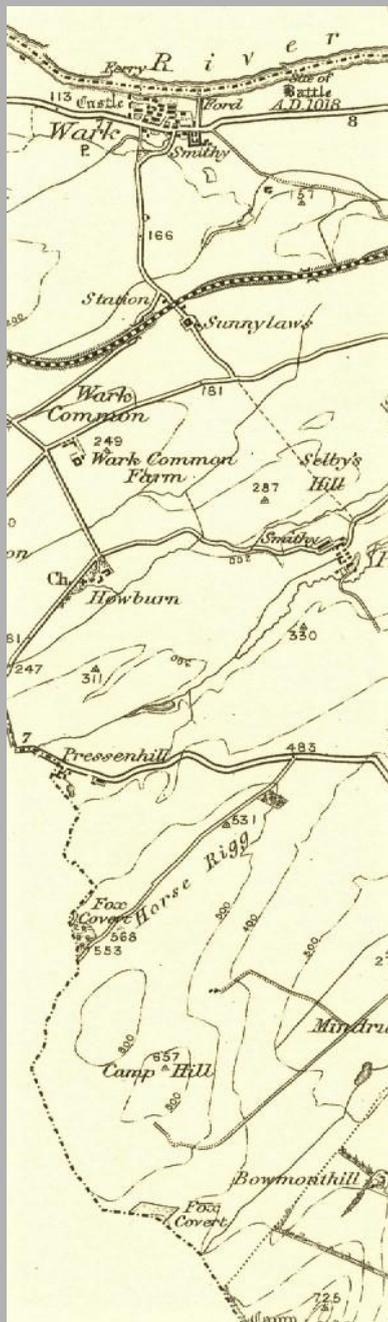


Carham Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to another issue of the Carham Parish Council newsletter, with news of what is happening in the parish and how you can get involved.

In particular, this issue invites you to attend the Annual Assembly meeting on Tuesday 8 May. This is when, among other things, the Parish Council's annual accounts are approved and there is a report on the last year's work. The Annual Assembly meeting is preceded by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council which you are invited to attend, too. Details of both meetings are overleaf.

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New Footpaths Group

The Parish Council has lent its support to a new footpaths group, set up by parishioner Janet Chubb. The purpose of the group is to walk and survey the footpaths and rights of way in Carham parish, to ensure that they remain accessible and in good condition for the benefit of parishioners and visitors alike. Northumberland County Council is helping the group with guidance and advice.

The group's first walk will be on Sunday 22 July. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you will support the initiative by coming along. Please be prepared and suitably dressed for some rough ground and (depending on the weather) wet or muddy conditions. To join the walk, please be at the meeting point – the phone box in **Wark** – at 2pm on the day.

For more information about the footpaths group, contact Janet Chubb chubbj@hotmail.com.

Superfast Broadband

In the last newsletter we gave an update on plans to bring superfast broadband to parts of the parish. You can check if your postcode can already benefit or is included in future plans by visiting www.inorthumberland.org.uk. If there are no plans for your property, there are a few options available to you:

- ❖ Northumberland County Council has made a further £2.2 million available in its *Community Broadband Fund* to help bring superfast broadband to some of the most difficult-to-reach communities. Communities can apply for up to £2,500 per property, depending on the technology used, and will need to nominate a person to apply and to request a quote from Openreach. In some cases a community contribution will be needed. This can be in the form of self-dig.
- ❖ The County Council is working with central government to provide subsidised installation of alternative broadband solutions, such as satellite, wireless and mobile (4G) technologies, for eligible properties. The *Better Broadband Scheme* is open until the end of 2018 and successful applicants will be able to choose a service from any of the scheme's approved providers. To apply visit www.inorthumberland.org.uk/better-broadband
- ❖ In March 2018 the government announced a new *Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme* across the UK. This offers vouchers worth up to £3,000 to support the capital costs of getting new gigabit (1,000 Mbps) capable connections for businesses, and vouchers worth up to £500 to connect homes. For details see <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk>

If you have any queries relating to superfast broadband, please contact info@inorthumberland.org.uk or call 01670 626 001.



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Annual Assembly

The next ordinary meeting of Carham Parish Council and the Annual Assembly meeting will be on Tuesday 8 May at 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church, **Carham**. Anyone who lives or works in the parish is welcome to attend, and councillors will be taking parishioners' questions during the ordinary meeting. If you have a question that you want to ask, please contact the clerk so that it can be included in the agenda.

Traffic Calming

Northumberland County Council is renewing the 30mph signs in **Wark** and **Carham**. The new signs incorporate a speed camera warning sign to encourage reduced vehicular speeds at all times, and not just when the camera van is in operation.

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The Living History weekend takes place on the Holme, next to **Carham** church, on 7-8 July. The weekend commemorates the 1,000th anniversary of the Battle of Carham.

Both days will feature living history displays throughout and combat displays at intervals, leading up to a major battle re-enactment each afternoon. Admission and parking are free of charge and food and drink will be on sale. The event is supported by The National Lottery's Heritage Lottery Fund. For more information go to www.carham1018.org.uk

Carham Community Website

Our local website www.carhamparish.org.uk was set up by parishioner Alan Cater in 2010. It aims to keep residents updated with what is going on locally and to inform visitors to the area about local attractions and facilities. Among other things, the site contains an archive of Parish Council meeting minutes and the most recent audited accounts. It also publishes the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council supports the website with an annual payment which contributes to the cost of hosting, the domain name, and website security.

Carham Parish Council is an elected body in the first tier of local government. It is responsible for representing the interests of the whole community. Among other things, it is concerned with community safety, street lighting, common land, play areas, litter, tourism, traffic calming, seats and shelters, rights of way, and some aspects of planning and highways.

The Parish Council meets six times a year. Meetings are in alternate months beginning in May, on the second Tuesday of the month, in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham at 6.30pm. Anyone living or working in the parish can attend a meeting.

For the minutes of Carham Parish Council meetings, go to www.carhamparish.org.uk