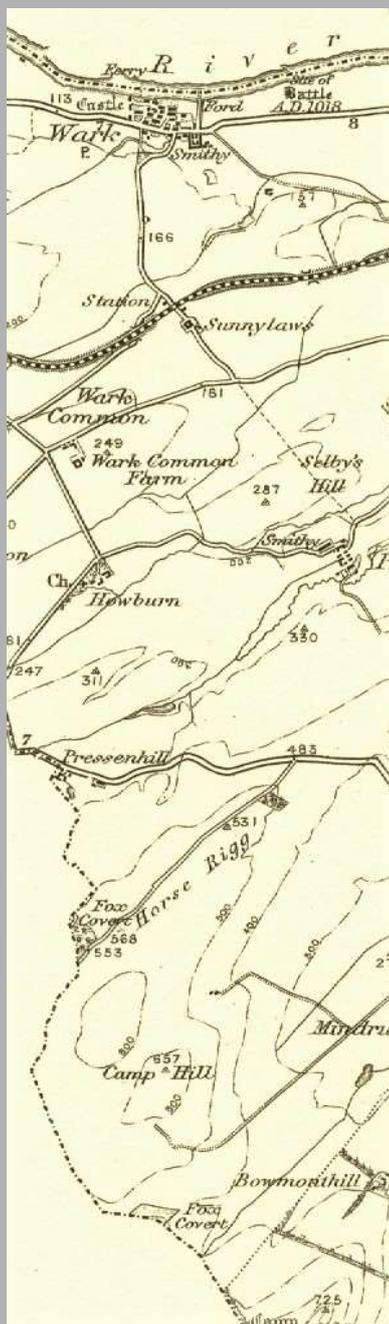


# Carham Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to the third Carham Parish Council newsletter. This issue includes news about the new footpaths group and an update on superfast broadband, as well as some seasonal information. And although Christmas is still a little way away, it brings you season's greetings, too!

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## Road Safety

- ❖ Following a site visit to the **West Learmouth** junction on the B6350, Northumberland County Council suggested installing a post and rail fence and planting a hedge alongside the river, as well as improving signage and road markings. The Parish Council has accepted these suggestions while expressing disappointment that a safety barrier will not be installed.
- ❖ We have asked Northumberland County Council for a grit bin for **Sunilaws**, as the road there is difficult in bad winter weather. We have also asked for mounds of grit on **Wark Bank**, at **Pressen**, at **Shidlaw**, and on the double bend on the **East Learmouth to Mindrum** road. It would be helpful to know when the grit appears, and also if it runs out at any time during the winter. Please let the Parish Clerk know.

## Street Lighting

Northumberland County Council's scheme to replace more than 40,000 street lights across the county has reached **Wark**. The new LED lighting is said to improve driver and pedestrian safety, as well as delivering good levels of energy savings. Unfortunately, the scheme appears not to have reached **Carham**, where the single street light is out of action. The Parish Clerk has reported it.

## Carham 1018

If you went to the Carham 1018 Living History weekend in July, you will know that it was a successful and enjoyable event. Northumbria Vikings brought their village with them and re-enacted the Battle of Carham to great effect.

- ❖ *Birth of the Border*, by local author Rannoch Daly, discusses the Battle of Carham and how the border between England and Scotland came about. Copies of the book were distributed free of charge to Carham residents in July. If you did not receive yours, contact the Parish Clerk.

## Superfast Broadband

Northumberland County Council's iNorthumberland team has told us that the timescale to provide superfast broadband across the county has slipped to the end of 2019. However, work is progressing, and we estimate that just over half the homes in Carham parish now have access to fibre. Residents of **Wark** village, **Carham** village and **West Learmouth** are all live and can order the service from their preferred provider. iNorthumberland hopes that other Carham communities will be completed in the first part of 2019.

For communities not currently in the county plan for superfast broadband, funding to help access fibre services is available through Northumberland County Council's community broadband fund and the Government's gigabit voucher scheme. This funding may not be available indefinitely, so those who are not in the county plan are encouraged to contact iNorthumberland [info@inorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@inorthumberland.org.uk) on 01670 626 001 sooner rather than later.



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## Footpaths Group

The footpaths group, which was set up by a parishioner earlier this year, aims to walk and survey the parish's 19 km (12 miles) of footpaths and other rights of way to ensure that they remain accessible and in good condition. In July the group walked from **Wark** village to the Duddo burn, and in November the walk was from **Pressen** farm to Piper Dean Lane and from there to **Sunilaws**. Some problems were encountered, and these have been reported to Northumberland County Council, which has been helping the group with information and advice. The footpaths group has the support of Carham Parish Council.

The next walk will be in early 2019 – details will be posted on parish noticeboards and around the area.

## Wark Play Park

The annual play park spring clean is done by volunteers, who clean the equipment and generally tidy up the area. Please help with this if you can – the more people that help, the quicker the job will be done. We will put a notice up on the **Wark** notice board nearer the time, with details.

## Armistice Day

A service of remembrance was held on Sunday 11 November at St Helen's Church in Cornhill, continuing at the War Memorial where Carham, Branxton and Cornhill Parish Councils laid wreaths. Carham Parish Council also arranged for a wreath to be laid at the War Memorial at **East Leamouth**.

To commemorate 100 years since the end of the Great War, the bell of St Cuthbert's Church in **Carham** was rung at 12.30.

## Christmas Carol Services

- ❖ Morning Worship is held at St Cuthbert's Church, **Carham** on the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am. There will be a service on Sunday 23 December as usual, and a Communion service on Christmas Day at 9.30am.
- ❖ A carol service will be held at **Carham Hall** at 3.15pm on Tuesday 18 December for residents, staff and parishioners.

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](http://www.carhamparish.org.uk)