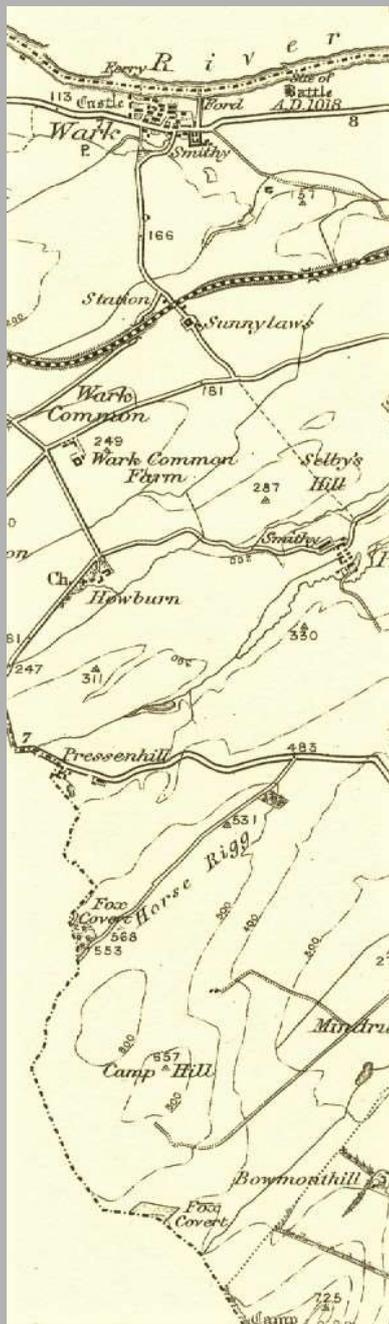


Carham Parish Council Newsletter

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This issue of the newsletter brings news that the chairman of the Parish Council, Ann Lauder, has decided to stand down after five years' hard work and dedication to Parish matters. Ann has worked tirelessly and with great diplomacy to pursue the Parish Council's business while ensuring that everyone's voice is heard, and her quiet but effective approach will be very much missed. However, we are delighted to announce that Pat Feerick has been appointed in her place, and we look forward to working with him.

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Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly was held on 14 May at St Cuthbert's Church, **Carham**. The meeting agreed the minutes of the previous year's Annual Assembly, reviewed the Parish Council's internal audit, and approved its financial accounting and governance statements, and its certificate of exemption. All of these documents, together with draft minutes of the meeting, can be found on our website, www.carhamparish.org. Click on *Parish Council* and choose *Meetings*. Alternatively contact the Parish Clerk for copies. The dates for the period for the exercise of public rights commence on 17 June and end on 26 July when any interested party can contact the clerk to inspect the accounting records for the financial year.

❖ Your Parish Councillors are listed overleaf.

Next walk: Paths, Verges and Commons

The next walk organised by the Footpaths Group will be on Saturday 15 June, starting at 10.00 am from the play park in **Wark**. This 4.5 mile walk will explore some of the footpaths in and around the village before heading off to **Shidlaw** and then **Wark Common**. In order to make this walk circular, sections of it will be on public roads and will pass by some of the common land that is in the parish. For more information, contact Janet Chubb on 01890 850 339.

Carham Visitor Centre

The decommissioned phone box in **Carham**, which belongs to the Parish Council, has been fitted out as a visitor centre. Panels and leaflets give information about the Battle of Carham, which took place nearby in 1018, while a push-button audio feature tells the story of the battle in more detail. The Carham phone box shares the title of World's Smallest Visitor Centre with the phone box in Branxton, which holds information about the Battle of Flodden. Our thanks go to Clive Hallam-Baker who created this visitor centre, and to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for funding the work.

Carham Community Website

The Carham Community website was set up by parishioner Alan Cater in 2010 and aims to keep residents updated with what is going on locally as well as informing visitors to the parish about local attractions and facilities. Alan has now decided to retire from the website in order to make time for other projects. The Parish Council is very grateful to him for providing this invaluable service and for managing the site for the last nine years.

The website will continue, but with a different look and a new address, www.carhamparish.org (without ".uk" on the end). Work is still in progress, but please have a look at the site, and let us know if you have any comments.



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Wark Play Park

The play park in **Wark** is the responsibility of the Parish Council and is inspected regularly to ensure that it remains a safe and enjoyable place for local and visiting children. A recent inspection report suggested that some of the rubber matting that is under the play equipment should be renewed, so we will be arranging a replacement.

Although the County Council cuts the grass from time to time, the Parish Council depends on volunteers to keep the park tidy and clean the play equipment. If you and your family use the play park and would like to help out, please let us know.

Open Gardens

- ❖ **Mindrum Garden** will be open for charity on Sunday 23 June, from 2-5 pm. Entry is £5 for adults and the proceeds are going to North Northumberland HospiceCare and the National Garden scheme.
- ❖ Kirky Cottage in **Mindrum** will open in aid of the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 6 July, and in aid of the British Red Cross on Sunday 7 July. Entry on both days is from 11 am to 5 pm and is £4 for adults. Children go free.

Carham Parish Councillors

Your Parish Councillors are:

- ❖ John Court
- ❖ Pat Feerick (chairman)
- ❖ James Jobson
- ❖ Victoria Poland
- ❖ William Potts

We look forward to welcoming Lynda Allan as a Parish Councillor at our next meeting in July.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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