

NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Issue No. 66

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

1. Introductions and Apologies
2. Chairman's Annual Review
3. Treasurer's Report & Subscriptions
4. Election of Committee and Officers

Refreshments

Agenda for the Open Meeting

5. "Blooming" Shotley Bridge
6. "The Parking Lot"
7. Speed Visor Operation
8. Any other Business

If you are interested in any of the Trust's activities but unable to come to the meeting, please visit our website

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*Contact Jeff Singleton (secretary - 507665)
or John Worters (chairman - 506248).*

*The Trust's next
AGM & OPEN MEETING
will be held at 7.00pm & 7.45pm on
Thursday 17th June 2010
in the Shotley Bridge
Methodist Church Hall*



Refreshments will be served at 7.30pm

Access to the Methodist Church Hall is in Derwent Place, at the back of the old town hall, off Snows Green Road. The door has a sign "Methodist Church Hall".

If coming by car, please park considerately.



This is an open meeting for all members, guests, and any other local resident who would like to find out about the Village Trust or simply join in the discussion. Please pass this newsletter on to any friends or neighbours who might be interested.

See the back page of this newsletter for the agenda of the AGM & Open Meetings.

“BLOOMING” SHOTLEY BRIDGE

The Village Trust has formed a working group to discuss registering Shotley Bridge in the Britain In Bloom Neighbourhood Awards scheme. It has surveyed the village and taken photographs of possible areas for action. An outline Action Plan has been prepared for comment at the open meeting. We would welcome your ideas.

“THE PARKING LOT”

This working group has prepared a draft report about traffic and parking problems in the village, which has been discussed with local councillors and officers. This report will be presented to the open meeting for discussion. A two page summary is being prepared.

BBB&SB COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The AGM of the Benfieldside, Blackhill, Bridgehill and Shotley Bridge Partnership was held on the 3rd June 2010. It is holding a Summer Gala Day at the Spa Grounds on August Bank Holiday Monday.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT HERITAGE INITIATIVE

The Heritage Centre in Blackhill Park is now being used and over 300 persons attended the open day on 22nd May to see displays and meet local history societies.

Funds are needed to set up a research room and permanent displays. Material from the ‘Consett Steelworks Exhibition’, which used to be in the Shotley Bridge Heritage Centre, has been retrieved and is being catalogued. The Village Trust is involved with the Initiative, which is collecting artefacts, records or photographs of the area.

SPEED VISOR VOLUNTEERS

Members are being invited to assist the Neighbourhood Policing Team in tackling the problem of speeding vehicles in Shotley Bridge. Volunteers will help use a speed visor to check vehicle speeds, for the police to then send warning letters to offending motorists. If you would like to help but unable to come to the meeting please let us know.

SHOTLEY GROVE FOOTBRIDGE

Vegetation has been felled to enable the crane to lift the new footbridge into position, which will replace the one washed away in the floods in September 2008. Consents for the bridge have finally been obtained and the main contractor is appointed. However, there is no start date yet because there are still a number of access issues.

VILLAGE TRUST WEBSITE

Don’t forget to keep up to date with the Trust’s activities and events. Blogs are usually posted weekly and new photographs added regularly. If you have internet access take a look at ***SBVT.wordpress.com***

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership fees for 2010 are due for payment:
Annual - £2 individuals, £3 couples, £1 juniors and senior citizens, £3 for businesses and community groups.

Three-Year - £5 individuals and £7.50 couples.
Fees can be paid at the meeting or send them to the Trust’s treasurer - Margaret Nesbitt, 11 West Acre, Shotley Bridge, Consett, County Durham.