

Agenda

Refreshments

1. Introductions and apologies
2. Chairman's opening remarks
3. "Blooming" Shotley Bridge
4. Housing development at Shotley Bridge Hospital site
5. Victorian Christmas Spectacular
6. Speed Visor operation
7. Councillors' report
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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SHOTLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE TRUST

NEWSLETTER

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*The Trust's next
OPEN MEETING
will be held at 7.45pm on
Tuesday 12th October 2010
in the Shotley Bridge
Junior School Hall*



Refreshments will be served at 7.30pm

This is a new venue which provides better access for disabled persons.

[If you need wheelchair access please contact John Worters beforehand].

The Junior School is on Snows Green Road.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on the 17th June 2010 followed by an open meeting. The eight existing members of the committee were re-elected unopposed. The Treasurer's financial report was received, showing a healthy balance. Members were reminded that 2010 subscriptions were due. The open meeting was well attended and reports were given from the 'Blooming' Shotley Bridge and Parking Lot working groups.

"BLOOMING" SHOTLEY BRIDGE

The Village Trust has registered Shotley Bridge in the Britain In Bloom Neighbourhood Awards scheme. An Action Plan was adopted at the AGM in June. We have now secured funding to buy [and authorisation to position] 50 tubs planted with daffodil bulbs and winter pansies throughout the Conservation Area. We have a list of members who are willing to maintain the tubs and replant them with summer bedding, but would welcome more volunteers.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT HERITAGE INITIATIVE

On 12th September the Heritage Centre in Blackhill Park held an event to help mark the closure of Consett Steelworks, 30 years ago. The Village Trust provided a display of photographs and documents about the history of the village. The Village Trust is collecting artefacts, records or photos of the area to add to the Centre's research facilities.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Following last year's success, the Trust are involved with the Shotley Bridge Business and Community Partnership in organising a one day event on Saturday 27th November. The Christmas tree is being organised by Councillor Robinson.

Entertainment is being arranged and it is hoped that members of the Trust will again be willing to assist with stewarding and tidy up operations.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT SHOTLEY BRIDGE HOSPITAL SITE

The Homes and Communities Agency, owners of the vacant hospital land, have now agreed a contract with Story Homes Ltd. of Carlisle, for the development of the site. The Agency received outline planning permission for the development of 279 homes on the site in 2008 and Story Homes are now working up the details of their scheme. Before submitting the details for planning approval, they intend to hold a two-day public consultation on their proposals during the week beginning 18 October. We hope to have more details of when and where this will take place at the Open Meeting.

VILLAGE TRUST WEBSITE

You can now register to be notified by email when new blogs and information are posted on the Trust's website. You need to go on the site to subscribe.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership fees for 2010 are overdue 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.