

## **Agenda for the Open Meeting**

### ***Refreshments***

*Display of photo competition entries*

1. **Introductions and apologies**
2. **Chairman's opening remarks**
3. **Presentation of cheque to Willow Burn**  
*Proceeds from the Victorian Christmas Spectacular*
4. **Results of the Photo Competition**  
*Announcing the winners*
5. **"Blooming" Shotley Bridge update**
6. **Councillors' Report**
7. **Any other business**

*If you are interested in any of the Trust's activities but unable to come to the meeting or would like to join, please visit our website at [SBVT.wordpress.com](http://SBVT.wordpress.com) or telephone ...*

*Chairman - John Worters (506248)*

*Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)*



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **OPEN MEETING**

will be held at 7.30pm on  
**Thursday 23 February 2012**  
at Shotley Bridge Junior School Hall  
*[Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm]*

*The Junior School is on Snows Green Road.*

*If coming by car, please park considerately.*

*If you need wheelchair access [through the kitchen] please contact John Worters beforehand.*

*This is an open meeting for all members, guests, and any other local residents who would like to find out about the Village Trust or simply join in the discussion.*

### **“BLOOMING” SHOTLEY BRIDGE**

In October last year, Shotley Bridge received a Northumbria in Bloom Neighbourhood Award in the “Outstanding” category, at a ceremony in Durham Town Hall. The Village Trust has now entered the ‘village’ category in the Northumbria in Bloom competition 2012.

To raise funds for this year’s planting the Trust is organising

#### **“A Night at the Races”**

**at Consett YMCA on Saturday 10th March.**

The £5 entry ticket will buy you a horse for the evening and there will be eight races, sponsored by local businesses.

Please come along, bring your friends, and support our efforts to put Shotley Bridge on the “Blooming” map!

Tickets from Jeff Singleton or John Worters.

### **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

Voting on the Trust’s “Nature and Green Spaces in Shotley Bridge” photo contest closed at the end of January. The six shortlisted entries were on show in Sale Pepe restaurant, where we were all able to cast our votes. The photos will be on display at the Open Meeting and the two which have received the most votes will be awarded prizes at the meeting. The winning photo will then be on display at Sale Pepe’s for a further twelve months.

### **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

This event held during the last weekend in November was another great success, with over £1300 raised for Willow Burn and “Blooming” Shotley Bridge. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to steward and tidy up.

### **SHOTLEY BRIDGE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT**

Story Homes now have detailed planning permission for the development of 240 homes on the former hospital land. In January they started site preparation for phases one and two of this development – at the Elm Park end of the site.

While construction traffic is using the Woodlands Road/Queens Road entrance to the site, eventual access for the houses will be from Elm Park. They anticipate that the first properties will be on sale in May this year.

The remainder of the land is also being managed by Story Homes, with further phases expected to be built over the next 7/8 years.

### **VILLAGE TRUST WEBSITE**

Don’t forget to look on the Trust’s website, between open meetings, to find out what is going on in the village. You can subscribe on the site to be notified by email when new blogs are posted ***SBVT.wordpress.com***

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Membership fees for 2012 are now due:

Annual - £2 individuals, £3 couples, £1 juniors and senior citizens, £3 for businesses and community groups.

3 Year - £5 individuals and £7.50 couples.

Fees can be paid at the meeting or please send them to Garth Johnson, Treasurer, Messenger House, Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge, Consett, County Durham.

***[If you were a member in 2010 and have not yet paid subs for 2011 please pay before the end March 2012.***

***No further reminders will be given.]***