

AGENDA

7.15pm Refreshments

1. Introductions and apologies
2. Dickensian Xmas Spectacular – cheque presentation to Willow Burn
3. Improving the Village Centre – update from Durham County Council
4. Northumbria in Bloom – update from Blooming Shotley Bridge
5. 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 or telephone ...

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NEWSLETTER

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OPEN MEETING

to be held at 7.30pm on

Tuesday 9 April 2013

at

Our Lady of the Rosary

Roman Catholic Church Hall

[Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm]

The Church is on Snows Green Road and the Church Hall has disabled access.

If coming by car, please park considerately.

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.

DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

The event last December raised £300 for “Blooming” Shotley Bridge and £1000 for Willow Burn. A cheque presentation will be made at the meeting. The Shotley Bridge Business and Community Partnership has decided to hold a one day Saturday event this year at the end of November.

VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

At the last open meeting a list of potential improvements to the urban realm within the village centre was drawn up.

Discussions have been held with officers from the County Council and display boards identifying projects and providing details of proposals will be on show at the meeting. £125,000 of hospital housing development funding is available.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE ON THE WEB

We now have 76 followers subscribed to be notified by email when new blogs are posted on the Trust’s website:

SBVT.wordpress.com

We also have 96 members on the Facebook group

Shotley Bridge “The Village”

which is managed by the Shotley Bridge Business and Community Partnership to promote the village and its facilities.

The **Blooming Shotley Bridge** Facebook group only has 4 members, so please join if you have a Facebook account.

NOTICE BOARD

If you don’t have a computer or internet access, notices are regularly posted on the notice board in the village centre.

It is also available for groups to advertise events.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE IN BLOOM

The Trust has again entered the historic core of Shotley Bridge in the village category of Northumbria in Bloom 2013.

Volunteers replanted the tubs last October but the wintry weather has delayed the growth of the plants and bulbs.

Spring judging will take place on the morning of 9th April. Volunteers are needed for a litter pick on Saturday 6th April.

Meet at 9.30am at Golden Flower car park, with broom & gloves. Please help to keep the village tidy and litter free.

‘Half a 100’ CLUB

We still need more people to express an interest before we are able to start even a ‘Half a 100’ club to raise funds for Blooming Shotley Bridge. Each member would pay £10 per year with a draw being made at each open meeting, for 3 prizes of £50, £30 & £10. If you are interested please sign the sheet at the meeting, email or phone.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your membership fees for 2013 are now due. Please note the increase in subs which was agreed at the last AGM.

Annual - £3 individuals, £5 couples, £2 juniors/seniors £5 for businesses and community groups.

Three-Year - £7.50 individuals and £12 couples.

Fees can be paid at the meeting, sent to the Trust’s treasurer, Garth Johnson, Messenger House, Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HT, or request a form to pay by Standing Order.

Please let us know if you have an email address, to save on printing and delivery.