

Agenda for the AGM & Open Meeting

1. **Introductions and apologies**
2. **Chairman's review of the year**
3. **Treasurer's report and annual accounts**
4. **Election of the Committee and Officers**
[nominations accepted before the start of the meeting]
- 7.30pm Refreshments*
5. **Improving the Village Centre** - update from Durham County Council & discussion
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 the Trust, please visit our website at SBVT.wordpress.com or telephone ...

Chairman - John Worters (506248)

Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)



NEWSLETTER

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AGM & OPEN MEETING

AGM at 7.00pm

Open meeting at 7.45pm

Tuesday 18 June 2013

Our Lady of the Rosary

Roman Catholic Church Hall

[Refreshments will be served at 7.30pm]

The Church Hall on Snows Green Road 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.

“BLOOMING” SHOTLEY BRIDGE

On the morning of Saturday 1 June volunteers were out replanting the tubs with summer bedding, in a blue and pink colour scheme to celebrate the forthcoming royal baby. It was a pity that the violas had to be removed as they were in full bloom, but many have been replanted in the church and junior school grounds. The geraniums, begonias and lobelia needed to be planted to allow time to mature before the judges from Northumbria in Bloom visit on 18 July. The tubs are also being repainted.

VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

At the last open meeting potential improvements to the urban realm within the village centre were presented and discussed with an officer from the County Council. The costings for 5 schemes will be presented for discussion.

‘THEN & NOW’ PHOTOGRAPHS

A selection of old photos of Shotley Bridge, alongside recent photographs of the same view, will be on display at the meeting. They were recently on display at the Consett & District Heritage Initiative’s exhibition in St Patrick’s Church Hall, Consett.

BOTTLE BINS

It is proposed that the glass recycling bins in the village car park next to the Golden Flower should be removed to improve the appearance of the site and provide an extra parking space. If you have any concerns about this please raise them at the meeting or let a committee member know.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Shotley Bridge Village Community Trust is now 25 years old. It was inaugurated in March 1988, at a public meeting held in the village hall, chaired by local historian Douglas Vernon, who became the Trust’s first chairman, until 1990. To celebrate the occasion there will be an exhibition of the work of the Trust and a birthday cake served with refreshments.

‘Half a 100’ CLUB

We still need 15 more people to express an interest before we are able to start a ‘Half a 100’ club to raise funds for Blooming Shotley Bridge. Each member of the Club 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, or let a committee member know.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Will those members who have not yet paid their fees for 2013 please bring them to the meeting or post to the Trust’s treasurer, Garth Johnson, Messenger House, Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HT.

Payment by Standing Order is available.

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

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

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