### **AGENDA**

### 7.15pm Refreshments

- 1. Introductions and apologies
- 2. Improving the Village Centre update
- 3. Northumbria in Bloom update and presentation of 'Best Hanging Basket' awards
- 4. Victorian Christmas Spectacular
- 5. Councillors' Report
- 6. 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 ...

Chairman - John Worters (506248) Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)



## **NEWSLETTER**

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# **OPEN MEETING**

to be held at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 29 October 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.

This newsletter is being delivered earlier than usual to inform you of a public consultation event organised by Durham County Council.

#### VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

At the last open meeting the design and costings for five improvement schemes to the urban realm within the village centre were on display and discussed. Comments about the high pricing, suggested revisions and other schemes were sent to the County Council, who have now decided to hold a public consultation in the village. At this time it is understood that no revised or additional schemes are to be presented to the wider community.

The Council's consultation event is being held at the Kings Head Social Club [by the bridge] on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 3 & 7pm.

Please make every effort to call in and express your views.

#### SHOTLEY BRIDGE IN BLOOM

The judges from Northumbria in Bloom walked around the Blooming Shotley Bridge area on 18<sup>th</sup> June and awards are to be presented on 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Stadium of Light, Sunderland.

The Trust's own awards for the 'Best Hanging Basket' will be presented at the Open Meeting.

The tubs, troughs and baskets have been in full bloom with plenty of summer sunshine this year. Volunteers will be replacing the bedding with daffodil bulbs and winter violas in the autumn.

#### VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

This year the Shotley Bridge Business and Community Partnership is to hold a one day village centre event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, with carol singing and lighting of the Christmas Tree at dusk. This is a charity event for Willow Burn and "Blooming" Shotley Bridge. Volunteers are required to assist with stewarding and tidy up operations.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

This sentence will be highlighted if you have not yet paid your membership fees for 2013.

Please pay at the meeting or send to the Trust's treasurer, Garth Johnson, Messenger House, Messenger Bank, Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HT. If you wish to pay by Standing Order, please request a form.

Annual membership - £3 individuals, £5 couples, £2 juniors/seniors £5 for businesses and community groups. 3 Year membership - £7.50 individuals and £12 couples.

#### 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* 

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