

## **AGENDA**

*7.15pm Refreshments*

1. **Introductions and apologies**
2. **Victorian Christmas Spectacular**
  - Cheque presentation to Willow Burn
2. **Improving the Village Centre**
  - Report from Stakeholder meeting
3. **Shotley Bridge in Bloom**
  - Reports from inaugural meeting and Moorsholm visit
4. **New Initiatives**
  - Alternative uses for the Methodist Church
  - Land of Oak and Iron - Heritage Lottery Fund bid
  - Heritage links
  - Scarecrow weekend
  - Other ideas
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](http://SBVT.wordpress.com) or telephone ...*

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*Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)*



## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **OPEN MEETING**

to be held at 7.30pm on

**Tuesday 25 March 2014**

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 local residents. Find out about the Village Trust or simply join in the discussion.*

## **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

The Shotley Bridge Business and Community

Partnership's event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, was a great success. It raised funds for Willow Burn Hospice and "Blooming" Shotley Bridge.

## **VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS**

Following the Council's consultation event, held at the Kings Head Social Club on 10th September, the Council set up a Stakeholder Group that met on 19th February to consider priorities.

## **SHOTLEY BRIDGE IN BLOOM**

The Trust has entered Northumbria in Bloom for a 3rd time this year. Summer planting day will be 11 June but before that, the Big Spring Clean litter pick is on Saturday morning 5 April, prior to the Spring Judging on 22 April.

## **NEW INITIATIVES**

Having celebrated the Trust's 25th anniversary last year, it is perhaps time to review its activities. There is an agenda item to discuss ideas for new initiatives. The Trust is revising its Heritage Trail booklet and has been successful in applying for a grant towards the cost of publication.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

If you have not yet paid your membership fees for 2013 this may be your last newsletter.

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 ACTIVITIES**

Don't forget to look on the Trust's website to find out what is going on in the village. Join the other 112 subscribers who are following the Trust and notified by email when new blogs are posted on ...

***SBVT.wordpress.com***

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***Shotley Bridge 'The Village'***

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