

Agenda for the AGM & Open Meeting

- 1. Introduction and apologies**
- 2. Chairman's report**
- 3. Treasurer's report and annual accounts**
- 4. Election of Committee and Officers**
[nominations accepted before the start of the meeting]

7.30pm Refreshments

- 5. Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership**
- including small grants scheme
- 6. Village Centre Improvements - update**
- 7. 'Blooming' Shotley Bridge - update**
- 8. Land of Oak and Iron - update**
- 9. Village Heritage - forming a working group**
- 10. Councillors' report**
- 11. 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)



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AGM & OPEN MEETING

Tuesday 8 July 2014

AGM - 7.00pm

Open meeting - 7.45pm

Our Lady of the Rosary

Roman Catholic Church Hall

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.

VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Durham County Council are now making progress on spending the Story Homes S106 funding on environmental improvement schemes that were prioritised by the Stakeholder group in February.

The new bus shelters have been funded by the Public Transport team, whilst S106 money was used to demolish the old stone shelter and lay a new tarmac base. Costs and designs for the reconstruction of the original Pant [drinking fountain] within a new seating area opposite Rumi's will soon be known. This is the first priority of 6 schemes that were agreed by the Stakeholders. With sufficient funding, the second and third priorities are conservation street lighting then coping stones for the bed opposite the Golden Flower.

‘BLOOMING’ SHOTLEY BRIDGE

Summer judging for Northumbria in Bloom is on 21 July. Colourful bedding has been planted by the volunteers and the Trust has taken on responsibility for four planting beds in the village centre. More sustainable plants have been introduced and the bed opposite the Golden Flower takeaway has been planted with sunflowers. It will be planted with perennial shrubs in the autumn.

LAPEL BADGES

The Trust is promoting Shotley Bridge and raising funds with these badges, which are on sale in the village for £2.

HERITAGE GROUP

If anyone is interested in joining a new sub group of the Trust, to look at researching and publicising the heritage of the village, please come along to the Open Meeting or get in touch. A revised booklet of 3 heritage walks has been published by the Trust. Copies are available in the village shops and restaurants.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership fees for 2014 are now due.

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 FOLLOWERS

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and there are 266 members of the Facebook group

Shotley Bridge 'The Village'

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