

## **OPEN MEETING on Tuesday 20 October**

*Refreshments served from 7.15pm*

### **Agenda**

- 1 Introductions and apologies**
- 2 ‘Blooming’ Shotley Bridge**  
- update
- 3 Village Centre Improvements**  
- update
- 4 ‘Heritage’ Shotley Bridge**  
- update
- 5 Planning applications**  
- former Methodist Church
- 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, please visit our website at [SBVT.wordpress.com](http://SBVT.wordpress.com)  
email us at [shotleybridgevillagetrust@gmail.com](mailto:shotleybridgevillagetrust@gmail.com)  
telephone the Chairman - John Worters (506248) or  
Secretary - Jeff Singleton (507665)*



## **NEWSLETTER**

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**7.30pm**

**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, to find out about the Village Trust or simply join in the discussion.*

## HERITAGE GROUP

Research is continuing into the history of the village. The Trust had a mixed response to its Heritage Walks programme during the Heritage Open Days weekend. The guided walks around the village were popular on the Sunday but Saturday was a little washed out!

## VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

Durham County Council have almost finished spending the S106 funding on environmental improvement schemes in the village centre. New seating and a litter bin have been installed in the new paved area opposite Rumi's and a replica Pant has been commissioned. This will look like the original that was erected at the corner of Front Street and Snods Green Road, to commemorate the bringing of a piped water supply to the village in 1886. All 5 conservation style street lighting posts and lamps are now in place but still need cabling and painting.

## VILLAGE TRUST FOLLOWERS

143 subscribers are keeping in touch on  
***SBVT.wordpress.com***  
and there are 534 members of the Facebook group  
***Shotley Bridge 'The Village'***

## SHOTLEY BRIDGE IN BLOOM

The Trust was awarded another 'Silver Gilt' in the village category of Northumbria in Bloom this year. It was disappointing not to have achieved the 'Gold' award, especially considering the time & effort put in by members. Our score of 83.5% was only 3 marks short of achieving the top award. Volunteers will be planting the tubs with winter bedding on Saturday 17th October. To raise funds for planting next year, there is a coffee morning on Saturday 7 November [tickets £2] and a gift stall & tombola at the Snods Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November.

## MEMBERSHIP

If you have not yet renewed your own subscription for 2015, please pay the Trust's treasurer at the meeting or send your fees to

Garth Johnson [Messenger House, Messenger Bank,  
Shotley Bridge, Consett, DH8 0HT].

If you wish to pay by Standing Order, ask for a form.

**Annual membership** - £4 individuals, £6 couples,  
£7 for businesses and community groups.

New **3 Year membership** - £10 individuals and £16 couples.  
£18 for businesses and community groups.

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