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Welcome to the 4th Edition of Our Community Newsletter!

We are a local residents' association formed in May 2012 out a general interest and enthusiasm to enhance our community wherever possible. FoLM welcomes residents and those who work in or visit our local amenities and have a desire to help improve the physical environment as well as the community spirit within our village. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month excluding August. Meetings normally commence at 7:00 pm in the Parish Council Offices. **Our next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday 10th November.**

This edition of the newsletter provides an overview of our achievements this year along with tentative plans for 2017. Please check our website or facebook for more current information.

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Christmas Lights Switch On

Our Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event will take place this year on **Sunday 4th December at 5.00 pm.** As previous years, we will have choirs from **St Patricks** and **Langley Moor Primary** schools from 4.30 pm. Our switch on this year will be performed by Norman Alderson, a generous benefactor to our group since our inception and a respected member of our business community.

Holliday Park Fence, Topped Gold...

See how amazing the fencing at Holliday Park now looks! The gold tops really set it off. Danny Bone (Chair of FOLM), Mick Brett and Paul Taylor from the Friends of Langley Moor would like to say a big thank you to the staff from Tesco's Langley Moor and Durham County Council for their fantastic help and support. A special thanks also to Reprotect, based in the High Street in Langley Moor, who kindly funded the total cost of the Hammerite we used to paint the fencing.

More 3 Tiered Planters

Following the success of our original 3 off 3 tiered planters in our High Street, we are delighted to advise that funding has been secured for 2 additional planters. One will be installed on High Street South and the other will be at the junction of Black Road to Brandon Lane. The funding includes their annual maintenance until Summer 2021.



Speedwatch Sensors/Signage

The results of a speedwatch campaign, earlier this year, clearly show a significant proportion of motorists driving too fast past our primary and nursery schools. As a result of meetings with County and Parish Councillors, Area Action Partnership, Police, Schools and the FoLM, installation of a much needed sensor and additional signage has been agreed and installation should begin in the new year. They will be positioned on Brandon Lane and Black Road.



Music and Singing during the 2015 Christmas Lights Switch On

Our annual Christmas tree lights switch on event on Sunday 29 November 2015, was a great success. More than 300 members of the local community attended to see our splendid tree illuminate once more.

Sherburn Hill Salvation Army Band played festive tunes from 3.45pm, and choirs from St Patricks and Langley Moor Primary Schools sang Christmas Carols.



Holliday Park is OPEN!

Just in time for the Easter holidays, Holliday Park was completed and opened to be enjoyed by all!

The official opening, by Victoria Young, of the new play areas in Holliday Park took place on 20th April 2016.

Many thanks to everyone that attended. All the children present seemed to really enjoy themselves and the weather was great for this special occasion! Thanks also to Tesco for kindly donating the fresh fruit and drinks that were readily enjoyed by the children from St Patricks and Langley Moor Nursery and Primary Schools.

We are very proud of our new park, and very thankful to everyone who helped make this superb project a reality.

This Year's Litter Picks

Four volunteers braved the snow, rain and cold on Saturday morning 16th April for our third Community Litter Pick. Our volunteers filled 18 bags!

An additional litter pick was organised on Monday 18th April with three managers and three staff volunteers from Tesco. The pick took place along the Bishop Brandon walkway from Brandon Lane to the Cricket Club at Brandon. Our volunteers filled 14 bags.

On the 27th April 2016, another eight volunteers (including five from our local Tesco) completed another successful litter pick in the village. The team picked the path and riverside between Stonebridge and Langley Bridge.

These picks were completed with our newly acquired equipment purchased with a £360 donation from the Shakespeare Temperance Trust.

This pick takes the total so far this year to 66 bags. That's 91 bags in total if we include our first ever pick last year!

If anyone wants to put forward an area in Langley Moor for our next litter pick please let us know.



We are extremely grateful to the following organisations:

On behalf of the community, the committee would like to extend special thanks to those below for their donations this year:

Lloyds Bank, N Alderson Funeral Director, Reprotect, Noble and Brett Roofing, Hire Base, Durham City Homes, Shakespeare Temperance Trust, Area Action Partnership, Park Commercial, Durham PAT Testing, Monty Tyson, Tesco, Durham County Council and Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council. As always the committee is indebted to our Parish and County Councillors who not only attend our meetings as enthusiastic participants but also continue to work behind the scenes to secure the best possible outcomes for our projects and their benefit to our local community, including financial support from their Members Initiative Fund.