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6th Annual Christmas Tree Switch On

Our Christmas Tree Lights Switch On Event will take place this year on **Sunday 3rd December from 4.20 pm**. As previous years, our compere is Lieutenant David White and we will have choirs from St Patricks and Langley Moor Primary schools from 4.30 pm. This year our switch on will be performed by Roberta Blackman-Woods MP.

Langley Moor in Bloom

Following the success of our original 3 off 3 tiered planters in our High Street, we are delighted to advise that two additional planters have been installed, one at the junction of Black Road/Brandon Lane and the other at the western end of High Street South. The funding includes their annual maintenance until summer 2021.

Railway Bridge Tidy Up

Although Network Rail has carried out some tidying work around the bridge, there is still much to be done. They have confirmed that pressure washing will take place on the bridge parapets, especially adjacent to the only footpath out of our village. We continue to remind them of their commitment.

This Year's Litter Picks

We have undertaken 2 litter picks over the year, coordinated by our Chair and have netted a total of 15+ bags of rubbish. The areas targeted have included, Goat Beck, The High Street and Dairy Lane Stonebridge. During our litter picks our volunteers wear high visibility jackets, printed with our logo and use our own litter picking equipment. Thanks must be expressed to Tesco staff who are ever present whenever we organise these events. For the next litterpick: areas identified are Sleetburn Lane and Whitwell Terrace. Please check our website/facebook or notice board for the date and time of the next litter-pick.

Welcome to the 5th 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 usually 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 Tuesday 12th December.

This edition of the newsletter provides an overview of our achievements this year along with tentative plans for 2018. Please check our website or facebook for more current information.

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20 MPH School Zone

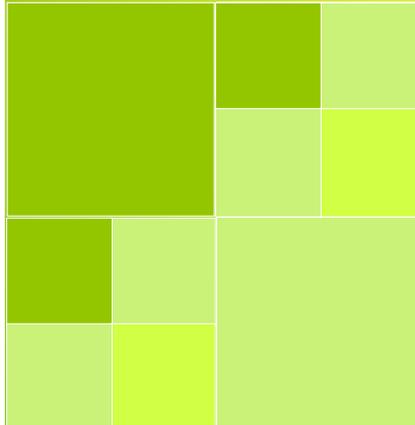
There are new 20 MPH signage introduced at Brandon Lane and Black Road.

These will flash during school start and finish times to alert drivers to the fact children are present and to encourage a slower speed of 20MPH during these times.

There is also a flashing 30MPH sign, which is triggered when the sign observes speeds of over 30MPH. This is located just past the entrance of the Regents Green estate – this section is a particular speed hot-spot, where traffic has not slowed from the earlier 40MPH zone when leaving Brandon and before entering Langley Moor.

Boyne Place to be Cleaned and Protected

Boyne Place continues to be well used by local residents and as such is now showing signs of that use including staining etc. to the paved area. High Street based Reprotect have very kindly agreed to clean the paving and then apply a sub-surface protective coating to limit future soiling. This work is scheduled, but is dependent on favourable weather conditions.



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Christmas Tree Event December 2016

We would like to thank all those who attended our Christmas event in December 2016. It was another very successful year with an estimated 500 people there to see Norman Alderson (a generous benefactor to our group since our inception) switch on the Christmas Lights. Special thanks must go to our school children and their teachers for providing such excellent entertainment on the night and our thanks must also be extended to our local Salvation Army officer, Lieutenant David White who compared the evening.

Our Plans for 2018

To provide a footpath and perhaps seating, at the site of the Old Boyne Colliery. Funding is already in place for information boards that will be erected on the site. These boards are being researched and designed in conjunction with children at Langley Moor Primary School.

To attract funding to re-fence the area on Dairy Lane between Langley Bridge and the existing field fence. This will place an effective barrier between the busy footpath and the River Browney. This will greatly enhance the safety and appearance of this approach to our village. The land appears to be common land with no identifiable owner yet established. We are currently awaiting further quotations such that funding may be applied for.

To see the establishment of a footpath alongside Tesco's car park to improve pedestrian access.

To make further enhancements to Holliday Park, including planters, trees and additional seating as well as improved barriers to prevent vehicles accessing other areas of the park.

To help keep the paving of Boyne Place clean.

To continue to organise litter-picks throughout the year

To continue to press Network Rail to allow us access to transform the seriously overgrown triangular area of land between the Railway Bridge and Grove Terrace. We are working in conjunction with our Civic Pride Officer and the University of Durham's Staff Volunteer Co-ordinator.

To obtain funding for the Christmas event of 2018

To continue the twice yearly maintenance of all 5 of our 3-tiered planters

To continue to engage with the community and attract more public involvement.

To seek to attract appropriate funding to meet the objectives of the group both now and in the future

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, Park Commercial, Reprotect, Noble & Brett Roofing, HireBase, Pears Boutique, Lee Tyson, Hair at Tiffanys, Domestic Bliss, Keith Fenwick Electricals, Langley Moor Post Office, Durham PAT Testing, Tesco, Mid Durham AAP, Durham County and Parish Councils.

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.



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