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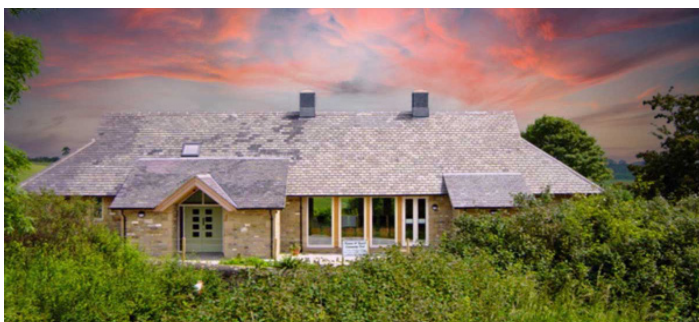
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Welcome to the first monthly newsletter for the Newton and Bywell Community.

Our new newsletter will be published monthly and we hope it helps to keep you informed about what is happening in our community. It is also an opportunity for you to share items of interest, information or news with your neighbours.

Please do let me know if you would like to add anything to our future issues by emailing me at mrs_laura_stephens@hotmail.co.uk.

Laura Stephens
Newsletter Editor



Newton and Bywell Community Trust is a charitable Incorporated organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The aim of the trust is to benefit the residents of Newton and Bywell and the neighbourhood, and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure and education.

There are currently 12 trustees including 1 nominated Trustee from Bywell Parish Council.

Chairman - Geoff Osborn
Hall Manager - Linda Osborn
Treasurer - Linda Blair
Bookings Manager - Alison Wilkinson
Secretary - Monica Anderton
Liz Kirsopp, Rob Palmer, Julie Harrison, Paul Gallagher, John Thompson, Alan Beddis, Laura Stephens, James Brown

Chairmans Report

Hopefully we will soon be released from lockdown and our Hall will be allowed to reopen. However, in the time we have been closed, we have taken the opportunity to do some maintenance work and general refurbishment of our building and facilities. All the toilets have had a complete makeover and the floors and carpets have been professionally cleaned, amongst other improvements. I hope all the changes, along with our recently refitted kitchen, will help to maintain or increase the level of bookings that we managed before we were forced to close.

The Hall is set in a beautiful rural location and is ideal for parties and weddings, so it would be good to see it being fully used once again. We would particularly like to see the local residents using and enjoying the Hall a little more.

With this in mind, we have a new and enthusiastic social committee who are looking to arrange a calendar of varied social events throughout the year which will appeal to everyone. Several new residents have moved into the area during lockdown, so these events could be an opportunity for everyone to meet up at last.

We have a new booking manager for the Hall in Alison Wilkinson, who kindly volunteered to become a Trustee and take on the role. She has taken over from Anne Hicks who is soon to be leaving the area. Alison is quickly getting to grips with the booking process, and we are now taking provisional bookings for events and classes to start after 17th May, which currently seems to be the date that we might be allowed to reopen.

Six local residents responded to our last appeal for volunteers to become new Trustees, and I would like to thank them all for giving their time to help maintain the Community Hall as the vibrant hub of the Parish.

We are lucky to have a fantastic village Hall at one end of the village and The Duke of Wellington, an award winning village pub and Inn, at the other. I hope we can all work together to support these valuable assets, particularly in these difficult times.
Geoff Osborn



Stop Press...

The NEW Newton and Bywell Community Hall website is now LIVE.

Check it out now at:

www.newtonandbywell.org

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The last 12 months have been unexciting to say the least. Here at Newton and Bywell WI, we have really missed our monthly meetings and seeing all our lovely members. Spring is most definitely on its way and as the seasons change, we can only feel hopeful about the future and a returning sense of normality. We are keen to resume our programme of events as soon as it is safe to do so. At the moment, we are unable to confirm when exactly this will be, but hope to start organising meetings from the Summer. Please watch this space for further information. Along with the monthly meetings, we are keen to welcome new members to our group and would love to hear from you if you have any questions about joining. For those on social media, you can head to our Facebook page 'Newton and Bywell WI' for further updates and information.

Newton and Bywell WI

Newton & Bywell Walks

Compiled by The Rustic Rambler

Route 1 : circular 6.5 kms

*Mainly public footpaths. some road walking.
Slight climbs.*

Start : Newton village hall

Leaving the Village Hall, turn left and walk to the Waymarker sign at the end of the Village passing the Duke of Wellington on your left (approx 300 metres).

Turn right through the gate entering field and follow the field boundaries to the copse at the top of the hill.



Go through the metal gate next to Joe's Bench. Walk straight ahead following the path through the copse for 150 metres until you come to a post with yellow arrows. Turn left.



Head down the hill to the metal gate at the bottom then follow boundary fence to the next gate. Go through this gate and proceed on path until you reach the fence at the end of the field (approx 400 metres).





Cross into the next field on your left and with the field boundary on your right, continue to follow the fence for 150 metres, reaching another yellow arrow.



Go straight ahead, over the bridge then cross the ladder stile. Turn right.

Continue straight ahead following the path which eventually bears right to go through a wooden gate (250 metres).

Walk diagonally across the field to the top right hand corner then pass through a large wooden gate (400 metres). Cross the jumping point on the fence in front of you (20 metres) and turn right.



With the field boundary on your right walk straight ahead for 300 metres) reaching a wooden gate just before the trees. Pass through the gate.



Turn left. Follow the boundary fence on your left through this field until you reach the large metal gate onto the lane (250 metres). Turn right.



Walk up the lane passing the road back to Newton until you reach Shildon Hill Farm (1 km). Pass the large brick chimney on your left, a relic of the days when steam was used to power a threshing machine.



Go through the gate opposite following the footpath downhill in a diagonal direction to a gate at the bottom right hand corner of the field (200 metres). Walk straight ahead for two fields (400 metres) reaching farm buildings on your right. Go through the metal gate and follow the track straight ahead between the wood and the buildings (200 metres).



At the top of the wood, turn left and continue to follow the path for 200 metres until you reach a wooden gate on your right.



Passing through the gate, walk straight ahead up the hill (500 metres) admiring the square building on your left, and the far reaching views back towards Shildon Hill, until you reach a tarmac drive.



Follow the tarmac drive down to the main road and turn right (200 metres). Walk straight ahead for 600 metres, taking the second right. Continue along the lane until you reach the Village Hall on your left.

The Rustic Rambler

Photographers

We would love to share lots of images of our beautiful surroundings in our upcoming newsletters so, if you have any photographs of Newton and Bywell you would like to share, please send these to mrs_laura_stephens@hotmail.co.uk

NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

If you have not previously consented to receiving parish news and the What's On newsletter by email, and would like to receive regular notification and updates, please use the Newsletter sign up box at the bottom of the NEWS page of the website

newtonandbywell.org

Dates for your Diary

There's not much to report right now but fingers crossed this section of our newsletter will be full very soon.

If you have an event you would like to advertise please do get in touch.

The Post Office van continues to operate on Tuesday afternoons from 16:10 – 17:10 Main Street, Newton NE43 7UL. Visitors should wear a face mask

The library will sadly remain closed until we are allowed to reopen the Main Hall in accordance with Government guidelines.

Don't forget to check The Duke of Wellingtons social media to see when the next food truck will be arriving

Facebook [@DukeofWellingtonInn](https://www.facebook.com/DukeofWellingtonInn)
Instagram [@dukeinnewton](https://www.instagram.com/dukeinnewton)

