



# Newsletter

Issue 3. May 2021

## Welcome back

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**Time is flying by and we are already onto our third monthly newsletter for the Newton and Bywell Community.**

Thank you to everyone who has offered feedback on the newsletters so far and, as always, 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](mailto:mrs_laura_stephens@hotmail.co.uk).

We are hopeful that as the government continues to ease restrictions, the Parish will be able to come together once again. The social committee are busy planning lots of exciting events to be held later in the year and we are looking forward to announcing these shortly. Is there anything you think is missing from our community? If so please do let us know. We are open to ideas on ways to bring us all together again.

Wishing you all well.

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

### Just 2 days to go .....

until the Community Hall reopens to welcome back our users and hirers. Please check our schedule of events on the Hall calendar at [www.newtonandbywell.org](http://www.newtonandbywell.org). We would love you to get involved if there is something there to interest you.

Although the hall will be open on May 17th, the current Covid restrictions mean that there is a strict one way system in operation to avoid unnecessary contacts between groups. Therefore the Hall library will remain closed until the next stage of June 21st, when most of the restrictions are due to be lifted.

Please send in your entries for the Newton and Bywell photo competition to [info@newtonandbywell.org](mailto:info@newtonandbywell.org). Entries should be received by 1st August for Spring/Summer. Full details can be seen at [www.newtonandbywell.org](http://www.newtonandbywell.org)

Seeing Bob and Janet Taylor with full rubbish bags, on one of their regular litter picks around Newton, reminded me that there are some who put in a lot of effort behind the scenes to keep our Parish looking at its best. A big thank you to all those who make that extra effort for our benefit, just because it needs to be done. It is much appreciated.

If you would like to be more involved in village and Parish life, please just get in touch at [info@newtonandbywell.org](mailto:info@newtonandbywell.org). The community trustees would welcome your help and expertise.

## Stop Press...

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

Check it out now at:

[www.newtonandbywell.org](http://www.newtonandbywell.org)



Many people in the Bywell and Newton Parish may be surprised to know we boast one of the oldest cricket clubs in Northumberland still playing today, though the majority of the players are not from the parish itself.

Recent research suggests that Newton Cricket Club celebrated its 160th year of existence in 2021 (albeit not with the fanfare the club would have hoped for) with reports in local newspapers at the time recording a game played against Westmoreland Road (Newcastle) vs. Newton CC in 1861.

The club has been a major strength of the West Tyne League over the years winning many championships - a particular golden era was 1984-1987 when the club won the first division title 4 years in a row. Many well-known local players were involved but a particular mention should be made to the Telfer family who contributed much to this period and the overall success of the club.

In 2000 the club moved from its original ground just opposite the Stelling Road entrance to Mowden Hall School, in what is now a sheep field, to the excellent facilities of Mowden Hall itself. The club feel very fortunate to play their games in such a magnificent setting, one of the best within the league.

To help during the season, support comes in the form of sponsorship from many local businesses such as Duke of Wellington Inn, Dennofer Wines, North Acomb Farm, BioFresh, Allendale Estates, Allendale Brewery, Branch End Garage and Openworks Engineering to mention but a few, along with a number of Vice-Presidents who contribute annually. Having missed out on second place in Division 1 last season by one point they hope to perform even better this season.

The club prides itself on its friendly and inclusive atmosphere, combined with a good standard of competitive play and anyone who would like to play or support please feel free to contact:

Captain Andy Jones: 07801178517  
Secretary Howard Lawrence: 07557956562  
James Brown: 07554422677

### Thought for the day ....

Whatever you do, always give 100%.  
Unless you are donating blood.

BILL MURRAY

### Dodgy Definitions ....

Fibula - A small lie



## Northumberland Rural Employment Hubs

CAN is pleased to announce our Rural Employment Hubs are now once again open for face-to-face appointments.

We know that many of our members struggled to access support via phone call and video call during periods of full lockdown, over the last year, so we are delighted that we are once again able to welcome our members to meet with us face to face at the hubs.

The hubs will operate on an appointment basis only until restrictions are fully lifted to ensure we remain Covid safe.

View the list of hub locations and times at

[www.ca-north.org.uk/supporting-individuals/northumberland-rural-employment-hubs](http://www.ca-north.org.uk/supporting-individuals/northumberland-rural-employment-hubs)

Email [julia.plinston@ca-north.org.uk](mailto:julia.plinston@ca-north.org.uk) to book an appointment or with any enquiries.

## 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](http://newtonandbywell.org)

## NOTICE FROM

### NEWTON HIGH HOUSE FARM

Can we please request that people and their dogs keep to the footpath into/from Tofts Wood and not 20ft+ out into our field. It may just look like a grass field but we are trying to grow winter feed for our cattle.

It has also been noticed that dog poo has not been picked up! If cattle eat this it can cause abortion.



## Dates for your Diary

We are pleased to see several classes returning to the hall in the coming weeks including

Zumba  
Aerial Yoga  
Yoga  
Pilates  
Tyne Valley Matters  
Dance

Please check the website for more information.

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



## Newton & Bywell Walks

Compiled by The Rustic Rambler

**Route 3 : NEWTON TO NORTH ACOMB FARM CIRCULAR. EITHER 5.2 OR 5.4 KMS**  
*Mainly public footpaths. Some road walking.*

*Slight climbs.*

**Start : Newton Village Hall**

Leaving the Village Hall, turn right and walk up the lane to the junction (350 metres) Turn left.



Continue straight ahead for 250 metres taking the first right passing the “eagles” on either side.



Follow the road which bears round to the left (don't take the 1st left) for 230 metres until you reach another right hand turn.



Go down the lane, through the gate bearing left at the bottom to reach a stile next to a farm building (400 metres).



Walk straight ahead to a ladder stile (150 metres) and on entering the next field, turn right.



Follow the footpath straight down the hill to cross another stile (400 metres).



Turn left to find the gap in the barrier on the A69 and cross the dual carriageway with care.

Turn right to locate the stile in the field ahead of you and follow the fence to reach another stile at the top of the field (250 metres).



Taking care, climb over the stile. You are now at North Acomb Farm (shop) and have 2 options to return home.



OPTION 1 : Quiet lanes with no public footpaths (5.2 kms)

Turn right and follow the farm lane to the tarmac lane (750 metres).

Turn right and follow the lane to a junction (1200 metres).

Turn right and follow the road to the A69 (500 metres)

Cross the A69 to Shaw House and follow the road back into Newton Village (600 metres).

OPTION 2 : Footpaths with some road walking (5.4 kms) Turn left and enjoy the view of the village in the distance.



Follow the tarmac road away from North Acomb Farm until you reach a way marker sign on your left after the copse (500 metres).



With the fence on your right follow the field down to the bottom corner (300 metres) and climb over the stile.



To cross the A69, the pedestrian gap is approximately 50 metres to your right.

After crossing the road, turn left to retrace the 50 metres until you reach a stile into the wood.



The path here can be faint but bearing left at a 45 degree angle walk 50 metres to a ladder stile.



Cross into the field and walk slightly uphill, keeping the wood on your left, to the highest point in the field reaching another ladder stile (250 metres).



Turn left on the tarmac road for 300 metres until you reach a yellow way marker and metal gate on your right.



Cross through into the field and follow the footpath which runs parallel to the tarmac road.

Continue past the playing fields exiting on to the road after 400 metres.



Turn left onto the Newton/Stelling road and continue straight ahead for 1000 metres back to Newton village.

At the signpost for Newton turn right and follow the lane back to the Village Hall.