

# NEWSLETTER

## Belmont Parish Council



### AUTUMN 2022

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party will be held on  
**Wednesday 14th December 2022**  
at Belmont Community School.

Guests will be received from **12:45p.m.** for a performance at  
**1.15p.m.** of 'Aladdin'

The school has kindly offered to provide a cuppa and a slice of  
cake after the performance -a much appreciated treat.

### **Everyone Welcome**

If you would like to attend, please telephone the Parish Office on  
0191 386 0664.

At the time of booking please notify of any special dietary  
requirements, the school needs to know these no later than 30th  
November.

Transport is available on request to the Parish Office  
Buses to pick up from 12.00 noon.



### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2022

**Sunday 13th November 2022**

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH 10.00 A.M.**

**BELMONT WAR MEMORIAL 10.35 A.M.**

Following the services light refreshments will be available in  
Belmont Parish Hall.

**Members of the public are very welcome. Please do join us.**

Members of the public are also very welcome to join the 'Friends of Belmont War Memorial' working party  
Please contact Eric Mavin or Mick Watson if interested (details on back page)

## **BELMONT PARISH IN BLOOM**



*Community champion Ken Neat*



*Community champion Mark Turner*

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Parish Area of Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate Moor so attractive in the spring and summer. Members of Belmont Parish Council environment committee, along with community volunteers attended the **Northumbria in Bloom Awards**. As well as visiting the specific competition entries, the judges were also impressed with the many attractive private gardens which they passed on their tour of the Parish so a big thank you to all the residents who contributed towards us gaining our gold awards. Belmont Parish nominated awards were as follows:

Schools - Gilesgate Primary School Allotment - Gold & Best in Category

Religious - Belmont Cemetery - Silver Gilt.

Hotels - Ramside Hall - Gold.

Allotments - Belmont Allotments - Gold

Residential Community - Wantage Road, Belmont - Gold.

Urban Community - Belmont (Parish) - Silver - Best in Category

Conservation - Belmont Scrambles Nature Reserve - Silver Gilt.

Private Garden - Dinsdale Drive, Belmont - Gold.

Community Champion - Ken Neat nominated by Belmont Parish Council.

Community Champion - Mark Turner (Head teacher, Durham Gilesgate primary School) - nominated by Civic Pride DCC

The Beautiful Durham awards were held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and Belmont Parish has achieved well again with 9 awards including a winner for the best group horticultural project -Durham Gilesgate Primary School, and a Highly Commended -Belmont Allotments Club.

We also received a Highly Commended for the best large village, and Wantage Road won the best kept residential area, with Oakham Drive and Patterdale Close receiving Highly Commended

## **BELMONT LOCAL HEROES**

Thank you to everyone who nominated Belmont Local Heroes. The panel of judges were very impressed with the entries and enjoyed reading about the amazing contribution made to our parish by local people.

The winners will be announced at an Awards event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2.00pm to 3.30pm at Belmont Community Centre.

Local winners of Northumbria in Bloom and Beautiful Durham will also be presented with their awards at the event.

Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome. It would be appreciated if you could let the parish office know if you wish to attend, so that we have an idea of numbers to cater for.

## PARISH PLANNING MATTERS

### BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEW BUILD

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

### GRAVE CONSULTATION

Belmont Parish Council are currently re considering the rules and regulations regarding plots in the cemetery, particularly the requirement that all plots must be turfed and would welcome feedback from residents. Please email, or contact the parish office, using the details at the bottom of the page, to put forward your views.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Belmont Community Association is a busy and successful centre. It's led by local people, and they need some more volunteers to join as trustees to oversee its work.

Meetings are held bi-monthly to monitor finances, staffing and hiring arrangements.

Why not get involved? If you can help, please contact Peter Corbett at [belmontca@outlook.com](mailto:belmontca@outlook.com) or 01913861072

### WARM SPACES

Several local community associations and volunteers have been looking at setting up warm spaces where residents can visit, spend a few hours in a heated room, make social connections and receive hot drinks and a midday meal.

As we receive further information about what is available, when, and where, we will signpost via the parish website and our social media page on Facebook (**this can be removed if agreement not given at full meeting**)

If any resident is struggling with energy bills, staying warm or needs advice on anything, such as claiming back rebates, please contact the parish office

Also, please see the enclosed leaflet produced by The Sustainable Belmont Working Party with useful tips to stay warm whilst using energy efficiently

### COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

In response to the recent outbreak of thefts within the parish we will be holding another Community Safety Day at Belmont Community Centre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 11.00am to 2.00pm

There will be advice on all security issues and free samples available, including personal attack alarm fobs, PIR shed alarms, UV pens and stickers, mini vibration window alarms, light timers, and TV stimulators

Please join us for a cuppa and cake!



**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Please join us at St Mary Magdalene for the lighting of the Christmas tree on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November There will be an official ‘switch on’ of the lights at 5.30pm followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

**EMMANUEL CHURCH CHRISTMAS FUN DAY**

There will be a free Christmas Family Fun Day at the Durham Centre, Belmont Industrial Estate DH1 1TN on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1.00pm to 4.00pm  
All welcome. Visit [www.emmanuel.org.uk](http://www.emmanuel.org.uk) for full details.

DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS	USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS
<p>held in Belmont Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. (Second Thursday of the month, excluding August) Next meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 /8<sup>th</sup> December 2022/ 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Members of the public are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Durham County Council General enquiries           03000 260 000 Highways, Lighting and Streetscene           03000 261 000 County Council Help Desk   03000 123 7070  Community Police Officer can be contacted on the police non-emergency number   0345 606 0365</p>

**PARISH COUNCILLORS**

<u>Belmont Area</u>	<u>Carrville Area</u>	<u>Gilesgate Moor Area</u>
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**Parish Clerk   Mrs S. Overton   0191 386 0664**

**YOUR FEEDBACK REQUESTED**

We would be very interested to hear feedback from residents about how they feel we as a parish council are doing, or whether you have any issues / concerns / support needed or anything we can help you with. Please complete the slip below and return to the parish office or email to the address below

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Name.....Contact details (phone / email) .....

My views / suggestions are .....

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