



## July/August Newsletter

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**Community Matters** NCC Local Plan Inspector has requested consultation on additional documents in the next round of consultation process. Potential housing on Richard Coates school site and the High School site Callerton lane are identified for future housing. Local Plan additional housing on 2 school sites were viewed and can see no reason to object as long as Policy PNP 21 Housing Mix is applied to preserve appropriate housing mix. SH to ask main committee if they have any comments or views.

A delay with the installation of the bridge over the bridleway at Callerton Lane has delayed the graffiti finish being applied to the pedestals.

**Draft February minutes** Proposed to delay consideration until first full meeting.

**Correspondence** SSSI donor and Hancock Museum have been sent an electronic copy of the July edition PN&V, this has been acknowledged and notified from the Natural History Society with a link to their website & blog showing the article on our project.

<https://www.nhsn.ncl.ac.uk/news/capturing-the-history-of-a-hidden-gem/>

**Meetings** Management group have trialled using Zoom this month and aim to Zoom again during August. It is unlikely that monthly meetings will take place before Sep/October this year as venues are sorting out the guidance information to keep hirers and their attendees safe. Future guidelines may stipulate hirer's new responsibilities to sanitise before & after meetings with group organisers to implement government directives on social distancing, facemasks and an increased risk group insurance. Records of attendance with contact details required to comply with "track & trace". SH to ask committee members if they can Zoom for potential monthly meetings?

**Treasurer's report** Accounts have been audited ready for AGM, no outstanding matters.

**AGM** proposed for a November meeting via Zoom

**Editorial** The Pont News & Views July edition is welcomed back in hardback. SH has prepared an update for the "What's On" page which has been sent to the editor.

**Website updating** Some of the website homepage articles suffered from a technical hitch believed to have happened after an automatic update. These have been corrected all 263 amendments with a current update on our future plans.

**Projects** Guidance from NCC and CPRE means that any litter picking is put on hold until it is safe and without risk of contamination. The management group decided to plan for potential projects which can be easily delivered, if the government guidance allows it, this will be subject to constant review to protect members and potential volunteers.

**Graffiti protection** for the pedestals will start a.s.a.p. a delay may be inevitable for the Callerton lane pedestal.

**Our aim for autumn 2020** A potential environmental event in October/November at the bridleway when the ground works will be complete for the start of the next academic year. Already we have received a donation which has given a reprint of the “Get healthy get walking feel the benefits” leaflet; these would be distributed only once it is socially acceptable. It’s a plug for an enjoyable and effective way to improve health and well-being; relieving stress, increase fitness, improve physical and mental health, and prevent the development of chronic diseases bringing people of all ages and abilities together – to feel great!. This would also support the NCC Ageing Well Strategy.

The PCP was going to support the soft landscaping event at Callerton Lane with Kier and NCC, however due to Covid19 and the delay at this area over the installation of the bridge it is not likely to be possible.

**Autumn 2020** Relaunch of our 2 youth projects (entrepreneur & reporting) will restart in the autumn school term. Students have found things difficult especially with the length of time for home schooling has taken and the effect it has had on the lack of daily structure. AD to contact school regarding relaunch of youth projects.

**Bulb planting at the bridleway** has been discussed as a potential project during the autumn however, a grant application would be needed to be made now and in the current situation the risks are too high to take this forward - can review later.

**Next Year 2021** Last year we were considering creating heritage walks around Ponteland village and the rural area with supporting leaflets giving information on our local history unfortunately Covid19 stopped this continuing - the group would like to get back to researching its viability. The aim to encourage residents/visitors to understand and value Ponteland’s past in today’s world.

**Princes Responsible Network** an opportunity has arisen for some free volunteer assistance to review our publicity and website; our application is being considered and we should know the outcome during next month.