



Autumn Newsletter

September 2021



Another eighteen months of volunteer successes

In early September, after the pandemic, the first association committee meeting since March 2020 took place.

Happily, the Committee was pleased that eighteen months had not been lost. The running of the association had continued; and volunteer activity across St. Peter's occurred with the support of the association. The volunteer projects were helped with over £5000 from successful grant applications. The neighbourhood is grateful to the grant-givers - Newcastle City Council Ward-aid, National Lottery, Karbon Homes' Foundation and Arnold Clark Community Fund.

People in other parts of Newcastle East too were helped by the St. Peter's neighbourhood. The massive weight of donations to the Festive Food Appeal

grows each year, and last year helped both users of and residents close to the Byker Community Centre. The association donated £200 of its own money to Newcastle East Foodbank to help families over the school summer holidays. Another donation gave unused garden furniture to Byker Pantry.

St. Peter's Volunteer Gardeners were helped with funding. The new Boat Garden opposite Merchants' Tavern came about through the efforts of the volunteer gardeners and some of the neighbours who found themselves "working from home". Help also came from St. Peter's Marina, our neighbour Jewson, the Fifth Fusiliers and the Royal Yacht Club Blyth.

In December, residents and businesses festively decorated a window and

took part in the first Living Advent Calendar. This then allowed other people to walk around the neighbourhood seeing, enjoying and commenting on the decorated windows. This was an enjoyable event and will be repeated this Christmas.

Other volunteer work included water-buts for St. Peter's Wharf terrace plant watering, as well as a total makeover for the neighbourhood's Fish with Two Heads statue, and the continuation of the neighbourhood website www.stpetersnewcastle.co.uk. The Committee members, who themselves are volunteers, thank all the volunteers across the neighbourhood for all their work, contributions and successes.



Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting takes place Tuesday 19 October at 7pm, ANZIO House and will be followed with a light buffet. Every resident, employee and business-owner in St. Peter's is invited to attend. We are very pleased that our neighbours the Fifth Fusiliers have again invited us to use ANZIO House for the Meeting. This is very much appreciated.

If you are planning to attend then please pre-register with your name, address and telephone number to secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk before Monday 11 October. And please bring a face mask to wear for when you are walking through ANZIO House.

Any resident, employee or business owner wishing to stand for election to the executive posts of chair, secretary, treasurer or vice chair should write to secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk before Tuesday 5 October. Please state post and include a short description of relevant experience. The candidate must

also be seconded in writing by another resident or someone working in St. Peter's. Any resident or person working in the St. Peter's neighbourhood wishing to stand for election as a committee member can self-nominate and advise this intention via secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk before Tuesday 19 October or say so at the meeting. All current Committee members will stand-down. They can if they wish stand for election to the 2021/22 Committee.

Date: Tue 19 October, 2021
Time: 7pm start
Location: Anzio House

The Agenda for the Meeting is:

- Apologies for non-attendance
- Minutes from 2018/19 Annual General Meeting
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of 2021/22 Committee



SUEZ

The Council's contract with SUEZ, the resource recovery centre operator on Walker Road, comes to an end imminently. In the event of proposals for significant changes in operation at the site, the association committee intends to arrange an early-evening open meeting. Council officials will be invited to St. Peter's Social Club to present the proposals to all residents, businesses and employees.

Policing

Victoria Archbold is our new neighbourhood police officer. If you wish to discuss with her any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour then please contact her in the first instance via email:

Victoria.Archbold.3174@northumbria.pnn.police.uk.
In the event of a live incident please dial 999 or Northumbria Police 101.

Benches

Volunteers are being sought to sand and revarnish the two existing benches on the Marina Quayside West. It is also hoped to make good the damaged bench on Bottlehouse Street. Please contact secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk if you want to help.

The Council is now conducting consultations with nearby residents and the Marina business on the possible siting of two benches on Quayside East. Similarly nearby residents are being asked for their views on the current siting of the riverside bench.

Street projects

The association is making an additional £100 available to each courtyard and apartment complex. This is to assist with autumn gardening-related work in your "street" and follows the success of the

wider project announced in the Spring. To confirm uptake of the funding could the street project leader please email: secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk.

Christmas

It's hopefully back to festive business as normal this December. If you would like to make our festive activities happen then please contact: secretary@stpetersnewcastle.co.uk.

Help is welcomed with:

- St. Peter's Neighbourhood Christmas Party
- Festive Food Collection
- Living Advent Calendar



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