

East Bedlington Parish Council

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Pictured above, Parish Councillors Colin Parker and Allan Stewart try out the equipment on the new fitness trail along Cambois



Pictured County Councillors Valerie Tyler and Jeff Gobin who have contributed to a number of projects in the Parish find out more inside!

Building on the success of our facilities in the Free Wood, which were the first in Northumberland! We are delighted to unveil our latest outdoor gym installed along Cambois Links.

The equipment is free to use by members of the community and visitors to the area and will be available 365 days a year.

The work was made possible following a successful grant application to the Banks Group and a donation from Cllr Valerie Tyler (Bedlington East).

Cllr Alex Wallace, Chair of the Parish Council said “the Parish Council is acutely aware of the lack of amenities within our Parish and we are delighted to have been able to work with partners to bring this fitness trail to a very deserving community”.

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How do you become a parish councillor?

Town, Parish and County Council elections in Northumberland will be held on 2nd May 2013. People living in East Bedlington Parish and registered to vote, will have the opportunity to vote for candidates to form a new Parish Council.

What are Town and Parish Councils?

Parish and Town Councils are the part of government closest to the people. They serve the smallest area and are responsible for the most local of matters. These councils can "precept" - raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people.

Parish and Town Councils have a number of basic responsibilities in making the lives of local communities more comfortable, many of which are often taken for granted. Essentially, these powers fall within three main categories; representing the whole of the electorate within the Parish, delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life in the Parish.

What do elected representatives do?

Parish and Town councillors represent the people living in their local area at the closest level to the community. When decisions are being made they are there to put your views across.

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council known as a ward or, mainly in smaller parishes—the entire Parish or Town Council area. They are generally elected by the public every four years.

What do Councillors do?

Decision making - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, Councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

Monitoring - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services, by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

Getting involved locally - As local representatives, Councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations such as residents groups
- Going to meetings of bodies effecting the wider community
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public
- Running a surgery for residents to bring up issues
- Meeting with individual residents in their own homes



Visiting the Parish Council is the best way to find out what happens there - attend a meeting details are posted on the parish notice boards and on the website

Am I qualified?

You have to be:

- A British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union; and
- On the "relevant day" (i.e. the day on which you are nominated or if there is a poll the day of the election) 18 years of age or over;

and additionally:

- On the "relevant day" a local government elector for the Council area for which you want to stand; or
- Have during the whole of the 12 month preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Council area or;
- Have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the Council area; or
- During that 12 month period resided in the Council area
- In the case of a sitting member of a Parish Council you can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the Council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the "relevant day"



X You cannot stand for election if you

- Are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order
- Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine
- You work for the council you want to become a councillor for (but you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area)

I am not a member of a political party and do not want to be

Most Parish and Town councils are not party political. If you do wish to stand as a party political candidate, you are also welcome to do so. Contact your party's local office for more information.

Conservative Party	www.conservatives.com
Green Party	www.Greenparty.org.uk
Labour Party	www.labour.org.uk
Liberal Democrats	www.libdems.org.uk

How much time does it take up?

Councillors often find that their duties occupy them for between two and three hours a week. Obviously there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish or town councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. Full Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and can last up to 2 hours.

How do I apply?

Application packs are available from the Parish Council office, 16 & 17 Station Street, Bedlington from 14th March. They can also be requested from the election office on 01670 624811 or you can send an email to elections@northumberland.gov.uk

Nominations open on Monday 25 March 2013. Four centres have been set up to receive nomination papers in Alnwick, Berwick, Hexham and Morpeth, your nearest venue is:

Morpeth—The Election Office, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF

An appointment system is being created to deal with the volume of nomination papers. After receipt of your pack you should telephone the Election Office on 01670 624811 and an appointment will be made at your preferred venue. This number is also available for advice and guidance.

Deadline for receipt of nomination papers is noon on Friday 5th April. Assuming that your nomination is valid you will receive a certificate and further information about the election if it is contested will follow. It will cover such matters as the opening of postal votes and the count. If the Parish is contested, the count for this area is expected to take place on Friday 3rd May at Concordia Leisure Centre. Any further information will be displayed in the Parish Office and on our website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk



The Parish Council's achievements to date

Following the election of your first Parish Council in East Bedlington we have made much progress in making the improvements parishioners identified in the Parish questionnaire. The area you highlighted as your priority was parks and open spaces. In addressing your concerns we have delivered:

A beach retreat on Cambois Links

Cutting back of grass verges along Cambois links and facilitated the planting of wild flowers

Refurbishment of Cambois Allotment site, re-instating overgrown plots, erecting security fencing and improving tenancy management

A new fitness trail through the Free Wood—the first in Northumberland.

The re-instatement of the Sounding Out Bedlington way markers throughout the Free Wood.

The installation of seating and Picnic Tables in Dene Park

Regular litter picks along the River Trail

Planting of spring bulbs around the boundary of the Parish including North Blyth and this spring should see a display in the Wembley area.

Replacement of damaged litter bins

Supplied and planted up flower tubs across the Parish

Installation of hanging baskets in the main shopping area in Bedlington Station and extended this scheme for 2013 to include Stead Lane.

Made significant improvements to Khans Corner car parking area

Undertaken bulb planting sessions with all three primary schools in the Parish.





Initiated a Parish wide garden competition to encourage cultivation and conservation

A new outdoor gym on Cambois Links for the benefit of local residents and to improve the tourist offer

Financial support to each Primary School in the Parish to help them develop non statutory activities such as community fairs.

Support to the Trustees of East Bedlington Community Centre to retain key community facilities in the Parish



An Annual Family Fun Day and Sandcastle competition

Small Grants Fund which has awarded £11,865 to 35 voluntary and community groups providing activities and services that benefit people living in East Bedlington



A collection point for the Matthew Project (collating donations of basic groceries for food parcels)

A Christmas Tree located in the Parish and switch on activities

Supported Bedlington Junior High Breakfast Club



Active partner on Bedlington Leisure Group - aiming to improve access to leisure facilities in Bedlington

Active partner Gallagher Park steering group—ensuring the parishioners best interests are represented

Actively sought external funding for key projects to keep precept low whilst improving the local environment



An IT suite and free access to the internet for parishioners

Access to free IT courses to help parishioners to “Go-Online”

Planning application to tidy up a long term derelict site in the Town Centre to create a community garden.



Heritage talks and walks in and around the Parish



Ian Lavery MP

Wansbeck Parliamentary Constituency



As your MP, I am keen to try and help you with any issues that Parliament or central government is responsible for. This covers a range of issues, which include:

- Problems with HMRC
- Hospitals or the NHS
- CSA
- Benefits
- Pensions
- Crime & Anti Social Behaviour
- Education
- Utilities
- Immigration

Contact Details

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Parish reluctantly increases precept for the first time

The Parish has set its precept at £86,578 for 2013/14. The increase of £11,576 is largely due to the Parish taking over responsibility for play areas, the cost of which (£10,250) was previously charged by Northumberland County Council as a "Special Expense". The good news is that this charge will now come off Council Tax Bills and the net impact will only be £1,326. This represents an increase of only 1.73% over the entire life of the Parish Council.

Unfortunately, changes to the way Council Tax Benefits are administered means that the Parish Council's Tax Base has reduced significantly which in turn increases the Council Tax each "Band D" equivalent property has to pay. This is completely outside the control of the Parish which has suffered more than most due to its high proportion of benefits claimants.

The government has allocated funds to Northumberland County Council which have been paid by way of a grant to help offset the impact of the reduced Tax Base, however, these are based on the previous year precepts and therefore do not fully compensate Council's that are still growing as they take on new services.

More disturbingly the current administration at Northumberland County Council have stated that they do not intend to pay over future funds allocated to them by the Government which are "expected" to be passed on to Town & Parish Councils.

Your Council has already sent a letter of objection to NCC's proposals and will continue to lobby for a change of their policy.

Notwithstanding a 24% reduction in its Council Tax Base, the Council Tax of £44.75 (for a Band D property in 2013/14) is still the third lowest of the 8 new Parishes created in South East Northumberland. The main reason why 2 Councils have lower levels of Council Tax than East Bedlington is that they have suffered much smaller tax base reductions (less than half) those imposed on East Bedlington.

We hope you agree that the Parish Council's record over the past 4 years speaks for itself and Parishioners can rest assured that your Council will continue to work hard to deliver value for money.

**Ron Thornton FMAAT; DMS
Clerk to the Council**



How have your councillors performed?

		Actuals	Possible	%
D Armstrong	Lab	11	12	92
J Dobie	Lab	10	12	83
A Douglas	Lab	4	12	33
I Harbottle	Lab	5	12	42
R Major	Lib	0	12	0
A Pegg	Lib	5	12	42
B Richmond	Lab	12	12	100
C Parker	Lab	11	12	92
A Stewart	Lab	12	12	100
Alex Wallace	Lab	11	12	92
Alyson Wallace	Lab	10	12	83

The table shows the possible number of full council meetings that have taken place over the last year and the actual attendances recorded.

Lab—Labour Councillor

Lib—Liberal Democrat Councillor

Gap site plans get green light

Plans to convert an area of wasteland in the centre of Bedlington Station have taken a step forward. Northumberland County Council have granted planning consent to East Bedlington Parish Council to allow the site to be cleared and converted to a fenced park with seating, lighting and CCTV.

Work clearing the land will start within the next four weeks. The transformation has been funded at no extra cost to parishioners from County Councillors Valerie Tyler and Jeff Gobin's small grants schemes.



Charitable Status

The Trustees are pleased to confirm that the Centre has been awarded Charitable Status. Chairman Ron Straughan added "we can now pursue a wider range of funding options to deliver the objectives set out in our business plan".

What's on

Exercise with Emma

Monday 6-7pm Booty blast

Wednesday 6-7pm Boot camp

Friday 6-7pm Boxercise

For more information please contact Emma on 07983 309 933

Baby & Toddler Sessions

With Erin Black Childcare

Monday 10am till 12 noon £1.50 per child

For more information please contact Erin on 07590 575 256

People Painting for Health & Leisure

We meet every Wednesday from 10am—3pm

Make new friends and enjoy a new therapeutic hobby!

£2.50 per session including tea or coffee

Mind Active Activity Days

Lunches and entertainment for people with dementia and their carers/ loved ones. Enjoy good company in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. To find out more or try out a session contact Janet or Stephen on 01670 820461

Bedlington Flower Club

We are a small friendly group who meet on the second Tuesday of the month we are affiliated members of NAFAS and welcome new members of any ability. To find out more please contact Gladys Smith on 01670 824 314

The South East Northumberland Stroke Support Group

A volunteer led group set up to help and support people living with stroke and their carers. We meet on the 3rd Monday of every month from 1pm to 3pm. For more information about the group please call the secretary within office hours on 01670 712834 or 07791 628 144

Wansbeck Matters

We meet every Monday (except the 3rd Monday). We are a friendly group who are interested in keeping alive the traditional crafts of making hooky and proggy mats. For more information contact Pat Wright on 01670 826 575

Guidepost Art Group

We meet every Thursday between 7pm and 9pm. New members welcome - just pop into one of our sessions

1st Bedlington Rainbows

Girl Guiding for 5 to 7 years

Thursdays 4.15pm to 5.45pm

For details please email flitterbug@live.co.uk or phone Claire on 01670 825773





HIRE EAST BEDLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE from £10 PER HOUR

Situated on Station Street (next to Keenlysides) the recently refurbished Community Centre offers spacious facilities including a kitchen. Full disabled access. Available for meetings, training sessions community activities, birthday parties, funeral teas, consultation events, table top sales, fund raising events, information and advice sessions.

“Run by the Community for the Community”



A basic IT course has been running since January. The course delivered by BRIC has proved very popular and students will now follow a progression course. We are exploring a range of courses with BRIC including Digital Photography - check out the Parish Notice Boards, website and local press for more information.

Hearing aid support in Bedlington Station

Many people who use hearing aids find it difficult to get to a hospital for regular maintenance or help but now you can receive that at the East Bedlington Community Centre. For simple tasks such as

- ◇ Re-tubing for NHS hearing aids (every 6 months)
- ◇ Or information on cleaning
- ◇ Or collecting new batteries (or returning old ones)

You could come along to the drop in session held on the 1st Tuesday of every month, between 12noon and 1pm

The sessions are run by Action on Hearing Loss (previously RNID) and we work in partnership with the audiology department of the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle.

For further information please call 01670 513606 or email: Heartohelp.northoftyne@hearingloss.org.uk



Coffee mornings???



We have had a few enquiries regarding open coffee mornings—what would attract you?

Somewhere to chat? A nice place for a cuppa and cake? Somewhere to meet the local neighbourhood police officer? Somewhere for a game of cards, chess or domino's? Let us know and we will aim to meet the community need. If you are interested in volunteering to help run a coffee morning, we want to hear from you!

Sessions are likely to be on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning. Pop into the Centre, give us a ring on 01670 828808 or drop us an email eastbedlingtoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

Its your Community Centre let us know what works for you?





Get growing..... East Bedlington Garden Competition 2013

Despite 2012 being one of the wettest years on record we were delighted by the high standard of entries in our Parish Garden Competition.

Entry forms are now out for this years competition and a copy should be enclosed with this issue. Spare copies are available from the Parish Office on Station Street and are available as a download from our website

www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

You must live within the East Bedlington Parish Council boundaries to enter.

Entry forms should be returned to the East Bedlington Parish Office by Thursday 18th July.

Judging will take place week commencing 29th July 2013.

Winners of each category will be invited to a presentation event and receive a trophy to be held for one year along with a certificate in recognition of their achievement.

Categories for 2013 are:

Best Small Garden

Best large Garden

Best Back Yard

Best Allotment

Best individual hanging basket/
window box or planter.

Bernicia tenants ...

Make sure you enter the competition too! Bernicia will award prizes for the top three entries. Winners will receive vouchers and a certificate.

To qualify you must be an existing Bernicia Tenant in the East Bedlington Parish—simply complete the entry form and return to the Parish Office.



Pictured 2012 Bernicia winners



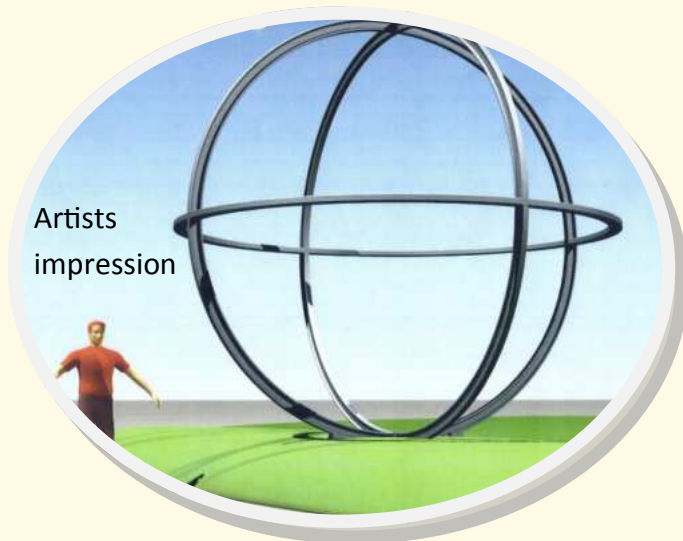
Winner of Best Large Garden 2012—Raymond Chaytor (pictured) and a snapshot of his very attractive garden





Cambois War Memorial

East Bedlington Parish Council has pledged to fund much needed repairs to the Cambois War Memorial. Local historian Barry Mead has been liaising with a number of specialist contractors with a view to ensuring that the necessary work is completed in time for the 2014 Centenary. Speaking at a recent meeting, Heritage, Culture and Leisure Champion, Cllr Alyson Wallace said “working group recommendations have been accepted by Full Council and we have now earmarked funds in the 2013/14 budget to ensure this important landmark is fully refurbished”. Work will include cleaning the entire memorial, repointing joints and carrying out restoration repairs, repairing the concrete base and cleaning the memorial plaques and lettering, replacing the lead letters that are missing and repainting each individual letter. It is expected to cost in the region of £4,500—£6000.



Glo-Bed Rail is the gateway feature planned for the Free Wood. The structure designed by local artist Tom Maley, is currently under fabrication in Ashington and when complete, it will make its way to a permanent home at the entrance to the Free Wood. We are expecting that the five metre orb, which has been constructed using malleable rail track will be installed before Easter. The sculpture will celebrate the significance of rail track from Bedlington enabling rail travel around the world and has been funded thanks to donations from Councillor Valerie Tyler and Councillor Jeff Gobin.





Red Squirrels—how you can help

Morpeth and District Red Squirrels (MADRS) is a volunteer group whose aim is to protect and preserve native red squirrels in their environment within Morpeth and District. The group was founded a year ago and has achieved great success since it began.

We cover a large area running from the coast, through Weldon Bridge to Harwood Forest, down to Kirkwelpington and back to the coast just North of Cramlington. Bedlington lies within our boundary and we



are trying to engage more people to actively help look after and protect Red Squirrels in this area. If local communities all contribute to this conservation work then the Red Squirrel definitely has a future.

Gallagher Park is a 70 acre area of community woodland stretching from Bedlington Station to Barrington where it connects with Choppington Woods.

In the middle of November MADRS received a call from a

concerned resident of Woburn Drive who had spotted a grey squirrel in their back garden. They were worried about the sighting as they have red squirrels visiting regularly and were aware that the grey squirrel carries the squirrel pox which is deadly to the red squirrels. We

discovered that red squirrels visit the gardens of other householders whose properties border Gallagher Park and entertain them daily. We managed to trap and remove the grey and hopefully the residents of Woburn Drive and other properties bordering Gallagher Park will continue to enjoying regular visits from the colonies of

red squirrels in the park.

We'd like to encourage all residents in the Bedlington area to report sightings of both red and grey squirrels to us either by phone/text to 07570 897979 or email to mad.redsquirrels@yahoo.co.uk.

We are currently working on our web site where there will be lots of information but where you will also be able to report sightings too. Our web site will be www.madredsquirrels.com is vital that we get both Red and Grey squirrel sightings reported to us in order that we can help protect our Reds.

If you would like to be kept informed about our work or get involved in any way at all, then please drop us a line and let us know. It is a real privilege to be able to see Red Squirrels where we live and with your help, we can protect and safeguard their future.

Dog Poo! IS it YOU?

We regularly receive complaints regarding the amount of dog poo littering our streets.

Northumberland County Council are running a campaign to raise awareness amongst dog owners and encourage them to pick up after their pets.

**IF YOU DON'T WANT TO
STAND IN IT—DON'T
STAND FOR IT!**

We are encouraging everyone to be extra vigilant if you know someone who doesn't bag and bin their dog mess please report it directly to NCC on 0845 600 6400. Offenders can be given a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice. If they refuse to pay the fine NCC can prosecute and offenders face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000 (Registered Blind dog owners are exempt). Claiming ignorance of the dog's action is not a valid defence

You don't have to give your details when making a report—unless you want feedback but you will need to identify the type and / or a description of the dog along with time, location and frequency of alleged offence.



East Bedlington Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 28th May 2013 at East Bedlington Community Centre

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Guest Speaker
- 3 Presentations from Small Grants Beneficiaries
- 4 Minutes of the previous Annual Assembly
- 5 Annual Report
- 6 Questions from the Community
- 7 Light refreshments

Faith news

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 28th March 4pm	A united service with St Andrew's at Cambois
Good Friday 29th March 10.30am	Stations of the Cross at St John's
Good Friday 29th March 2pm	A united quiet service at St John's
Easter Saturday 30th March 10.30am—12 noon	Messy Church at St John's for children, all are welcome but they must be accompanied by an adult, tea, coffee, juice with biscuits
Easter Saturday 30th March 7pm	Evening service at St John's, St Cuthbert's and St Andrew's
Easter Sunday 31st March 9am	Service at St John's
Easter Sunday 31st March 10.30am	Service at St Andrew's





CHARLES F.M. SAINT C.B.E., F.R.C.S.

Charles Frederick Morris Saint is famous in South Africa and well known on the Channel Island of Sark, but very few people in Bedlington have heard of him. A feature by Carole Fife.

Charles was born in the Bedlington Colliery School House on 14th August 1886 to James Saint, the recently appointed Headmaster, and his wife Mary Ann. I first found out about Charles when I was researching the Library building, and the Log Book tells us that he was a very bright boy. Aged 12 he won a scholarship to Morpeth Grammar School, the first of many. At 17 he won a Major County Scholarship to pay for his University tuition, but ninth months later his father died and the family was left fatherless, and homeless.

Through a Google search I was able to find how much he achieved. He went to the Medical School at Durham (which was in Newcastle), evidently supported by his mother's family, the Morris of Choppington. He was a brilliant student, and he became a protégé of James Rutherford Morison, then Professor of Surgery at Durham. He passed his exams with first class honours, and by 1913, aged 27, he was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The First World War gave him the opportunity to show his brilliance. He enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps early in 1915, and served in forward medical bases for all of the war. He finished the war as a Major, having been awarded

the medaille d'honneur en or by the French, and also a military division C.B.E

Charles returned to work at the R.V.I. but was soon put forward for the post as first Professor of Surgery at Cape Town University by Lord Moynihan, who had been head of the R.A.M.C. during the War. Charles took up his post in 1920, aged 33, and for the next 26 years he was the biggest influence on surgery not only in South Africa, but in the whole of the southern part of British Imperial Africa.. Together with Professor Rutherford Morison he published "An Introduction to Surgery", one of the main handbooks for surgeons for the next thirty years, and among the surgeons he trained were seven who themselves became Professors of Surgery. His teaching stressed the importance of correct diagnosis, very important in a time before X-rays were routinely available, and he had a diagnostic condition, Saint's Triad, named after him.

When he retired in 1947, the funds raised for his presentation were used to set up a scholarship in his name, and one of the operating theatres at Grote Schur hospital was named after him, an operating theatre now visited by tourists because it is where Christian Barnard did the first heart transplant. When the new Red Cross Hospital was built in Cape Town in association with the University, the Charles F.M. Saint Chair of Paediatric Surgery was founded.. In 2007, sixty years after Charles's retirement, the President of the F.R.C.S. was invited to Cape Town to give the inaugural Charles F.M. Saint Lecture to the Association of Surgeons of South Africa.



“The boy from the school house is famous elsewhere. Does he merit recognition with a blue plaque on the place of his birth?”

In 1960 Charles retired to Sark. The Professor Saint fund was set up after his death in 1973, to provide treatment and medicines for those who can't afford them, and the island carnival every year raises more funds for this cause.



Your Councillors



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(Champion); Publicity &
Communication; Community Cohesion

Finance & Governance (Champion);
Allotments & Environment

Allotments & Environment (Champion);
Heritage, Culture & Leisure; Finance &
Governance; Planning & Corporate
Strategy; Publicity & Communication

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Your Northumberland County Councillors



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Councillor Jeff Gobin
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About East Bedlington

The Parish serves the communities of North Blyth, Cambois, East Sleekburn, Bedlington Station and East Bedlington. The Parish consists of two wards, Sleekburn and Bedlington East and has some of the highest levels of economic and health related deprivation statistics in the UK.

The Parish is represented by 11 Councillors whose details can be found on page 15 of this publication and the Parish website

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Normal opening hours

Monday to Friday

10am to 12 noon

2pm to 4pm

Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6.00 pm (with the exception of August) at its office on Station Street.