Walbottle Village Residents Association

Newsletter

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Introduction to the Newsletter

The Walbottle Village Residents Association was set up in July 2020 to represent the interests of the Residents of Walbottle Village, foster good public relations and encourage social activities in conjunction with other organisations in the area.

The Resident's Association is for the whole Village, not just the Committee Members and we welcome any input you may have. If there are any issues that you would like to raise, please feel free to contact any of the Committee Members. Alternatively you will be welcome at the Annual General Meeting in the Walbottle Institute.

One of the Resident's Association roles will be to provide communication through a newsletter, published quarterly and delivered to everyone's home either traditionally through the letter box or via the website. The Newsletter will keep the Village abreast and aware of local events as well as providing useful advertising for local trades and services.

The Residents Association can also be a useful pressure group for issues that may effect some or all of the Residents in Walbottle Village. There will be times when official Local Government Organisations and Council need extra input that a formal Resident's Association can provide. The W.V.R.A. Can also act as a point of liaison for these Organisations and a conduit for information via the Newsletter.

Our AGM will be held annually, date and venue to be advised. If you are considering joining the Committee or just want to come along and hear about what has been done throughout the year you will be most welcome to attend.

A little bit about the Committee Officers

Hi,

I'm Rosie, Co-Chair of Walbottle Village Residents Committee. I have lived in Newcastle for eleven years, originally in North Walbottle before moving to the Village. I am a working mum of two gorgeous children.

Kim and I decided to start the Residents Association this year after creating a group for our street that successfully got everyone talking at what turned out to be a really critical time with Covid 19. So, we decided to extend our reach, with the goal of creating a more neighbourly Village and a safe beautiful place to live. I'd like to get the whole Village to come together on this project, young and old, from all our different walks of life and see what we can achieve.

My background is in sales and marketing, working for some of the World's most valuable brands. I strongly believe in "Just do it" and "Do what you can't", it is better to do something than nothing at all.

I love to spend my time having fun with my children, working out at the Gym and travelling, which hopefully I can start again when we get back to normal.

Hello,

I am Kim, Co-Chair of Walbottle Village Residents Association. I have lived in the West End of Newcastle all of my life. I am married to John, we have two fantastic children and a dog. I have worked in the insurance industry since leaving University.

When Rosie first suggested setting up a Residents Association, I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to nurture a community spirit and with the presence of Covid I don't think it has ever been more important for the community to rally together.

My hope is that the Residents Association will give our village a collective voice to help maintain a beautiful, safe and enjoyable place to live for all.

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Village News

A lot of things have been happening behind the scenes just recently.

You probably will have noticed that the Council are busy refurbishing the derelict Children's Playground between the school and The Paddock. Hopefully it will give our smaller children lots of enjoyment for many years.

There has been a lot of complaints about the speed of the traffic up and down Walbottle road. The Residents Committee made enquiries about getting a Mobile Speed Camera deployed. Fortunately this has coincided with the Police launching Operation Modero as part of the force's latest effort to crackdown on speeding across the North East. We are lucky enough to have already had a visit from the Camera Van and hope to see it at regular intervals on Walbottle Road.

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Fly tipping is becoming a problem in and around the Village. If you witness this we would urge you to report it to the Council immediately. We are looking into ways to reduce or stop this and will keep you informed of our progress.

We know a lot of people are concerned about the slow Broadband speeds in the Village. Kim Moore has been making enquiries about bringing fibre connection into our houses. She is currently looking at the costs of this and any funding available. Again we will keep you informed of any updates.

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The Village Institute has undergone a face lift with new windows having been installed. The scaffolding will be removed shortly and once Covid 19 plans and restrictions are implemented, hopefully will be up and running again albeit with a reduced capacity.

The Village is beginning to reflect what a wonderful place we are fortunate to live in. Our 'Garden Force' is turning a pretty Village into a beautiful haven for us all. So a huge thankyou to Steve and all the people who have entered into the spirit of Lockdown for all their hard work in bringing the open spaces of the village back to their former beauty.

In December, Jo Morris is going to hold a Christmas Wreath making Class in the Village Institute. Covid 19 restrictions will be in place limiting the amount of places available. The date and time will be arranged nearer the time. So, if you are interested please get in touch for more information and get your name on the list.



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Secretary: Lorraine Strong

Treasurer: Roger Parnell

Committee Members: Anna Smith, Shirley Parnell, Nick Strong, Peter Smith, Jo Morris Richie Thompson, Iram Din, Vicky Thompson, Wendy Carr, Michael Carr