



WALBOTTLE
**VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED!**

WE NEED HELP WITH:

The Walbottle Tenants and Resident Association (WVT&RA) is made up of volunteers from the community who are interested in the safety, wellbeing and beauty of Walbottle Village.

We believe you are too.

Despite only being active for 2 years we have achieved so much but in order to maintain this progress and to do more we need more volunteers.

In 2022 we are looking for active volunteers to offer their time in various ways. No amount of time is too small and the type of support we need will differ slightly throughout the year.

Anyone living within the Village is welcome to join us. We always need event, posting event support, gardeners and distribution agents but there also a number of specific roles these including:

Board Members:

Chairperson (X2)

Admin & Support:

Grants and Fundraising Lead
 Newsletter Creation

Projects:

Events Co-ordinators x 3
 Safety Officers (multiple)

Clubs and Committees

Gardening Co-ordinator
 (planning support available)

If you can offer **any** time at all or would like more information on any of the roles above contact us at:

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or telephone us: 07572 739292 and one of the team will get in touch

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VILLAGE NEWS

Newsletter of the Walbottle Village Tenants and Residents Association

Festive Greetings

From Walbottle Residents and Tenants Association



Carols on the Green

Seasons greetings to one and All.

We hoped you enjoyed our Carols on the Green event on the 12th of December. It was wonderful to see so many of you out on the Green to support the event. We have had lots of positive feedback and with your support we may make this an annual event.

The carol singers brought a special atmosphere to the evening and Santa was a hoot or should that be a blast (on the air horn).



Many thanks to all Santa's little helpers who made the event run smoothly, the road safety marshals, raffle ticket sellers, those in the kitchen, serving at the tables and on the hat stall. Thanks also to those who donated prizes for the raffle including Rosie, Sylvia Kelly, Kim and Peter Drummond of the Engine Inn.

But most of all thank you to everyone who visited and helped raise a whopping £440 which will be used to enhance the village and our community spirit.

Our next major event in conjunction the WVI will be the Queens Platinum jubilee on the 4th of June. Watch out also for events connected with Hadrian's Wall 1900 festival . See later in this newsletter for more details.

The committee hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

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Neighbourhood Watch



You are part of a lovely, neighbourly community. In order to protect and support us all, the neighbourhood watch for Walbottle has been set up. You can register at Find my local Scheme on www.ourwatch.org.uk. Walbottle Village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Stickers are sent after registration. Membership not only demonstrates commitment to supporting your neighbours but you will be sent updates about important national news, campaigns and crime prevention advice. Finally, membership can reduce insurance premiums. Get registered today.

Gardening Group

Dobbies award

Walbottle Village has won a £500 award from Dobbies to buy plants and equipment. We have already started developing the area outside of St Cuthberts Primary School. Hopefully by the time you read this work will be almost complete, weather dependant. A big thank you to all who voted for us, those working hard with the digging and a huge thank you to Dobbies garden centre.

RHS Award

Walbottle Village has been presented with a level 4 Thriving award by the Royal Horticultural Society and Northumbria in Bloom.

Gardening projects - We need YOU!

We are looking to build a volunteer gardening group. Presently we only have a small handful of people helping with the gardening. And what a great job they are doing. But what we need is more people. There are so many areas of the village we would love to develop with a goal of planting as many bee friendly areas as we can, but without more people to help with all manner of jobs we can't expand much further. Walbottle's website now features an area listing all of the gardening jobs we need to be done. If anyone can spare 2 minutes or more when passing to dead head flowers, water a pot or help us dig a flower bed, all assistance will be hugely appreciated. Get in touch if you think you can offer any time.

Broadband

We have emailed Cityfibre and the council for an update on the plans to bring fibre to Walbottle. Unfortunately we do not have a date for the work commencing and we have been unable to get a guarantee. We were assured last year that there were plans to bring it to Walbottle and therefore remain optimistic it is coming. We will keep chasing and update you with any developments.

Walbottle Village Institute - new Kitchen

The Institute kitchen has recently been refurbished and a bespoke modern kitchen installed. The project was largely funded by a grant of £9600 from the National Lottery but topped up from WVI funds. The work was carried out by John Freeman, owner of the Methodist Chapel in the Village. He took the kitchen back to bare walls then lovingly rebuilt it to the modern, bright and welcoming room it has become. With a new sink, two ovens, a hob and two fridges as well as ample cupboard space and worktops the Kitchen is now a wonderful place for those wishing to hire the hall for events. An opening ceremony was held on October the 23rd with guest of honour Ward Councillor Linda Wright who declared the new kitchen officially open. Other VIPs included Ward Councillor Steve Fairlie and our M.P. Mrs Catherine McKinnell. Many thanks to all the generous people who donated cakes and biscuits and helped serve tea and coffee. Donations totalling over £220 were raised for the nominated charity Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to all who attended the event.

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History Group

Walbottle History: Ad Murum (At the Wall).

Did you know that in 653 King Peada of the Midland Angles visited a village in Northumberland called Ad Murum (meaning: At the Wall) to ask for the hand in marriage of Alchfled, the daughter of King Oswy. King Oswy would only grant his daughter's hand if Peada converted to the Christian faith. Peada agreed and was baptised by Bishop Finan along with all his nobles and Thegns. Later that same year King Sigebert of the East Saxons (Essex), also known as Sigebert the Little, visited Ad Murum to 'take the faith'. Bede states that Ad Murum was located alongside Hadrian's Wall on flat ground, 12 miles from the eastern sea and Dr Smith (editor of Bede) has identified Ad Murum as Walbottle (though other historians have suggested Heddon on the Wall or even Pandon in Newcastle). Things didn't turn out well for the newlyweds Peada and Alchfled. Peada was murdered in 656 by the treachery of Alchfled herself. There is a stained glass window to Alchfled in St Wystans church, Repton, Derbyshire. An unusual tribute to a murderer!



King Peada murdered by the treachery of Alchfled

Hadrian's Wall 1900



We have had a good response for ideas on how to mark 1900 years since the start of Hadrian's Wall construction. One idea is to make Roman Soldier 'scarecrows' and site them around the village. If you would like to get involved in Hadrian's Wall 1900 and put a Roman Scarecrow in your garden let us know and we will add you to the Walbottle Village Roman Scarecrow walk map.

Programme of Events

- 04/01/2022 - Half year AGM in Walbottle Village Institute
- 09/01/2022 - 10AM Foodbank Collection in Walbottle Village Institute
- 24/01/2022 - 23/12/2022 - Hadrian's Wall 1900 Festival
- 04/06/2022 - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party on the Green
- 01/07/2022 - AGM Walbottle Village Institute
- 11/12/2022 - Carols on the Green (provisional)

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