

Balloons and Sky Lanterns (Climate Change Working Group)

Following agreement, a press release and communication was published on 16th December 2021.

[Balloon and Sky Lantern Releases \(ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk\)](http://ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Applications for Funding Support

Funding to Wansbeck Gymnastics Club was sent.

Gift vouchers to the Toy Appeals at Real Deal Plus and Heart of the Hirst were received in time for Christmas.

Community Orchard at Seaton Hirst Allotment Site

Terms of reference for a Feasibility Study on the project are being developed. These will be discussed with the Climate Change Working Group and Seaton Hirst Allotment Association, prior to being brought back to the FGS Committee.

Alexandra Road Play Area

The working group will meet on Monday 31st January 2022 to discuss consultation on the scheme, and an initial brief. It is expected that the scheme will include a recommendation for CCTV and that consultation will include neighbouring properties and Sure Start Children's Centre.

New Website

The new website is up and running but is also being further developed and improved. Any feedback would be warmly welcomed.

Christmas Lights Displays

The Christmas Lights displays have been removed and are with the current contractor. Tender documents will be drafted and brought to the February/March FGS Committee Meeting for approval. The new contract will hopefully include new displays (following budget approval in January).

NCC Partnership Agreement

The Clerk has met with the Southeast Area Manager, Ray Wealleans. A meeting of the ATC Partnership Group will be held as soon as possible, to be closely followed by a meeting of the group, to include NCC Officers.

Environmental Enforcement

NCC has shared with ATC a couple of enforcement issues that have led to prosecution; fly-tipping and garden accumulations. Comments attributed to ATC, via the Chair, have been included with the press release issued by NCC, and shared on our website and social media.

Seat Plaque in People's Park

A plaque commemorating those who lost their lives to COVID is being installed in People's Park. A photograph and press release will follow.