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The Lanchester Partnership

Action Plan 2021-2022

GENERAL

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- Implement new branding
- Raise the profile of the Partnership through a newsletter sent to all households in Lanchester
- Make better use of the Village Voice (when it is able to resume) to communicate partnership activities more effectively
- Consider methods for issuing themed newsletters to highlight the work of working groups and implement this with working groups

MEMBERSHIP

- Work consistently and actively to attract new members
- Make better use of email (as well as paper) to communicate with members and other audiences throughout the year

DONATIONS AND GIFT-AID

- Continue to seek donations from individuals committed to the aims and activities of the Partnership
- Widen the use of Paypal (in addition to cheques) as a means of accepting donations and recovering Gift Aid

PARTNERS AND OTHER DONORS/FUNDERS

- Thank partners and donors
- Maintain active relationships with them in order to make best use of any funding sources which become available

FINANCE AND RESERVES

- Work progressively to ensure that any reserves which were depleted during the pandemic are sufficient to mitigate future risks

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP/VILLAGE VITA

PARADISO CLUB

- We aim to get this club back up and running as soon as it is safe and realistic to do so.

FUN RUN

- We have booked a date of September 26th for the 2021
- We plan to stage an event and look at a revised route, some alternative supporting activities and how this can be managed in a COVID safe and secure manner within government guidelines.
- We hope to have booked the 2022 event before the next AGM report is due also.

CEILIDH

- We feel that a Ceilidh is not viable for 2021 but we may be able to attempt an alternative event later in 2021 and the Ceilidh may be able to return in 2022.

FUN DOG SHOW

- There are no plans at present to hold this event this year but we hope to look again for 2022 – it would be quite difficult to make such an event Covid safe
- If it is felt that it is viable later in 2021 we will revisit this – we may look at an outdoor variation instead.

BIRTHDAY

- We plan to look at options for a suitable celebration, which could be held outdoors and safely.

OTHER

- We plan to repeat the virtual light switch on
 - We plan to repeat the Santa walk around the village.
 - We plan to consider if a quiz night can be safely held this year as a fundraiser for the Fun Run.
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LONELINESS GROUP – WELCOMING LANCHESTER

- In future, the group will be working under the banner of “Welcoming Lanchester”
 - We were unable to operate during the year 2020-2021 as the planned activities, which involved visits to schools and workshops in the community, could not take place.
 - When it becomes safe we will:
 - Work with the Young Persons’ Patient Participation Group and St Bede’s School to develop the theme in education
 - Host a couple of workshops in the community using the residual funds in the account
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TRANSPORT GROUP

LANCHESTER VILLAGE LINK BUS

- We will continue to provide support for residents affected by lock-down for as long as it is needed.
- We will celebrate the 21st anniversary of the start of the bus service if circumstances permit.
- We will again thank the driver, Luke, for the remarkable job that he has been doing
- We will look back over the period of the epidemic and lockdown and see what can be learned.
- We will continue to identify grant sources and encourage local fund raising and donations.
- We will make a minor route change such that on Wednesdays the route will include Lanchester Nurseries

- We will increase the normal fare from £1.00 to £1.50.
- We will not charge an additional fare for travel to Lanchester Nurseries until we have seen how the revised service operates and whether it attracts children
- We will improve publicity.
- We will try harder to attract more members to our Working Group.

GENERAL

- We will try to help with village transport issues such as bus services, parking and road congestion – issues that we used to help with in the early years of the Partnership.
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ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Tree planting

- Continue sourcing trees and planting them in the Lanchester parish.
- Maintain contacts with the Austin's re further planting.
- Care for existing saplings and collect and plant more seeds.
- Potentially set up Tree Care days with the Primary school – link this activity with a School Tree Protector badge.

Litter Picking

- Continue to work alongside Lanchester Wombles.
- Continue to loan out pickers.
- Organise at least one main litter-picking event next spring.

Plastic Free

- Discuss with community centre about potential re-launch.
- Plan a re-launch in September working with businesses
- Renew contacts with St Bede's School (Graham Meek)

Improving Small Spaces

- Continue communications with local residents, Parish and County councils re improvement in identified areas (bypass, Fenhall Entrance, Alderside, Broadoak)
- Suggest increased tree planting and wild flower areas to make areas look more pleasant, increase biodiversity and absorb more carbon dioxide. A
- Where possible seek local approval and submit a management plan acceptable to the council.

Balsam picking/bashing

- Discuss with wildlife group if they wish to continue the battle and give support if they wish to do so

Other topics under discussion (Craftism, Hedge and Verge Cutting and Water Quality)

- Follow up on all or some of these ideas where practicable
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MONITORING DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Following the approval of the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan we will: -

- Hold a dialogue with any other groups in Lanchester with an interest in implementation
 - Identify (if appropriate) the potential future role of the Partnership
 - Contribute as necessary to sustainable activities or projects which might further support implementation of the plan – this might e.g. include a role for the Environment Group and others interested in the heritage of Lanchester
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FRIENDS OF LONGOVICIUM

Geophysical Survey

- We hope that funds may become available to enable us to survey two fields north of the fort, over Cadger bank, which would complete all necessary surveying around the Fort.

Archive

- We will continue to collect current printed material and that which has been produced in the past about Longovicium, related sites and topics.

Catalogue of Artifacts

- We will continue to update our catalogue as and when details emerge of new finds and locations of re-used stonework

Talks and Displays

- It is hoped that we may be able to conduct talks and displays on request, dependent upon Covid restrictions

Provisioning of the Fort

- Researches continue via various books and articles into how and with what the fort and vicus were supplied.
- Having no archaeological evidence of what was available, we have to continue to examine evidence from other fort sites that have been excavated

Research into local sites

- Individual member researches will continue into various sites around Lanchester and Longovicium. These all add to our knowledge of the local area in the past.
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ORCHARD GROUP

This group is in the process of re-organisation following a change of leadership. The group will:

- Streamline membership procedures
 - Seek an individual to lead the group
 - Continue the programme of routine work established last year
 - Continue to plan events geared to a variety of audiences which ensure that the space is widely used
 - Issue an updated Action Plan in due course
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WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

There are no explicit projects working with young people at the present time.

During 2021-22 we will:

- Encourage working groups to consider engaging with more young people and families as part of the activities they organise
 - Build on the good relationships established with schools and other young peoples groups in relation to existing projects e.g.
 - Welcoming Lanchester – Young Persons Patient Participation Group
 - Relationships established with schools during Covid response
 - Plastic Free Lanchester
 - School Tree Protector Badge
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