

Carham Parish Council

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**Summons to all Parish Councillors to attend the Annual Parish Assembly
to be held on Monday 12th May 2025 in St Cuthbert's Church, Carham commencing at 6.30 p.m.**

- The Chairman to present his Annual Report for 2024/25

Members of the public are invited to attend to ask questions or raise any issues relating to matters within the Parish.

(Sgnd.) Isabel Hunter
Clerk to Carham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on Monday 12th May 2025 In St Cuthbert's Church Carham at 6.30p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman P Feerick
Parish Councillors V Poland, M De Fusco, & D Wells
County Councillor M Mather
Clerk I Hunter
8 members of public

Chairman's Annual report 2024/25- The Chairman read out his annual report for 2024/25.
A copy of the Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

Questions from members of the public:

- 1- **Newsletter-** Please can the pages be numbered and can the newsletter be printed in black & white to show a contrast in colour, as the current set up is difficult to read for residents with impaired vision.
Parish Councillor V Poland said that page one has the title on it and page two is numbered. Only the standing information is black on grey; the main content is always black on white. The newsletter is on the website as a pdf, which can be read by a screen reader or enlarged. That said, she would be happy to produce a plain text version of the newsletter which could be emailed to any resident who requested it and provided an email address.
- 2- **Broadband-** The broadband speed in parts of the parish is not very good.
County Councillor M Mather advised the meeting that it is recognised that there are gaps in the provision across the county, and Northumberland County Council are lobbying for all residents to have the opportunity to access faster broadband.
He agreed to provide an update at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 3- **Bus Services-** Are there any updates on an acceptable bus service for the residents in Carham parish?
County Councillor M Mather reported that Northumberland County Council and Scottish Borders Council are having regular meetings to try to provide a more integrated service. The latest suggestion was not the right offer as neither the connectivity nor the timetable would be suitable for Carham parish.
Both Councils are continuing to work on a timetable to suit the parish. A bus service along the B6350 must go right through from the national border to Cornhill on Tweed, not just to Carham or just to Wark.

Meeting closed at 18.45 p.m.

Chairman_____

Date_____

Ch's Initials_____

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