





Following a recent resignation, the Parish Council is currently seeking to recruit a new member. The vacancy has been properly advertised and we are now free to co-opt. The duties of a Parish Councillor, although to be taken seriously, are not onerous. The Council usually meets bi-monthly, although extra meetings are occasionally convened if an issue demands it. Please feel free to speak to any member of the Council if you wish to discuss further what is involved.

Anyone who is interested in joining us is asked to express this in writing, submitting a note to any member of the Council or to the Clerk via email.



After several years of campaigning, and with thanks to Cllr. Richard Bell for his support, Lartington is finally to be included in Durham County Council's rotating programme of "Speedviser" exercises. Most readers will be familiar with these speed checking devices as they have been in use in many villages in the county for a number of years.

The Council now has its own "swagbag" of Speedwatch equipment which enables volunteers to carry out exercises at the time and in the places which we know to be the

most problematic. Whilst the great majority of motorists do, of course, observe the speed limit a number of local people do not. It is disappointing to note, therefore, that most exercises result in a letter from the Chief Constable being sent to in excess of 10% of the drivers passing through the village at the time of the exercise.

Too often, it is **LOCAL DRIVERS** who pose the greatest risk to **LOCAL CHILDREN!**



Do you have problems getting medicines delivered? It is an issue for some and there isn't an answer for every situation, particularly for those in more remote rural areas. The NHS does offer a postal service,

however, which might be of benefit to those who require regular, repeat prescriptions – <https://www.pharmacy2u.co.uk/prescriptions/electronic-prescription-service-nhs>



Many of us are aware of email and telephone scams but a lot of older people are more used to dealing with things by post – and common know this. Scam mail is, of course, illegal and if you think you have received some or know of an elderly person who seems to be getting more mail than they should then Royal Mail has a dedicated helpline – **0800 0113 466**.



**We wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

- Richard Campion**  
The Nook
- Eric Crawford (Vice Chair)**  
The Coach House
- Joyce Cross**  
Rose Cottage
- Kate Hinchliffe**  
Wesley House
- Sharon Parsons Munn (Chair)**  
Postgate House
- Marie Stephenson**  
Cherry Trees