

Nenthead Community Projects (NCP)

Update May 2022

At the meeting of Alston Moor Parish Council last month, Nenthead Community Projects were asked to provide a report to update the council on their current position .

We are pleased to report that our group is now well established and fully operational having drawn up our constitution, opened a bank account and set up a designated email address and Facebook page.

The NCP committee comprising of nine founder members meet on a regular basis and have appointed three officers to oversee the groups work (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer). All nine members are actively involved with the groups work and give their time on a voluntary basis.

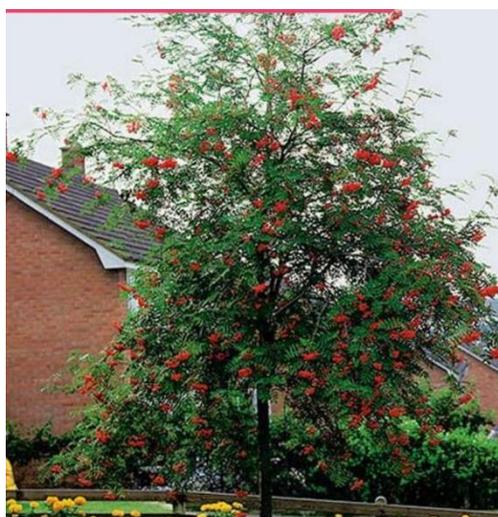
Works/activities undertaken to date

- **Fundraising** – Our first fundraiser took place in April, a tabletop sale and coffee morning held at Nenthead Village Hall. Thanks are given to the local businesses and individuals who donated a total of nineteen raffle prizes and also sold raffle tickets. We raised an amazing £856.80 , with the support of The Alston Moor Community. The event was well received, and we are hoping to organise other events in the future.



- **Benches** – Hoping to make a start on a new project to replace the damaged benches , which are beyond repair on Nenthead playing field near the school. We made initial enquiries via AMPC at their meeting in April and we were asked if NCP would like to lead on this. Since then, we have been contacted by the parish clerk with a view to us possibly re purposing /upcycling some of the old benches removed from other locations and been advised we can contact Hodgsons to arrange to obtain the bench that was removed from the roadside adjacent to the Carrshields turn off. The clerk is also making enquiries about the whereabouts of some of the metal bench ends that were removed from other sites some time back.

- Queens Jubilee** – Following the April meeting where AMPC announced they would be providing a jubilee tree for the three parish wards, we made contact and offered to help. We made a start by asking the Nenthead community to get involved by suggesting some species of tree and potential sites for planting. We have been working alongside Cllr Ron Robinson who is leading on this initiative. A ‘Rowan’ (Mountain Ash) has proven to be a popular choice and we have identified a couple of sites where the chosen tree could be planted. We have taken delivery of the tree guard and have some volunteers lined up to help plant the tree when the time comes. NCP are also supporting the joint community celebration event planned for the village due to take place on 3rd June. Working alongside other groups and organisations who are helping to arrange the activities due to take place at The Hive and Nenthead Village Hall.



- Nenthead Fountain/Water pump restoration project** – Work continues looking into quotations for restoring the structure and anticipated stonework’s. The initial condition report commissioned via AMPC is being used to identify what repairs are required and quotations are being sought from suitably skilled tradesman who specialise in this type of restoration and have undertaken similar works on historical monuments. We are also in the process of arranging an historical statement, which is required by Eden District Council Planning Department as part of any planning application, before any renovations can be considered. Work continues investigating other funding options, including potential grant funding, now that it has been confirmed that we have secured the sum of £5,000 match funding via the parish council precept. This funding has been set aside and is being held by the council.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the council for agreeing to our request to lead on this restoration project. It is going to be a big piece of work, but we are hopeful of a positive outcome, whereby the fountain/water pump is restored to its former glory and becomes a focal point for Nenthead Village, it's community and visitors to the area. We look forward to the continued support of Alston moor Parish Council in achieving our aims.

The next meeting of NCP committee is due to be held later this week. We will continue to provide further updates when available at Nenthead ward and Parish Council meetings.

5th May 2022.