# 1st Annual report of the Chair of Cresswell Parish Council- 2024

As 2024 draws to a close I am delighted to be starting a new tradition; the annual report of the Chair of the Parish Council. It's time to reflect on another busy and eventful year .
I must start by thanking my fellow councillors for their contributions and service, to the three local businesses who support us both financially and practically, Northumbrian Leisure ( Golden Sands Holiday Park), Parkdean resorts (Cresswell Towers caravan park) and Cresswell Ices. I also give thanks to the residents of the village who contribute so much to village life.
We have dealt with many issues over the last 12 months and, as in previous years, there have been issues with antisocial behaviour, littering and wild camping and we work with the relevant agencies to try and address these issues.
The bus shelters have been refurbished with new roofs and we have spent a considerable amount of time looking at issues around parking outside of St Bartholomew's, as well as trying to resolve the issues in using the beach wheelchair for the disabled.
After over 2 years of work the parish Neighbourhood Plan, which aims to protect our village and it's rural environment, has been submitted to NCC and we await it being made ( adopted).
We have made donations to a number of local charities.
We meet quarterly with our neighbouring Parish Councils to explore and address common issues and we also attend networking events across the county.
There will be no increase in the parish precept ( the chunk of your council tax which comes back to the parish council) and our bank balance , with careful financial management, is healthy .
Major community events have been the opening of the walled garden of the Pele Tower in June ,a table top sale in the village

hall in July and a very successful Macmillan coffee morning held at the end of September.
I'm particularly looking forward to our end of year event; carols and mulled wine in the Pele Tower on 21st December.

Looking forwards we hope to identify funding and progress designated parking outside of the church and, having requested a governance review and consideration of amalgamating Cresswell Parish Council with Widdrington Village Parish Council ( the latter is not functioning), we hope this will be resolved in the near future.
In May local elections will be held and ward boundaries are changing ,with Cresswell moving from Druridge Bay ward to Lynemouth ward, and we look forward to a positive working relationship with our new county councillor.
With my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and peaceful and successful New Year.



Christine Tyrie
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