Newburgh News Election Special

Would you like an opportunity to help look after your village and shape its future?

Newburgh Parish Council has the answer.

On May 22 all eight seats on the Parish Council are open for election and two Councillors elected last time are not standing. Perhaps you would like to become a member?

Here's what we do

The Parish Council's current programme includes:

- Reviewing the results of the 2011 Census and what they might mean for the village
- Seeing how electronic communications may help the village (is it time to Tweet?)
- Running the village play area (established by the Council after raising £30,000 to build it)
- Commemorating WW1 with a special event at the Annual Parish Meeting (all will be invited)
- Taking a fresh look at aspects of the village appearance (We have been frequent winners of the Best Kept Village competition but can't rest on our laurels)
- Editing and managing our well-established website (still getting hundreds of hits a month) See www.newburghlancs.co.uk
- Keeping our footpaths tidy and pleasant for residents and visitors (We have a working party to tackle the brambles)

All that's on top of our regular work:

- Keeping the village clean and tidy (we have a village assistant who does a splendid job)
- Operating the speed camera
- Reviewing planning applications for village implications
- Working with our Borough and County Councils to ensure we get good services from them
- Preparing Newburgh News to help publicise village activities to residents
- And more!

Here's How To Become A Councillor

If you would like to stand, you may like to have an informal chat first with any of the current Councillors. Call us up and come round for a cup of tea!

Reg Porter in Woodrow Drive	01257 462463
Jacky Citarella in New Acres	01257 463621
Clare Gillard	01257 464533
Rebecca Richardson in Back Lane	01257 463942
Chris Moore in Back Lane	01257 463471
Jean O'Keefe in Course Lane	01257 463630
Maureen Turner in Course Lane	01257 462970

Alternatively, just ask **Sandra Jones**, the Parish Clerk, to send you the Nomination Papers for the election.

Phone her on 01704 892520 or email newburgh.pc@btinternet.com

The only qualifications you need are to be *over 18* and, for the last 12 months:

- to have been on the Newburgh electoral roll
- **or** to have lived in the village (or within three miles of it)
- **or** to have worked here

Nomination papers need to be hand-delivered to the Borough Council by 4pm on Thursday 24 April.