

Prudhoe East Centre – Survey

Following the council's agreement to instruct an independent building survey we have sought quotations as per the following brief:

The Town Council require the survey to inform them of the likely financial investment and associated necessary works that will be required to the building in order to bring it up to current legislative requirements for use as a Community Building. The building is currently being used as a Youth Centre, it is a former school owned by Northumberland County Council, and was most recently marketed by Bradley Hall – some preliminary details can be found from this marketing information at <https://www.rightmove.co.uk/commercial-property-for-sale/property-46202124.html>

The building was built in 1825, has two main buildings, a lean-to garage, a number of outhouses and two yards; the buildings are not listed.

Although the property is not currently being marketed by its owner Northumberland County Council, it has previously been declared by them as surplus to their requirements and there is some feeling locally that the Town Council should take on a community asset transfer of the building to ensure that it is retained in the future for Youth and Community purposes. In order to consider the viability of this option, including the associated capital costs, financial risks and ongoing revenue commitment, the Town Council require a full survey of the building to inform their decision making.

We have received three quotations that will be brought to the June PCW's meeting for members to agree which they wish to proceed with.

The results of the survey will be brought to the July PCW's meeting, along with a report by the Clerk.

Essity Prudhoe Miners Race 2019

The race route has been agreed as previously emailed. The race will start and finish in Eastwoods Park; runners will make their way west down Broomhouse Road to the junction of Castlefields Drive and then downhill to the Mining Coal Tub memorial at the junction to Princess Way. The runners will continue west towards Mickley in keeping with race tradition, passing race sponsors Essity and other factories along the river bank, recognising our industrial heritage. The runners will stay to the left side of the carriageway passing woodland, and Prudhoe Castle, taking in the view of the 'Badger Hill' before going up 'Hammerite Bank' returning the runners to Prudhoe past one of the town's Silent Soldier Silhouette memorials and the back into town running the full length of Prudhoe Front Street passing areas of cultural significance; South Road, Dr Syntax, and Kingdom Hall (previously The Miners Hall) and return the Eastwoods Park to finish on the fields.

We have liaised with Northumberland County Council and the communications team are very keen to include the event as part of Great Northumberland and Visit Northumberland. Prudhoe Plodders has assigned a Council liaison and they are busy engaging with community groups to have a presence at the event. Further details will be brought to the PCW's in June.

Summer Activities – 42 Days of Summer

The funding opportunity has been released and shared with known providers as well as via social media. The closing date is 31st May 2019; a report will be brought back to the June Ordinary meeting, along with recommendations by a small group of Cllrs.

Town Council Vacancy – Prudhoe Castle & Eltringham

Following the Council declaring a vacancy on 9th May 2019, although not officially notified, we are aware that an election has been called and if contested a poll will take place on 4th July 2019.

Town Council Website

The new website is planned to 'go live' at the end of May, beginning of June. You have all been emailed a link that shows the work in progress.

New updates since the Annual Meeting of the Council have not been made, this is being postponed until the new website is up and running. Presently, we are only able to upload photos to the current website which is satisfactory for the meeting agenda but not associated papers.