

COTHERSTONE "NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN"

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Newsletters won't normally be this often but two important things have happened in quick succession that you need to be informed of.

Firstly, on 8th December 2014 the application for Cotherstone to be a "designated" area for a *Neighbourhood Plan* was formally handed to Durham County Council.



Graham Black - (Spatial Policy Team - Durham County Council) accepting the application

The next stage is the formal publication and consultation on our application that Durham County Council undertakes and this takes around 6 weeks.



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The second piece of good news is that we have been successful with a bid for funding to assist with the plan. This is only for the period until the end of March 2015.



This will enable the continued professional advice and support from an independent planning expert; the development of a web site; printing costs and pay for venue hire for meetings. It is hoped and anticipated that further funding will become available to bid for after March next year to assist with progression through the next stage of the plan.

This newsletter is sent to everyone who has provided an e-mail address and will also be displayed in the usual places and various notice boards around the village.

Now that funding has been made available it will enable distribution to all properties within the area of the Neighbourhood Plan.

To reduce printing costs and save time it would help to have as many names as possible on an email list. If you are happy to get information regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and future newsletters by email then please forward your email address to: diane.pennock@me.com

The facilitation group: Diane Pennock, Ian Pennock, Richard Hunter, John Birkett, Lynn Metcalfe, Dreda Forster, Tom Hicks and Ross Law. There is also support from people wishing to help in other areas such as distribution of questionnaires and newsletters etc.