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Dates for the diary! 23rd July 2020 – Playing Field and Village Hall AGM 7.30pm

27th – 30th July 2020 – Holiday Club for 11 – 15yr old – Playing Field 4.30 – 6.30pm

Stamfordham Oil Buying Group

******* IMPORTANT CHANGE *******

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The Loaf Shack

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HOLIDAY CLUB GALLERY Calling all artists!

As Stamfordham Holiday club for the 3-10 year olds is unable to go ahead this year we thought it would be lovely to create a gallery of pictures, drawn by the children, and old photos to celebrate and remember Holiday Clubs past.

We would love to have pictures, drawn and painted of “our favourite things” from Holiday club or poems and pieces of writing sharing happy memories.

Please post pictures in Stamfordham Uniting Church post box
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Simon Miller

Logs for sale



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STAMFORDHAM PLAYING FIELD & VILLAGE HALL AGM 23rd JULY 2020

Stamfordham Village Hall – Main Hall 7.30 p.m.

Please observe social distancing and use the hand sanitizer that will be available at the entrance.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please note there will be NO paper copies of the Agenda or Minutes of the 2019 AGM available at the meeting.

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Organised by Sally Hutt

Contact Sally for more information on 01661 886442

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Last updated on 29th March 2020 this is the statement on Gov.Uk website (I will be checking daily for any updates)

"Work carried out in people's homes, for example by tradespeople carrying out repairs and maintenance, can continue, provided that the tradesperson is well and has no symptoms. Again, it will be important to ensure that Public Health England guidelines, including maintaining a 2 metre distance from any household occupants, are followed to ensure everyone's safety"

Therefore if you would like to discuss possible work please contact me and we can talk about your needs.

Also if you are planning jobs for the future please let me know and I will provisionally take the details ready for when things get back to normal....let's hope that is not too far away!

I would like to wish everyone well in our community and further afield.

Thank you and stay safe.

Graham Herford, Fenwick Lodge

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Gill Blissett

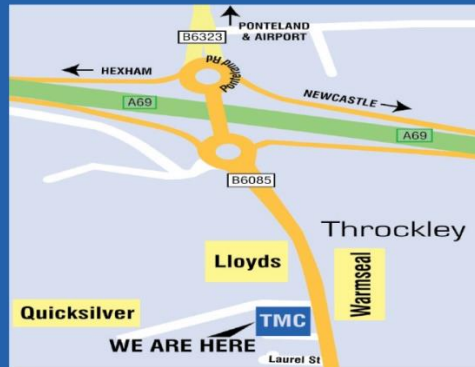


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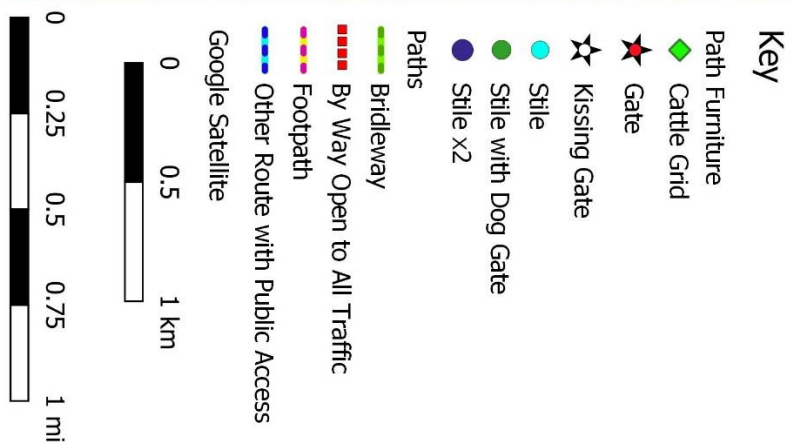
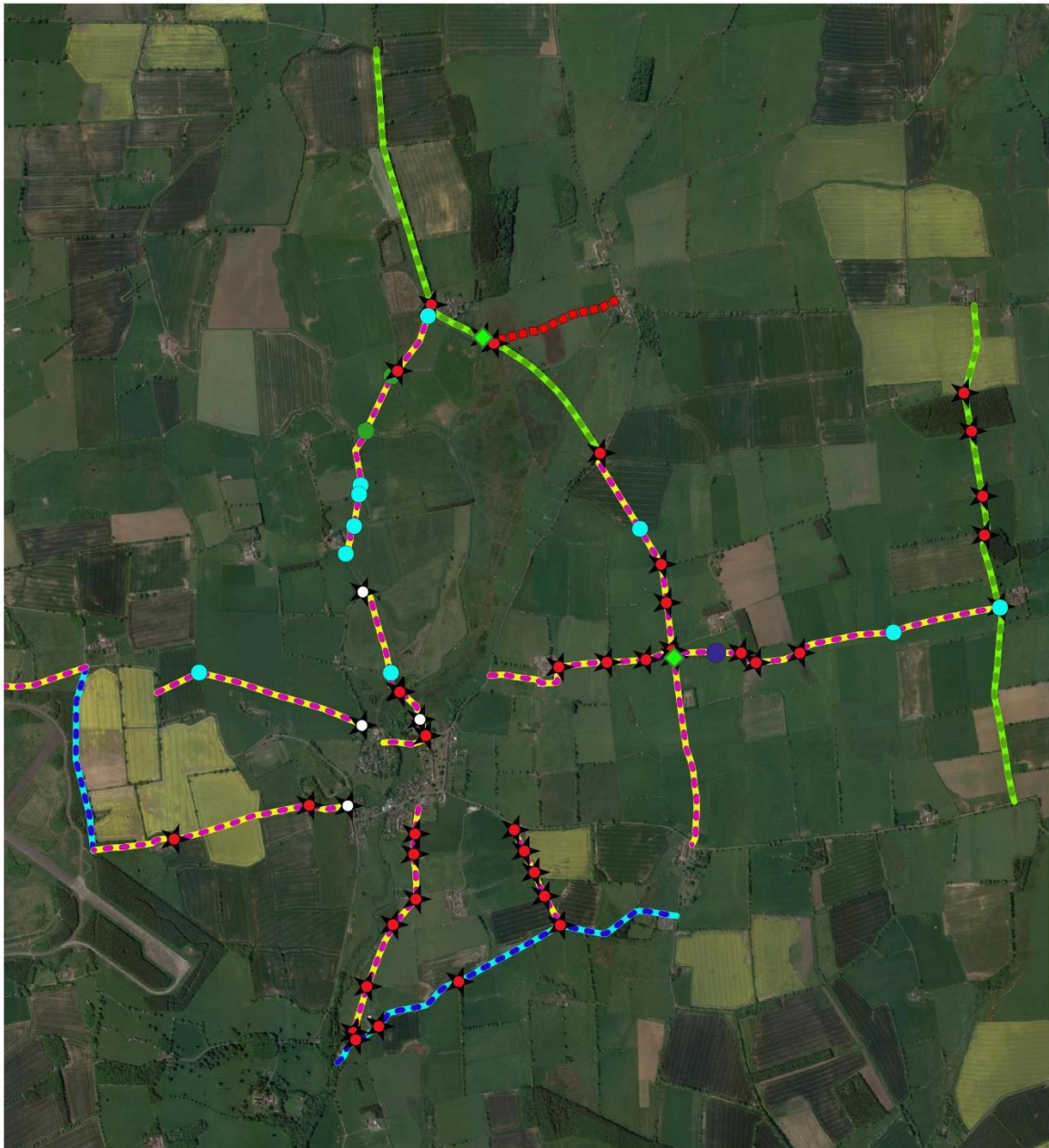
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Thanks to sally Hutt for this map of local paths.

(I've put this 'on its side' so that I could make it larger. In pdf viewer, right mouse click and 'rotate' if you want to see it the correct way round!

Gill Blissett

Have fun with the Silly Squad and Northumberland Libraries

This Summer we're going to get silly!

Northumberland Libraries are calling for children to join in the fun and sign up to keep reading as part of Silly Squad, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual event aimed at 4 – 11 year olds.

This year, with the current situation, the all-new digital aspect of the Challenge is launching earlier than usual to keep children reading over the Summer and support parents and carers with children already at home.

Silly Squad is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter - and it launched on Friday June 5.

A whole host of virtual events with guest celebrities and authors will take place on the Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page to mark the launch of the digital Challenge.

The online Silly Squad will entertain and engage children and families with uplifting content and reading recommendations. Children are free to read anything that makes them happy - whether a favourite book at home or something new from our great selection of eBooks and eAudio titles which can be downloaded for free from our digital library - BorrowBox.

The Challenge website will be free to access and children can rate and review their books as they work towards their reading goal. It will also feature lots of fun videos, games, quizzes, and digital and downloadable activities.

"I feel the Summer Reading Challenge is extra important this year! How sensible to have a Silly theme. We've all had to deal with serious and scary issues, so it's time for a bit of fun. There are so many comical and crazy children's books to cheer us all up. Let's get reading and get happy!" - Jacqueline Wilson, Summer Reading Challenge Ambassador

We hope that lots of families will get silly for the Summer Reading Challenge. These are difficult times, and the Challenge offers an opportunity for families to have fun and be silly together.

Register to join the Challenge at sillysquad.org.uk or check out mylibrary.co.uk for further information.

Last, but not least...keep a look out for some very special events with Northumberland Libraries to be announced in the near future. These include online sessions with the fantastic author and illustrator Liz Million, and a circus skills workshop with Circurama!

NOTES

The Summer Reading Challenge is the biggest children's reading for pleasure programme in the UK. Last year over 700,000 children and their families took part.

The first Summer Reading Challenge took place in 1999 and is an annual initiative with a different theme each year. The programme is delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries, publishers and schools.

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 will run from June to September, with an online virtual party on Friday 5 June to launch the new website.

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is 'Silly Squad'. The aim is to encourage children to read whatever makes them happy, get silly and have fun!

Award-winning children's book author and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson, has created bespoke illustrations for Silly Squad 2020.

Reading for pleasure is a more important determination of children's educational success than their families' socio-economic status. [Sullivan and Brown (2013) [Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading](#)]

Studies show that 16-year-olds who read for pleasure outside school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs later in life. [Taylor (2011) [Reading at 16 linked to better job prospects](#)]

Statistics show that 1 in 5 children in England cannot read well by the age of 11 [DfE (2015) [Reading: the next steps p.13](#)]

A recent survey commissioned by The Reading Agency showed that 45% of young people are reading more during lockdown.

It has been proven that children aged 10 who read books often, and more than once a week aged 16, gain higher results in Maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less frequently. [OECD (2010) [PISA 2009 Results: Learning to Learn: Student Engagement, Strategies and Practices p. 32-4](#)]

About The Reading Agency:

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