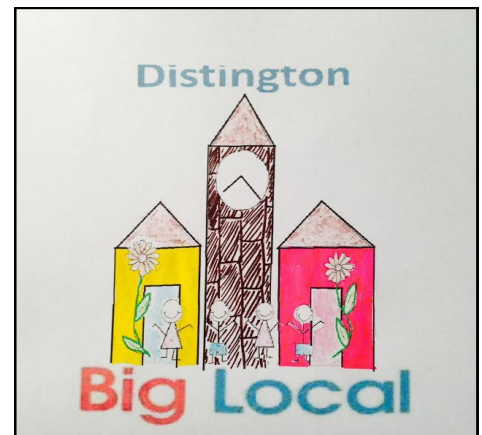


Distington Big Local

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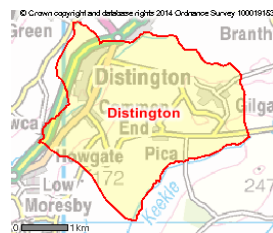


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**New look website almost ready
so check it out on your devices**



Our display at the recent Church Flower Festival based on our logo. One of many displays at what was a marvellous community event.



Need some help in the garden these days? See page 3

Volunteers Needed!

We are hoping to start a healthy eating group. If you can cook and (with support) show others how to make basic healthy meals please give us a ring to have a chat

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to be Stewards at our Summer Fun Event. 3 hour shifts either 12-3 or 2-5. A friendly disposition and being over 18 is all that's required. You will be well briefed about your role prior to the event. Go onhelp make this another memorable event for the village.

Big Local Ramblings



At last summer seems to be on its way with signs of new growth everywhere, and the young birds fledging their nests and flying out in to the big wide world. The longer days and (slightly) warmer temperatures do find us with a little more energy and a desire to do new things.

At Big Local there are a number of new things in the melting pot. We are busily helping the village think through what it might do with the piece of land off Church Road where the British Legion Club used to be (see page 3), as well as planning for our Summer Event (see page 3) which was so popular in 2015.

A Play-park in the west of the Village is proving less than easy to get off the ground but we will keep exploring possible sites. If you have ever found yourself getting soaked waiting for a bus then fear not for during June we plan to upgrade the shelter near the Surgery and other new shelters are awaiting approval. Also in June we are launching our new Digi Club (see below)

As ever do contact us with your comments, suggestions and ideas.

Chip Shop Chips!

We were delighted to work with Arts Out West to bring The Box of Tricks **Production of Chip Shop Chips** to Distington on March 3rd. The audience were part of the production, sitting around tables and enjoying fish and chips as the production unfolded around them. The part subsidised evening was a sell out and we hope to bring more productions to Distington in the future.



Thanks to Antonys Chippy on Main Street for supplying the food on the night



Picture—Russell Richardson and Jessica Forrest, two of the Productions stars

Big Local Job Club and Digi Club

Our Big local Job Club has been running since January. We have helped people with CV's, Job Searches, filling out online forms (self employed) as well as organising some training and getting advice on transition from benefits to work. Indeed any way we can help we will! Job Club operates weekly on Wednesday mornings 10am—12 noon. If this is not convenient you can make a mutually convenient appointment (please ring the office)

Big Local Digi Club

This will run alongside the Job Club on Wednesday mornings from 15th June. Bring your questions (and the piece on technology that it relates to if possible) and we will endeavour to guide you through whatever it is you need to do.

Big Local Summer Fun Event 25th June 1-4 pm

Get it on your calendars!

Featuring the following (and more!)

The Spider Jump and Bungee Trampolining

Sea Creatures and Little Mammals

History Exhibition Stalls BBQ

Emergency Services Vehicles

Bouncy Castle Refreshments

Events in the arena

Refreshments in the centre



In and around the Community Centre

Free to Distington Residents

Public Meeting

To discuss the Future of the British Legion Land
(just off Church Road)

Held on Friday April 29th at Distington School



The above meeting was well attended by 63 residents of Distington. The meeting was jointly chaired by John Bowman (Chair Parish Council) and Rhoda Robinson (Chair Big Local). There were representations from Big Local and from the school as well as lively open discussion.

The feeling of the meeting was almost unanimous in agreeing that Big Local should attempt to purchase the land for the village. Suggested developments for the land, voiced at the meeting were things such as —smaller housing, allotments, sports facilities and a bowling green!

It was felt a great shame that the village could not be gifted the land in appreciation of those who had raised the money for its original purchase. However it was understood that legally this was not a realistic hope. Discussion will continue with The Royal British Legion.

Need help with the garden?

Are you struggling to manage your garden or know someone who is? If it's because you are no longer able to manage then Big Local may be able to help. Throughout the summer months our village handyman Ronnie will be available to offer support. If you want to use the service please ring the office and we will endeavour to assist. There is a small charge of £5 per half hour.

Distington Lunch Club



**Distington Community Centre
at 12 noon**

On the second Friday of each month

Home made soup and roll — £2

Mains—£2

Sweets — £1.50

Tea or coffee included

Everyone Welcome

Tina's Fitness For All 07776 205 721

Monday 6.30-7.30 Moorclose Studio 9
 Wednesday 6.30-7.30 at Distington Boys Club
 Thursday 6-7 pm Distington Community Centre
 Friday 7—8 pm Whitehaven Sports Centre
 Saturday 10.45-11.30 am Whitehaven Sports Centre

*Glow sticks available £3 per 2 sticks, or to hire £0.50 per class.
 Children welcome with parents at a lower rate*

Lazy Sunday



Great value breakfast/brunch and refreshments in a relaxing atmosphere

Where is it: Distington Community Centre

When: First Sunday of every month

What time?: Between 11 am & 1.30 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME



'Thought for the Day' on each table

Working with Distington Church

Calling all book lovers

**Do you enjoy reading?
 Do you enjoy discussing
 books?**

If so why not come along to

DISTINGTON READING GROUP

Every second Monday

2.30pm

Distington Library

More details from



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**Distington in Bloom 2016
 Annual Parish Garden Competition
 Sponsored by Distington Parish Council**



Categories

Small garden

Large Garden

Secret Garden

Vegetable Garden

Children's Planter



Prizes (in each category)

1st prize £30

2nd Prize £20

3rd Prize £10

Entry forms available from ...

Community Centre

Library

Antony's Chippy

Co-op

Surgery

If you wish to advertise your community group please send us details and we will endeavour to include them in the next Newsletter