The final part of a Chairman's Report is usually taken up with thanks and I will carry on with the tradition. Our Village Warden Paul Brittain when asked will turn his hand to any repair or maintenance issue, and keeps the village litter free deserves a mention as does lan Patterson and his mower who makes our village green and cricket/croquet grass a sight to be seen. There is also another person in the village who deserves a vote of thanks and that is Robert Thomas who runs the teas and coffees on a Tuesday in the Pavilion and his Coffee Stop at his home where he raises large sums of money for local charities, thank you Robert for your sterling work. A very big thank you to my council colleagues who support me so well and Dorothy our clerk who is the biggest asset we have on our Asset Register!!!

Finally if I am re-elected this year, this will be my third term and it will be my last in the Chair, as somebody who never wished to be in the "hot seat", I think I have done my sentence, so with good behaviour, I will be on parole as from May 2020, so please accept my notice. Please find our contact numbers below should you wish to contact us:-

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## BAMBURGH



"Supporting the Community" Bamburgh Parish Council Annual Report 2018-2019 A year as Chairman does have its high's and low's and this year has been no different.

The first huge low occurred in June when Jude Aldred, born and bred in Bamburgh and our past Chairman, much loved by all her family, great friend to many, respected and liked by all who came in contact with her, lost her fight against cancer, a void occurred in many people's lives.

Unfortunately after much deliberation the Streetscape plans were scrapped. Yellow lines have been introduced on both sides of Church Street and Radcliffe Road, we wait to see what impact this will have. The controversial rumple strips in the village are to be removed and hopefully a more successful speed calming measure will be found and introduced.

At last the War Memorial has been removed and "Tommy" is temporarily in place, and the new monument is being sculptured, at a total cost of £40,000. Hopefully this will be ready and in place for the next Remembrance Sunday in November when we hope to have a rededication service.

Bamburgh Parish Council is extremely pleased to welcome The Revd Louise Taylor-Kenyon as Priest in Charge of Bamburgh, Belford and Lucker. We look forward to working with her and hope she enjoys living in Bamburgh.

After much talk in the village, I am delighted to say, Bamburgh Village Show and Bamburgh Fair will form a new event, "Bamburgh Festival". This is being chaired by Ralph Baker-Cresswell and is to take place on August 17<sup>th</sup> on the Green. I hope this is will be a great success.

The Tennis Court is now up and running and thanks to Andrea Thomas and the Tennis Club the first successful coaching sessions were held in the Easter Holidays.

In the next few weeks it is hoped that the eagerly awaited re-furbished toilet block will be open.

An idea was put forward to BPC to write a letter to all property owners who rent their property out and do not pay either precept or council tax be asked for a contribution toward the upkeep of the village, I am pleased to say we have had a very positive response with some property owners setting up standing orders annually.

Another asset emerged this year "The Google Group" was introduced to the village by Kirsty Peacock, which has helped to improve communication about village events and issues that affect Bamburgh and area. A big thank you to Kirsty, Susan Gibson and Kate Morton for managing this project.

The Parish Council have dealt with 32 planning applications, some of which have been both challenging and contentious. Of the 32 we have objected to four of these application, two applications has since been withdrawn, two applications were refused.

Bamburgh Parish Council was delighted to welcome two new councillors on board this year, Cameron Hinson, who has lived all his life in Bamburgh and Alex Tait who has also lived in Bamburgh for many years.