

Confirmation regarding the exercise of public rights

Parish Council name: Neasham Parish Council

The Parish Council must inform the electorate of an exact 30 working day period during which public rights may be exercised.

For the 2025/26 accounting year, the inspection period must be exactly 30 working days, inclusive of the start and finish dates, and must include the first 10 working days of July 2026.

The inspection period must commence no later than 1 July 2026.

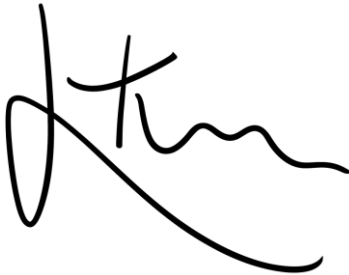
It must start at least one day after the annual return has been published on the Council website (neashamparishcouncil.gov.uk) or other free-to-access website used by the Council. Publication must be as soon as practical after the unaudited annual return has been approved by the Parish Council.

Working days are defined as Monday - Friday. They do not include Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays.

The inspection period commences on: Monday 15 June 2026

And ends on: Friday 24 July 2026

Signed:

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Date: Friday 12 June 2026

Position held: Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Smaller authority name: Neasham Parish Council

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION
OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN
(EXEMPT AUTHORITY)
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 25, 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

NOTICE

1. Date of announcement: Friday 12 June 2026

2. Each year the smaller authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR). The AGAR has been published with this notice. It will not be reviewed by the appointed auditor, since the smaller authority has certified itself as exempt from the appointed auditor's review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the AGAR, the accounting records for the financial year to which it relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records. For the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

Joe Turner, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Neasham Parish Council
2A Neasham Hill
Neasham
Darlington
DL2 1QY
Tel: 07356 264323 (answerphone)
Email: clerk@neashamparishcouncil.gov.uk
Website: neashamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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and ending on Friday 24 July 2026

3. Local government electors and their representatives also have:

- the opportunity to question the appointed auditor about the accounting records; and
- the right to make an objection which concerns a matter in respect of which the appointed auditor could either make a public interest report or apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the smaller authority.

The appointed auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose between the above dates only.

4. The smaller authority's AGAR is only subject to review by the appointed auditor if questions or objections raised under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 lead to the involvement of the auditor. The appointed auditor is:

Forvis Mazars LLP
The Corner, Bank Chambers
26 Mosley Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1DF
Email: local.councils@mazars.co.uk

5. This announcement is made by Joe Turner, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer