

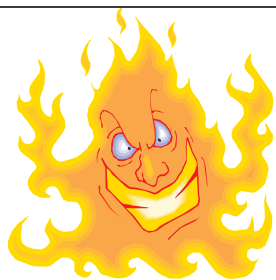
# Allendale Caravan Park



# Spring Newsletter

## Electricity – Why pay more VAT than you have to?

In previous years you have been paying 17.5% VAT and 0.45p/kWh extra for your electricity when you didn't have to, because the usage was classed as business use. We contacted our supplier and filled in a certificate to say that the business use (ie park lighting) is small compared with the whole. On the first electricity bill we should see VAT down to 5% and the 0.45p/kWh extra charge disappear entirely. A small bit of good news for everyone.



Phone us to arrange a gas check. There may be a discount if a number of you sign up.

We strongly recommend you get your water heater and gas heater system checked at the start of the season. The risks are just too great. We have got someone who has given a price of £35 to do this. This is a gas fitter who is fully and properly qualified under the ACS system which replaced CORGI for bottled gas systems since last July.

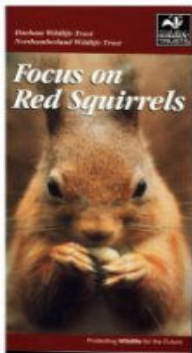


What are your ideas for improvements to the caravan park? Give us your thoughts and we will consider them all.



The first time you use your caravan in the season (and if it is empty for over 3 weeks in the season) you should run your taps for about a minute to clear any old water in the system. The water company recommend this to make sure there aren't any bugs. You should do the same thing if you are away from home for a few weeks as well, but it probably takes longer to clear the old water out at home

The snowdrops are still with us, but starting to fade and daffodils are growing everywhere. I know some of you have planted a lot over the years and we are really looking forward to the show in a few weeks time. We have planted some more daffodils and some bluebells, though we may not see flowers the first year.



Northumberland Wildlife Trust are doing a survey of red squirrels in the county. If any of you are interested in keeping an eye on the squirrels in the park pick up a 'Seeing Red' leaflet from us. Still on wildlife, Mr Green, formerly on Pitch 40, gave us a list of 81 (!) different birds he has seen from the park. This will be on the website soon, or you can get a copy from us if you want to identify some of them.

Work will be starting in the next fortnight on development of 4 new pitches in the old coal yard and will last for a few weeks. Apologies in advance if there is any disturbance from this work. We had hoped it could have started earlier.

**Best wishes for fine times in your caravan this spring.**  
**from Mike and Verona Woodhouse**