

Community Newsletter

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# Boulmer, Howick & Longhoughton Villages

## Longhoughton Review

A group of Parish Councillors met recently to take forward the Detailed Actions for the Review and the following projects were established:

### Development of the Old Recreation Field

This project is about how the old recreation field can be developed as an informal recreation space suitable for young and old and at the same time remain an important green space - Ellie Phillips will be leading this project.

**Two volunteers have come forward but we need more people to take part in this project. Please contact Ellie to volunteer – Email [leanorphillips1@gmail.com](mailto:leanorphillips1@gmail.com) or tel. 01665 577563/ 07843 380 886**



### The Green Necklace and extending the footpath network

This project is about developing proposals for safe green routes around Longhoughton village to improve the connectivity between the housing estates and important places such as the school, recreation area, Coop and NAFFI Site. The project will also look at extending the footpath network throughout the Parish. **More volunteers are needed to take part in this exciting project. Rob Wildsmith will be leading this project. Contact Rob on Email [robert.wildsmith@gmail.com](mailto:robert.wildsmith@gmail.com) tel 01665 572009.**

### Roads, Pavements, Parking and Speed

This project brings together all aspects of road safety, pavements, parking issues and vehicle speed in Longhoughton village. **It will be led and co-ordinated by Carole Green who can be contacted on Email [carole.green@hotmail.com](mailto:carole.green@hotmail.com) Tel 01665 572610. Volunteers are needed to help with this project.**

The full **Detailed Action Plan** can be seen on the Parish Council Website [www.northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton/documents](http://www.northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton/documents)

## CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR

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2 current vacancies

### Howick Ward

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1 current vacancy

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**Deadline for articles for  
June edition is 13/5/19**

**Thankyou!**

# Howick & Boulmer News

## Howick Village Hall

Our Hall continues to be busy with the following regular events:

- Howick Art Club Every Monday 10-12 noon
- Film Club - various dates. Contact John Roper johnroper1@btinternet.com
- Howick Coastal Choir Tuesday 7 pm
- Craft Club. Thursday 7-8.30 pm - contact Audrey Jamieson 577797
- Howick WI meet 1st Wed in month - contact Jeanette Archbold 577384. Other events such as Bingo, Highlights live performances and musical events will be advertised as they occur so please come along and join us.

## Boulmer's Seven Tales of the Unexpected

This local booklet about Boulmer folklore written by Howick's very own Avril Meakin et al is available from Longhoughton Co-op £3.95. A calorie-free Easter present maybe?!

## Easter Craft Fair Sunday 14 April Boulmer Memorial Hall

Craft stalls with a variety of homemade and handmade items  
Treat yourself to lunch with a range of sandwiches, inc locally caught crab (weather permitting). Tea and Coffee and our famous homemade cakes and sweet treats. Tombola and Raffle.

## Bonfire Night

In November 2018 Northumberland County Council (NCC) received complaints from a County Councillor and other people about the fly-tipping of inappropriate materials to be burned on the Boulmer bonfire. These complaints were investigated and confirmed by the NCC Environmental Services. This led to the Parish Council's involvement as the tenant of the land on which the bonfire takes place. To try and ensure that the bonfire and fireworks display can take place in 2019 the Parish Council sought legal guidance from its insurers. The following requirements were received:

- The organisers must obtain permission for the Bonfire and Fireworks Display to take place from the land owner (Northumberland Estates) and the tenant (Longhoughton Parish Council).
- Public liability insurance must be in place to cover the event.
- A risk assessment must be undertaken.
- The DTI Guidelines for Bonfires and Fireworks Displays must be adhered to.

Northumberland County Council also added the following condition:

- No fly tipping or the burning of inappropriate materials which could result in poisonous or acrid smoke. To help the organisers of the Bonfire and Fireworks Display and those who are interested, it is proposed to hold a discussion session at 6.45pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Boulmer Memorial Hall. This session will go through the requirements, with suggestions on how they can be met.

## Boulmer Traffic Management Changes

The County Council Highways Department has recently confirmed the following changes relating to the Boulmer Review of 2017.

The extension of the 30MPH zone towards Longhoughton should be complete by the time this Newsletter is issued.

Double yellow lines on either side of the bridge should be ready to be done in 2 months

The dropped kerbs on the opposite side of the road to St Andrew's Church have been approved and are awaiting an installation date.

The additional car park in the vicinity of Boulmer Memorial Hall has received a positive response from the landowner and is now being costed, but it is seen as a long-term project.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan Project 2019 – 2036

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group met on 6<sup>th</sup> March and covered the following:

#### **Developing the Vision and Objectives**

The needs, issues and actions from the Boulmer and Longhoughton Reviews were reviewed and combined into Themes and Issues for the NDP. Draft objectives were derived from the Themes and Issues. A draft vision for the Parish for the years to 2036 was compiled. More work will be done on these topics at the next meeting.

#### **Housing Needs Survey.**

This was the early preparation of the Housing Needs Survey which will go to all residents in a few months time.

#### **Specification for an NDP Web Site**

A website is to be developed for the NDP so that residents can obtain information and understanding on what is involved and what it means.

#### **Vacancies for Residents**

There are still vacancies for four residents on the Steering Group. Please volunteer for this project which will shape the next 17 years of the Parish. Contact Cllr Hinchcliffe 01665 572888  
adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com



#### **Parish Council Vacancies**

There are three vacancies, one in the Howick Ward and two in the Boulmer Ward. If you are interested in finding out about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk, Elizabeth Taylor on 01661 830040 or email

[parishclerk@hotmail.com](mailto:parishclerk@hotmail.com) For an informal discussion, please feel free to speak with any of the Parish Councillors—contact details on front page.

#### **Former Spar Building and Site**

The moratorium period achieved through obtaining the 'Community Asset' status for the site and building will end in April and the owners have indicated that it will be auctioned in May.

The company Longhoughton Community Ventures Limited will release a statement in April stating the actions it is taking on behalf of the Community.

## Longhoughton Community Events

**Tuesday 2 April 7.30-10pm Longhoughton & Boulmer WI Annual Meeting** @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre—please join us.

**Saturday 6 April 10 - 2pm Indoor Table Top Sale** @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre.

Bulging cupboards and lofts? Or fancy rummaging for a bargain?! Then come along to the Tabletop indoor sale and do a bit of recycling or discover a new treasure!

£5 for one 2.5 x 5ft table (£10 for businesses). Call 01665 572315 to reserve your table. Set up 9-10am. Refreshments on sale. Tombola.

let's do  
lunch

**Wednesday 24th April 12 - 2pm**

**Community Lunch** @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre - please come along and enjoy a nutritious two course lunch in good company. All welcome! Date for your diary: **May lunch** will take place on Wednesday 29th May 12-2pm. Call 01665 572315 for more info.

**Wednesday 24th April 7 - 9pm Domino Drive & Supper** @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre—lots of fun— children welcome! Doors open 6.30pm. £4 entry.

**Thursday 25th April 7.30 - 9pm Community Cash**

**Bingo** @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. £6 tickets, £1 entry. Raffle. Bring your own tipples and snacks—we are licensed. Date for your diary: the **May**

**Bingo session** will take place on Thursday 30th May 7.30-9pm.



### Pilates Group

Is there interest in forming a pilates group? If there are sufficient numbers we can engage a professional instructor. Possible classes during daytime weekdays in Longhoughton. Interested? Please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe

[adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com](mailto:adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com) or phone 01665 572888.

## Lacey Street/Crowlea Road

Following several complaints from residents about parking difficulties in Lacey Street, Lacey Court and Crowlea Road, a public meeting was held on 26.02.19 attended by a number of residents, several Parish Councillors, Councillor Wendy Pattison, NCC Traffic Manager and Mrs Tracey Critchlow, Longhoughton Primary School.

The meeting was very useful in identifying the main issues which appear to be:

- Congestion and poor /inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times impacting on residents' access
- The County Council has identified some proposed actions to try to improve the situation. These are now under consideration by the Parish Council. **There will be a further meeting called with residents led by Cllr Carole Green to ensure all comments/views are captured:**
- Refresh existing faded road markings
- "Keep clear" markings at school access road
- Measures to protect the turning area at Lacey Court
- Possible conversion of grass verges for parking
- Conduct a speed survey on Crowlea Road
- Investigation of speed limit signs from Beach Lane onto Crowlea Road.

## Longhoughton & Boulmer W.I.

Members will hold their future meetings at Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. Our March meeting included a fascinating talk by Sue Turnbull on the uses of Bach Flower essences and their complementary remedies, - very interesting! Our Annual Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April brings to a close our Centennial year when Officers and committee will be confirmed for the coming year and our Programme of talks, entertainment, crafting events and outings until April 2020 is launched. Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 is a talk on Finance and Wills. Please join us any 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 7.30pm.