

# Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton



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[Why not join us? Get in touch with the clerk. \(details below\)](#)

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[Why not join us? Get in touch with the clerk.](#)

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Please let us have your newsworthy items for the October edition before the next **deadline on 16 September**

Thank you.

## The Green Necklace Project

The Green Necklace Project is the environmental strand of our Longhoughton Review and will form part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish also.

The general objectives are to protect and enhance the natural environment and the appearance of our village, and to improve pedestrian access around it. The project will look at:

- footpath improvement
- protecting green spaces and open spaces within the villages
- planting in verges and at key locations throughout the villages

More specifically:

- joining all parts of the village and the wider parish with green ways and footpaths perhaps incorporating fitness trails, sculpture and play areas
- preservation of the pond field, making it the starting point for the village footpaths and a heritage trail and replanting with native species with seating
- reinstating the bridge over the Howick Burn giving access once more to the coast in the north of the village
- natural planting on the verges and more formal planting and natural planting at various points of the village with seating, especially at the crossroads at the north end, at the entrance to Eastmoor and all the entrances to the village

This is naturally subject to discussion with, and agreement by, the landowners concerned.

The group has held its inaugural meeting and is as yet a small, but very enthusiastic group with a diverse range of talents. We are discussing a new project name to encompass everything we are hoping to achieve. If you would like to join us and be involved in this project or even just support us we would love to hear from you.

If you would like more information or would like to be added to the email group please email me, Gill Bromley, at [gillbrom56@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gillbrom56@yahoo.co.uk) or text me on 07576992692



## Howick & Boulmer News

### Summer Craft Fair : Boulmer Memorial Hall

The Boulmer Craft Fair takes place on August 18 2019 between 10 am to 3 pm. The Fair will feature local crafts, home made cakes and more.  
*Please come along, everyone is very welcome!*

### Boulmer Beach

Boulmer Beach was cleaned of litter and plastic waste by Coast Care volunteers on 1 July. The party was led by Jane Hardy from Littlemill along with other residents from the parish.

### Wild Flowers at Boulmer Meadow

An area of grass burned in October 2018 was cleaned of ashes and any traces of carbon and re-seeded. The result has been this magnificent area of blooming wild flowers that has attracted a great deal of attention from locals and visitors



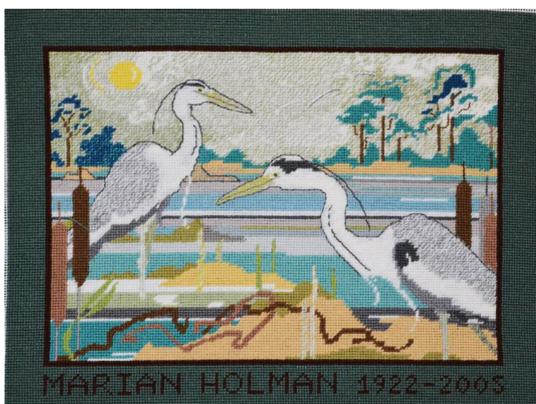
### Ragwort Pulling

The Parish Council and Coast Care held a 'ragwort pulling' session on the Boulmer Meadow on 2 July involving several residents of the parish. The area south to the kissing gate has been cleared by local residents. This is a bad year for ragwort, the dunes going south to Seaton Point Caravan site are badly infested. There is still some to pull on

Boulmer Village Green and volunteers would be very welcome to take this on. Ragwort is poisonous to horses and cattle. Landowners have a responsibility to clear it from their land.

### A 'Thank You!'

A big thank you to Sandy and Margaret Brown for opening up their garden in Boulmer for people to view on 2 July 2019. It was much enjoyed by everyone who visited.



### Howick Kneelers

At an Evensong service last month in Howick Church, the Bishop of Newcastle blessed the new set of kneelers and complimented parishioners on all the renovations which have included new lighting and décor.

Left: 'The Heronry' stitched by Emma Mindham

Below left: 'Nuthatch' by Kathryn Brunton

### 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 on the first Wednesday in the month

Contact Jeanette Archbold 577384



**Other events** such as bingo, Highlights live performances and musical events will be advertised as they occur. Please come along and join us for any of these!

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## Parish Council News

### Boulmer Bonfire and Fireworks Display

After complaints to the County Council last year about the burning of toxic materials, the Parish Council is trying to find a way for the Boulmer Bonfire and Fireworks display to take place in November, but it has to be safe and legal. The land where the bonfire takes place is leased to the Parish Council and their insurers have said that it can only go ahead provided a number of conditions are met. The key ones are as follows:

- obtaining the permission of the landowner and leaseholder
- a risk assessment to be completed to comply with DTI guidelines
- Public Liability Insurance to be in place

Public Liability insurance has to be in place for an event of this type where there are known risks. This is to ensure that, should anyone unfortunately be injured and make a claim, the Public Liability Insurance will be in place to cover the claim. Only an organised group with a constitution can apply for Public Liability Insurance.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

**Housing needs** One hundred and ninety-nine housing survey forms were returned by residents. We should have the results by early August and will publish them on the website:  
[www.longhoughtonndp.co.uk/consultations](http://www.longhoughtonndp.co.uk/consultations)

The Steering Group is beginning to look at the core of the NDP which concerns future housing to 2036. The group is considering the likely number of new homes needed in the next sixteen years, the type of homes, their affordability, the location for new housing and the settlement boundaries. What is driving this discussion is the future sustainability of the communities in the Parish. We want to be sure that Longhoughton Primary School continues to thrive, that the population is able to sustain the retail and food outlets, and that we can continue to strengthen the village and Parish infra-structure. We will be consulting with residents on the resulting proposals.

The Steering Group will shortly be advertising for a planning professional to be employed to start the process of writing planning policies. There are still three vacancies on the Steering Group for residents. If you are interested please contact the Chair, Adrian Hinchcliffe, by email on [adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com](mailto:adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com)

**Vision and Objectives** The steering Group is putting the final touches to the vision and objectives for the NDP. It has taken several months but we are nearly there. These can be viewed on the web site [www.longhoughtonndp.co.uk/vision](http://www.longhoughtonndp.co.uk/vision). Once these are complete there will be a full consultation with all residents in the parish.

### What's On In Your Area?

Alnmouth, Howick, Lesbury and Longhoughton have launched a new joint Facebook page, highlighting our village hall events. Just click on the events page to find what's going on and when. We welcome ideas on what you'd like to see on offer and encourage residents to volunteer.

We're busy populating the site with lots of information, so please 'like' the page and drop in regularly for the latest information on band nights, classes, discos, film nights, coffee mornings and much more! Go to your Facebook page, in the search button type @halleventsnorthumberland

### New Parish Councillor for Longhoughton

Kris Cochrane has been co-opted to the Parish Council for Longhoughton. Kris is a Sergeant in the RAF, based at Boulmer and has lived in Longhoughton for almost 12 years. He is married with children. Kris is very pleased to join the Parish Council and his enthusiasm and links to the RAF will be very positive for the community.

**£400 Fine** for fly-tipping garden waste on dunes. See the news at <https://northumberlandparishes.uk/longhoughton/documents>

### Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 16 September 2019 at 7.30pm at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre.



**Longhoughton  
Rangers Lions**

**Under 6 Football**

Weekly sessions on Sunday  
mornings 10 - 11am with FA  
qualified coaches

Contact Jimmy Ryder-Somerville  
07522 706185  
[samryder\\_6@hotmail.com](mailto:samryder_6@hotmail.com)

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## Longhoughton News

### Developing Longhoughton as a Dementia-Friendly Community

Northumberland's population is greying faster than that of England as a whole. Dementia is now the leading cause of death in the UK; more than heart disease, cancer or stroke, with the majority of people living with dementia in later life. The Community and Sports Centre is a registered Warm Hub, developing activities and sign-posting services for vulnerable people. The Warm Hub project aims to develop Longhoughton as a dementia-friendly village.

This means that people with dementia are understood, respected and supported, and confident that they can contribute to community life. Becoming dementia-friendly means tackling issues such as navigating physical environments, appropriate transport, activities which include people with dementia, businesses and services responding to customers with dementia, challenging stigma, building awareness and shaping our community around the views of people with dementia and their carers. It's a lot to tackle. However a project group is being formed and this is your invitation to join us. Some Dementia Friend information sessions are currently being planned for the Autumn and will be open to anyone wishing to learn more about this. Please contact Ellie Phillips on 07843 380 886 or email: [enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org](mailto:enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org) for further information.

### The Future of the Former NAFFI Building

Northumberland Estates has purchased the former NAFFI building. A spokesperson for the Estate said that they are pleased with the purchase and intend to develop the site for food and beverages, though it may take some time.

The Longhoughton Review identified this site as being very important to the community. Residents were in favour of seeing the site developed as a food outlet such as a bistro with the possibility of incorporating something like a micro-brewery. Residents would also like to see public toilets integrated at the Centre and possibly the doctors' surgery re-located there. Let's hope this site becomes a popular hub in due course.

### LONGHOUGHTON & BOULMER WI

Our 2nd July meeting was held before our summer break, so we arranged a large event with musical entertainment provided by Grahame Wright and friends, known as 'The Three Wise Men', who entertained us all very happily with music, jokes, poems and a variety of songs. The hall soon rang with laughter and music. Our next meeting is not until 3 September when we look forward to holding a 'Members' Night'. In the meantime we look forward to an arranged River Tyne Cruise and a fundraising Garden Tea Party.



**LONGHOUGHTON 'TORNADOS'**  
Just Play Football Social Club

No Commitment For Ages 11-14 Just Turn Up & Play  
FA Qualified Coaches No League Registration  
Club Registration fee £10 & £15 per Half Term

Contact Darran at [darranmlambert@gmail.com](mailto:darranmlambert@gmail.com) or on 07738 098379 for more information

[www.facebook.com/groups/LonghoughtonTornados](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LonghoughtonTornados)

### Pilates Group

A pilates group meets each Wednesday at the RAF Beacon Community Centre in Portal Court. Meet at 10.00am for a 45 minute session. Come along and join – open to men and women of all ages.

### Thank You

To the three residents of Chancel Place who responded to the request for volunteers to deliver the Newsletter - it is much appreciated!

### LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE

Weekly events

#### Monday

Loose Needles Club 1.30-4.30pm  
Slimming World 5pm and 7pm

#### Tuesday

Scouts/Cubs/Beavers 5.30-.730pm

#### Wednesday

Indoor Bowls is seasonal from 4 September onwards

#### Thursday

Zumba 5.30-6.30pm

#### Friday

Mature Movers – seated exercise class 9.45-10.45am

#### Saturday

Metafit 8-9am  
Alnwick Bear children's rugby league 9-11am.

Call 01665 575315 for full details of weekly classes or to hire the venue for your special event.

[www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org](http://www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org)

### Events in August & September

*The Sunday Sessions*

Women-only **singing workshop**

Contact Caro Fentiman 07932 746326 for full details

Workshop 1 11 August 10-12.30

Workshops 2-4 8 Sept; 6 October

10 November 2.30-5pm. No need to be a great singer! Nobody sings solo. Not a choir – it's a safe place to sing in harmony.

**The Tour of Britain** will be passing through Longhoughton from Embleton at about 13.17 on 9 September. How about some bunting and cheering?

**Art Talk:** Your last chance to email Chris about enrolling for the morning or evening art appreciation class starting on 12 September. [chrismerythomas@gmail.com](mailto:chrismerythomas@gmail.com)