

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton



CAN LONGHOUGHTON 20MPH SCHEME BE IMPROVED?

The 20mph scheme through Longhoughton has been in operation now for two years and was introduced following a vote in favour by the residents. Common opinion is that it has resulted in a reduction in traffic speed, but the 20mph limit is not being recognised by some drivers, and there are still concerns about the speed with which drivers approach and enter the village. A reduction in speed is good but many people want to see wider compliance for safety reasons.

The Parish Council has been reviewing the whole scheme and has talked to County Council and AONB officials about the options. There is a definite view that the scheme can be improved but evidence of the speed of vehicles is required first. Speed strips will soon be installed. In other villages, ramps and chicanes are used to slow down the traffic. These were rejected by residents in the last review, but in the future these may



be reconsidered along with flashing speed signs.

It is a key aim of the Parish Council to work with partners to make the Parish a safe place and we will be asking for your views as we go through the process.

LONGHOUGHTON CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION GROUP

Northumberland County Council recently set up a programme to reduce the use of carbon-based fuels and it is encouraging communities to set up their own groups to change things locally. Longhoughton Parish Council considered this at its meeting on 18 November and would like to set up a Climate Change Action Group to act as a steering group. Grants are available to employ professionals to carry out feasibility studies. The areas that the Group could look at are:

- Encourage buying electric vehicles and installing charging points
- Set up community renewable energy schemes
- Encourage 'green' buying schemes
- Encourage more walking and cycling, including electric bikes
- Facilitate bulk purchasing to enable conversion to sources of renewable energy
- Increase tree planting
- Help householders with guidance and information on insulation and energy efficiency

We are looking for volunteers to join this group. In a small way you could be helping to save the planet! Please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe
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Please let us have your newsworthy items for the February edition before the next **deadline on 17 January**. Thank you.

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BOULMER CAR PARK DEVELOPMENTS

In October Longhoughton Parish Council (LPC) considered the long awaited feasibility report compiled by the County Council (NCC) for a new car park in Boulmer to be sited, as expected, next to the Boulmer Memorial Hall (BMH). The suggestion for this came out of the Boulmer Review in 2017 and the drop-in event run by NCC in January 2018. Boulmer residents subsequently voted on whether they wanted a new car park and the result was 13 in favour and 3 against.

The report put forward five possible options. The option for forty three parking places at an estimated cost of £73,500 was recommended. The Parish Council accepted the recommended design and layout but has suggested that the size could be restricted to around thirty vehicles to be more in line with the original identified need. The proposed car park is to eliminate the congestion that exists from St Andrew's Church corner to the public toilets. This will act as a car park for events at BMH, and for St Andrew's gallery and an overflow for the FBI. Residents will be able to use the proposed car park including those who do not have off-street parking. The report suggested the use of double yellow lines from St Andrew's Church corner to the public toilets to prevent vehicle parking in this congested area and to encourage the use of the car park.

Another issue is the visual impact of the car park particularly from the west. Ways to lessen the impact will be essential and stone walls and hedging are being considered.

NCC is now updating their plans for the comments of LPC and an updated version will come back for further consideration. This will be discussed by LPC and residents will be advised of the suggested proposals. If you have any views or comments please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or email adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

BOULMER WILDFLOWER MEADOW

The annual cutting of the grass at the meadow took place in mid-October. The grass was cut with specialist equipment. It was then turned twice to dry before being baled by machine with the kind assistance of the Howick Estate. Overall 76 bales were produced and a large quantity of grass taken to Alnwick for composting. After cutting the meadow was re-seeded with yellow rattle and seeds of other species. We are hoping for a bumper crop of wild flowers from February through to September next year. Many thanks go to the volunteers from Boulmer, volunteers from Coast Care and to Lord Howick for the help given by the Howick Estate.

LONGHOUGHTON TO BOULMER ROAD FLOODING

Thanks to the County Council for installing drainage gullies on the road close to Boulmer in places that have flooded in past years. The Parish Councillor for Boulmer also met Highways representatives to look at the places that flood between the RAF Camp and Longhoughton. Photographic evidence of the flooding was taken recently and sent to the Council. Hopefully solutions to avoid the flooding will be implemented in 2020.

BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL EVENTS

Quiz Night : Saturday 14 December 2019 with a Pea and Pie Supper. All welcome.

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!



SING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
with Howick Coastal Choir and yourselves!

Gathering people who like to sing together!

Welcoming you all back to our annual musical celebration of Christmas, singing songs and carols in front of a blazing fire

Fri 13 Dec in Howick Village Hall at 7 pm

**ALL WELCOME : BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS :
WE'LL PROVIDE THE MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES
FREE ENTRY : RAFFLE : NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE
NEEDED : Contact David Jackson 01662 577 938**

Parish Council News

VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Longhoughton Parish Council has three vacant positions for Councillors, two at Boulmer and one at Howick. No previous experience is required but candidates should have a desire to serve the local community and to see it thrive. There are ten meetings of the Council each year. The positions are voluntary. There are no party political divisions in the Parish Council so party politics does not come into the discussions. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk to the Council on 01665 830040 or email parishclerk@hotmail.com.

From the Local Council elections in 2021 the County Council has agreed that Longhoughton Parish will continue to have ten councillors but there will be 6 for Longhoughton Ward, and 2 each for Boulmer and Howick Wards

LONGHOUGHTON, BOULMER AND HOWICK DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This has previously been referred to as the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Jo-Anne Garrick (Ltd) has been appointed as the Planning Consultancy to advise the Steering Group and undertake specialist work. This appointment will be paid out of grant funding received from Government sources. Her first assignment is to produce a scoping report that will be presented to the Steering Group on 2 December 2019. This report will look at what the Group has done so far, will identify any gaps in evidence and will establish a policy framework. The Steering Group will then be in a position to establish a clear programme for the remainder of the project and the production of the Development Plan.

All residents will be consulted on the work so far in January 2020. This will cover the vision and objectives for the years to 2036 and how the community would like to see land used over this period. People will also be asked about what is important to them. We will be offering drop-in sessions in Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick and there will be a special Development Plan publication circulated to all households in early January.

LIBRARY SERVICE

The Mobile Library visits the Parish on the following **Thursdays**: 5 Dec, 19 Dec, 2 Jan, 16 Jan, 30 Jan. **Boulmer** 1.30pm to 1.50pm Beach View Cottages. **Longhoughton** 2pm to 2.40pm opposite Co-op.

The Mobile Library holds a selection of both fiction and nonfiction books. This includes adult books on romance, crime, local history and general plus a selection of audio CD spoken word. We have a junior section which holds stories, picture books and nonfiction. There is also a small Teenage section. We also have a service to request books from other branches in Northumberland and have them delivered to the Mobile library.



DIAL A RIDE BUS SERVICE

NEED Ltd operate the door to door Dial a Ride service on Fridays which stops at Craster, Longhoughton, Boulmer, Alnmouth and Lesbury. It starts



at 10.00am and returns

from Alnwick at 1.30pm. The charge for the service is £6 return and it does take concessionary passes. Individuals who wish to use the service need to call the office to book their seat by midday the day before. Phone 01665 605780.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 20 January 2020 at Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre commencing at 7.30pm. Monday 17 February 2020 at the Boulmer Memorial Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Please note that residents are invited to attend for the first 15 minutes open session to ask questions or express views.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

From the Parish Council, County Councillor Wendy Pattison and the editors



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LONGHOUGHTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Our brand new U8 Team entered into the local Pinpoint Glendale U7s/U8s League in September. Playing weekly competitive matches, the Lions are making great progress, registering their first ever win against Amble U7s. Our U6s numbers continue to grow and build on its emergence last season. The team currently has more registered members this season to date and is always open to welcoming new members into the fold.

Our aim is to create and develop an U7s team, who will join the U8s into competing within the Glendale League from 2020/21.

In the meantime, training sessions have now moved indoors for the winter period, until spring 2020. RAF Boulmer is very kindly sponsoring our winter training by opening up their facilities to us, free of charge.

We have a busy calendar of fundraising events (listed below) set to take place before Christmas and any local support is always welcome:

Mascot Day:

Our U8s have been invited to return to be Morpeth Town match day mascots in their biggest home fixture of the season vs FC United of Manchester on 23 November

Christmas Raffle:

We will be holding our annual Christmas raffle. This is always well



Lions Members and Coaches.

Any prospective new members, or anybody wishing to support our fundraising cause please contact Sam Ryder-Somerville on 07871 888065 samryder_6@hotmail.com

BOULMER and LONGHOUGHTON WI

We continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre and new members are always welcome to join us in the Meeting Room there. Our 3 December meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner outing and following the festive season's events we look forward to January's meeting on Tuesday 7 January 2020 when we have arranged to have a talk on Textiles and Fashion.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS

The community luncheons at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre in the New Year will be held on Jan 29, Feb 26, Mar 25, Apr 29 & May 27. Everyone is welcome and the lunches are very friendly and have a useful social purpose. Voluntary donations of £4 per head are welcomed for an appetising two-course meal. We are enormously grateful to the team of volunteers who give their time to provide these lunches.



NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED

The Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre is looking for volunteers to become trustees. The role would involve attending monthly evening meetings and contributing to joint decisions on the running of the Centre and ensuring that it meets the needs of the community. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Secretary Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or email adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com.

OLD SIGN PAINTED AND SPRUCED UP

Members of the Paths, Plants and People project have refurbished the traditional directional sign at the junction of North End and Boulmer Road. It is now good for many more years. Thanks to everyone involved.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019

Meet at the Church at 4.15pm for a short service and tree lighting followed by nativity trail and lantern procession to the Community Centre. Then 5pm for community carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. Prizes for the best dressed house and tree in the village!

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

Mondays: **Loose Needles** 1.30pm

Slimming World 5pm & 7pm

Tuesdays: **Scouts & Beavers** from 5.30pm

Wednesdays: Longhoughton **Indoor Bowling Club** from 6.30 to 10.00pm

Thursdays: **Zumba** from 5.30 to 6.30pm

Fridays: **Mature Movers** 9.45 to 10.45am

Saturday: **Metafit** 8.00 to 9.00am

Hire rooms for events or family celebrations? Very competitive hire rates. Book on our website.

Get Digital Free 6 week course starting 30 January 10am to 12noon at the Longhoughton Community Centre 01665 572 315

Pilates takes place on Wednesdays at 10.00am at the Beacon