

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

CONSULTATION on homes and housing; sites for housing; protecting the natural environment; our heritage; protection of green spaces; community facilities; tourism and employment. Delivered to every household with this newsletter is a Consultation brochure which sets out broad proposals. Please read it. More information is available, including five short explanatory films, on our website at

www.longhoughtonndp.co.uk/consultations

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS, so please reply to us. Thank you.

FROM THE RUNNING FOX: OPENING IN LONGHOUGHTON

We're so excited to be opening in Longhoughton. This will be our fourth Running Fox Coffee Shop and will also be our largest, with seating for up to 40 inside as well as a lovely outside seating area. Customers will be able to enjoy the usual classics from our menu and we hope to create delicious new additions to our range too. We are making great progress with the building work and refurbishment of this site. In mid-April we moved our bakery from the Shilbottle Fox to the brand new kitchen in Longhoughton and now all our bakery goods are freshly baked and distributed from here to our other three coffee shops each morning.

The next step is to open the takeaway counter, where customers can buy our bakery goods to take away, and this should happen in early June. We think this service will be popular with locals and visitors alike, particularly due to our location on the coastal road. After the takeaway counter opens work will focus on completing the renovations in the dining area. We hope to be fully open later this summer to warmly welcome the local community through our doors and to serve up some tasty treats!

Visit: www.runningfoxbakery.co.uk

SPACE FOR SHOREBIRDS

Shore nesting bird season is well underway! With the help of dedicated Coast Care volunteers carrying out regular ringed plover surveys along the coast, we have created a number of

nest protection areas in locations including Alnmouth, Beadnell and Newton-by-the-Sea.

Ringed plover nests, or scrapes, can be very easily overlooked, and their eggs are extremely well camouflaged. Therefore, we hope that by fencing off areas of suitable habitat and protecting their nests from potential trampling, we can give these birds a fighting chance of having a successful breeding season.

If you see one of our nest protection



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[Please contact the Clerk about the parish councillor vacancies.](#)

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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the

deadline on 19 July 2021, please.

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areas on the coast, please keep well back from the fence and keep dogs close by to avoid causing disturbance to the nesting birds. You can follow the progress of the birds during the season by following us on social media: simply search for Space for Shorebirds.

PARISH COUCL ELECTIONS

The following people were elected to Longhoughton Parish Council at the recent elections: all were elected uncontested; Longhoughton Ward – Bryan Ellis, Carole Green, Peter Bromley
Boulmer Ward – Caroline Bradshaw, Adrian Hinchcliffe.

Howick Ward – John Haughie. At the Parish Council meeting held Monday 17 May 2021 Jacqueline Barras and David Hindson were co-opted to the Council, both within Longhoughton Ward, and Adrian Hinchcliffe and Peter Bromley were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. This leaves vacancies for one councillor each at Longhoughton and Howick.

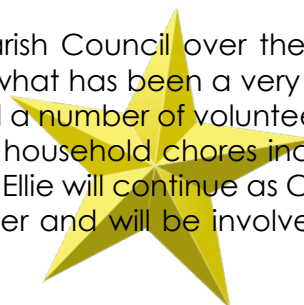
VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Longhoughton Parish Council has two vacancies for parish councillors. One vacancy is in Longhoughton and the other is at Howick. This is a good opportunity to serve the community and get involved in community issues and delivering what people need. All parish councillors are volunteers and there are no party politics involved. If you would like more information please call Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or Liz Taylor, the Clerk to Parish Council, on 01665 830040.

We would like to offer congratulations to **WENDY PATTISON** on her re-election for a second term as County Councillor for the Longhoughton Ward of Northumberland County Council.

A THANK YOU TO ELLIE

We would like to thank Ellie Phillips for acting as Chair of the Parish Council over the last three years. Ellie stepped down at the elections earlier this month after what has been a very busy time. During the period of COVID lockdown Ellie single handedly recruited a number of volunteers to assist people in the community that needed help with shopping, other household chores including just seeing a welcome face. Sincere thanks Ellie for all you have done. Ellie will continue as Chair of the Community and Sports Centre and as joint editor of this Newsletter and will be involved in other projects in the community.



DENWICK LANE END AND ULTRA-FAST BROADBAND

Despite calling on homes at Denwick Lane End and a number of properties in Rennington Parish, it has not been possible to obtain the grants to bring the total up to the £74,000 quotation from Openreach. Also, the existing grant scheme has now closed. The Parish Council has been advised by iNorthumberland that the Government is likely to be introducing a new scheme to get ultra-fast broadband into rural areas. This should be in the foreseeable future, so all is not lost.

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CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS ON OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING

Boulmer residents will receive a consultation letter from the County Council on off-road car parking. Please, respond whatever your views are. A poor response guarantees little action.

BOULMER TOILETS TO BE REFURBISHED

Boulmer toilets are to be refurbished later in the year. Both Parish Councillors for Boulmer are combining their thoughts with a view to giving some guidance to the County Council.

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GET YOUR KITCHEN CALENDARS

Ready for purchase in June 2021 is the 2022 slim kitchen calendar sold in aid of St Michael and All Angels Church in Howick, with 12 photographs from Howick. Copies available from Julie Roper 01665 577357 or email roper200@btinternet.com £5.50 each.



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BOULMER AND LONGHOUGHTON WI

Although recent ZOOM meetings and written reports have been useful in keeping our members in touch they are not necessarily popular, or available to all, so now as Covid restrictions are easing and the weather improves, we have been busy arranging outdoor get-togethers when small groups could enjoy walks, meet on the beach or enjoy the Puffin cruises from Amble. We are also having a farm visit and have arranged a fundraising garden afternoon tea party. If local ladies would like to try something different why not try our WI. Watch the parish noticeboards for our posters advertising when future meetings will resume.

CHANCEL PLACE NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

A volunteer is sought to deliver the community newsletter to residents in Chancel Place. Now that the estate has increased in size the present volunteer would like to share delivery with another volunteer. Time required is 30 minutes every two months. If you are interested please call Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888.



PARKING ON EASTFIELD

Longhoughton Parish Council has received a complaint about vehicles parking close to the entrance to Eastfield from North End. When several vehicles are parked there it is causing a hazard and a road safety issue on this narrow section of road. Vehicle owners are asked to park with consideration for other road users and pedestrians. Thank you.

BOULMER ROAD CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITE

Planning permission for a camping and caravan site was obtained a few years ago for the site in Boulmer Road, Longhoughton. Now a lease has been signed, the site is being prepared and the proprietor is hoping to be open in late spring. While this will bring increased traffic to Boulmer Road, it will benefit the local economy by greater use of the of the existing café Company B, the Co-op and the Running Fox when it opens.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE: OPEN AGAIN

Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre re-opened on 17 May. We were excited to welcome back our regular groups and offer a big welcome to 1st Longhoughton Brownies led by Laura Michelle Tollervey who has been working hard to re-establish the group following a few years' break. We not only have our regular groups returning such as Loose Needles, Pound Pilates, Zumba and Metafit, we also have a booking for a yoga class and sessions in the planning on seated exercise, a watercolour class for beginners and mindfulness sessions, some of which will be funded by the Co-op Community Fund. It's not long now until the Alnwick Junior Hockey club commence training on Sunday mornings on our astroturf pitch: 6 June to 15 August 10.30-11.30am. If your child is interested in joining, then please contact Sam Ryder-Sommerville on 07871 888065. Our building has a full risk assessment in place and complies with all Covid guidance. If you'd like to hire the venue, please contact Ellie Phillips on 01665 572315 or 07843 380886.

COMMUNITY CENTRE: SOLAR PANEL ELECTRICITY GENERATION PROJECT

The Community Centre is one of many village halls and community buildings across Northumberland to be included in a feasibility study for the generation of electricity from solar panels to be located on the south-facing roof of the Centre. The electricity would be stored and used within the building and any surplus may be exported for sale along with the other participants in the scheme. This environmentally-friendly project will be led by The Rural Design Centre.

LONGHOUGHTON CARES!

Longhoughton Cares! is an outreach project which supports and helps develop community life. One of the projects we launched recently aims to have 2000 poppies knitted or crocheted by October this year in time for Remembrance Sunday. We aim to cascade the poppies down the

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sculpture across from the church. If you would like to help by knitting or crocheting or perhaps you have red wool to donate then please contact Ellie Phillips on 01665 572315 or 07843 380886. All materials are supplied and can be delivered. Over 70 women (no men yet sadly!) are busy knitting/crocheting and many have already started a second batch of poppies! A big thank-you to those already clicking those pins and a warm welcome awaits those who'd like to join in!

A second project is a door-step service to some of our more vulnerable residents which started in March last year delivering activity packs, jigsaws, puzzles, magazines and little treats. We hope to receive a small grant from Northumberland County Council which will help maintain this service up to Christmas. If you would like to donate in cash or kind to help support us then please contact Ellie Phillips 01665 572315 or 07843 380886.

NEW BENCH AND THE RENOVATION OF THE SCULPTURE AREA OF SCHOOL GREEN

A new six-foot bench is to replace the broken one next to the sculpture across from the church on School Green. The bench has been much missed by visitors to the churchyard, weary walkers and villagers just wanting to watch the world go by! This is being paid for by the Parish Council.

Once in place, new planters will be purchased with a grant given to a village community group. A local builder has also been commissioned to install the bench and renovate the stonework and railings around the sculpture. This very historic area is surrounded by Grade 1 and 2 listed buildings and a monument and is one of the first features a visitor to Longhoughton sees as they enter the village from the south.



FLOODLIGHT BULBS TO BE REPLACED

The Community Centre trustees have raised over £14,000 to replace the floodlight bulbs that light up the Astro turf pitch at the Centre. The new LED bulbs will reduce the electricity used for lighting the pitch by about 70%, giving a saving of around £1,000 each year. This will also benefit the environment by significantly reducing the carbon released into the atmosphere. The new LED bulbs are due to be fitted in June.

REMINDER: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

If you do not have access to the internet but wish to read paper copies of the detailed evidence that is referred to in the information document, they are available at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre on the following **Sundays: 6, 13, 20 and 27 June 2021, all from 9.00am to 12.00.** The

films will also be shown.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation, you can contact us by email to adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

SAT-NAV NIGHTMARE FOR RESIDENTS

You see these sorts of stories on the telly, but it is happening right here in Longhoughton and making life a misery for some residents.

Delivery vehicles are trying to access Chancel Place but their SAT-NAV is taking them to the centre of Longhoughton to turn by The Old Bank. This is a dead end that turns into a bridleway up the north side of Chancel Place. Once the vehicles are on the cul-de-sac they realise they are wrong and have to turn in a very narrow area or reverse out onto North End, both hazardous and dangerous.

Some damage has been done by turning vehicles and they are going very close to the house doors. Will the residents of Chancel Place please inform your delivery drivers that the entrance to Chancel Place is from Station Road only, and not up the footpath from The Old Bank.

Old Bank lane

