

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

PRESENTATION OF THE FREEDOM OF LONGHOUGHTON PARISH TO ELEANOR PHILLIPS

Eleanor Phillips has been presented with the Freedom of Longhoughton Parish for the services she has given to Longhoughton Parish Council and Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. The ceremony took place at the Longhoughton Community Centre and was attended by over thirty residents and friends.

Adrian Hinchcliffe, Chair of Longhoughton Parish Council, presented Eleanor with a framed scroll to mark the award. He said that the Freedom of the Parish is the highest award that a parish council can make and it is awarded for eminent and outstanding voluntary service to the community and it is the first time that Longhoughton has made such an award, and that Eleanor has given service, above and beyond what could be expected from a volunteer over an eight-year period. She has acted as Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council and has been the Chair of the Community Centre since 2016 and still holds that post. In addition she has taken on many other roles in the community including acting as a joint editor of the Community Newsletter.

Eleanor is moving to Berwickshire but for now is continuing as Chair and Booking Manager of the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre.



Adrian Hinchcliffe presenting the scroll to Eleanor Phillips

COME AND ENJOY THE BIG SCREEN

Great news! Three volunteers have come forward to organise a film club for the community. This will bring big movies to Longhoughton on the big screen. Between them, Suzanna Warrick, Joanna Davies and Guy Downes have considerable experience of organising film nights and have access to a large number of films. Films will be shown on the first and third Monday evening each month. Here is the programme:

December 5 **The Sting** : December 19 **It's a Wonderful Life**

Doors open at 7.00pm. Films starts at 7.30pm. £2 suggested donation per person. Films for January and February are to be announced.

Longhoughton Parish Council



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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the

deadline on 19 Jan 2023, please.

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Parish Council News & Views

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 16 January 2023** commencing at **7.30pm** at the **Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre**. Should anyone need to contact the Parish Council prior to the next meeting the contact details for the Clerk and Chair are on the front sheet of this newsletter.

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Longhoughton Parish Council will consider offering small grants to community organisations in the Parish of Longhoughton. The Parish includes the villages of Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick. Requests for grants must be received by the Parish Clerk (email parishclerk@hotmail.com) no later than 31 December 2022. Please send a few words (up to 100) setting out the amount requested, what it will be used for and the benefits it will bring. Grant requests can be to assist with running your community organisation or for a particular project.

WARM HUB EXTENSION: **APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

With the escalating cost of energy and food many households are going to find it very difficult to make ends meet and so the Parish Council and the trustees of the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre are joining forces to try to open the Centre as an extension of the Warm Hub for two periods each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11.00am and 2.00pm. We envisage that the Centre would be open for warmth, hot drinks, mobile phone charging, access to free Wi-Fi and the company of others. However, this depends upon having volunteers who are available to open, manage and run these sessions. Can you please volunteer to run a session say once each month. If you are willing or would like to discuss this will you please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or by email on adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

With volunteers the programme for December could look like this:

Tuesday	06.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Thursday	08.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Tuesday	13.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Wednesday	14.12.22	12 noon to 2.00pm:	Community Lunch: warm hub
Thursday	15.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Tuesday	20.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Thursday	22.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub
Thursday	29.12.22	11.00am to 2.00pm:	Volunteers drop-in warm hub



The muddy bays and rocky shore at Boulmer and the surrounding coastline make it an essential site for shorebirds. Each species has a specially adapted bill shape and length to help them forage for their preferred food choice, allowing big groups of shorebirds to feed together without there being competition for food.

A species which can be found at Boulmer in good numbers is the **dunlin**. They are one of the smaller wader species we see on the coast but have a relatively long bill for their size, which they use to forage for marine creatures living

within the muddy sediment. Mud is their preferred habitat, but they can also find food on the rocky shore by foraging among the seaweed and in rock pools.

Look out for these beautiful shorebirds on your next visit to the coast, and please give them lots of space so they can feed undisturbed.

Thank you.

AMG HOLD FLU JAB SESSION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Alnwick Medical Group recently held a flu jab session at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre when 58 residents received the vaccine. It is hoped that this is the start of more clinics and the offer of medical facilities at the Centre that will be of benefit to residents and avoid the trip to Alnwick.



LACEY STREET PARKING

A report has been received from the week-long CCTV survey undertaken by the County Council in September and the Parish Council has written a report of its own assessment of the situation. This was discussed by the Parish Council at its meeting on 21st November and it was agreed that Lacey Street residents will be invited to a meeting to discuss the reports.

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AVOIDING SCAMS

Scams come in many ways. On the doorstep; in your mail; by phone; by email; online; via relationships; identity scams and investment or pension scams. There are ways to avoid all these scams and smart ways to protect yourself. Age UK are experts in this troublesome area. We can invite them to Longhoughton to give more advice on avoiding scams if people think they would like to learn more. Please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888.



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE?

Farmers occasionally have problems with people leaving gates open, allowing their animals to get out onto a road. People also fail to control their dogs, and we often see litter left where it fell or was thrown from cars. Do we need a reminder?

In the old days of time gone by
We crafted a code that would advise our nation
Of how to behave in our natural locations.
Say 'Hello!' to those you meet
And pick up your litter when you eat.
Stick to the path and follow the signs
And keep your dog under control at all times.
Now over the years the wording has changed
But the countryside code remained.
To guide our way in outdoor spaces
And help protect our natural places,
We should care for nature, it brings much joy.
So, when you're next outdoors – respect – protect – enjoy!

LONGHOUGHTON QUARRY NEW OPERATORS

MGL Group Limited has taken over the running of Longhoughton Quarry. The Group provides a comprehensive range of services through the construction and demolition industry working to the highest standards of quality and safety. They are based in the North East of England where they undertake civil engineering, groundworks, demolition, road surfacing as well as asphalt production and quarrying. Councillors Wendy Pattison and Adrian Hinchcliffe met the new management team recently. One of the things that was raised was the hope that they would be part of the Quarry Liaison Group that the Parish Council is trying to establish.

HOWICK BURN BRIDGE DELAY

Storm Arwen is still having an impact on the project to construct the new bridge and re-route the permissive footpath. Multiple trees blown down during Storm Arwen are blocking the route. Howick Estate is waiting for these

trees to be removed as a commercial crop but this is not scheduled until well into the winter. When this is complete the ground will be too wet to start work on the bridge, so agreement has been reached with the funders and all parties to undertake the project in summer 2023.



Need Help?

DO YOU NEED HELP?

SOME SOURCES OF HELP:

Help with **energy advice** or information? Contact CAN Energy Advisers:

Leanne Shipley on **07724 867010** or Brian Watson on **07715 408343**

Debt and money advice:

contact the CAB on

01670 339960

Universal Credit help:

0800 144 8444

Macmillan benefits advice:

01670 339985

GREENWAY NEWS

Tom Allen and Ernie Harpur of Lesbury, are both members of the joint Longhoughton and Lesbury Greenway Working Group, have been holding discussions with the County Council on the possible extension of the Alnwick to Lesbury greenway with a view to finding funding for the construction of the last mile of the route into Alnmouth Station at Hipsburn. The County Council offered their support for this plan. Alnmouth station is a gateway into the AONB and rural Northumberland for many walkers and cyclists. Completion of the Aln Valley Greenway would make a safe cycling and walking route to Alnwick rather than the narrow and dangerous A1068 and it would be an exceptional improvement for the people of Alnwick who commute from Alnmouth Station each day. The Joint Working Group would like to see a triangle of greenways linking Alnwick, Longhoughton and Lesbury.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POSSIBLE HOUSING SITES

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group recently considered a report on five possible housing sites in the parish for development during the planning period to 2036. The report had been prepared for the parish council by AECOM, a worldwide infrastructure consulting firm that provides innovative solutions to complex challenging problems lasting generations. Within the report AECOM had designed five possible housing sites incorporating roadways, greenways, footpaths, recreation areas, links to nature corridors and housing to meet the needs of the parish identified in the Housing Needs Survey. The Steering Group were of the view that not all the housing sites are needed for the period to 2036 and possibly only three of them will be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The next draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is now being prepared for consultation in early 2023.

Boulmer News

BOOKS BY THE SEA LIBRARY

Negotiations concluded, the library has been built by a local volunteer. The County Council have agreed the proposed position next to the telephone box in Boulmer (40 metres south of the public toilets). It is ready to be installed and should be in use by the time you read this newsletter. The library is free and there are no charges for borrowing a book. The idea is that if you borrow one you leave one. Chris Robinson of Boulmer has volunteered to look after the library which is now one of a network of 'Books by the Sea Libraries' on the Northumberland Coast. Many thanks to all those who have been involved in this project especially Guy Douglas of Seahouses, Chris Robinson, Shelley Leslie, Adrian Hinchcliffe and Longhoughton Parish Council for funding the project and other volunteers.

BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

If you wish to book the memorial hall please contact Nancy Robinson on 07769 698622 or message her through the Boulmer Memorial Hall Facebook page.

BOULMER CAR PARK

Next to the Memorial Hall

Regrettably there is no news from the County Council on the proposed new car park next to the Memorial Hall.

BOULMER CAR PARK POTHOLES

The car park is the responsibility of the Parish Council and recently there have been several complaints about potholes in the Car Park. Parking is free and there is no revenue from the car park and in recent years the number of vehicles parking there, including campervans, has considerably increased. David Purvis of Longhoughton Quarry has levelled and re-surfaced the car park free of charge on the last three occasions but after David's death the company has changed hands. The last time the Parish paid for this was in 2016 when it cost £2,700. This is a sizeable cost when the Parish Council Precept is only £21,438 this year.

The Parish Council has requested discussions with the County Council with a view to the County becoming responsible for the car park. The developing strategy for car parking on

the Northumberland Coast is for all car parks to charge for parking. However, the Parish Council does not have the financial resources to set up the infrastructure and arrangements for collecting parking charges, which is another reason why discussions with the County Council are needed.

At the recent Parish Council meeting it was decided to cover the cost of re-surfacing the car park and the access track but, Councillors were of the view that discussions with the County Council on the future of the car park are absolutely essential and without a solution to this problem the car park could end up being closed permanently.



Howick News

HOWICK HALL VOLUNTEERING

The season closed on 6 November after a very busy year which included Storm Arwen and the huge amount of additional work it created for the estate, but also some beautiful weather with extended periods of sunshine, giving large numbers of visitors and amateur photographers alike, ample opportunity to capture that outstanding shot of a squirrel, rare plant or tree. The Earl Grey Tea Rooms did superbly well to serve coffees, lunches and teas, sometimes at a frantic pace, seven days a week during the season, maintaining the same high standards for everyone. Volunteering in the Visitor

Centre in order to share information has provided many special moments during the season including people whose relatives once worked on the estate, but a highlight was the visit by a lady from Stanford University in the USA. She came to see the handkerchief tree in particular, but noticed from the wall display that we have two bristlecone pines here. She told me that in North America there are specimens of Bristlecone Pine that have lived to around 4,500 years. This makes it the longest living organism on the planet by a very long way and puts our yew trees most definitely in the shade. There are two bristlecone pines on the estate which are mere babies, planted sometime in the last forty to fifty years and are four to five metres high. You could say that this is far sighted planting! CT



THE COPLEY HALL (Howick Village Hall)

Film Club: Please email John Roper johnroper1@btinternet.com to join the club mailing list and find out which films are showing and when. Donations only are suggested at £5.00.

Craft Club: For details call Audrey Jamieson on 01665 577797.

Howick WI: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Contact Jeanette Archbold on 01665 577384

Howick Art Group welcomes new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 09.45 to 12.25pm with a longer session on the first Monday of the month.

Copley Hall booking
Jane Doleman **01665 577801**

YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION?

GET FITTER?

At Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre

YOGA STRETCH

Every Wednesday
9.30am – 10.30am. Contact

Deb on 07958 593636

INTERVAL TRAINING

Get fit with Julie

Every Saturday 8.30am to 9.30am. Restarts 7th January 2023. Free sessions available.

Contact Julie on **Facebook or Instagram 'Fit class with Julie'.**

Bristlecone Pine, USA



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LONGHOUGHTON PARISH HERITAGE GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Longhoughton Parish Heritage Group coffee morning on 15 October, and to those who were unable to make it and sent information and support. Our particular thanks to John Kim and to Longhoughton Primary School staff for photographs. We had a great time sharing maps, photographs and stories. We hope to do other similar events in future, and you can contact us via longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com if you have any stories you'd like to share.

David Cant from the group has been exploring the story of Isaac Milburn (1794 – 1886), a local hero.

An overgrown memorial in St Peter and St Paul's Churchyard looks like a pile of stones - but was carved from Italian marble and paid for by the local community in honour of a famous bonesetter. Isaac held surgeries for over 50 years in Morpeth, Alnwick and at his home in Longhoughton, resetting dislocated and broken limbs and bones.

Most people then had manual jobs in mines, quarries, fishing and farming, and little if any access to hospitals.

Isaac lived at Ratcheugh and from about 1865 in the cottage beyond Longbank Farm on the site of the old tile works. He lived here until his death.

A book of his life by Bruce Burns has recently been published, including many accounts of his successful cases and a painting of him when he was in his eighties.



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LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE PREMISES LICENCE CHANGES APPROVED

The application to change the premises licence was approved by the Licensing Committee. The licence now provides for the following activities between 8am and 11.30pm all year: Opening and closing, the performance of plays, the exhibition of films, indoor sporting events, the performance of live music, the playing of recorded music, the performance of dance and the supply of alcohol.

WARM HUBS COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Warm Hubs Community Lunches in December and January are as follows: Wednesday **14 December** 2022 and Wednesday **25 January** 2023 at 12 noon. Come and enjoy a lunch with other members of the community and have a good natter and exchange information. The lunches are produced by our own volunteers. To cover the costs there is a charge of £5. Tasty and scrumptious. To assist with catering, please book by phoning Pat Ellis on 01665 577973.

Longhoughton Community Centre Programme

Activity	Day	Times	Contact
Matting Group	Monday	9.30am - Noon	Liz 07715 313989
Loose Needles	Monday	1.30pm – 4.30pm	Ann
Film Nights	5 & 19 Dec 9 & 23 Jan	7.00pm to 9.30pm	facebook.com/longhoughtonfilmclub
Pound Pilates	Tuesday	6.00pm – 7.00pm	Sophie Facebook Fusion Fitness
Pilates Fusion	Tuesday	7.00pm – 8.00pm	As above
Yoga Stretch	Wednesday	9.30am – 10.30am	Deb 07958 593636
Seated Exercise to Music	Wednesday	11.30am – 12.30pm	Sophie Facebook Fusion Fitness
Warm Hubs	Last Wednesday		
Community Lunch	in month	12noon – 2.00pm	Pat 01665 577973
Indoor Bowling	Wednesday	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Sheila 01665 577340
Scouts and Cubs	Wednesday	6.30pm – 8.00pm	mike@1stlonghoughtonscouts.org.uk
Games Night	Thursday from 05.01.23	6.30pm – 8.00pm	Adrian 01665 572888
Longhoughton Rangers			
Social Nights	Friday & Saturday	6.00pm onwards	Dave 07486 360953
Interval Training	Saturday from 07.01.23	8.30am – 9.30am	Julie
Five-a-side football	Any day/evening	8.00am -10.00pm	01665 572315

Longhoughton Community Centre: AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Birthday parties and other celebrations including our 'football package'. Weddings, christenings and wakes. Social gatherings. Films, live streaming, plays and sporting events. Meetings including business meetings. Coffee mornings. Conferences and workshops. Dancing and dancing practice. Musical events. Sale of works and exhibitions. Football parties and groups. Five-a-side football.

Hire charges from £10 per hour including the use of the kitchen and free high speed wi-fi.

Licence for the sale of alcohol if needed.

Booking: Book on online on our website:

www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org or phone 01665 572315

Christmas Greetings

The Parish Council, Councillor Wendy Pattison and the Joint Editors wish all residents of the Parish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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