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deadline on 16 March, please.

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COMMUNITY EVENT TO MARK THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

This will be a major family event for the whole Parish to be held on Sunday 7 May 2023 to celebrate the King's Coronation. It will be held at the Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) and sponsored by RAF Boulmer, Longhoughton Parish Council and the Community and Sports Centre. It will be very similar to the QE2 Jubilee last June and entry to the site and most rides and activities will be FREE of charge. There will be activities for all the family including a dog show. Please put this in your diary. It's a MUST ATTEND EVENT.

An organising Committee is being formed and we welcome any residents who would like to be involved. Please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or email

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THE COST TO HOUSEHOLDS FOR THE YEAR 2023/24

The Parish Council has increased the annual precept for 2023/24 by £2,144 to £23,582 for the year. This is a 10% rise which is just under the rate of inflation. At the Band D level it means an increase for each household of £3.26 per annum. All Parish Councillors are volunteers and give a considerable amount of time to the community.

WINTER WARMER PROGRAMME AND THE COST OF LIVING CRISES

The Winter Warmer is being held every Thursday at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) from 11.00am to 2.00pm. We offer a warm environment, good conversation, soup and a roll made by our expert team of volunteers and we are organising a number of demonstrations and talks that will be of interest to people (see below). All the Winter Warmers are free of charge including the lunch (small donations welcome). Please come along and enjoy these sociable events – bring your neighbours. We will provide transport if you need it. For more information please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or email: adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

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THESE ARE SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT WE ARE ORGANISING:

Thursday 23 February 2023. Demonstration of Slow Cookers , how to save energy and information about gas and electricity charges. Some lucky residents will take home a free slow cooker for free.

Other activities (dates to be fixed):

Citizens Advice on benefits, debt and money.

Protect yourself from scams and fraud with Northumberland Age UK

Personal security at Home and in your Neighbourhood with Northumbrian Police

The amazing shorebirds on the Northumberland Coast

A history of Longhoughton Parish

CONGESTION IN LACEY STREET: PROPOSED CHANGES

The residents of Lacey Street have been experiencing parking congestion due to parking overflow from the Running Fox and the primary school drop off and pick up. Additionally there is an average of 2.5 vehicles per household needing to park in the street. The Parish Council conducted a review of these issues and produced a report which was discussed with residents at a public meeting in December. A number of changes are proposed which were endorsed at the January Parish Council meeting. These are :

- To request double yellow lines in Lacey Street at the junction with North End (B1339) to avoid congestion at the junction.
- To request that two sections of grass on the south side of Lacey Street (upper end) are replaced with grasscrete to enable vehicles to park off the road.
- To request a quotation for two advisory signs indicating that parking is needed for residents and school access.

CO-OPTION OF PETER MCEWAN TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Peter McEwan of Springfield, Longhoughton, was co-opted onto Longhoughton Parish Council at the January meeting to take one of two vacancies in Longhoughton. Peter's application for the vacancy showed extensive experience in a whole range of professional and voluntary positions throughout the North East.

There are still two vacancies for Parish Councillors, one at Longhoughton and one for Howick. The Parish Council is hoping to fill these vacancies so that that all ten councillor positions are filled. If you are interested please contact Liz Taylor, the Parish Clerk, on email: parishclerk@hotmail.com or phone 01665 830040. The Parish Council would like to thank the outgoing Councillors, David Hindson and Katie Middlemist for their service to the Parish Council and the community over the last 18 months.

RECOGNISING THE GOOD WORK THAT VOLUNTEERS DO

We are extremely grateful to the many volunteers in our community that do so much and take on all sorts of tasks including many who look out for their friends and neighbours. The community would be impoverished without them. The Parish Council is creating an opportunity for residents to nominate those who take on voluntary tasks within the community and go the extra mile. Full details will be included in the April newsletter. This scheme will not apply to Parish Councillors.



Above: Hazel, Madeline and Wendy at work in the kitchen

Below: Participants enjoying lunch



Above: Parked cars causing congestion at the junction with North End



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LONGHOUGHTON AND HOWICK QUARRY LIAISON GROUP

The MGL Group which now owns Longhoughton Quarry has agreed to proceed with the establishment of the Quarry Liaison Group. It is hoped to get the group established and for the first meetings to take place soon. The Constitution, put forward by Longhoughton Parish Council, provides for residents to be part of the Group. Two residents have already put their names down but the Parish Council would like to invite more residents to join the group. It is expected that the group will meet once per annum or twice at the most. For more information please contact either Peter Bromley or Adrian Hinchcliffe (contact details on the front sheet).



Now that the days are getting longer and spring feels like it could be just around the corner, the extra hours of daylight signal to many species

that it will soon be time for some dramatic seasonal behavioural change. Many of the winter shorebird species we can see on the Northumberland coast will soon be setting off on migration to their breeding grounds, one of the biggest challenges of their lives. One of the less common of these birds is the purple sandpiper. They spend their non-breeding months here feeding in the plentiful rocky-shore habitat found on our coast, but around April every year they begin setting off on a journey of up to 2000 miles that will take them as far north as Svalbard deep inside the Arctic circle. By giving these birds space to feed without being disturbed they have the best chance of making this epic journey successfully.

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

At the January meeting of the Parish Council the following applications for grants were approved:

St Peter and St Pauls Church, Longhoughton (grass cutting of the graveyard)	£950
Howick Art Group	£200
Longhoughton Community Gardeners (planters around the village)	£430
Longhoughton Heritage Group	£150
Pony Club	£200
Great North Air Ambulance	£100
Alnwick CAB	£100
Age UK Northumberland	£100

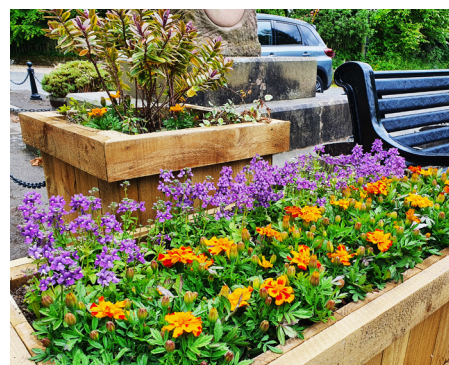
NEW HOUSING SITES AND LOCAL GREEN SPACES

Three new housing sites for an additional 37 new homes have been recommended by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for construction between now and 2036. The proposals are included in a detailed masterplan produced by the international company AECOM. These sites are at Longhoughton and Boulmer and the homes will primarily be for local needs which have been identified in the housing surveys undertaken by the group.

Following the rejection of a housing planning application for the Pondfield at Longhoughton, the Steering Group approved a proposal to classify the Pondfield as a Local Green Space. This status will preserve the Pondfield from further development provided the Neighbourhood Plan is approved. The Neighbourhood Plan containing all these proposals and much more will be ready for consultation with the community in the spring of this year. The Parish Council want a full consultation in which all residents can get involved and express their views.



Above: Northumberland's population of purple sandpipers is internationally important



Planters established by the community gardeners in 2022



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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

From May 2023 voters in England will need to show photo ID when they vote in person at elections in England. This is a change being introduced by the UK Government and will apply to all future local elections: referendums, recall petitions and Police and Crime Commissioner elections from May 2023 and all UK Parliamentary General Elections from October 2023. These new requirements will not affect electors who vote by post.

Electors who currently do not have an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate free of charge. The full list of accepted IDs is available on the Electoral Commission website, along with more information about the new requirements and details of how to apply for a free voter ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

This information has been issued by the Elections Office of Northumberland County Council.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT FOODBANK

The Co-op in Longhoughton is a collection point for Alnwick District Food Bank.

In addition they are getting well ahead of the ball and have started a saving stamps donation with the intention to use all the stamps donated to buy groceries in December 2023 and donate to the food bank at Christmas time.

If you'd like to help simply ask for x amount of saving stamps to be added to your bill at the till point.

JOIN NORTHERN POWERGRID'S PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

Those eligible? Got children under five? Are you claiming your pension? Do you have poor mobility? Are you hard of hearing? Got a serious health condition? Are you a carer? Need support communicating? Your needs are our priority during a power cut. To find out if you or your loved one could benefit

from joining our free Priority Services Membership search northernpowergrid.com/care at <https://northernpowergrid.custhelp.com>



Many of us suffer from moles in our gardens and on agricultural land. They can soon spoil the look of a manicured lawn and do great damage to grazing land and crops.

Harmful bacteria are brought to the surface with the soil and can spread diseases including listeria to livestock when molehills are incorporated into the silage. The molehills can also cause problems for agricultural machinery at harvest time and extra work, expense and downtime if the molehills themselves are drawn up into the harvest.

If you are experiencing mole problems Steve Elliott may be able to help. Contact: Mobile 073 76 291 215 or Email sw.elliott@hotmail.com

BOULMER NEWS

BOULMER CAR PARKS

The County Council has made promises to Longhoughton Parish Council on the development of car parking in Boulmer. None have been kept so the Parish Council has written to Rob Murfin, a Senior Director of Northumberland County Council. This is what has been said:

NEW CAR PARK NEXT TO THE MEMORIAL HALL

This has been promised since 2018. Drawings were produced in 2019 and in August 2021 the Parish Council was informed that the funding had been secured and that planning permission would be needed as a first step. Nothing has happened since then despite frequent requests for progress.

THE EXISTING BEACH CAR PARK

In July 2021 the Parish Council asked for discussions with the County Council with view to the County taking over responsibility for the existing car park. There was an agreement for these discussions to start but again nothing has happened despite frequent requests.

CHARGING FOR PARKING AND AN OVERALL PARKING SCHEME

From earlier discussion it was expected that the new car park and the existing car park would become chargeable car parks operated by the County Council. Charging for parking is likely to result in more vehicles parking on the Boulmer village street and



causing more congestion, especially for those residents who have to park their vehicles on the street due to the lack of off-street parking. The Parish Council therefore asked the County Council for a parking strategy to be established. There have been no discussions on this.

The existing beach car park is in a bad way and many complaints are being received (see photo p4). It was last renovated in 2021 and was done free of charge by David Purvis, the owner of Longhoughton Quarry as a gesture of goodwill to the community. This was the third occasion that David had done this. David died in July 2022 and the quarry has been taken over by a new group. The last time that Longhoughton Parish Council paid for the surface renovating was in 2016 when it costs £2,700. Since then the car park has seen a much greater number of vehicles parking including many campervans and motorhomes and it is an important tourist destination. With an annual income of £21,438 (2022/23) Longhoughton Parish Council does not have the resources to spend around £3,000 each year on the car park.

BOOKING BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

Call Nancy Robinson on 07769 698622 or message her through the Boulmer Memorial Hall Facebook page.

BOOKS BY THE SEA LIBRARY

The 'Books by the Sea' library is now operational and located next to the Boulmer Volunteer Rescue Service. Please use the library – there are no charges. Take a book and leave a book.

HOWICK NEWS

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.

<https://howickartgroupnorthumberland.com/>

Copley Hall booking with Jane Doleman 01665 577801



The Coast Path at Howick in January

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

LONGHOUGHTON and BOULMER WI

Our WI had a wonderful meal at the Cottage Inn and several members attended the County Carol Service at the Cathedral. We enjoyed coffee mornings at the Running Fox, Carnaby's, Bertram's, Alnwick Golf Club and McKennas at the Playhouse. Similarly our walks have included the historic trail of Alnmouth, the Christmas lights of Alnwick and a walk to Brizlee Tower.

Hopefully, by now, our February meeting, a Burns Supper will have taken place at the Community Centre (Westfield Park) with our own resident piper, Steve Christy piping the arrival of the guests, the entrance of the haggis and piping *Auld Lang Syne*.

We look forward to an interesting year of events including a possible boat trip and visit to Beamish Museum. For further information, contact Alison on 07837271882.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE (WESTFIELD PARK)

ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTRE

- Matting Group: Monday AM. Contact Liz on 07715 313989
- Loose Needles: Monday PM. Contact Ann Brixey
- Film Nights on the Big Screen: Monday Evenings. Contact Guy via WhatsApp on 07927 126074 to find out more.
- Yoga Stretch : Wednesday AM. Contact Deb Swift on 07958593636
- Seated Exercise to Music Wednesday AM: Contact Sophie Hastings.
Email fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com

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- Community Lunch 12 Noon (Last Wednesday in the month only:) Contact Pat Ellis 01665 577973
- Indoor Bowling Wednesday PM: Contact Sheila Abercrombie on 01665 577340
- Winter Warmer : Every Thursday 11.00am to 2.00pm. Contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888
- Pound Fusion: Thursday PM. Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie @gmail.com
- Pilates Fusion: Thursday PM: Contact Sophie Hastings. Email fusionfitnessbysophie @gmail.com
- Football Kickabout Friday PM: (For 11 to 16 years olds) Contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888
- Fitness with Julie: Saturday AM. Contact Julie on Email fitclasswithjulie@gmail.com
- Yoga for Beginners: Saturdays AM Contact Deb Swift on 07958 593636

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR NEW STARTERS

- Seated Exercise to Music: Contact Sophie (as above)
- Yoga Stretch: Contact Deb Swift
- BALANCE: A new exercise for backs and posture starting in February. Contact Sophie fusionfitnessbysophie @gmail.com
- Five-a-side Football: New teams half price. Contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888
- Fitness with Julie: Contact Julie on Email fitnessclasswithjulie@gmail.com
- Football Kickabout for ages 11 to 16 – Contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888

LONGHOUGHTON FILM CLUB SHOWS THE BEST MOVIES ON THE BIG SCREEN

Every Monday from 7.00pm at the Longhoughton Centre.
Wine, beer and soft drinks are available for purchase. Films start promptly at 7.30pm for a suggested donation of £2.

- 6 February: *In The Heat Of The Night* (1967)
- 13 February: *As Good As It Gets* (1997)
- 20 February: *Moulin Rouge* (2001)
- 27 February: *Inside Man* (2006)
- 06 March: *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (1964 – French with subtitles)
- 13 March: *Elvis* (2022)
- 20 March: *Lost in Translation* (2003)
- 27 March: *Brief Encounter* (2003)

PLUS: Watch out for Pop-Up Films which are advertised on the Longhoughton Film Club Facebook & WhatsApp Groups.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY CENTRE IS 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 dance practice. Musical events. Sale of work and exhibitions. Football parties and groups. Five-a-side football.

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

Licensed for the sale of alcohol if needed.

Bookings: Book online on our website

www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org or phone 01665 572315

LONGHOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Search for Longhoughton Parish Council on Facebook, and Longhoughton pc on Twitter and Instagram.



TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Centre are currently as follows:

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Adrian Hinchcliffe, Secretary
Stewart Barrett, Treasurer
Guy Downes, Communications and Marketing
Andrew Mc Dade, Building Maintenance
Kris Cochrane, Building Maintenance.



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