

# Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

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A recent event at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre

### MEDICAL FACILITIES SOUGHT FOR LONGHOUGHTON

After discussion between Longhoughton Parish Council, the Trustees of Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre and other key partners a wish list has been compiled of the medical facilities that we consider are required in Longhoughton. These are largely based on what residents have said to us previously including the consultation of March 2022. We will be taking this wish list for discussion to various organisations in the coming weeks.

- Medical facilities generally
- Consultations
- Clinics of various types
- Vaccinations of various types
- Social care
- Wellbeing programmes
- Mental health services and facilities
- Health campaigns
- Health champions
- Drop-in for the elderly
- Health and wellbeing services
- Dementia awareness and support
- Outreach services
- Social prescribing
- Bereavement support
- Health walks
- Aging well support
- Adult day care
- Health and social care
- Dealing with loneliness



## LONGHOUGHTON BEACH CAR PARK: PROPOSALS TO CHARGE FOR PARKING

By David Baring, Chair of Howick Trustees

“Sugar Sands”, “Howdiemont Sands”, “Longhoughton Beach” or simply “The Beach” – whatever name has been used in your house – is part of all our lives and a wonderful asset for our area. It has appeared in numerous press articles as an idyllic location and is now very much a local destination.

This increase popularity has created its own problems:

1. The traffic down Beach Road – with increased cars the peaceful route to walk down to the beach through Lowsteads Farm and past the Forsyth’s magnificent hedges can be fraught with dodging hot-hatches and discovering that hedges can have thorns!
2. The parking on the dunes had become like the wild west. With ever expanding territory and folk trying to camp on a regular basis. Destroying the habitat.



Red dots show groups of parked cars. The green area is the new designated parking area and road bounded by boulders

The dunes running from Burnmouth south are part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and need to be managed and preserved. The site is owned by Howick Trustees Ltd, the charity which owns and runs Howick Gardens and Arboretum. The Forsyths graze their cattle on the dunes for periods of the year to maintain the biodiversity.

In order to improve the situation, there have been a series of meetings between the Parish Council, Howick Trustees, AONB team and the Forsyths. The stones were installed last year and have weathered in well. The grass is recovering and parking is restricted to the original parking area designed decades ago.

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View north along the headland



Management of the area has relied on the goodwill of a few individuals voluntarily going down to open and close the gate and moving try-it-on campers off the site. This is not sustainable in the longterm. As such Howick Trustees will be introducing a modest parking charge for day visitors and allowing the purchase of season tickets for the community. Charges will be similar to those along the coast (e.g. Alnmouth - £3.50 day ticket, £25 season ticket). This will allow us to employ a team to manage the area and provide additional services to inform about the coast and what it offers.

As a charity, Howick Trustees, will use any surplus income to fund activities in line with their charitable objectives (heritage, environment and education). It is proposed the allocation of this will be discussed with a group made up of Howick Trustees, the Parish Council and Lowsteads Farm. The funds raised for the Longhoughton Church will continue as part of this process.

A website is being developed where more information will be published as it becomes available and ultimately it is hoped it will become a resource to inform about the coastline and what it offers. Watch this space: [www.Longhoughtonbeach.co.uk](http://www.Longhoughtonbeach.co.uk) when it goes live.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### LONGHOUGHTON PARISH QUARRIES LIAISON GROUP

The Group met for the first time on 16 June 2023. Adrian Hinchcliffe was elected as the chair and Robert Nicholson as the Vice Chair. David Love, a Senior Planning officer of the County Council, reviewed the reports on blasting over the last two years and also the complaints raised by residents. It was noted that the blasts have all been within the acceptable range for vibration and even the one on 27.03.23 was within the range. David confirmed that the Government set the allowable range within the National Planning Guidelines and not the County Council. It was confirmed that the Quarry Operator MGL are operating within Government Guidelines. David said that he was aware of complaints from residents about the impact of blasting vibration on their properties. He suggested that one way forward to deal with this is under the Environment Protection Act where possible property damage is seen as a nuisance. This is to be taken up with the Environment Services Section of the County Council. Network Rail are aware of the blasting at the quarry and carry out their own liaison with Longhoughton Quarry.

be very rewarding. If you are keen to find out more about the positions and what is involved please contact the Chair Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or Clerk Elizabeth Taylor on 01665 830040.



### DOORSTEP GLASS COLLECTION

Some residents have been asking when a doorstep glass collection facility is to be introduced. Councillor Pattison recently reported that the doorstep glass recycling pilot in Lesbury and other areas has been very successful and well received by residents. The County Council are planning to introduce kerbside glass collection across the County in 2024/25 subject to Government support and funding.



### REPORTING TO THE POLICE

Northumbria Police will always advise anyone to dial 999 in an emergency or in an incident that requires an immediate police response. For all other reports, dial 101 or alternatively the Northumbria Police Website (Home: Northumbria Police). These are great tools for keeping the Police informed of local community issues so that they can act upon concerns of the community.

Reporting on the website is straightforward. By clicking "Report It" members of the community will be taken to "Report an Incident" which proceeds to ask if the incident is an emergency and to ensure that the report is going through the correct method. More and more residents are using online web submissions to inform the police of local community issues and are finding it quick and easy to use.

### VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

We have vacancies for Parish Councillors at HOWICK and BOULMER. Would you like to represent your community? It can

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Plan is now ready for a major consultation with residents and Statutory Consultees. We hope that this will take place in October and November. All residents will be given a summary of the report and what it means for Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick. Watch this space!

## LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

### LONGHOUGHTON ROWERS HELP RAISE OVER £2,500 FOR THE RNLI

A number of Longhoughton residents recently took part in the 24-hour Solstice Row undertaken by Alnmouth Community Rowing Club (ACR) in aid of the RNLI. The aim was to raise £600 for Amble RNLI Station through donations including cake sales. The target was significantly exceeded with more than £2,575 raised.

About 40 rowers were organised in to one-hour shifts, with crews of five in each of the two skiff boats to ensure constant rowing between 10am on the 15 June and 10am on the 16. The weather was spectacular and so was nature, with dolphins, seals, puffins and orca keeping the rowers company in the waters between Boulmer and Alnmouth Bay. A stunning 24 hours was rounded off with a celebratory breakfast BBQ at the Old Boathouse.

The Longhoughton residents involved were Dave Foote, John and Sue Ellis, Jenny and David Cant, Katie and Jim Souter and Karen Murphy. To find out more about the Solstice Row and becoming a member of ACR go to <https://alnmouthrowing.org>



### LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have had a busy couple of months with our boat trip to The Farne Islands in June. The weather was very kind to us and the sea calm. Some ladies had a wonderful evening at the John Lewis Fashion Show preceded by a meal at The Baluga Bar in Newcastle. The June coffee morning was at The Old Boathouse in Amble which was very enjoyable despite the rain. The monthly walk, a loop from Beadnell across the beach towards Seahouses, included tea and scone at the Golf Club. It was glorious weather and the view stunning. We walked on the dunes at Annstead and had a picnic overlooking the sea, crossed the road to Annstead Farm, walked through the wheat fields and back to the cars. We popped in to The Landing for a cup of tea. The WI plot in the Church garden was weeded. Winnie and Geraldine stepped in at the last minute at our July meeting and helped ladies make zip pulls which were very unique and Jenny won first prize. The July coffee morning was at Alnwick Golf Club and much enjoyed by many ladies. We look forward to our August afternoon tea courtesy of Joan.

### DAILY ADULT CARE TO BE AVAILABLE IN LONGHOUGHTON

People First Care Limited are to run adult care services for members of the community every Friday from 10am to 3.00pm at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. They will provide refreshments, lunch, activities, in-house entertainment, trips out and above all top class care for your loved ones.

Please contact Emma Stephenson by email as follows: Emma Stephenson: [emmahatpeoplefirst@outlook.com](mailto:emmahatpeoplefirst@outlook.com) or phone 07493 923468

### LONGHOUGHTON HERITAGE GROUP OPEN DAY

Longhoughton Parish Heritage Group will be holding an event and exhibition at St Peter and St Paul's Church on Saturday 9 of September as part of Heritage Open Days. We will be talking about the church and churchyard, but also overlooked stories from the history of the parish. We plan for the exhibition to run in the church for the following week too. We hope to see you there; if you would like to learn more or get involved please contact [longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com)



## LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

### A SCAR ON THE LANDSCAPE

Longhoughton residents will have noticed the mast that has appeared on the road leading up the hill from Longhoughton towards Alnwick. This is a significant scar on the landscape. Its purpose is to give a signal to people who are travelling on trains on the East Coast Main Line – so that they have continuous access to a signal on this section of the line. Longhoughton Parish Council objected to the mast going up in its present position due to its impact on the scenic beauty of the area. Our objection was rejected by the County Council who approved the planning application.



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

### REPAIRS AT BOWMERE

Thanks to Deborah Burton some of the road defects on Bowmere have been reported and dealt with by the County Council.

### CAR PARKING AT BOULMER

The County Council has agreed to take over the existing Beach car park and this should take place in Spring 2024. It will become a paycar park. The County Council has nominated an officer to work with the Parish Council on a parking strategy for the whole village. With regard to the proposed new car park next to the Memorial Hall there is doubt whether planning permission can be obtained. This is being further investigated by the County Council.

### MEMORIAL SEAT ON BOULMER DUNES IN MEMORY OF HAZEL AND JOHN STEPHENSON

This seat has been renewed recently in memory of Hazel and John Stephenson who were very active members of the Boulmer community. Hazel and John met when Hazel was stationed in Northumberland in the WAAF during the war. They lived just over the road from the location of the bench. Hazel ran the village shop and post office. She was a Brown Owl for the local Brownies group, ran the village whist drives in the village hall and was an active member of the church. John was a fisherman, auxiliary coastguard, parish councillor, school governor, church warden, and a founder member of the Boulmer Volunteer Rescue Service that was created when the RNLI withdrew from the village. He also served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War. They were both very community minded and it is appropriate that they are remembered. Information supplied by Margaret Robinson (nee Stephenson).



### LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS

**Saturday 12th August 11.00 to 13.00**  
**Longhoughton Community Centre**

Join us for **cakes and coffee** to find out who we are and what we do

- **Everyone welcome**
- **Free kid's ice lollies**
- **Raffle**

All proceeds for bulbs and seeds for the village verges, planting at village entrances and a community orchard

## BOULMER NEWS

### BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

The Hall now has FREE high speed WiFi courtesy of Alncom. The next events being put on by the Trustees are a Craft Fair on the 27 August 11 until 3 and a pop-up Café on 24 September. Booking enquires for the Hall: Please contact

## HOWICK NEWS

### PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH TO HOWICK BURN

Tree surgeons have been secured for clearing and restoring this important footpath, ahead of installing the new bridge in Cushat Wood over Howick Burn, later this year. This is being generously sponsored by Northumberland Coast AONB and supervised by members of the Parish Council.

#### Howick Village Hall booking

Jane Doleman 01665 577801

### HOWICK ART GROUP ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Howick Village Hall

**August Bank Holiday Weekend**

**26 to 28 August 2023**

**10am to 5pm**



Refreshments

Northumbrian artists : Over 100 original works and prints : Greetings cards : wide range of styles and media

[www.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com](http://www.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com)

## LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE (WESTFIELD PARK)

### Thursday Together coffee mornings from 10.00am to noon.

Come and enjoy a coffee and chat with your friends and neighbours. There will be indoor and outdoor activities and games all free of charge. Thursday Together will be open on the following dates:

- Thursday 10 August 2023
- Thursday 14 September 2023. This will include an Energy Saving presentation by Citizens Advice Northumberland.
- Thursday 12 October 2023

### Children's Summer Holiday Activities

These are planned over the summer holidays. There will be indoor and outdoor activities and games. Young people – come and enjoy on the following dates:

- Thursday 3 August 1pm to 4pm
- Thursday 10 August 1pm to 4pm
- Thursday 24 August 1pm to 4pm
- Thursday 31 August 1pm to 4pm

**Longhoughton Film Club** The film club has been running for nine months and is a great success. It is clearly meeting a need in the Community. At a recent showing of *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* thirty residents attended and all received a free glass of Prosecco on arrival. What a great deal for a donation of £3. Films are shown every Monday from 7.30pm. Forthcoming films are:

- 31.07.23 Sunset Boulevard
- 07.08.23 Dungeons and Dragons
- See Facebook – Longhoughton Film Club.

**Community Lunch** Come and enjoy a lunch with your friends and neighbours. Only £5 for a three-course meal. Tremendous value and a good occasion. The lunch is on the last Wednesday of each month commencing at noon. The menu for Wednesday 30 August is: Chicken Tagine, Rice and Veg; Chocolate Pudding and Strawberries; Tea or Coffee.

### Other regular activities

Most regular activities will be starting again in September – see the following:

Monday AM Matting Group  
Monday PM Pins and Needles  
Monday PM Longhoughton Film Club  
Tuesday PM Pilates  
Wednesday AM Yoga Stretch  
Wednesday AM Seated Exercise to Music  
Wednesday PM Longhoughton Indoor Bowling  
Wednesday PM Community Lunch on the last Wednesday of each month  
Wednesday PM Scouts  
Thursday AM Thursday Together on the 2nd Thursday of each month  
Thursday PM Ballance  
Fridays PM Social Gatherings most week.

### BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have accommodation available for all purposes. Visit our online booking facility on [www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org](http://www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org) or phone 01665 572315.



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