

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION THE RESPONSES

Thank you to the 97 residents who sent in a response form along with the 43 who attended the exhibition and drop-in events. Additionally 17 statutory consultees and other businesses/organisations responded to the consultation. Overall the level of support from residents for the draft policies is strong with 14 policies receiving in excess of 80% and the lowest level of support being 62%.

The steering group are in the process of reviewing comments and will discuss and agree the changes that need to be made to the plan, in response to the feedback, before presenting an updated draft plan to the Parish Council who will need to approve it before it is submitted to the County Council for examination. Residents will be made aware of what is being released to the County Council and there will be a further opportunity to comment on the submission draft plan via a consultation organised by the County Council. The plan will then be assessed by an independent examiner, amendments made to reflect comments and then there will be a referendum, where all those registered to vote in the parish will be able to say if they think the plan should be adopted.

There were a number of misconception which came through in the responses and two of these are covered below.

Parking at Longhoughton Co-op and the suggestion of a Plaza.

The Steering Group and Parish Council would like it to be known that there are absolutely no plans to restrict the parking outside the Co-op. If anything the parking needs to be expanded.



Permanent Occupation of Properties

Policy LBH8 proposes permanent occupation for all new properties in Boulmer Ward. Many people in their responses said that permanent occupation should be a proposal for the whole Parish. A policy of 'permanent occupation' is only applicable for Boulmer Ward for the following reason.

There is an overriding Northumberland-wide policy that says 'permanent occupation' is only permissible where the number of second homes and holiday lets exceeds 20%. Within the Parish of Longhoughton we have the following levels of second homes



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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the **deadline on 19 January**, please.

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and holiday lets in relation to total houses:
Based on these levels, only Boulmer with 35% qualifies for 'permanent occupation' due to the overriding Northumberland policy.

Longhoughton Ward	4.1%
Boulmer Ward	35.0%
Howick Ward	12.5%
Parish Overall	8.0%

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

RESURRECTION OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

Parish Councillor Hannah Horsley has offered to re-start the Longhoughton Parish Climate Change Group. This Group is to promote projects and information about countering the impacts of Climate Change on our Parish. Dealing with these impacts is an enormous challenge. They will significantly impact upon the way we live. Just about everything is going to change over the next ten to twenty years as we adapt to living without oil and gas and helping nature to adapt to environmental changes. What we can do in the Parish of Longhoughton is small but we can link with what the County Council is doing and national Government. We did start a Group in 2019 but COVID stopped it progressing. If you are interested in being involved with the challenge please contact Hannah Horsley by email at hannahjmorgan.25@gmail.com

BRIDGE OVER THE HOWICK BURN

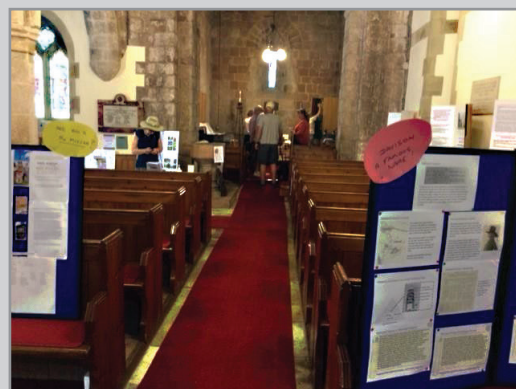
The work is progressing and the steel handrail and timber will be installed by the end of November, which will be the final element of the bridge. We are enormously thankful to everyone involved in the project which has been very difficult due to the location and the conditions.

LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have enjoyed many interesting talks, walks and coffee mornings and provided refreshments for the Community Gardeners Group and at the very successful Craft Fair. Our Christmas meal will be at Ad Gefrin including a tour of the museum. There will be a fun quiz in January with prizes for the lucky winners and losers. We welcome new members Sally, Jayne and Helen. For more information, please contact Alison on 07837271882.

LONGHOUGHTON PARISH HERITAGE GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Longhoughton Parish Heritage Day and Exhibition for Heritage Open Days back in September. Special thanks go to everyone who baked treats for the day, to Bruce Burns for coming to talk about his ancestor Isaac Milburn the bonesetter, and to everyone who brought maps, stories and objects along. We had a great time sharing what we have found during our survey of the graveyard, and stories of the people who are buried here. We hope to do other events next year. You can contact Jenny at longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com if you would like to get involved or have any stories you'd like to share.



CHURCH SERVICES THIS CHRISTMAS

LONGHOUGHTON

Christmas Eve: The Crib Service at 3.30pm - a simple family service as the children help to put the figures into the Christmas Crib.

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm

Christmas Day: A family service at 10.30am on Christmas morning

HOWICK

Christmas Day: Morning Prayer at 9.00am



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS – GRANTS AVAILABLE

Longhoughton Parish Council welcomes grant applications from existing or new community groups within the Parish (Longhoughton, Boulmer and Howick) which are for the benefit of the community. The Parish Council wishes to see a thriving community with lots of different groups for people to get involved with. Decisions on grants will be made at the January 2024 meeting and applications should be sent to Elizabeth Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council by email to parishclerk@hotmail.com to be received no later than Friday 5 January 2024. Please write no more than 200 words explaining what the grant will be used for and the amount that you are applying for. As a guide the average is likely to be around £100.

THE DIGITAL PHONE SWITCHOVER

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from the old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline systems using digital technology. This may have already happened to some customers who have switched to full fibre broadband. People who use personal alarms or health monitoring devices should check if the switchover will affect how they work. Digital landlines cannot carry a power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. Mobile phones will still work. However, if you have no other means of making an emergency call please make sure that you inform your telecoms provider.

ONECALL

OneCall is one number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquiries in Northumberland, helping the most vulnerable people to keep safe. If you are worried about the immediate welfare (health and wellbeing) of an elderly or vulnerable person, contact OneCall:

- Phone 01670 536400 (24/7, 365 days a year)
- Email: onecall@northumberland.gov.uk



HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLINICS AND TALKS IN LONGHOUGHTON

Kirsty Yellowlees, an expert Health and Wellbeing Advisor from the County Council is running a clinic and giving talks at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) on the following dates:

Thursday 14 December 2023 from 11.30am to 1.30pm. The talk will be on the topic of '**Food labels and Portion sizes**'.

Thursday 18 January 2024 from 11.30am to 1.30pm. The talk will be on '**Physical Activity and the five ways to wellbeing**'.

Health checks on offer: blood pressure checks, weight checks and health discussions.

LIONS TALKING NEWSPAPER

Do you know anyone with sight impairment? Alnwick Lions offers easy to use equipment to enable the listener to keep up to date with Local News. This is all free of charge. For more information call Sandra on 07815 832699

LONGHOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Longhoughton Parish Council will meet on the following dates:

December 2023: No Meeting

15 January 2024: Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre 7.30pm

18 February 2024: Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre 7.30pm



QUIET LANE STATUS

Following all the discussion about the status of the lane from Longhoughton to the beach car park at Longhoughton beaches (via Low Steads Farm), the Parish Council is asking the County Council to give it the status of a 'Quiet Lane'. This would mean that walkers and cyclists would be given much greater priority than motor vehicles. There are Quiet Lanes in many English Counties but not Northumberland. In Scotland they call them 'Walking and Cycling Friendly Roads'.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS NEED YOUR HELP

Our volunteers have been busy out and about mowing and trimming verges, clearing footpaths and planting. On a day in October around 45 volunteers, of all ages, planted over 6000 spring bulbs throughout Longhoughton including 2000 crocuses in the church yard. It was a fabulous community event with the promise of a lovely display in spring.

Co-op Sponsorship – How you can help. Our bid for becoming the Co-op local charity of choice has been successful. You can help by nominating Longhoughton Community Gardeners (LCG) as your cause and when you purchase Co-op branded goods LCG will receive 1%. If you need assistance to choose LCG for your Co-op cause, then we will be happy to assist you, please get in touch.

We are in talks with North Hospice to raise money for them by promoting an open garden's day trail in Longhoughton. To do this we need residents to offer their garden, big or small, immaculate or wild, shrubs, flowers or vegetable, the more diversity the better. We would also welcome volunteers to organise this special day. We are hoping this will be a great community day for **Longhoughton and the Hospice**.

We have lots of plans for making our parish an even more vibrant and green in the coming year so please support us if you are able. We welcome people getting involved.

You can contact us via Instagram (@longhoughtoncg) and on FB (Longhoughton Community Gardeners) or contact Gill Bromley by email: gillbrom56@yahoo.com



DOG POO: People are complaining throughout the Parish about the amount of dog poo that is not being picked up. We know that it is a small minority of dog owners who are not picking up and spoiling the situation for those who are responsible. Failing to clean up after your dog/s is unacceptable. Dog fouling is one of the top environmental priorities and one of the issues most commonly raised by residents. Not only is it unpleasant but dog dirt can carry serious diseases which can cause blindness and liver disorders, and children are the most susceptible. In Northumberland there are fines of up to £1,000 for not picking up dog poo which applies anywhere in the open air.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

THURSDAY TOGETHER

Thursday Together will be held every Thursday at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) from 11.30am to 1.30pm from 7 December 2023 to 28 March 2024. It is an opportunity for friends and neighbours to get together for a chat and catchup. A light lunch is served along with refreshments and it is all free. There will be the occasional presentation on topics of interest and the monthly Health and Wellbeing clinic will be part of the programme.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Community Lunch, prepared by skilled volunteers is held normally on the last Wednesday of each month at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) commencing at 12 noon. Anyone can attend. There is a main course and a pudding plus tea or coffee for just £5.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20 DECEMBER 2023 **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Wednesday 31 JANUARY 2024

To help with the catering arrangements, if you wish to attend please call Pat Ellis to book on **01665 577973**.

LONGHOUGHTON FILM CLUB

Fantastic films are shown every MONDAY evening starting from 7.30pm. A full range of films are shown on the big screen from modern up-to-date films to those favourites from years gone by. There are refreshments available before each showing and a donation of £3 is asked from each person. The Film Club had its first anniversary recently. It has met a significant need in Longhoughton and surrounding area and congratulations are due to the organisers Guy Downes, Suzanna Warrick and Joanna Davies. See the Facebook page for Longhoughton Film Club for the films to be shown.



FRIDAY FOOTBALL KICK-ABOUT

Since last January the Trustees of the Community and Sports Centre have put on a one hour kick- about for young people 11 to 16 years of age on the Astro-turf pitch. This has been sponsored first by Sport England, then by the Ballenger Trust and from next January RAF Boulmer is to take that role. We are very appreciative of these sponsors that enable a fully qualified coach to take these sessions. These sessions are open to anyone in the community between the ages of 11 and 16 of both male and female. SESSIONS START AT 5.00PM EACH FRIDAY.

NEW ROOM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new room is available for hire at the Community and Sports Centre. It has been created from two unused changing rooms and by adding two external windows and a new external door. It has 56 square metres of space and can be booked for a whole range of activities. The conversion cost was £46,000 and this was paid for by a grant from the National Lottery.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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 Community Lunch (Last Wednesday of each month)
Wednesday PM Indoor Bowling Club
Thursday AM/PM Thursday Together/ Health and Wellbeing Clinics/Talks
Fridays PM Social Gatherings.

Other Social Events are being planned – Watch the Web site for details.



BOOK THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We have accommodation available for all purposes: meetings including business meetings; christenings, weddings, birthday parties, funeral wakes; conferences and workshop and outdoor football on our Astro-turf pitch. Competitive hire charges. Visit our on-line booking facilities at www.longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org



CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND SOCIAL AT WESTFIELD PARK

Friday 15th December 2023. Quiz starts at 7.30pm. BAR. Top PRIZES. All Welcome!

COMMUNITY CENTRE – VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

If you have some time available we are looking for residents to be involved in the activities at the Centre. We are looking for someone who would be willing to carry out monthly visual checks on our Children's Activity Area and for a number of people to be involved in compiling and helping to run a programme of social events for the community. No particular experience is needed but any offers would be gladly accepted. For more information please contact Jeremy Pickard on email j.pickard@hljs.co.uk or Adrian Hinchcliffe on adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

BOULMER NEWS

BOULMER CAR PARKS

The County Council is still waiting to hear from English Nature on the status of the proposed location for the new car park next to Boulmer Memorial Hall. The County Ecologist has expressed the view that the construction of a car park in the field could have an impact on wild birds which are on the endangered list. The Parish Council has put forward several mitigation measures. Natural England said they would respond by 24 November 2023. In any case, the lead County Councillor John Riddle has asked for a site visit with all parties present. The new car park is proposed to help with the sustainability of Boulmer Memorial Hall and to take parking traffic off the village street. It is NOT attempting to provide parking for more vehicles than come to Boulmer than at present.

Storm Damage

The recent high tides and north-sea-swell caused considerable damage along the coast. At Boulmer damage has been caused to the sea bank protecting the Beach Car Park. Huge rocks that were put down five years ago to stop the sea swilling away the sand have all collapsed and the sea has undermined the car park. This is to be taken up with the Environment Agency for it needs more rocks to be placed in this area to stop further erosion.



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.

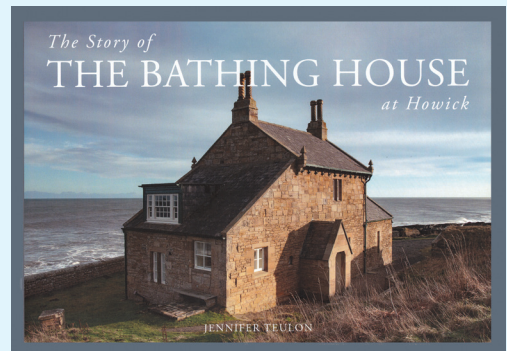
Howick WI: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Contact Jeanette Archbold on 01665 577384

Howick Art Group welcomes new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 09.45 to 12.25pm.

Copley Hall booking: Jane Doleman 01665 577801

THE STORY OF THE BATHING HOUSE AT HOWICK

This new book is the first comprehensive account of the place and its people over more than two hundred years. It includes the Grey family who developed the Bathing House and used it until the 1940s. It also tells of the ups and downs in the life of the building itself, and of the people who actually lived in the house, or have stayed there in more recent times. Jen Teulon was inspired to research and write the story out of her love of Howick and the Bathing House, and to share it in a book. It features a generous introduction by Lord Howick and can be obtained from the Accidental Bookshop in Alnwick or through the author by email: bathinghouse@yahoo.com. Paperback costs £15.00.



HOWICK HALL GARDENS AND ARBORETUM VOLUNTEERS

Having volunteered at Howick for two seasons now and enjoyed every minute of it I just wanted to say that we are always seeking more volunteers. Whatever your skills and interests, they will be appreciated and developed in a relaxed and very friendly way. You can join one of the practical teams working in the gardens and arboretum with however much time you want to give, or you can come and help visitors with information in the Visitor Centre, which is what I do on Friday afternoons in the season. You will always work along with like minds and we learn a lot from each other, especially about the family history and the collection of trees and plants which was developed through generations. If I was asked to name one big thing that I learnt there, it was that the arboretum's wild origin collection features two baby Bristlecone Pines. The Bristlecone Pine is found in North America and is the longest living organism on the planet. There are examples there believed to have lived for between four and five thousand years, which rather puts our revered Yews in the shade, so far as longevity goes! If you'd like information or want to be put in touch let me know on 07869 330066 or at chrismerylthomas@gmail.com.

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