

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

THE LONGHOUGHTON SUMMER FETE

A great success

There was something for everyone at the Summer Fete. It was organised to provide fun for all the family and it achieved this despite an early shower of rain. There were so many activities from the climbing wall, to fairground rides, bouncy castle, art competition, dog show, and not to mention the running races, live music from the Duchess High School Band, singing from the Military Wives Choir, the penalty shoot-out, coconut shy, the falconry display and the tug-of-war. Many charity and local organisations had displays in a marquee and a second marquee was devoted to a craft fair.



Memories of the day. From top left clockwise: Julie Cordon, Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland and her brother Alyn Routledge; residents observing the activities, The Duchess High School Band; enjoying the Military Wives Choir; scaling the climbing wall; the ever popular Miami Ride.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the organisers, the RAF, Parish Council and the Community and Sports Centre Trust and to the organising committee. We must also thank the funders of the Fete; Longhoughton Parish Council, RAF Boulmer, Northumberland Estates, the RAF Benevolent Society, Pinnacle and the RAF Officer's and Sergeant's Mess. Thanks also to the RAF team lead by David Sandilands. Others to thank are the

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Newsworthy items for the next edition, before the **deadline on 13 September**, please.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

WI, Longhoughton Rangers Football Club, as well as the chief guests, Julie Cordon the Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland and Councillor Wendy Pattison. Also thanks to Reece Humphries for acting as DJ and Master of Ceremonies, and many residents and friends who officiated in many ways to make the event possible. A great time was had by all.

SPEEDWATCH

An Interactive speed sign is to be installed on Station Road Longhoughton west of the railway bridge. This will display their speed in relation to 30mph to motorists coming into Longhoughton. This entry into Longhoughton is known to be where the 30mph and 20mph speed limits are significantly exceeded and it is hoped that the information provided by the interactive sign will help motorists restrict their speed. The machine will be installed by the County Council, but owned by Longhoughton Parish Council. It has been paid for out of the Capital Allowances available to Councillor Wendy Pattison and we are most grateful to Wendy. The speedwatch team recently reported that three out of every ten motorists that they check are speeding in either the 20 or 30mph zones in Longhoughton. Please abide by the speed limits to make Longhoughton a safe place to live.



LONGHOUGHTON HIDDEN GARDENS DAY

Thirteen residents of Longhoughton opened their gardens for the first Longhoughton Hidden Gardens Day on 29 June 2024 in aid of Hospice Care North Northumberland and organized by Longhoughton Community Gardeners.

It was a beautiful day all round! £2,468 was raised for the hospice and over £1000 from plants, teas and raffle for the Community Gardening Group to use for our village. Longhoughton looked wonderful and the hundreds who attended praised the village and the gardens.

Longhoughton Women's Institute brilliantly organized the refreshments and cake stall. Village residents donated plants for an abundant plant stall. Longhoughton Sewing and Knitting Group made a beautiful quilt to raffle and decorated the village with bunting of knitted flowers. We hope it can become an annual or biannual event with your help.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY GARDENERS ANNUAL MEETING

Longhoughton Community Gardeners are to hold their annual meeting on Thursday 8 August 2024 at 10.00am at the Longhoughton Community Centre. Hear what we have achieved this year. Have your say on where we go from here. Become a member of the committee. Listen to the plans for a Community Orchard and get involved. Come have a cuppa and a cake! ALL WELCOME!



HOWICK BURN BRIDGE OPENING ON SATURDAY 10 AUGUST

from 11.30 for a 12 noon opening

You are invited to come along to the opening ceremony at the new bridge over Howick Burn on Saturday 10 August. There will be some words of thanks from the Chair of the Parish Council, Adrian Hinchcliffe, to the sponsors of the bridge, before David Baring (Chair of Howick Trustees Ltd) cuts the ribbon at 12 noon, as formal recognition that this fine bridge is open for the community and visitors alike to enjoy for many years to come. The parish council is grateful to the following for their robust support in successfully bringing the bridge to completion. We thank David Baring and Howick Trustees for their agreement and support for the bridge. Peter Bromley is the councillor whose enthusiastic leadership and persistence led to completion of the project over many years. Northumberland Coast, National Landscape assisted with identifying financial support through Mark Middleton, Recovery and Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer. James Forsyth, Richard Hodgson, Tommy Thompson and Andrew Ball lent their land and practical help to the contractors. The bridge was built in the most challenging conditions by Ian Weatheritt and

his team. The new gates along the route were installed by Stuart Padgett of Perfect Meadows. The community is grateful to them all.

NHS

Aged 40-74? Find out about our **FREE NHS** Health Check

Even though you might be feeling great, if you're over forty you may be at risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, diabetes or dementia.

A **FREE NHS Health Check** can help you reduce these risks and make sure that you stay healthy.

**Thursday 12 Sept at
the Longhoughton
Community and
Sports Centre from
noon to 7.00pm.**

The later finishing time has been set to allow those who are working to attend.

No appointment is needed, just drop-in.

All confidential.

NHS HEALTH CHECK Helping you prevent
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COMMUNITY HEALTH WALKS

Would you like to join a local walking group, where you can enjoy some fresh air and meet new people? Northumberland's Health Trainer Service in conjunction with Longhoughton Parish Council is planning to organising a weekly wellbeing walk and everyone is welcome! Dates and times are to be confirmed, but if you are interested, please email northumberlandwellbeingwalks@northumberland.gov.uk or adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

PRESCRIPTION PICK-UP AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Patients of Alnwick Medical Group can pick up their repeat prescriptions from the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park). The times for pick-up are Tuesday each week between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and Friday each week between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. Please use this service. Ask Alnwick Medical Group to deliver your repeat prescriptions to Westfield Park for pick-up. Use it or lose it.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



We are coming to the end of the 2024 nesting season, and once again it's been a year of mixed success for ringed plovers nesting along the Northumberland coast.

At the time of writing this article in July, 7 chicks have fledged so far from our nest protection areas, with more nests still to hatch. Residents and visitors alike have been gripped by the precarious lives these young birds lead, stopping by to watch them running about on the shore. Northumberland Coast Conservation Team volunteers have been an integral part of our team again this year, helping the birds at every stage of their journey from searching for birds on territory at potential nesting sites to monitoring the chicks and keeping them safe from predators. Thank you to everyone who has given the nesting birds the space they need to raise their young on our busy beaches.



VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. More information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, Elizabeth Taylor, on parishclerk@hotmail.com.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

THREE MEN ON THEIR BIKES

A few of us at the July Thursday Together were treated to Adrian Hinchcliffe's entertaining talk '1510 Miles of Absolute Pleasure'.

Adrian, then 58, his 68-year-old brother and 74-year-old friend Bernard, undertook a cycle ride from Land's End to John o'Groats to celebrate 50 years of the Huddersfield Star Wheelers Cycling Club. They took 27 days to cycle a journey that many, at a third of their age, would consider beyond super human.

It was an engaging, amusing, well presented account of the spills, trials and triumphs of three Yorkshiremen travelling the length of the UK on a shoestring and unreliable bikes, sustained by apple pie, Yorkshire grit and driven by the need each day to get to a Youth Hostel before they close at 10pm. To be repeated! JL

LONGHOUGHTON PARISH HERITAGE GROUP

Thank you to everyone who came along to St Peter and St Paul's Church on 29 June to see our display or have called in to the church to see it since, or dropped by our stall during the summer fête. We wanted to reflect the history of the church on the 150th anniversary of its restoration, when its current appearance was created. We also uncovered some interesting stories about its vicars, from pious puritans and military heroes, to one whose life literally became a farce (performed on stage!). We have so far recorded 170 gravestones and built up a database of old records. We hope to showcase some of what we have so far during Heritage Open Days this year which will be from the 6 to 15 September, and look at more events later in the year. If you would like to get in touch, please drop Jenny a line via longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com.

A DISCUSSION: CROWLEA ROAD ROUTE DOWN TO THE BEACH

The County Council has confirmed that the speed limit for road down to Longhoughton Beach is 60mph. This has been checked out because there is no de-restriction sign at the bottom of Crowlea Road. The Parish Council view is that this road should be restricted to 20mph and will be pursuing this. The County Council has confirmed that they do not wish to adopt the status of a 'Quiet Lane'.

LEFT TURNING INTO BURNSIDE

Following discussions with the County Council they are now considering the installation of a 'No left turn' sign.

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COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE

Hallmark Accreditation Achieved

The Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre has again passed an extensive assessment for it to be credited with the prestigious Hallmark Accreditation standard at all three levels. The Centre went through a thorough assessment on 20 May conducted by a member of Community Action Northumberland who administer the scheme on behalf of the national charity ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

Football Kick-About for 11 to 16 year olds

The weekly kick-about session for 11 to 16 year olds will re-start on 13 September 2024 provided a coach is available. More information will be circulated by email prior to the start date.

Thursday Together

Thursday Together coffee morning and get-together in August and September will take place at the Community and Sports Centre on the following dates from 10.30am to 12.00 noon.

Thursday 8 August

Thursday 12 September

More information will be circulated by email prior to each date.



Regular activities return in the autumn

Monday

AM Matting Group
PM Pins and Needles

Tuesday

Evening Film Club
Prescription Pick up
1pm to 2pm
Evening Pilates

Wednesday

AM Yoga Stretch
PM Indoor Bowling
Evening - Scouts

Thursday

AM Thursday Together
(second Thursday each month)
Evening Boxercise

Friday

Prescription pick-up (4pm to 5pm)

Community Lunches

The next Community Lunches will be held on the following dates: **Wednesday 28 August** and **Wednesday 25 September**.

BOULMER NEWS

HOGWEED CLEARING

Thank you to the following people for helping to clear the hogweed off Boulmer Meadow:

Katie Souter, Jane Lynch, Sandy Brown, Sue Wanless, David Cant, Paula McEwen, Debbie Burton, Chris Robinson, Amie Read, Wendy Hinchcliffe, Adrian Hinchcliffe, Liz Whittle, John Whittle.

BOULMER MEADOW

Hay bales available free

For the last three years the hay bales that are produced from the cutting of the meadow have gone to a Northumberland farmer. Unfortunately, that will not be possible this year and we have around 70 small bales of hay available in September when the meadow is cut for anyone who wants them free of charge. If you would like the bales or know someone who would, please get in touch with Adrian Hinchcliffe on adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRASS CUTTING

The footpaths across Boulmer Meadow have been maintained on a voluntary basis since 2017 by Adrian Hinchcliffe. Is anyone willing to share this voluntary task? Please contact Adrian if you are interested or would like more information.

BOULMER BEACH CAR PARK

The existing lease held by the Parish Council for the Boulmer dunes, including the Village Green, Boulmer Meadow and the car park is being amended to enable the County Council to take over the car park. This will happen from 29 September 2024 when the County Council will take over the car park. It is the intention of the County Council to introduce parking charges.

BOULMER NEWS

CAR PARK NEXT TO THE MEMORIAL HALL

The County Council is working on a planning application for a proposed car park immediately next to the Boulmer Memorial Hall. They anticipate this will be published in September or October. It is now seven years since the community first asked for a car park in this location to minimise the disruption from parked cars in the vicinity of the Memorial Hall and the Fishing Boat Inn, and for users of the Memorial Hall.

ACTIVITIES AT BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

Boulmer Memorial Hall will be holding their popular craft pop ups on 11 August and 15 September 11 till 3. Please remember it's cash only at the cafe though the stall holders do take cards. Pencil in Friday 25 October for a Spooky Quiz; more details to follow. Our beautiful hall



is also available to hire; contact Nancy at tomsmum@icloud.com or message the hall on Facebook.

LONGHOUGHTON TO BOULMER PAVEMENT

We are grateful to the County Council for cutting back the weeds and nettles and overgrown hedge on the section between the RAF Camp and the Boulmer 30mph sign. It has made it much safer for pedestrians and runners that use pavement. Only two residents responded to the suggestion in the June newsletter that the speed of the road should be restricted to 40mph to make it safer for the pedestrians that use the pavement which includes many families with young people.

HOWICK NEWS

BANK HOLIDAY ART EXHIBITION

Howick Village Hall Sat 24 to Mon 26 August 10am to 5pm

Northumberland-based artists, original artworks, prints & greeting cards in a wide range of styles and media. Cash or cheque for sales



REFRESHMENTS

Howick Art Group

howickartgrouppnorthumberland.com



HOWICK HALL GARDENS AND ARBORETUM

Thinking of volunteering in the glorious gardens or historic visitor centre? Contact the team at estateoffice@howickuk.com for more information.

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: We welcome new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 09.45 to approximately 13.15. Our annual subscription at present is £80 which includes rental of the hall, the running of two exhibitions per year (one in the spring, usually over the Early Spring Bank Holiday and one over the August Bank Holiday), visiting tutors, workshops and refreshments. If you would like to join our group, please contact us via our website at: www.howickartgrouppnorthumberland.com

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