

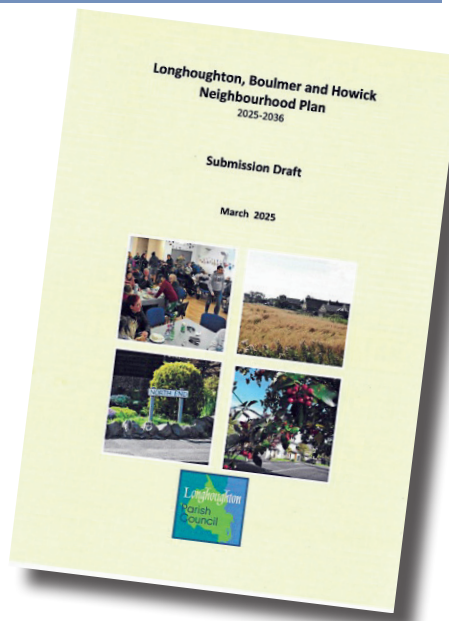
Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton

Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2036

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to the County Council to be checked for completeness and a final six-week consultation arranged by the County Council. After this the County Council will appoint an independent examiner who will consider the comments and assess whether the plan meets the various legal requirements. The plan will then be subject to a referendum of voters within the Parish of Longhoughton.

Even though there was a high level of support for the policies and proposals contained within the Plan at the major consultation which took place in autumn of 2023, the Steering Group has commissioned further work in response to your comments trying to change aspects of the plan to gain more support. We believe that the plan has many benefits for the community and the headlines are as follows:

- Three sites allocated for new housing (two in Longhoughton and one in Boulmer)
- A total of 34 new houses of which a minimum of 13 will be affordable
- Creation of a small area of parkland on Burnside, Longhoughton
- Creation of a new recreation area on what is the Old Recreation Field, plus a small car park accessed from Crowlea Road
- All new housing development in Boulmer Ward will be restricted to permanent occupation only
- A new settlement boundary for Boulmer village
- Eight areas of land to be classified as Local Green Space (equivalent to Green Belt)
- Fourteen areas of land in Longhoughton to be classified as Protected Open Space
- A new design guide for the Parish for the compliance of all new planning applications
- Support for energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Support for improving and extending walking and cycling routes
- Restrict the location of new development to within (contd.)



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Newsworthy items for the next edition before the

deadline on May 15, please.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

the settlement boundaries of Longhoughton and Boulmer

- Protect and enhance the community facilities and services, the local character, landscape and heritage assets
- Support for small scale rural exception sites for affordable housing
- 39 Community Actions linked to help deliver the vision and objectives of the Plan

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for members of Longhoughton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025 at the same time as the County Council elections. There are the following seats available:

Boulmer	2
Longhoughton	6
Howick	2

The existing Parish Councillors would like to see new faces on the Parish Council and it is a very good way to give service to the community.

All Parish Councillors are volunteers and there are no political divisions within the Council.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Liz Taylor the Clerk to the Parish Council: Email parishclerk@hotmail.com or phone 01665 830040.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 14 April at 7.30pm Boulmer Memorial Hall
- 19 May at 7.30pm at Westfield Park. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Always the last Wednesday of the month – so, 30.04.25 and 28.05.25. Three courses for £5. All prepared by our wonderful team of volunteers.

PRESCRIPTION PICK UP

Repeat prescriptions can be picked up at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park) on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please use this service to ensure that it continues for the community.

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Recent Speedwatch surveys have shown much greater compliance with the 20mph limit within Longhoughton. Thank you to all those residents who are helping to make the village much safer for all. By the time this newsletter gets delivered we expect a new automatic speed indicator machine to be operating on South End in the 30mph zone adjacent to Longbank Farm. This is an area where we have seen considerable speeding and this particularly endangers the occupants of the eight houses at Longbank Farm. If you would like to get involved with the Speedwatch Team there are vacancies and you would be very welcome.

LONGHOUGHTON QUARRY PROPOSED EXTENSION

The planning application for the extension to the eastern quarry is nearing completion. The Parish Council has asked for a presentation to be made on the application. Watch the noticeboard and emails for the date and time.

TRAVEL AND ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Your views are needed on travel and access to the National Landscape.

The National Landscape Team (previously known as the AONB) is developing a visitor access and sustainable travel strategy and they would like residents who live and work here to contribute. The strategy must protect our beautiful coast and environment. For this purpose they are holding a Travel and Access open meeting or drop-in event for residents to share thoughts on access and travel improvements. This will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2025 from 2.00pm to 8.00pm at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre.

All welcome to attend and discuss ideas.



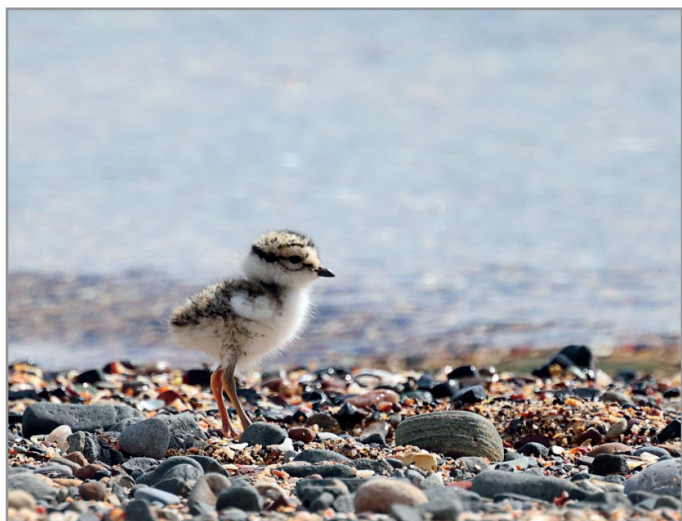
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



It's that time of year again when we ready ourselves for the mighty challenge of protecting nesting ringed plovers along the Northumberland coast!

Over the coming weeks, ringed plovers will be returning to their nesting grounds to raise their young. This is a perilous time as they face many dangers including predators, big high tides and disturbance. Their main survival technique to avoid being spotted by predators is to rely on their camouflage and blend in with their surroundings, making their eggs and chicks very difficult to spot!

Look out for our nest protection areas this spring and summer, and please give the fences a wide berth to avoid causing disturbance to the nesting birds at this sensitive time. You can follow along with all of the action from the coast throughout the nesting season by following us on social media – simply search Space for Shorebirds on Facebook and Instagram!



COMMUNITY COHESION: Agreement between the Parish Council, RAF Boulmer Beacon Families Centre and the Community and Sports Centre. These three organisations have signed an agreement to work together to enhance the delivery of the 'Community Hub' for Longhoughton. The agreement also provides for

the Parish Council to form a group to develop a strategy for the needs of youth and young people in the Parish.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

MUD ON THE ROAD OUTSIDE LONGHOUGHTON QUARRY

One of the topics considered by the Longhoughton Quarries Liaison Group at its meeting on 7 March was the complaints received about mud on the public road coming from the quarry. The quarry manager stated that the reason was that the County Council road sweeper had broken down for eight working days and the road had not been swept and this was confirmed by a County Council representative. In addition, the County Council, who are responsible for monitoring the compliance of the quarry with the planning conditions, stated that the number of lorry journeys to and from the quarry was within the stipulated number. The meeting also discussed the pool of water that is forming on the road surface and a County Council representative explained that a pipe that takes the water away is blocked and that there are plans to clear it. It was also agreed that the double white lines across the upper quarry entrance should be refreshed because they cannot be seen and are an important guide for motorists approaching Longhoughton. Finally, the quarry manager agreed to look at the possibility of installing a second 'wheel dip' to help clear mud off lorry wheels.

LONGHOUGHTON HERITAGE GROUP

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Thursdays Together talk on 20 March, where our team of taphophiles (fans of graveyards or 'tombstone tourists'!) talked about what we have researched from looking at the gravestones and records, and how we read eroded gravestones. What we learned of the lives of the Bell, Wallator and Robinson families led us to learn more about The Blacksmith's Arms, and explore the other pubs that existed in Victorian Longhoughton - The Blue Bell and The Rock. We have created a map of the old churchyard, accessible in the church along with the gravestone recordings. We hope this will be a useful resource for local history, and are working on transcripts of the parish records too. Please drop us a line via longhoughtonheritage@gmail.com.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

HEALTH CHECKS FOR PEOPLE AGED 40 TO 74

NHS Health Checks will again be available on **Thursday 10 April 2025 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm** at the Community and Sports Centre (Westfield Park). This is becoming a well-used service but it is first come first served so please prepare for a short wait. Booking can be made by calling 01670 623840. See poster.



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.

Westfield Community Centre
Longhoughton

Thursday 10th April
4-7pm

To book call- **01670 623840**
or email
healthtrainers@northumberland.gov.uk

NHS HEALTH CHECK
Helping you prevent:
diabetes
heart disease
kidney disease
stroke & dementia

In partnership with **Northumberland County Council**

LONGHOUGHTON WELLBEING WALKS: An initiative by Longhoughton Parish Council in partnership with Northumberland Health Trainers

The walks are every Wednesday starting at 11.00am at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre irrespective of the weather. They are around Longhoughton and on hard surfaces and last no longer than one hour. So far there have been 11 walks with an average of seven attendees. The walks are being put on as a help to anyone who wishes to get fitter. Everyone is welcome and there are no charges.



GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

Howick Church: Stations of the Cross with hospitality and conversation from 10am to 12 noon on Good Friday, followed by a Walk of Witness to Longhoughton Church.

Longhoughton Church: An Hour by the Cross at 2.15pm on Good Friday.

Low Newton car park: Sunrise Service with breakfast on Easter Sunday at 5.45am.

Longhoughton Church: Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at 9.15am.

You will be welcome at any of these services.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

COMMUNITY GARDENERS

The volunteers of LCG have been busy already this spring with the new community orchard in Westfield Park. The first 10 apple trees were planted on 24 February, followed by refreshments served by our WI in the community centre. It was a beautiful day for the volunteers and families had a fabulous and productive day. To follow work on the orchard and for volunteer opportunities see our FB page.

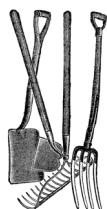
The village is looking blooming lovely with the bulbs planted this year and last year.

We are looking for committee postholders, if you feel you can contribute to LCG we would love to hear from you.

Instagram: @longhoughtoncg email:

longhoughtoncg@gmail.com

FB: Longhoughton Community Gardeners



LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have continued with our monthly meetings and turned our hand to making glass coasters in February with a dazzling array of hidden talents and splendid outcomes. We continued being creative learning how to use spring flowers and foliage for small table decorations in March, including sewing an Easter bunny complete with an internal chocolate treat!

Our walks have taken us to the dunes of Amble, and lunch at Hauxley Nature Reserve, a trip to Durham with a guided walk, and a stroll through the snowdrops at Howick Hall.

We have a new initiative this year with a monthly Away Day; this has seen us tackle ten pin bowling at Cramlington, be inspired and informed by The Great Tapestry of Scotland at Galashiels, and plans are afoot for a visit to Seaton Delaval Hall and the prospect of Bingo looms large!

You are welcome to visit our meetings and find out more on the first Tuesday of every month at The Beacon 7:30pm. We will have our AGM in April, a visit from the Amble Poet in May.

Please contact Jayne Knight, our secretary for more details 07341 446665.



LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

Do you have the time to spare and the skills that are needed?

The Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust manages the Longhoughton Community Centre (also known locally as Westfield Park) for the benefit of Longhoughton and its surrounding inhabitants and it is all done by volunteers.

There's an awful lot to do to keep the Community Centre running and we're always on the lookout for people to help in any way they can. We do what we can but could do more with a bit of extra help.

Maybe you have experience that could help to bolster the skills of the existing volunteers and Trustees? Maybe you're a builder, or a solicitor, or have health and safety experience? Perhaps you're someone who's good with social media, could help us do more with our website or are just good at organising things?

There is no contract, nor minimum hours – just do what you can when you can.

We have particular need for people willing to get involved with:

- The Trust's social media and/or website management.
- Marketing and advertising - most of the Centre's income is from hiring its facilities, but there are times when it could be used more.
- Maintenance activities and routine site safety checks.
- Gardening / site management.
- Applications for grant funding – these could be in support of all manner of projects whether they be energy efficiency related, or to support new community activities.
- Social and community events volunteering either at a coordination or just a participation level.

All skills and contributions are valued and appreciated.

Spaces also exist on our Board of Trustees for those who wish to contribute at that level.

If you could spare some time to be part of something positive in our community, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at enquiries@longhoughtoncommunitycentre.org, or leave us a message on 01665 572315.

What's On

Monday	AM Monday Matters - Liz Wood lizwood1950@btinternet.com
	PM Pins and Needles - Jenny Cant jenney.cant@gmail.com
	Evening. Pilates . Alix Westgarth-Taylor. alixwestgarthtaylor@hotmail.com
Tuesday	Evening. Film Club . Joanna Davies joanna_davies58@hotmail.co.uk
	PM Prescription pick-up 1.00pm - 2.00pm.
	Evening. Dancercise Sophie Hastings fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com
Wednesday	Evening. Pilates . Sophie Hastings. fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com
	AM Yoga Stretch . Deb Swift. debspen@gmail.com
	AM Wellbeing Walk (11.00am) adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com
	PM Community Lunch (last Wednesday in the month)
	PM Indoor Bowling (winter only) Sheila Abercrombie.
Thursday	PM Scouts . Mike Keith.
	AM Thursday Together . Second Thursday in the month.
	PM Prescription pick-up 1.00pm to 2.00pm.
Friday	Evening. Boxercise . Pip Charlton. pip@pipcharlton.co.uk
	PM 11 to 16 year-old Kick-About . 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

Other events of note organised by the Events Group.

20.04.25 (Sunday PM) **Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Extraordinary**. Easter bonnets, egg paintings and Loads of chocolate eggs as prizes.

30.04.25 (Wednesday) PM **Domino Drive** (organised by the Indoor Bowling Club).

09.05.25 (Friday) **Quiz Night**

04.07.25 (Friday) **Races Night**

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

THURSDAY TOGETHER

The sixteen-week programme of talks and events ended on 27 March when Jen Teulon talked about the book she has written on the Bathing House at Howick. The programme has proved to be very popular with an average attendance of between 20 and 25. A homemade soup lunch has been served on every occasion by the five volunteer teams in turn. Overall we have 21 volunteers involved and the RAF Beacon also put forward a team. A huge thanks to all of these volunteers for a fantastic job.

From April to November Thursday Together moves to the second Thursday in the month from 10.30am to noon. The programme for April and May is as follows:

10.04.25 *A day in the life of a shorebird on Boulmer Beach* by Katherine Dunsford

08.05.25 *The Camino Frances, a walk to Santiago de Compostella* by Andrew Willmott

DOG POO MENACE

The appeal for dog owners to pick up after their dogs around the car park in Boulmer has seen a definite improvement but still some way to go. Thank you to those who are picking up consistently after their dogs. More recently complaints have come in from the residents in Longhoughton about dog poo being left on the pavements and on walkways. Again, we know that this is a very small minority of dog owners. If you are a dog owner please pick up after your dog. In Northumberland there is a local bi-law that makes it illegal for dog poo to be left anywhere in the open air and if the perpetrators are caught they can be fined up to £1,000. The County Council has a Dog Warden and we do not want to have to go to the length of calling in this person. **Please help.**

BOULMER NEWS

BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

The Trustees welcome everyone back for the first **Pop Up Café** of 2025 on **Sunday 13 April 2025**. This will be followed by a **Pop Up Café and Craft Fair on Sunday 4 May 2025** with all proceeds to 'Tiny Lives'.

HIRING THE MEMORIAL HALL

Hire the Memorial Hall for your celebrations. Booking or information from Nancy Robinson by email to tomsmum@icloud.com or send a message via the Hall Facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT for delivery of the newsletter to East Field and East Moor

A team of 16 volunteers deliver this newsletter to 800 homes in the Parish. We are very grateful for their willingness to do this. Ted Brixey and Chris Thomas have delivered to the 75 homes in East Field and East Moor since the newsletter started in 2018. We are very thankful to them for the generous use of their time. However, both need a change so we are looking for one or two volunteers to deliver to this estate. The newsletter comes out every two months. If you are willing please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888 or email

adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com



POP UP CAFE AND CRAFT FAIR

All proceeds donated to Tiny Lives



ABOUT TINY LIVES

Tiny Lives support and champion premature and sick newborn babies and their families, at the Newcastle Neonatal Service and across the North East and North Cumbria. They offer practical and emotional support to families

STALLS AND CAKES

- Craft Stall from talented, local creators.
- Face painting
- Homemade cakes and other refreshments



RAFFLE

- Great Prizes donated by local businesses
- Tombola
- Raffle tickets £1 a strip. Tickets available prior to the event and on the day.

**Boulmer Memorial
Hall
Sunday 4th May
10am-3pm**

BOULMER NEWS

PROGRESS WITH THE CAR PARKS

Longhoughton Parish Council met a representative of the County Council on Monday 17 March 2025 to discuss progress with the existing beach car park and the planning application for the proposed new car park next to the Memorial Hall.

Existing Beach Car Park

The takeover of the car park has been held up by the completion of the lease with Northumberland Estates. This is expected to be clear soon but a further 8 to 10 weeks is necessary for a Traffic Regulations Order to be placed. Ticket machines will soon be installed and there will be an option to pay by phone. The proposed charges are as follows: 2 hours £1; 3 Hours £1.50; all day £3.00.

New Car Park Next To The Memorial Hall

The Parish Council was advised that the planning application is due to be completed by the Highways Department and submitted to the Planning Department by the end of May 2025. The Parish Council representatives said that the Boulmer community had not had the opportunity to put forward the benefits of the car park from the community point of view. The Pre-Planning Application that had been issued three years ago was restricted to internal Departments of the County Council and the community did not see it and were not able to comment on it. It was thought very important that the community are able to put forward their case for the car park and the wider benefits that it would bring to the community.

HOWICK NEWS

HOWICK GARDENS AND ARBORETUM:

Robert Jamieson

Robert Jamieson has worked alongside Lord Howick for 42 years nurturing the Gardens and Arboretum for the benefit of locals and visitors alike. There is little doubt that he has brought so much pleasure and wellbeing to so many during that time. The community would like to thank Robert for his distinguished and long service, and wish him every happiness in the future. We will look forward to welcoming Marcus Wilson when he arrives in April to take up the post.



Robert of yesteryear with snowdrops

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

Village Hall booking

Jane Doleman 01665 577801

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.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

Art Exhibition

Howick Village Hall

NE66 3LE

Early May Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat - Sun - Mon
10:00am - 5:00pm

Refreshments

Local artists

Howick Art Group

howickartgroupnorthumberland.com



LONGHOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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

