

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton



LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY FETE

Family fun!

Longhoughton Community Fete will take place on Saturday 13 September 2025 from 11.00am to 3.00pm at the Community and Sports Centre. It is to be a traditional village show with lots of activities and competitions for all members of the family. New to Longhoughton will be a show of traditional skills and produce. There will be up to 17 classes to enter from the categories of Food, Vegetables and Fruit, Arts and Crafts and Flower Arranging. **An entry form for this event is included with this newsletter.** We hope to see lots of entries. The winners will receive commendations.

A large number of other activities will be available – An 80ft assault course for all ages, a bouncy castle and slide for children up to 10, running races for children up to 11, running races for age 12 and over including adults, a penalty shoot-out, small games, face painter, tug of war and coconut shy.

The ever popular dog show will also take place and there will be popular music from the DJ, the Military Wives Choir, a tombola and raffle.

Children from Longhoughton Primary School will show their and poems and the winners will be awarded prizes.

Food and drink will be available including sandwiches and hot-dogs, ice cream and a bar. Bring a picnic. Local community groups will be present in the marquee. Local dignitaries will judge competitions and present prizes.

It promises to be a great day with competitions and lots of interest for everyone. Please put this in your diary. We need many helpers for this sort of event along with sponsors, so if you are able to help on the day please contact Adrian Hinchcliffe on 01665 572888.



Longhoughton Parish Council

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Two vacancies

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Newsworthy items for the next edition before the **deadline on 18 September**, please.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Laura Rowberry was co-opted at the June meeting of the Parish Council. Laura is also the Community representative of the RAF. This leaves four vacancies, one for Longhoughton and Boulmer and two for Howick.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Parish Council are on:
22 September 2025

20 October 2025

Both are at Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre starting at 7.30pm.



OPEN GARDENS EVENT makes £2,597 for charity

The garden event of the year was held again in Longhoughton when nine private gardens, the allotments and the church opened their gates to the public.

The village and the gardens were much admired by the visitors who came from all over including Sweden, Germany and all around Britain. This year we had many families and children visiting which was wonderful, and the weather played its part too.

238 tickets were sold for the event raising £1,900 for Hospice Care North Northumberland which was superb. Refreshments and cakes were sold by Longhoughton WI and there was an extensive plant, book and fancy goods stall, all based in the Community Centre and raising £698 for the wild life garden and pond at Longhoughton Primary School.

Many thanks to the residents who opened their gardens, the WI, the volunteers and supporters and all those who baked or donated time, cakes, books and plants including organiser Gill Bromley. Thanks are also due to the Co-operative Store and the Running Fox for supporting the event.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Plan is now with the Examiner who has asked for information and comments from the Parish Council. The Parish Council is hoping that the Plan will be approved by the Examiner and it will pass through to a referendum of residents in the autumn.



The spring and summer months can be a very busy time of year indeed as we work to protect the endangered birds that come to our coast to nest. These struggling shorebirds make their nests on sand and shingle beaches, where their eggs are fantastically well camouflaged to keep them hidden from hungry predators. Unfortunately, this means that the eggs can be vulnerable on busy beaches, as the nests or chicks can be accidentally stepped on. Our population of Ringed Plovers in this country is falling worryingly quickly, so every fledged chick really matters to the future of these birds. While we are working hard to keep our plovers safe, it's more important than ever to keep disturbance from people to a minimum. If you see any of our fenced areas, please remember to give them as much space as you can. Thank you for all your help so far and fingers crossed for these tenacious little birds!



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CHARITY MOTOR CYCLE EVENT VISITS LONGHOUGHTON

To have almost 100 Harley Davidson cycles in Longhoughton on 21 June 2025 was a great spectacle and privilege. They stopped off on their charity ride, in aid of RAF Boulmer, at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre for 20 minutes and even at short notice a crowd of over fifty people turned up. Next year we hope they will return and we will be better organised.

NHS HEALTH CHECKS FOR AGES 40-74

The next NHS Health Checks are being planned for Tuesday 14 October 2025 from 4.00pm to 7.00pm at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. Watch the noticeboards for further information.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR TOURISM, LEISURE AND CULTURE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND

Within the new elected County Council, the Leader, Councillor Glen Sanderson has asked

Councillor Wendy Pattison to join his Cabinet and to take on the portfolio of Tourism, Leisure and Culture for Northumberland.

Wendy says that she is delighted to accept the invitation to take on this portfolio which includes leisure and sports centres, archives, museums, theatres, events and tourism.

The Health and Wellbeing of our residents is vitally important, and Northumberland County Council has recently entered into a partnership with Places Leisure to take on the management of the County's ten leisure facilities.

PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Repeat prescriptions can be picked up at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. It saves you going to Alnwick.

WELLBEING WALKS

These walks take place every Wednesday starting at 11.00am from the Community and Sports Centre Car Park. They are led by trained and experienced leaders who will always lead the walks at the pace of the slowest. The average on each walk is around six people. They are ideal for people recovering from joint operations where they need to exercise to get fit. *Come along and try one.*

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LIZ HAS MSA

You will almost certainly not have heard of Multiple Systems Atrophy, which is a mouthful. Thankfully MSA for short. Difficult to diagnose, often presenting as Parkinsons initially, and even more difficult to live with.

MSA, here comes the "science bit", is a rare and progressive disorder for which there is currently no cure. A loss of nerve cells in the brain lead to a wide range of problems with muscle control and movement.

The reason I have heard of MSA is because Liz, a good local friend of mine suffers from the condition. Her husband, as her primary carer, suffers with the overwhelming impact it has had on their collective lives.



Liz, once furiously independent; an active grandmother and gardener, was diagnosed in 2020. Since then, the condition has progressed rapidly so that she is unable to care for herself without her husband Patrick. They make an incredible team. Patrick deals with the poor hand that they have been dealt with humour and a commitment to baking an endless supply of scones.

Essential to both of them is the support that Hospice Care North Northumberland (NCNN) provide. Their support is not only practical care for Liz, but the perhaps less obvious. Unhurried listening. Conversation. Liz now struggles to speak, so half an hour chatting to a friendly face can make a huge difference to Patrick's mental wellbeing. Like most charities, NCNN rely on the generosity of the local community to enable them to deliver their services.

Liz and Patrick's children and eldest grandson

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have decided to take on the National 3 Peaks Challenge to raise some funds and shine a light on the invaluable hospice team. I know that they would be incredibly grateful for any donations towards their efforts. If you would like to find out more you can read and donate on the link below. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/catherine-burns-51> Thank you in advance. Chris Thomas (Photo of Liz and daughter)

VACANCY ON THE QUARRIES LIAISON GROUP

A vacancy has arisen for a community representative on the Quarries Liaison Group. The Group is a sub-group of the Parish Council meeting once each quarter. Longhoughton Quarry is the only operational quarry in the Parish. If you are interested please send a short note of application to the Parish Clerk, Liz Taylor on email parishclerk@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY GARDENERS

Longhoughton Community Gardeners have been holding regular gardening sessions this year, targeting many of the forgotten and neglected spots around the village. With the help of our fantastic volunteers, we've done over a hundred hours of gardening to give some long-needed attention to a number of locations in need of some sprucing up and preparation for planting later in the year. Weeding and pruning is, of course, a never-ending job, so we've tended a number of spots on two or three occasions, and will continue to do so.

Most recently, we brought the Crossways triangle back to it's best, the Community Centre received a tidy up just before the Open Gardens event, and we're currently having a tussle with the bindweed in our Community Orchard.

The regular sessions are quite popular, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers, so if you'd like to join us, please get in touch with David East or any member.



FLOODING ROAD REPAIRED *But not complete*

The culvert outside Longhoughton Quarry has been repaired by the County Council and improved arrangements put in place to take away surface water that has been settling at the low point on the road. However, the County Council says that a new drain-away pipe needs to be installed under the road surface and this will necessitate a road closure.

The restoration of the road marking on the centre of the road and at the entrance to the first turn into the quarry (coming from Denwick) has still to be done.



PICK AND MIX WITH THE WI!

I wonder if you enjoyed or are still enjoying selecting a variety of sweets! The variety of opportunities on offer at our WI is a bit like a bag of Pick'n'Mix. There may seem little connection between an excellent talk on The Old Boathouse by Jen Teulon, a trip to the Botanical Gardens in Edinburgh, walks along the old railway beginning at Lesbury and ending at the Aln Railway complex whilst also walking around Bamburgh and then to Budle Bay discovering a nest of four Ring Plover eggs! In addition, coffee mornings at Nelsons in Swarland and the Arch cafe in Dunston plus an evening meeting with hand massage and advice on how to care for hands and nails by Valerie Baldwin. The connection is simple, they represent our WI activities since the last newsletter, a real mixture of activities all held together with friendship and laughter.

We were also delighted to support the recent Open Gardens events serving refreshments. We are glad to be part of such a thriving community. Please do consider joining us, we have a Summer Garden Party to look forward to in August and our monthly meetings begin again at The Beacon on September 2 at 7.30pm. You would be made very welcome. Jayne Knight (07341 446665) will happily supply more details.



LONGHOUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL *Calling all families!*

At the heart of our wonderful community here sits Longhoughton Church of England Primary School. Having been headteacher for nearly a year now, it is a real pleasure to serve this community and all our families as our flourishing school goes from strength to strength. Our loving, caring and inclusive culture nurtures and inspires each child providing them with the self-belief, skills and understanding to make a positive impact on the world they will grow up in.

Our Christian vision is that everyone is welcome, and each individual has unique qualities which we will nurture and celebrate.

This is founded in 1 Peter 4:10 – 11 *"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

We believe that the values of courage, compassion, creativity, respect and community underpin a healthy, ambitious and rounded development; through our inspiring curriculum and dedicated, highly-skilled staff, we provide the support for each child to grow with the confidence, skills and self-worth to contribute to a loving and caring society.

These are exciting times for our school. Over the past year we have put together a rich and vibrant curriculum centred on experiential learning linked closely to our local area and local environment. Our children love the outdoors and regularly take their learning out of the classroom, often to the beach or to the woods. We have recently become a part of the Pele Trust (<https://www.peletrust.org.uk/>), a community of schools working together to ensure the very best learning experiences for all our pupils.

We are used to welcoming new children into our school and pride ourselves on how quickly new faces settle in and become part of the love for learning that runs through our school. We understand the needs of all our

families, bringing together those from the RAF, Longhoughton village and beyond to create a tight and supportive school community.

We now offer 30 hours nursery provision for younger children to gain the very best foundation prior to starting Reception.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to get in touch and arrange a visit. We would love to meet you! Have a look at our website at <http://www.longhoughton.northumberland.sch.uk/> where

you can see what we've been up to on our weekly newsletters and find out more about who we are. Matt Hetherington

Headteacher, Longhoughton CE Primary School.

COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

Community Centre Trust to sign the Armed Forces Covenant

The Trustees of the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust are to sign the Armed Forces Covenant and arrangements for the signing are being made.

Thursday Together

The Thursday Together sessions will recommence in November when it is hoped that a full programme of weekly events will be organised. More information in the October Newsletter.

Citizens Advice Northumberland

Citizens Advice Northumberland came to the Community and Sports Centre recently to answer questions and talk about: benefits checks, pension credits, attendance allowance, debts, winter fuel payments and energy advice. Regrettably only ten people turned up. See their advert with contact details at the end of this newsletter.

**citizens
advice**

Help with tech

Help with Laptops, tablets and mobile phones: The session on 10 July 2025 to help people to operate their laptops, tablets or mobile phones was a success with three residents attending and getting good advice. We are very grateful to Community Action Northumberland for facilitating this session and for bringing three technical experts. The session will be repeated later in the year.

Friday night Football for 11 to 16s

We are hoping that this popular session can recommence in September but it is dependent upon obtaining funding to cover the costs.

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

Regular Events and Activities

What is on at the Community and Sports Centre with contact details:

Monday	AM Monday Matters - Liz Wood lizwood1950@btinternet.com PM Pins and Needles - Jenny Cant jennet.cant@gmail.com Evening. Film Club. Joanna Davies Facebook Longhoughton Cinema
Tuesday	PM Prescription pick-up 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Evening. Dancercise Sophie Hastings fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com Evening. Pilates. Sophie Hastings. fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com
Wednesday	AM Yoga Stretch. Deb Swift. info@debyoga.co.uk AM Wellbeing Walk (11.00am) adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com PM Community Lunch (last Wednesday in the month) PM Indoor Bowling (winter only) Sheila Abercrombie. PM Scouts. Mike Keith.
Thursday	PM Prescription Pick-up 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Evening. Boxercise. Pip Charlton. pip@pipcharlton.co.uk
Friday	PM 11 to 16 Year Old Kick-about. 5.00pm to 6.00pm. (from early September)

Future events Quiz Nights, Bingo, Night at the Races, Cheese & Wine, Talent Show.

Film Club

Every Monday from 7.30pm. The following films will be shown:

August 4: *Greed*
August 11: *Quiz Show*
August 18: *Fatal Attraction*
August 25: *Crimes and Misdemeanours*
September 1: *Faces Places*
September 8: *Ghandi*
September 15: *A Matter of Life and Death*
September 22: *The Purple Rose of Cairo*
September 28: *Sweet Bean*

Boxercise Classes

Thursday evening 6 - 7pm

All fitness levels and abilities welcome.
No previous experience required.
It's a fantastic and fun way to get fit and relieve stress
£7 per session and all kit provided.
For more details contact
Pip on 07900 846617



HERITAGE OPEN DAY: Recording the churchyard

Alongside the **Longhoughton Community Fete**, the Longhoughton Parish Heritage Group will be completing their recording of St Peter and St Paul's churchyard as part of Heritage Open Days. We are hoping to measure and plan the 1906 extension to the churchyard, and make recordings of the gravestones in it. This will make a snapshot picture of what each gravestone says before they erode, and help family historians locate the graves of their relatives. The church will be open with displays uncovering some of what we have found out so far, and members of the heritage group will be available to provide more information on the day. If you would like to come along there is some limited parking outside the church, with more available at the Fete a few minutes' walk away. We hope you can join us!

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FLAMENCO & FOLK NIGHT

CLIFF BLAKEY and TRUDI BRUNSKILL



SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

A night of superb flamenco and folk music in the intimate setting of Howick Village Hall by two fabulous musicians from Northern England.

Cliff Blakey is a guitarist and songwriter whose music is an exciting eclectic mix of unmissable original guitar instrumentals and songs influenced by flamenco, jazz, folk and world music.

Trudi Brunskill is a guitarist, songwriter and session singer. Her songs are still essentially folk songs, but influenced by jazz, soul and blues with the footprint of her original idols from Joan Baez, Bonnie Raitt, John Martyn, to Joni Mitchell and Aretha Franklin and beyond. Winner of Metro Radio singing competition.

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30 PM START

£10/head U16's £5

Limited to 50 places (by pre-booking) Bring own drinks, glasses & nibbles
Entry strictly by pre-booking

Tickets at the Aln Gift Shop Alnmouth
or via John T: 07905696555

E: jrmusicana@gmail.com



Art Exhibition

Howick Village Hall
NE66 3LE

**August Bank Holiday
Weekend**



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

Refreshments

Local artists



Howick Art Group

howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

BOULMER NEWS

BOULMER MEMORIAL HALL

Events at Boulmer Memorial Hall

Pop-up cafes with craft stalls on the following dates : 17 August, 14 September, 12 October and this year's **Christmas Craft Fair** will be on 16 November.

Hire 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.

BOULMER WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Many thanks to the ten people who helped to take out the ragwort from the wildflower meadow; much appreciated. The wild flowers have had a very poor season due to the dry cold conditions during April, May and June. The meadow will be cut on 8 September and we are grateful to Howick Estate who have agreed to bale the cut grass once it has dried.

HOWICK NEWS

HELEN PAGE 1943 - 2025

Helen died peacefully last month at her home in Duns after a short illness. Before moving to Scotland in 2015 she had lived in Lesbury, making a very worthwhile contribution to local cultural life, especially in Howick.

For many years she co-edited *The Bridge* magazine, and she was a founder member of the Howick Heritage Group. Her computer skills were highly valued, as was her knowledge of geology and plants. She was a volunteer in Howick Gardens. Apart from compiling many of the Heritage Group's books, she wrote the best-selling *Northumberland Coast Rocks* researched with the help of the Alnwick U3A Geology Group. It received accolades from notable geologists at a national level for its appeal to the general reader. (Helen had a scientific background, having graduated in physics from Edinburgh University, but she also had the knack of engaging her readers in the most entertaining way).

Northumberland Coast Rocks, a collection of illustrated walks, is available from the Gardens Kiosk in Howick, and also from Alnmouth Post Office along with her final book *Berwickshire Coast Rocks!* written with geologist, Ian Kille. Avril Meakin

HOWICK VILLAGE HALL

Film Club: On Sunday 3 August the film club is celebrating its 200th film showing and invites people to come along and celebrate this. Free cake will be served!

To join the club mailing list and find out which films are showing and when, please email John Roper johnroper1@btinternet.com. 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.howickartgrouphumberland.com

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