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Upper Coquet Resource Group COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025



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It is great that we are still welcoming new names to our circulation list. Please can we ask you to continue to spread the word so that everyone knows and can sign up to the blind copied circulation list by contacting Tracey on the email below. Plus, if you are able to print a copy to share with someone without internet then thank you. Items for the newsletter can be sent in electronic form ahead of the monthly submission deadline to Tracey Boldy via stickypud@harbottle.net

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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Wednesday Deadlines 2025</u>
November	22/10/25
December/January 2026	19/11/25

DOUBLE ISSUE

UCRG 2026 Calendars are being prepared and we should have them out for sale in October. We are grateful to everyone who makes this fund raising calendar such a success each year, adding vital cash to our pot of money to use locally, like the recent free First Aid Course in Harbottle Village Hall.

The UCRG monthly quiz sheets you may see in various outlets can be purchased for the year ahead. They are coordinated by Margaret Ward (01669 650317) and they have been a fantastic steady way to boost our funds over the years. We continue to be grateful to Margaret and all those who regularly support this fun activity.

Harbottle School Community Group: Supporting Our Local School

We welcome anyone from the school and local community to come along and help. No set times so it can be daytime or weekends, an hour or a morning whatever suits. Jobs could include weeding, bed clearing, tying back, tidying, painting etc.

So if you enjoy a bit of gardening in your spare time and would like to join us to look after our local school gardens, then please contact Margaret Ward for more information (01669 650317). We are always on the lookout for the next generation to work with us and take it forward, as we ain't getting any younger!

Harbottle School Community GROUP continues to collect and sell both new and preloved puzzles, be they 300-2000 pieces. XL piece jigsaws are especially popular. Funds raised go towards the group's endeavours to help pay for the annual ground rent for the top field so that the school children and community have access to a green space for playing, plus covering the costs of refreshing the planters. Other past efforts have included supporting getting the school Bistro off the ground, out of school clubs, craft classes, and sending out the bat signal for locals and businesses to gather to maintain the school grounds e.g. maintenance, painting, gardening, tidying, gravel installation.....all help always very much appreciated.

Should you wish to purchase/donate jigsaws, please contact Tracey Boldy, Pauline Bickle, Ann Hennessy or Margaret Ward. We have also tried our luck at selling online and this is proving a popular way to bring in additional income for the group.

SAVE SOME DATES

Further details for each event plus many more are detailed in the articles within this newsletter. Enjoy.

Forever Yung Dance: Ongoing cycle of lessons, always welcoming both beginners and those with dance experience. Lots of fun and great instruction. Ballroom/Latin Line dance lessons on Wednesday mornings plus ballroom/salsa on Friday evenings. First dance, Father/Bride dance and 1:1 tuition also available (p8,11).



The Star Inn, Harbottle: Saturday 27th September, 8pm: Live Accordion Music Night (p9)



Café Church: Sunday 28th September, 3-6pm: Harbottle Village Hall (p8,24).

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Wednesday 1st October, 4-7pm: Andrew Tait, Newcastle Building Society: "IHT & Pension Clinic. (p10)"



Coquetdale Music Trust: Friday 3rd October, Thropton: Methera (string quartet) (p12)

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Saturday 4th October, 8pm: Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar (p9)



Rothbury Maker's Market: Saturday 4th October, 10am – 4pm at Jubilee Hall, Rothbury (p18).

Harvest Festival: Sunday 5th October, 10.30 am at Alwinton Church: followed by a pooled lunch with all proceeds going to the Alnwick Food Bank. Everyone is most welcome (p21).

Coquetdale Wildlife Group: Monday 6th October, 7.30pm Jubilee Hall: "Return of the Otter: Tracking Otters & Recovery in the North East England" by Vivien Kent (p19).

Hepple WI: Thursday 9th October: David Jones, Coquetdale Archaeology. Competition: Artefact (p6).

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Thursday 9th October: 8pm: Quiz Night in Aid of Northumberland Mountain Rescue (p9)



Alwinton Show: Saturday 11th October 2025. Adults £10, under 16s & car parking free (p5).

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Saturday 11th October, 12 noon: Alwinton Show Day (p9).



Harbottle Show AGM: Thursday 16th October, 7.30pm in Harbottle Village Hall: AGM (p7).

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Friday 17th October, 7pm: Coquetdale YFC Pizza, Pint & Quiz Night – ticket only from YFC (p9)



The Star Inn, Harbottle: Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm: Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn (p9).



U3A: Monday 20th October, 10 for 10.30am at Jubilee Hall: Phil Huntley on *The History of New Moor House, a tale of Roman roads, drovers and coaching inns with accompanying ghosts and highwaymen!* (p13)

UCRG Newsletter: Submission deadline for November edition is 22/10/25 (p1).



Harbottle Village Hall AGM: Thursday 23rd October, 7pm in Harbottle Village Hall (p8).

The Star Inn, Harbottle: Friday 24th October, 7-9pm: An evening with DJ Deepwater (aka River Iley)(p9).



Community social dance: Saturday 25th October, Harbottle: "Spooktacular Halloween Dance" with half hour Tango workshop (p11).



Rothbury CAN: Saturday 25th October, 7pm at Rothbury Jubilee Hall: Regenerative Farming film and discussion (p14).

Coquetdale Music Trust: Sunday 26th October, Thropton: Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage (p12).

Café Church: Sunday 26th October, 3-6pm: Harbottle Village Hall (p8, 24).

BST ends/ GMT begins: Clocks go back one hour at 2am on Sunday 26th October.



Beetle Drive: Wednesday 29th October from 7pm, Harbottle Village Hall: A fund raiser on behalf of Alwinton & Holystone Churches. All welcome to join in the fun (p 8/22).



The Star Inn, Harbottle: Saturday 1st November, 8pm: Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar (p9).



Rothbury Maker's Market: Saturday 1st November, 10am – 4pm at Jubilee Hall, Rothbury (p18).

Coquetdale Wildlife Group: Monday 3rd November, 7.30pm Jubilee Hall: "Wildlife Sounds of Northumberland and the Borders" by Geoff Sample (p19).

Road closure: Greenside Bank: 3/11/25 -10/11/25 road closed (p17).

SAVE SOME DATES continued

- Hepple WI:** **Thursday 13th November:** Ewa Kochanoliska & Tomasz Krybus: "Poland: Its Landscapes & Its Christmas Traditions. Competition: Foreign Souvenir (p6).
- The Star Inn, Harbottle:* *Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm: Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn (p9).* 
- UCRG Newsletter: Submission deadline for the double December/January 2026 edition is 19/11/25 (p1). 
- Coquetdale Music Trust:** **Saturday 22nd November, Thropton:** Tom McConville/Michael Biggins (p12).
- The Star Inn, Harbottle:* *Saturday 22nd November, 8pm: Live music night with Danielle Keyes (p9).* 
- Repair Café:** **Saturday 22nd November, 10am-2 pm, Jubilee Hall Rothbury (p13).**
- Café Church:** **Sunday 23rd November, 3-6pm: Harbottle Village Hall (p8, 24).**
- U3A:** **Sunday 23rd November, 2.30 for 3.00pm at Jubilee Hall: The Right Hon. the Lord Beith speaking on Northumberland in Parliament (p13)**
- Christmas Bingo:** **Wednesday 26th November, 7.30pm at Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton. All Welcome, and includes "Children's Prizes" A Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches (p5/22).** 
- The Star Inn, Harbottle:* *Saturday 29th November, 8pm: Live music night with Vestlife (p9).* 
- Netherton & District War Memorial Institute:** **Monday 1st December at 7.30pm in Netherton Village Hall: AGM. All interested members of the public are welcome to attend (p4).**
- Coquetdale Wildlife Group:** **Monday 1st December, 7.30pm Jubilee Hall: "Natural History in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains" by Phil Hanmer (p19).**
- CHRISTINGLE:** *Sunday 7th December 10.30pm, Alwinton Church: We invite you all with your family and friends to come along and see the children receive a Christingle. A truly magical annual church service in our calendar (p24).* 
- Rothbury Maker's Market:** **Saturday 6th December, 10am – 4pm at Jubilee Hall, Rothbury (p18).**
- The Star Inn, Harbottle:* *Saturday 6th December, 8pm: Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar (p9).* 
- Community Social Dance:** **Saturday 13th December, Harbottle: Christmas dance with half hour quick step workshop (p8/11).** 
- U3A:** **Monday 15th December, 10 for 10.30am at Jubilee Hall: Brycchan Carey on William Turner of Morpeth: the Tudor "Father of English Botany" (p13).**
- The Star Inn, Harbottle:* *Saturday 20th December, 7.30 pm: Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn (p9).* 
- Carol Service:** **Sunday 21st December, 10.30am : Alwinton Church. All welcome (p21).**
- Crib Service:** **Sunday 24th December, 11am : Alwinton Church. All welcome and the most special way for children to learn about and celebrate this special story (p21).**
- Ceilidh with caller:** **Sunday 28th December, 4pm-6.30pm in Harbottle Village Hall. A Ceilidh for all ages. £8 per family/ £4 adult. All welcome. Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches (p8/23).**
- U3A:** **Monday 19th January, 10 for 10.30am at Jubilee Hall: Sandra Kerr on The Folk Roots of Bagpuss (p13).**

NETHERTON

NEW: The Annual General Meeting of the Netherton and District War Memorial Institute will be held in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm. All interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Hall is run entirely by a committee of volunteers and we are always in need of new members, with new ideas and energy, to join our committee. We only meet 2 or 3 times a year for an hour or so. If you feel you could spare some time to keep this community facility going strong, then please get in touch with our Secretary at secretary.nwmh@gmail.com or ring Siobhan on 07786947278.

Netherton exercise class: Drop in and have a go at Chair Based Exercises, **every Monday 10am to 11am** in Netherton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, £3 per person per session.

For more information call Charlotte on 01669 640265 or email Charlottebx@gmail.com

Netherton WI: New members always welcome. For further information please contact Joan Blakey.

Netherton Village Hall Coffee mornings: the Hall Coffee mornings are normally held on the **First Monday in each month from 11am until 12noon**. Everyone is welcome, sanitisers are available and masks may be worn if desired.

The Netherton Craft Group: We meet in Netherton Memorial Hall at **2pm until 4pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month**. Come along and join us for chat and an afternoon spent with like-minded company. Please bring along anything you are currently working on. We also knit small blankets, cardigans and hats for premature babies. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Group so if you require any further information please contact Judith on 01669 631189 or email judith_barton256@btinternet.com



CLENELL

NEW: Clennell Hall



ALWINTON

NEW: Christmas Prize Bingo: Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm, The Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton. Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches. All welcome (p21).



NEW: Rose and Thistle, Alwinton

Would you be interested in running the Rose & Thistle pub & restaurant in Alwinton?

Neil & Mary Wilkins have decided to step down this spring from running the Rose & Thistle pub and restaurant after doing a fantastic job since we re-opened in August 2023. Neil & Mary's first-class food and service have made the Rose & Thistle a success, and the B&B, that opened in October last year, has just added to the satisfied visitor count.

We are looking to continue to grow the pub, restaurant and B&B and are looking for individuals or couples that would like to take on the challenge to develop the Rose & Thistle together with us going forward. We can offer a supportive and enthusiastic cooperation, either through a short to medium term tenancy on attractive terms, or through other business models that could be more attractive for the right people.

If this is something you could find interesting, why not send me an email or give me call. It won't hurt to have a talk. Please contact me, Kris Jakobsen, by email kristen@trafalgar.no or telephone on 07485 654160

NEW: Alwinton Parish Council

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you are over the age of 18 years and have been resident or worked within the Parish of Alwinton for the previous 12 months and are interested in the role, please contact Alwinton Parish Council **before 12th October 2025** via email alwintonparishcouncil@gmail.com for the attention of Simon Taylor, Chairman, or contact Margaret Ward, Clerk to the Parish Council, on 01669 650317 to discuss any queries.

NEW:

Important Message from Northumberland National Park:

Due to planned refurbishment work for the car park at Alwinton the defibrillator will be out of use until **28th November.**

The nearest alternatives are located at The Star Inn, Harbottle and at Clennell Hall Hotel.

NEW: Alwinton Show 2025

Saturday 11th October

The Final Show of the Year with plenty to see & do.

Fell races	Sheep show	Sheep dog trials	Terrier racing
Exhibition tents	Trade stands	Craft tent	Farmers market
Dog show	Trade Stands	Farmers Market	Live music
Beagles	Cumberland & Westmoreland Wrestling		Rothbury Highland Pipe Band

£10 adults, under 16s free

Free parking

HEPPLE

Hepple Village Hall:

Seated chair exercise:	Thursdays 10-11am
Northumberland Basketry Group:	3 rd Wednesday of the month
Table Tennis:	Tuesdays 7pm

Hepple WI: regular Thursday meetings and activities, including guest speakers. New members always welcome.



Table Tennis is at Hepple Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. All welcome.



Northumbria Basketry Group meets monthly, mostly, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month between 10am-4pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Gill Phillipson for extra details and queries.

Chair Based Exercise in Hepple:

Chair based exercise will benefit everyone; you don't need to be chair bound to benefit.

The Hepple Seated Chair Exercise runs every Thursday 10am-11am.

For information contact Chris Wilson: 01669 640012 or Chris.wilson601@btinternet.com

Hepple Women's Institute Programme 2025-2026 Thursday Meeting starts at 7.00 pm, Hepple Village Hall Pooled supper. Visitors welcome £5

Oct 9th	David Jones, Coquetdale Archaeology Competition: Artefact
Nov 13th	Ewa Kochanoliska & Tomasz Krybus, Poland: Its Landscapes and Its Christmas Traditions Competition: Foreign Souvenir
Dec 11th	Christmas Dinner, venue tbc
<u>2026</u>	
January	No meeting
Feb 12th	Pie and Pea Supper, followed by Programme Planning. Subs Due
Mar 12th	Ben Howie, Morwick Dairy & Ice Cream Parlour. Competition: Sundae Dish
April 9th	Charlotte Boxall, Willow Work Competition: Basket
May 14th	A.G.M.

Contributions for raffle prizes will be gratefully received each month.

HARBOTTLE

HATHA YOGA CLASSES: Tuesday Evenings 7- 8.30pm in Harbottle Village Hall (also online).
Contact info@judaliyoga.com or see www.judaliyoga.com for more info.



Iyengar Yoga in Harbottle Village Hall on Monday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
This is a general Iyengar class suitable for all abilities including beginners. For more information call Margaret on 650281 or email margaret@ranken.co.uk

CANINE PARTNERS: Please continue to save your used postage stamps for the charity, Canine Partners, in order to help towards the cost of training even more puppies to develop into helping dogs for disabled and injured people. Karen has kindly agreed to keep the collection bag at The Star Inn, Harbottle. The charity is very grateful for all your hard work. It has helped so much.

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/recycle-used-postage-stamps/>

NEW: Two heavy round white plates with blue rim:

If you entered a baking exhibit at Harbottle Show and left these behind, then please contact Tracey Boldy via stickypud@harbottle.net to arrange collection.

NEW: Harbottle Show AGM 2025

Thursday 16th October, 7.30pm in Harbottle Village Hall

'Friends of Harbottle First School'

We aim to meet every month to discuss ideas, upcoming events, fundraising ideas etc. and would love to welcome new members from the local community to join us (please note you do not need to have a child at Harbottle First School to join). If you have a little time to spare and would like to help in **any** way then please get in touch via our email:

FriendsofHarbottleFirstSchool@gmail.com

and we can add you to the 'Friends' contact list for notification of future meetings and times (these will be varied to try and cater to everyone).

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Harbottle Village Hall:

Harbottle Village Hall: a local amenity for the community of Harbottle, Alwinton, Sharperton & Holystone.

NEW: Harbottle Village Hall AGM:
Thursday 23rd October, 7pm
in Harbottle Village Hall

Harbottle Badminton & Short Tennis:
The equipment and venue are ready when you are.

This community resource, with comfy chairs and newly installed Wi-Fi, can be booked for private and community events. It is a great space for parties, discos, auction of promises, coffee mornings or perhaps even a new venture? Please chat to Tracey Boldy for more information and to make a booking: stickypud@harbottle.net

The past generations have used it for fund raising Coffee Mornings, Jumble sales, Discos, Auction of Promises, Village Pantomimes, Ceilidhs, Private Parties, Art Groups, Sewing Groups and Music Evenings.

Weekly Classes

Monday: Iyengar Yoga 6 - 7.30 pm
Tuesday: Judali Hatha Yoga 7- 8.30 pm
Wednesday: Ballroom & Latin Line Dance**
Beginner: 10 - 10.55 am
Beginner Plus: 11 - 11.55 am
Friday: Ballroom & Latin Dance:
Focus Dance*** or Beginner: 6 - 6.55 pm
Beginner Plus 7 - 7.55 pm
Salsa 8 - 8.55 pm
Sunday: Café Church 3-6 pm (Fourth Sunday each month)

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 **Forever Yung Dance** ***
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We have a new 4 week session of our Beginner Ballroom & Latin Line Dancing starting next Wednesday.. 3rd September at Harbottle Village Hall.

Ballroom & Latin LINE Dancing is a low impact, yet highly aerobic form of exercise and, unless you like that sort of thing, it's definitely more fun than going to the gym!

Ballroom & Latin Line Dancing is a non partner form of Ballroom & Latin Dance, and includes all of the regular dances... Quickstep, Waltz, Paso Doble, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Jive, Cha Cha, Tango, Mambo, Samba, Rumba, Hustle, Greek, and more!! It's great exercise and lots of fun!!

Cafe Church at Harbottle Village Hall

A Coquetdale Churches Together event.

ALL WELCOME!

We would love you to join us for an informal service with a cuppa & cake, songs, talk and creative activity. This is an opportunity for all generations to be together. These services will now be happening monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December):

2025:
28th Sept 26th Oct 23rd Nov

2026:
25th Jan 22nd Feb 22nd Mar
26th Apr 24th May 28th June
26th July 23rd Aug

For more information or to get involved please contact either:

Catherine Iley: Angela Feather
catherine.iley@gmail.com angela.feather@urc-northernsynod.org



Make a Poppy for Remembrance: Janet Wood has placed a collection box with further details in Harbottle Village Hall. Please get in touch if you wish to join in or contact Vikki Ewen : 01669 622808.

NEW: ***

Focus Dance Fridays 6 - 6.55 pm

We are currently learning how to Samba and Viennese Waltz:
come along and join us!

NEW:



Beetle Drive:

Wednesday 29th October from 7pm, Harbottle Village Hall
A fund raiser on behalf of Alwinton & Holystone Churches.
All welcome to join in the fun and don't forget to bring your own refreshments (p).

NEW



Ceilidh for all Ages with caller

Sunday 28th December, 4-6.30pm

In Harbottle Village Hall.

All welcome. £8 per family/ £4 adult.

In aid of Alwinton & Holystone Churches.

We welcome walkers, cyclists, tourists, bikers, local residents and their families, friends and dogs!



Events Planned over the coming months:

Saturday 27th September, 8pm:

Live Accordion Music Night

Wednesday 1st October, 4-7pm:

Andrew Tait of Newcastle Building Society hosts "IHT & Pension Clinic."

Saturday 4th October, 8pm:

Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar

Thursday 9th October: 8pm:

Quiz Night in Aid of Northumberland Mountain Rescue

Saturday 11th October, 12 noon:

Alwinton Show Day

Friday 17th October, 7pm:

Coquetdale YFC Pizza, Pint & Quiz Night – ticket only from YFC

Saturday 18th October, 7.30pm:

Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn

Friday 24th October, 7-9pm:

An evening with DJ Deepwater (aka River Iley)

Saturday 1st November, 8pm:

Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar

Saturday 15th November, 7.30pm:

Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn

Saturday 22nd November, 8pm:

Live music night with Danielle Keyes

Saturday 29th November, 8pm:

Live music night with Vestlife

Saturday 6th December, 8pm:

Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar

Saturday 20th December, 7.30 pm:

Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn

We have had a great summer thanks to good weather, lots of visitors and fantastic local support! The pub, cottage and B&B rooms have all been busy and we hope this will continue for a while longer before the winter sets in.

The pub continues to open 7 days a week from 12 noon, serving food all day between 12 noon and 8.30pm. The shop opens at 9am every day (10am on a Sunday) until the pub closes.

We have lots planned over the next few months to help us all get through the winter months including quizzes and music - watch this space!

Thank you once again for everyone's support, it is very much appreciated. Without our local customers we wouldn't be here and we wouldn't be able to keep our fantastic team of local people employed all year round.

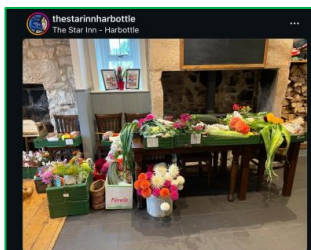
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Newspapers, milk, eggs, cakes, store cupboard items always available...including chocolate fixes 😊



Come rain or shine we have got you covered!



Another splendid Harbottle Show, rounded off with an evening in a vibrant, full Star Inn. Many thanks to all that kindly left items to be auctioned off, to John Gilberton for expertly leading the evening ceremonies and to all who dug deep into their pockets for jars of jam, posies, dahlias, vegetables and prize winning cakes. We raised over £550 extra for the Show's funds due to everyone's kindness. A fabulous evening to round off a fabulous day.

The Star Inn, Harbottle
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Website: www.thestarinnharbottle.co.uk
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Start planning your financial future!

-  Wednesday 1 October
-  4pm - 7pm
-  The Star Inn Pub, Harbottle



Start planning your future!

We're welcoming Andrew Tait to host an inheritance tax and pension clinic on Wednesday the 1 October 2025 where he will share his knowledge and answer your questions.

Come join us between 4pm and 7pm to explore financial advice with Newcastle Financial Advisers who are here to help you achieve a better financial future.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Star Inn Pub Harbottle, Morpeth NE65 7DG

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Approved by The Openwork Partnership on 16/09/2025.



NEW: Forever Yung Dance Classes in Harbottle Village Hall



Focus Dance Fridays 6 - 6.55 pm

We are currently learning how to Samba and Viennese Waltz:
Come along and join us!

We are always ready and keen to welcome new starters.....if you are tempted to try then please get in touch and we will help to get you moving in whichever class that suits you best.

Quotes from current local dancers:

"Happily married but love our different dance classes!"

"Good fun, made new friends and the perfect way to keep fit."

"We never thought ballroom dancing would be our cup of tea, but we joined when we moved here, just to get to know people. We've loved it ever since and I have even taken up Salsa classes!"

"There is no such thing as bad dancing, it's all just joyful."

"Great fun with a very patient teacher, nice meeting new people including the opportunity for coffee at The Star after some good, gentle, relaxing exercise."

"Very friendly groups; great teacher. You won't regret it. One of the best things I have done; love it!"

"Just love it and it makes me smile. Like the social, health & fun aspects, including the social dances expertly curated by Lisa, as well the challenge of learning so many different styles of dance slowly over time. Ken has the patience of a saint, carefully explaining and re-explaining the steps to us."

ADULT Ballroom, Latin, Salsa, Line Dance Classes

Harbottle Village Hall



Ballroom & Latin Beginner

Friday Evenings
8:00 - 8:55pm

Fun & Welcoming..

Learn Foxtrot,
Jive, Waltz
and Cha Cha.

Ballroom & Latin Beginner PLUS

Friday Evenings
7:00 - 7:55pm

Foxtrot, Jive,
Waltz, Cha Cha

PLUS Tango & Quickstep!

£45 per 8 week program



Salsa Beginner

Friday Evenings
8:00 - 8:55pm

Fun & Welcoming

Dance Classes for
Beginners.

Immerse yourself in
the rhythms
of Latin America.

**NO Partner
Required for
any of our
programs!**



Ballroom & Latin Modern LINE DANCE Beginner

Wednesday Mornings
10:00 - 10:55am

Beginner PLUS
Wednesday Mornings
11:00 - 11:55am

Non partner form of
Ballroom & Latin
Dancing.
Great exercise
and lots of fun.

**£25 per
4 week program**



CONTACT INFO:

Tel: 07818 726941

Email: yungdance@icloud.com

Website: www.foreveryungdance.co.uk

Community Social Dances at Harbottle Village Hall

Saturday 25th October:

"Spooktacular Halloween Dance" with half hour Tango workshop*

Saturday 13th December:

Christmas Dance with half hour Quickstep workshop*

6:15 – 9.15pm/*9.45pm **Please purchase tickets in advance**

*Door prize

**"pooled food" for mid-evening buffet

*Everyone is welcome

*No dance experience/partner req'd

If you wish to know more or join any of the classes then please contact Ken & Lisa:

www.foreveryungdance.co.uk

Email: yungdance@icloud.com

Please check our Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/foreveryungdance/>

News from the Valley

NEW: Messages from Rothbury GP Practice

NPC Rothbury
1d · 🌐

Taking paracetamol during pregnancy remains safe and there is no evidence it causes autism in children.
Find out more 📄 <https://orlo.uk/kqVHK>



Taking paracetamol during pregnancy remains safe

NPC Rothbury
9 June at 19:31 · 🌐

Did you know 📄
More than 80% of young people worry about being embarrassed if they said they were lonely.
Loneliness. It's a part of life. Let's talk about it this Loneliness Awareness Week
Find out more 📄
<https://orlo.uk/DVS5J>
#EveryMindMatters
#LonelinessAwarenessWeek



Everyone feels lonely sometimes and there are things you can do to help

Loneliness. It's a part of life. Let's talk about it.
For support and advice search 'loneliness – every mind matters'

The Rothbury Practice
2 days ago · 🌐

Urgent treatment centres are here to help you if you have an injury or illness that requires URGENT attention but is NOT life-threatening.

They can diagnose and deal with many of the most common issues people go to A&E for including:

- broken bones and sprains
- injuries, cuts and bruises
- wound dressing
- stomach pain
- coughs, colds and breathing problems
- vomiting and diarrhoea
- skin infections and rashes
- fever in children and adults

They're open at least 12 hours a day every day.
Not sure which health service is best for your needs?
Use NHS111 online 24/7 to get assessed and directed to the right place for you.
www.nhs.uk
#NHS #HereToHelp

NPC Rothbury
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If you're eligible for the flu vaccine, it's important that you get vaccinated to protect yourself and your loved ones from becoming unwell this winter.

You'll be able to book an appointment once you have received a text message from us with a booking link. You'll then be able to choose a date and time to attend one of our flu clinics.

By getting your flu vaccine with your NPC GP practice, you'll be in a familiar environment with staff who know your healthcare history and who can support you to stay safe this winter.

The Rothbury Practice
1 August at 20:20 · 🌐

Please remember A&E is for genuine life-threatening emergencies only!
If you do go to A&E and your medical need is not life-threatening you will experience significant delays.
Getting the right care, in the right place, can be quicker and closer to home...

Think:

- pharmacy first
- GP
- NHS111 online - or by phone - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - they can help assess and direct you to the right place to go

#NHS #HereToHelp



A&E
is for life-threatening emergencies only

Think pharmacy, GP & NHS 111 first. **HERE TO HELP**

Rothbury Community Hospital, our local hospital: If you, or a loved one, are interested in a residential place please either email rothbury@pfcare.co.uk or telephone People First Care at their Wooler site on 01668 281 662; ask for Amanda Cowell. Here is a link to a virtual tour of the facility, you can see how lovely and homely it is: <https://youtu.be/Aw5UkCMj9Yo> Or find Rothbury Cottage Care on You Tube.

The Rothbury Tree Trail

A new tree has been added to this popular, circular, walk. The Fastigate Yew in All Saints Church Yard is waiting to tell you her stories. This includes information about the church itself, told by Jeff Reynalds. Also stunning music by local group *Tillering Tree*. Free! Download via the Rothbury Tree website: [Climate And Nature | Rothbury Trees Uk](https://climateandnature.co.uk/rothbury-trees-uk)



The Coquet Valley Archers Club

Under 18's must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you wish to know more why not join up and come along to our twice monthly Sunday sessions. For more information email: info@coquetvalleyarchers.org



The Coquetdale Music Trust – Thropton at 7.30pm

Friday 3rd October: Methera (string quartet)

Sunday 26th October: Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage

Saturday 22nd November: Tom McConville/Michael Biggins

Tickets on sale at Tully's, or see website www.coquetdalemusictrust.com

Or contact: lesleyhallcoquetdalemusictrust@gmail.com

All Concerts start at 7.30pm and feel free to bring your own refreshments

Retired? Or semi-retired? Thought about joining U3A?



Coquetdale u3a had a very enjoyable summer with a wonderful afternoon tea superbly catered for by Yvonne at Rothbury Golf Club, fascinating talks on the Secrets of The Brain and Northumberland National Park's Mountain Rescue team, plus a picnic and a tour of Biddlestone Chapel.

We are now gearing up for our autumn/winter talks and our annual lecture which this year, we are delighted to announce, will be from Lord Alan Beith.

Everyone is welcome to come along to these talks. Non-members simply pay £2 on the door which includes light refreshments. All talks take place in the Jubilee Hall - here's what's coming up over the next few months.

Monday 20th October 10 for 10.30am	Phil Huntley on <i>The History of New Moor House, a tale of Roman roads, drovers and coaching inns with accompanying ghosts and highwaymen!</i>
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Sunday 23rd November 2.30 for 3.00pm	The Right Hon. the Lord Beith speaking on <i>Northumberland in Parliament</i>
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Monday 15th December 10 for 10.30am	Brycchan Carey on <i>William Turner of Morpeth: the Tudor "Father of English Botany"</i>
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Monday 19th January 10 for 10.30am	Sandra Kerr on <i>The Folk Roots of Bagpuss</i>
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To find out more about Coquetdale u3a, visit www.coquetdale.u3asite.uk

Membership is only £10 for the year up to April 2026 (or £5 if joining from January). For more information, email us at: coquetdale.u3a.secretary@gmail.com

Joining your local u3a is a great way to find and develop new interests and make friends in a relaxed environment. We have monthly get-togethers, quiz nights and trips and visits. The interest groups that are the lifeblood of an u3a and at Coquetdale u3a we offer a broad range of groups, just look at the list below:

Art Appreciation	Book Groups	Ceilidh Dancing	Creative Writing
Cycling	Discussion Group	Board games	Food and Drink
Gardening	Music Appreciation	Nordic Walking	Poetry
Railways and Modelling	Spanish Conversation	Table Tennis	Vegetarian Food
Walking Group	Natural History	Knit & Stitch	

Susie, Coquetdale u3a Groups Coordinator



COQUETDALE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Reg. Charity No. 508289

About us: The Coquetdale League of Friends, a local registered charity, has been run for the last 46 years by volunteers. Our aim is to support health providers and those who rely on their services in the Coquet Valley. We do this by raising funds and managing donations so that we can help our health care providers give their patients the best health services in this very rural area.

Join: We are always very happy to welcome new Friends. If you would like to get involved please contact the Secretary at cathyjacob@hotmail.com. We are particularly in need of anyone with social media or web building skills.

Donate: We are only able to continue our work supporting the nurses and doctors working in the Coquet Valley and their patients because of the money generously donated by the public. If you would like to donate our bank account details are as follows:
Lloyd's Bank, Sort code: 30-99-50, Account number: 20679463

Next Coquetdale Repair Café:

10 am-2 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Rothbury

Saturday Saturday 22nd November

Broken toaster? Torn clothes? Broken zips? Garden items need sharpening?
Damaged picture frames? Dodgy chair? Loose garden fork handle? Don't bin it! Fix it!

Please visit us on Facebook and Twitter (@CoquetRepair) or <https://www.coquetrepair.co.uk/> for the latest information on how you can have your broken items repaired, learn repairing skills & have a cuppa, cake & a chat. **New Volunteers always welcomed**, especially if you have electrical/woodwork expertise or have a specialist area like mending clocks for example. If interested please email the group.

COQUETDALE YOUNG FARMERS

You don't have to be a farmer to be part of Young Farmers as it is a rural, youth based organisation for anyone interested in rural and countryside activities. Coquetdale Young Farmers Club warmly invites anyone interested in becoming a member to join them. The club meets usually once a week on a Monday night and welcomes anyone between the ages of 14 - 26. It is a great way to meet friends and get involved in competitions and other activities.

Interested? Then please contact Lauren Clark on 07788724835 for more information.

Over the Bridges: The Church & Community Magazine for Upper Coquetdale is available online at: www.overthebridges.org

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Coquetdale Creatives Website: <https://coquetdalecreatives.art/>

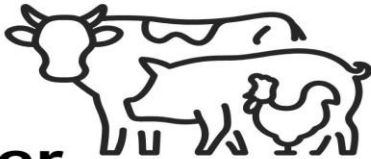
Welcome! This website is the place to discover some of the talented, brilliant, and skilled artists, craftspeople, musicians, writers, photographers, designers – all types of creatives, who live and/or work in Coquetdale. There are many people who I have already interviewed, and you can find out about them in the Creative Folk, with many more interviews to come.

We also host regular poetry, writing, and music events, in Rothbury. These events feature published writers, and musicians, who have the main slots, but there is also space for audience members to take part. Occasionally we put on writing retreats and other events.

If you are a creative, living or working in Coquetdale, and you would like to appear on this website, please get in touch with me, Katie: coquetdale.creatives@gmail.com

NEW: Rothbury CAN

Rothbury CAN has a website, with an events page on it: www.rothburycan.org



Saturday 25th October

7.00 for 7.30pm Jubilee Hall

Two short films about regenerative farming, followed by a discussion.

Leaving it Better:
commissioned by DEFRA's Farming in Protected Landscape Programme, and, Tipping Point UK.

Growing Rich With Nature
Simon Hare, a livestock and Land Management Consultant, and farmer, from Trees House Farm in County Durham, shares a year in his farming life.



FREE, but donations welcome, to pay for the hire of the hall.

rothbury.can@gmail.com

Cost of Living Sources of Information

Alnwick District Food Bank:

NO CHILD SHOULD GO HUNGRY !

AND YET 1 in 4 CHILDREN ARE NOW LIVING WITHOUT ENOUGH FOOD

We currently need tinned fish, meat, baking goods, pasta sauce or curry sauce, biscuits and tinned vegetables.

We currently have sufficient pasta, baked beans and chocolate; thank you.

We always appreciate donations of stout carrier bags and cloth bags.

Contact points

- Call us on 07957 298057 and leave a message
- email us at coquetdale.hub@gmail.com

DROP OFF POINTS: Rothbury Co-op, Thropton Spar, The Star Inn in Harbottle, The Running Fox and St Mary's Longframlington.

"We want to thank you all plus The WI, The Coquetdale Singers and the lady golfers who have always so generously supported the Foodbank."

Your kindness makes a big difference. THANK YOU!

The Coquetdale Foodbank

The Citizens Advice Service for free, confidential information and advice on benefits, debt, housing and employment problems. You can obtain help from us in a number of ways:

- By telephoning Northumberland Advice line on 0808 278 7944
- For energy advice 01670 339749.
- Help claiming universal credit 0800 144 8444. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm. Closed Bank Holidays.
- By calling into our drop-in sessions: 10-12 on **Tuesday mornings**.

Debt advice is also available:

- **Monday to Friday on 01670 339960 or text DEBT to 81400**
- By going on-line at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/northumberland



Warm Hubs: created by CAN as places within the local community where people can be assured of finding a safe, warm and friendly environment in which to enjoy refreshments, social activity, information and advice and the company of other people'. The local Warm Hubs currently available are in The Star Inn in Harbottle, Hepple, Rothbury Jubilee Hall, Longframlington and Thropton Luncheon Club.

Did you know.....there are cheaper social tariffs out there for broadband?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cheaper-broadband-for-struggling-families-14-august-2022>

Travelling to the EU? Check your EHIC expiry date. If expired, apply for a free GHIC via the NHS site to provide access to state run hospitals and GPs in the EU for the same price as a local. Travel insurance is still advisable.

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Energy Advice in Rural Northumberland:

<https://energyadvicenorthumberland.org.uk/our-work/>

Pension Credit:

To calculate if you are eligible use:

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator>

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>

Don't miss out if you are eligible. If in doubt then check it out as it will help with paying for fuel over winter.

It is always worth checking in with **Moneysaving expert Martin Lewis** to read about his latest advice on energy bills, rising mortgages and the cost of living crisis. If you need a guide on possible sources of financial help for energy bills:

Travelling to Europe? Don't get caught out by the 10 year rule

UK travellers used to be able to carry up to nine months left on an old passport over to a new one.

This meant that a passport could be valid for more than 10 years.

This did not matter when the UK was a member of the European Union (EU).

But the rules changed after Brexit, and the majority of EU countries no longer accept British passports which were issued more than 10 years before the date of travel.

This is known as the "10-year rule".

To enter those countries now, your UK passport must:

- have been issued less than 10 years before the date you enter the EU country (i.e. the "date of issue")
- be valid for at least three months after the day you plan to leave (i.e. the "date of expiry")

If your passport does not meet these requirements, you will be refused entry.



The Rothbury Practice

31 July at 13:25 · 🌐

From September, even more working parents will have access to childcare for their children.

If you are an eligible working parent with a child who is or turns at least 9 months old by 31 August, you can now apply for 15 hours childcare to start in September.

Stay up to date with the upcoming expansion to childcare support with our regular newsletter for parents 📧
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



HM Government

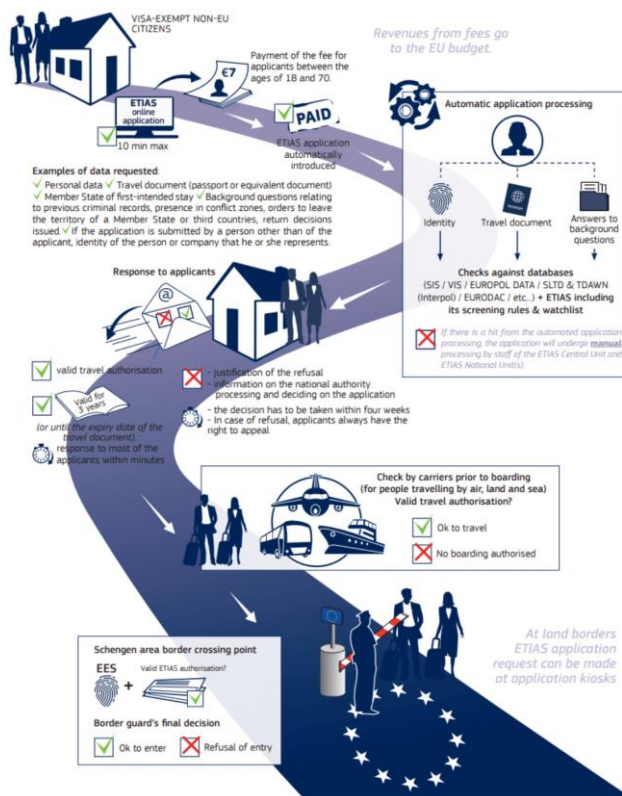
Help for Households

Get help that
fits your family.

Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare
Choices

EES / ETIAS and Travelling to EU:



Landlines are changing

Storm Eowyn 2025 set a challenge for the new mobile mast in Upper Coquetdale. So when people needed mobile reception in a power cut where was the reliable alternative to the old trusty copper wires of a landline? Who else resorted to their old non-digital phones on that Friday when the power went off along with the mobile signal?

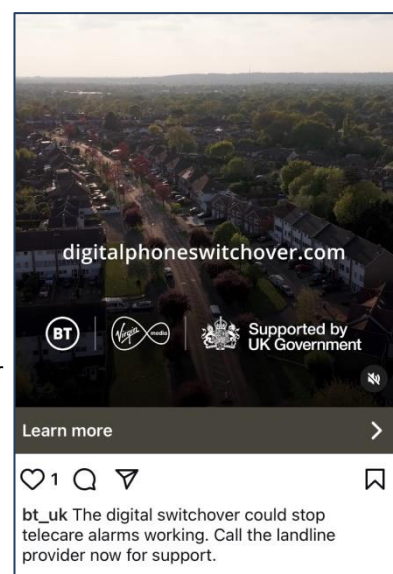
BT is the first telecoms company to axe the timetable that would have seen the nation's old landlines replaced with digital phone lines by December 2025. The timeline for completing the transition has been pushed back to the **end of January 2027...but companies are working on this switchover NOW.**

In power cuts: the new digital phone services will not work. If you do not have a mobile phone or reception then your provider should give you a battery back up so that you are not cut off if there is a power cut. Remember to check how long the offered battery pack lasts for and discuss if it is sufficient to cover the length of power cuts that we usually endure.

If you are worried about being switched over based on your lack of mobile phone or internet, or our poor history of power cuts, or rely on personal fall alarms or burglar alarms, or have medical worries that require access to 999 etcthen get in touch with your provider NOW and check if your devices will work with this new enforced digital connection.

This is especially important for those who rely on Telecare alarms. Providers need to know this information to ensure customers continue receiving Telecare services without disruption during the switchover.

For more information: www.digitalphonesswitchover.com



The Digital Phone Switchover

NEW:

Working parents of children aged between nine months and four years old in England now have access to 30 hours a week of childcare during term time, funded by the government.

Out-reach Post Office Services
(aka Find Bessie)



Day	Location	Time
Monday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 10.00 am
	Netherton Village Hall	10.30 am - 12.30 pm
	Holystone Church	1 pm - 2.30pm
	Hepple Post Office	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Tuesday	Thropton Village Hall	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
	Hepple Post Office	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Wednesday	CLOSED	
Thursday	Rochester Village Hall	9.15 am - 11.15 am
	Otterburn Village Hall	12.00 noon - 2.00 pm
	Hepple Post Office	2.30 pm - 5.30 pm
Friday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
	Hepple Post Office	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Saturday	Hepple Post Office	9.00 am - 12.30 pm

NEW:

** ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE **

Location: C172 Greenside Bank to Harbottle.

Reason: Drainage repair works – replacement of damaged drainage pipes and gulleys within the verge.

Dates: 03/11/2025 – 10/11/2025.

Closure: Full road closure in place at all times during this period.

Access Arrangements:

- Residents of Lightpipe Hall, Rocky's Hall, and Hillcrest will retain access/egress to their properties from Sharperton only.
- No access will be permitted through the worksite at any time except for emergency services.
- Forestry vehicles will have access/egress to Harbottle Wood, but again, no access through the worksite will be possible.
- Traffic Management operatives will be on site to assist with access requirements and signage will be in place starting at the eastern approach to Thropton, directing residents to access Alwinton and Harbottle via Netherton.

Some Ideas for the Coming Weeks

Cragend Farm for Day Visits, B&B & Self Catering Accommodation. All visits must be booked in advance with the season running until October. We also welcome photographic groups plus camping is available in the woods.

Cragside's little neighbour with a big story to tell: Since being featured on Matt Baker's

'Travels with Mum & Dad' Series 3 (watch again on Demand More 4) a book has been written about the findings at the farm called: Transformation: 'Lord Armstrong's Cragend Farm' and is available to buy from Tully's and Soulsby's in Rothbury.

Lou Renwick, Cragend Farm

www.cragendfarm.co.uk 01669-621533 lourenwick@cragendfarm.co.uk

Instagram, twitter and Facebook @cragendfarm



Northumberland National Park

There are always plenty of activities and sites to visit across the whole of the Northumberland National Park, but here are a few of the local ones planned for the coming months that require pre-booking.

For more information please check the website: <https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/whats-on/>

Biddlestone Winter Walk : A strenuous but breath-taking walk, which starts amongst historic buildings and then climbs up to remote fells where we take in the majestic scenery (6 miles/4 hours).

Event details: 26/10/25 at 10.30 am

Biddlestone Chapel NE65 7DT

Humbleton and Harehope Circuit : Guided walk steeped in history with exceptional views as we follow St Cuthbert's Way to the site of the Battle of Humbleton Hill (5 hours/8 miles).

Event details: 09/11/25 at 10.30 am

Wooler Common Car Park NE71 6RL

Hareshaw Common and the Pennine Way: Guided walk along the Pennine Way for superb views from an area north of Bellingham (3.5hrs/5.5 miles)

Event details: 23/11/25 at 10.30 am

Hareshaw Linn Car Park NE48 2BW

Rothbury and Armstrong Terrace: Walk along the Coquet and up to the Armstrong Terraces above Rothbury, with great views of Simonside Ridge (3.5hrs/6 miles).

Event details: 30/11/25 at 10.30 am

Rothbury Riverside Car Park NE65 7RW

Carey Burn and Broadstruther: A circular walk from Wooler Common with great views down the Harthope Valley via the ominously named "Hell Path" (8 miles/5 hours).

Event details: 07/12/25 at 10.30 am

Wooler Common Car Park NE71 6RL

A Walk in their shoes: Drake Stone and Harbottle Castle: Hear the stories and myths connected with the Drake Stone and the castle that dominates the area on Boxing Day (3hrs/5 miles).

Event details: 26/12/25 at 11 am

Harbottle Forestry Commission Car Park NE65 7BQ



Rothbury Maker's Market

Saturday 4th October

Saturday 1st November

Saturday 6th December

10am – 4pm

Jubilee Hall, Rothbury

With teas, cakes and bakes

A monthly market on the first Saturday of each month from April to December showcasing the talent of local Northumbrian Artisans.



Coquetdale Wildlife Group

A local community wildlife group affiliated to Northumberland Wildlife Trust

Please come along and join the Coquetdale Wildlife Group
for our current programme of interactive wildlife and nature talks.

For our Autumn / Winter 2025 programme we have the following talks scheduled:

Monday 6th October

“Return of the Otter : Tracking Otters & Recovery in the North East England”
by Vivien Kent

Monday 3rd November

“Wildlife Sounds of Northumberland and the Borders”
by Geoff Sample

Monday 1st December

“Natural History in Morocco’s High Atlas Mountains”
by Phil Hanmer

@ 7:30pm, Jubilee Hall, Rothbury
(Teas & coffees available from 7pm)

Please come along and join us. Visitors are always welcome (£4 per talk for non-members)
For further details please contact Lorna (lornaholystone@gmail.com)

NEW: Another “Local hero” for a skill set of being able to make, mend and weld all manner of items from broken lawn mowers to washing machine drum burn bins on legs!

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 We have now updated our website,
you can find it here:-
www.newtownengineering.co.uk

You can also now find us on Facebook:-
 **Newtown Engineering Co**
(please like and follow our page)

If you have any queries or are interested
in any products, please contact us
by telephone:-
 **01669 620755**

 or by email:-
enqs@newtownengineering.com
or
stores@newtownengineering.com

September 2025

POT HOLES DON'T REPORT THEMSELVES!

Have a go after every journey as it is very easy to do. www.northumberland.gov.uk, scroll down and click on Report a Pothole. Alternatively phone 0345 600 6400. How easy is that? Go on, have a go at reporting at least two after each journey. There were far too many reports of tyre and car damage occurring locally in the past year. And don't forget that you can make a claim for the damage.....look for evidence on the above website in case your demon pothole has previously been reported but not repaired. And don't give up on the first refusal letter.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A NEW SKILL?
DO YOU ENJOY WOODWORKING?
DO YOU HAVE PRACTICAL SKILL YOU CAN SHARE?

If so we can help each other at

**"THE BARN"
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP**

Ryehill Farmhouse NE65 7NG
(just North of Rothbury)
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For more info:

Call Paul on 07792 728 262 or search for:

www.rcvbarn.info



"The Barn" Sessions

"The Barn" Community Workshop is now open
Tuesdays 2pm to 4.30pm
Mens Shed-Wednesdays 10am to 12.30pm
Wednesdays 7pm to 9.30pm

New from 17th January 2023
Mens Shed-Tuesdays 10am to 12.30pm

For more details e-mail: rcvbarn@gmail.com

COQUETDALE TRANSPORT

Route 16a and 16b Timetable			
NEW TIMETABLE FROM 1 ST NOVEMBER 2024			
	Departure times		
Tuesday and Saturday Service	16a	16a	16a
X14 (From Newcastle) arrives Rothbury*	07:23	11:43	14:38
471 (From Alnwick) arrives Rothbury**	N/A	13:05	14:35
Rothbury, Silvertown Lane corner with Garlegh Road	08:10	12:00	14:40
Rothbury, Rothbury Community Hospital	08:13	12:03	14:43
Rothbury, Opposite Queens Head	08:15	12:05	14:45
Thropton, Cross Keys	08:21	12:11	14:51
Snitter, The Cottage	08:25	12:15	14:55
Netherton, Old Coach House	08:35	12:25	15:05
Alwinton, Phone Box	08:49	12:39	15:19
Harbottle, First School	08:55	12:45	15:25
Holystone, Mill	09:02	12:52	15:32
Hepple, Post Office	09:15	13:05	15:45
Thropton, Three Wheat Heads	09:24	13:14	15:54
Rothbury, Queens Head	09:30	13:20	16:00
Rothbury, Rothbury Community Hospital	09:32	13:22	16:02
Rothbury, Garlegh Road before Silvertown Lane	09:35	13:25	16:05
This Service will not operate on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day			
X14 (to Newcastle) arrives Rothbury*	10:00	14:00	17:05
471 (to Alnwick) arrives Rothbury**	09:33	13:33	N/A
Thursday Service	Departure times		
	16b	16b	
X14 (From Newcastle) arrives Rothbury*	07:23	14:38	
471 (From Alnwick) arrives Rothbury**	N/A	14:35	
Rothbury, Silvertown Lane corner with Garlegh Road	08:10	14:55	
Rothbury, Rothbury Community Hospital	08:13	14:58	
Rothbury, Opposite Queens Head	08:15	15:00	
Thropton, Cross Keys	08:21	15:06	
Snitter, The Cottage	08:25	15:10	
Netherton, Old Coach House	08:35	15:20	
Alwinton, Phone Box	08:49	15:34	
Harbottle, First School	08:55	15:40	
Holystone, Mill	09:02	15:47	
Hepple, Post Office	09:15	16:00	
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Rothbury Shopper's Route

It is essential to book your place via Lesley to avoid disappointment. This **FRIDAY** only service is aimed at the elderly or mobility- impaired, providing door to door service and arrives at Rothbury at approximately 9.45am and leaves around 11am.

Upper Coquetdale Community Healthcare Transport

Visiting Rothbury Hospital or a local surgery? Having trouble getting there? Need a lift?

Upper Coquetdale Community Transport offers a friendly and cost effective Healthcare transport service to help those with no transport to get to their **GP appointments**:

£2 for journeys under 5 miles **£5** for journeys 5-15 miles
£10 if the journey is above 15 miles

We also go to various **regional hospitals**:

Alnwick **£15** Wansbeck/Morpeth **£20**
North Tyneside/RVI/Cramlington/Freeman/Hexham **£25**

Opticians/Dentists/Podiatry/physio and other essential appointments work alongside pricing for regional hospitals according to their locations (unless at Rothbury hospital).

DRIVERS NEEDED: UCCT are looking for volunteer drivers for both the car and the minibus services. If you feel that you could help then please contact Lesley in order to help keep these much valued services on the road.

To book seats or make an enquiry please contact Lesley Leeson, Transport Manager: 01669 622264

Email: UCCT3@hotmail.com

Web page: www.ucct-transport.co.uk

Also on Facebook!

Lesley's working hours are Mon-Fri 12-3pm, with an answer phone for other times of the day which is checked regularly for emergencies.

PARISH OF UPPER COQUETDALE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2025



NEW: The Happenings

We were blessed with a perfect Harbottle Show day and the industrial tent was well filled with super veg, beautiful flowers and plants, stunning crafts and children's entries and plenty of very good baking. There was great music all afternoon resounding through the field and much excitement among the racing and wrestling fraternity. Well done to all the organisers as much work goes into making a success story.

Alwinton Show looming and a lovely day there too would be just the ticket! We are selling our Christmas cakes again so we're back on the big baking sessions and much soaking of fruit, it would be good to see you at the stall!

A lot of "Over the Bridges" seem not to be hand delivered in a few of the villages so there is quite a surplus in the newspaper boxes which seems a dreadful waste. Would it be possible for some people to perhaps drop one or two off at neighbour's houses so they do get distributed as it is meant to be a delivery to everyone in the parish - thank you.

Our Harvest Festival is on October 5th at Alwinton Church from 10.30am followed by a pooled lunch with all proceeds going to the Alnwick Food Bank. Everyone is most welcome and it would be wonderful to have some children join us for this traditional event.

Thinking ahead, here are some diary dates:

Carol Service: Sunday 21st December, 10.30am: Alwinton Church. All welcome.

Crib Service: Sunday 24th December, 11am : Alwinton Church. All welcome and the most special way for children to learn about and celebrate this special Christmas story.

Until next month....

Julia

NEW: 200 Club Winners for October 2025



£20: Betsy Burston

£15: James Leigh-Pemberton

£10: Ralph Holmes



The Parish website has moved: to the Church of England site called **A Church Near You** - and it is important to include the "A": <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> Simply type in the name of your church e.g. Alnham or the postcode and the site will take you there. Eventually we will probably add a Parish site but at the moment all the information is to be found at each church's page. Please remember it is a growing site and it will take a while to add everything and to make sure we are making the most use of the site.

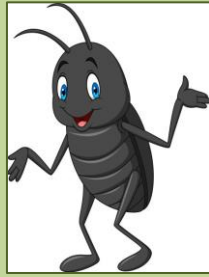
Alison Ball

The latest copy of The UCRG Newsletter can always be located on this new website [under any of the local churches](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8034/news/notice-sheet/grid/) e.g. Rothbury All Saints/ Notice Sheets section at:
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8034/news/notice-sheet/grid/>

Thank you to Alison for updating this each month and helping to share news around Upper Coquetdale.

NEW: *Back by popular demand, a family friendly fund raising evening:*

BEETLE DRIVE



Wednesday 29th October from 7pm
at Harbottle Village Hall

All welcome

In Aid of Alwinton and Holystone Churches

Bring your own drinks and nibbles to sustain you through an hour or so
of frantic dice shaking and beetle drawing!

NEW: Christmas Bingo



CHRISTMAS BINGO

Wednesday 26th November
7.30pm
at
Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton

All Welcome, and includes “Children’s Prizes”

Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches

NEW:

Family Friendly Ceilidh For All Ages
With caller



**SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 4PM-6.30PM IN
HARBOTTLE VILLAGE HALL**

£8 PER FAMILY / £4 ADULT

**(LEFT OVER FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO
ALWINTON & HOLYSTONE CHURCHES)**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN
REFRESHMENTS**

**ALL WELCOME AND AN INSTRUCTOR WILL BE
THERE TOO SO COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT SHARON GRAHAM**



New:

CHRISTINGLE



Sunday 7th December 10.30pm

Alwinton Church

The date has been set for our Christingle service and we would love to ask you all with your family and friends to come along and see the children receive a Christingle. There will be NO holy communion at this service, please pop that date in you diary.

Please stay afterwards and enjoy some refreshment



Alwinton & Holystone DCC

Cafe Church at Harbottle Village Hall

A Coquetdale Churches Together event.

ALL WELCOME!

We would love you to join us for an informal service with a cuppa & cake, songs, talk and creative activity. This is an opportunity for all generations to be together.

These services will now be happening monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December), 3-6pm:

2025:

28th Sept 26th Oct 23rd Nov

2026:

25th Jan 22nd Feb 22nd Mar 26th Apr 24th May
28th June 26th July 23rd Aug

For more information or to get involved please contact either:

Catherine Iley:
catherine.iley@gmail.com

Angela Feather
angela.feather@urc-northernsynod.org

New: And finally from all at the UCRG:

Thank you for reading this far and....

As show season approaches the local finale at Alwinton, a shout out to all who the unsung heroes who help in so many ways to make these local traditions actually happen and endure after so many years. And I suspect each and every one would always welcome fresh new faces to chip in at any point to help share the load and the fun.

Thank you to all who contributed to this bumper edition....there is so much going on!

And until next time, take care.

We are still trying to widen the Newsletter coverage, as well as our contact database. We don't have a complete set of contacts for all households in the area. PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? We are grateful to the many that we know of who already print and share copies with their neighbours, especially for those living "off the net." Also, if you have new or old neighbours ask them if they wish to join the blind copied distribution list by asking them to email me, Tracey, on stickypud@harbottle.net and I will add them to my list. Susan also has a distribution list and posts the latest copy on some local social media outlets. It isn't perfect but at least we keep trying to improve it. Thank you.

The UCRG has been established over 20 years as a registered charity. We promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Upper Coquetdale area, consisting of the parishes of Netherton & Biddlestone, Harbottle, Hepple & Alwinton. The charity provides facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations. Throughout the pandemic we were able to continue with our community newsletter in electronic form enabling isolated communities to keep in touch, and renewed batteries and consumables for the Alwinton & Netherton defibrillators in 2021.

In 2022 we funded the provision of a defibrillator in Harbottle village at a cost of £1510 plus the cost of several first aid/defibrillator training courses open to anyone in the local parishes. In 2023 we assisted with the training of members of the local Archery Club and again run a free First Aid Course for 7 locals. In 2024 we have covered the cost of consumables in some local defibrillators, contributed to the mat fundraising efforts of Rothbury Wrestling Academy, assisted in the repair of the trailer belonging to the Coquet Valley Archers and made a donation to Coquetdale Squirrel Group to help them continue their important work.

If you know of a group that may benefit from some funding and they meet the above criteria, then please contact us via jsrogerson@btinternet.com

If you would like to advertise your business in return for a small donation and reach many local households each month, then please contact Susan Rogerson: jsrogerson@btinternet.com All funds raised, plus extra donations and money provided via fund raising events, help The Upper Coquet Resource Group (UCRG) to keep this voluntary community group going.



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Call/text: 07469249158 * Email: hindmarshequestrian@hotmail.com * PM on Facebook.

My "local" heroes; Pass it on:

Heads2toe: soft tissue and sports/remedial massage therapist Stephen Heads, based in Rothbury but can visit your home. 07921 568965 or <https://www.heads2toe.co.uk/>

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Local Private Hire Taxi Service

I've just set up as a Private Hire taxi service here in the valley. I live in Netherton so I'm local for the needs of people living and working here. My contact details are as follows:

Mobile number 07718 585508 and email rickyvph24@gmail.com Web site details will follow shortly.

I have all my NCC licences and insurance in place and started the service recently. Please get in touch and I will get you to where you need to be!

Ricky Lawrence

<i>Sweeties</i> <i>Bridge Street, Rothbury</i> Sweets * Treats * Gifts* Pick & Mix* Slushies* Hot & Cold Drinks Traditional sweet shop stocking a large variety of sweets & chocolates. We can special order anything we don't have in stock. Now stocking Coquet Chocolate: Beautiful handmade chocolates & truffles, made in Rothbury.	<u>DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS</u> Alnham: the wall of Kings Priory School Field Centre Alwinton: car park on the toilet block wall Biddlestone: wall of No1, Biddlestone Barn, NE65 7DT Clennell: at Clennell Hall Hotel Harbottle: Star Inn courtyard Hepple: on the village hall wall Holystone: Priory Farm wall Netherton: on the village hall wall Sharperton: End wall of Sawmill Close, nr junction Thropton: on the school wall  
<u>DRAKESTONE BUILDING SERVICES</u> Joinery, General Building, Tiling & Decorating Work <u>Billy Gibson</u> Tel: 01669 650206 OR 07979042499 Email: feeshearer@goolemail.com	<u>Collins Fish Van</u> Visits the area on a Thursday: Hepple Post Office: 8.00am Sharperton (on the hill): 8.30am Alwinton Village Green: 9.00am Harbottle (Chapel end then Pub): 9.10am Holystone Post Office: 9.40am
<u>Northumbria</u> <u>Pet Crematorium</u> • Beautiful Peaceful Environment • Compassionate and Caring Service • 100% Guarantee Your Pets Ashes Back • Pick Up & Delivery Service • 24hr Ashes Return Service Tel: 07393 481 561 Email: northumbriapetcrem@gmail.com www.northumbriapetcrematorium.co.uk	<u>POT HOLES DON'T REPORT THEMSELVES!</u> Have a go after every journey as it is very easy to do. www.northumberland.gov.uk , scroll down to TOP TASKS and click on Report a Pothole. Alternatively phone them on 0345 600 6400. How easy is that? NCC defines "an actionable defect" as a pothole of at least 40mm (1.5 inches) deep and a minimum of 300mm (1 foot) in diameter. However, we think that if you aren't happy, then report it!

NEW: RMAC Heating: Small business focussing on quality not quantity. With extensive experience in the Heating industry working as engineer and service manager I decided a few years ago to go solo and concentrate on the installation, service and repair of oil, gas and LPG boilers and heating systems. Undertaken work in Upper Coquet area as well as Alnwick & Morpeth. **Trades:** Gas Work, Central Heating & Plumbing. Annual visit to current Harbottle clients occurs in September, but can do more if you wish to coordinate with neighbours for a boiler service...please just get in touch.



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LOCAL EV CHARGING POINTS:

***ALWINTON CAR PARK *HARBOTTLE: IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL**

Reminder from Northern Power Grid:

Winter is coming...Being winter ready isn't just about getting your big coat out. We know northern winters can be tough. Whilst we will do everything in our power to make sure the cold doesn't dampen our winter season festivities, the weather can be severe enough to damage your local electricity network.

We will do everything we can to prevent this, including spending millions of pounds on maintaining and looking after your power network. But it can still happen, particularly in winter weather. So, as we get ready for the season of fireworks and festivities, it's important that you know what to do and are prepared if your power goes off.

Support available for our customers

If you experience a power cut, the easiest way to report and access the latest information is via our website www.northernpowergrid.com/power-cuts. Alternatively, our teams are here for you 24/7 by calling **105..store this number on your mobile or address book**.

You can also find some useful hints and tips on our website at www.northernpowergrid.com/what-to-do-in-a-power-cut. Our customer support vehicles are prepared and ready to go out into local communities, where possible.

Power cut advice and tips include:

- Bookmark Northern Powergrid's online power cut map and reporting service on your mobile devices – www.northernpowergrid.com/power-cuts
- Have a charged mobile phone with important numbers saved, including 105, the free national power cut phone line.
- Turn off electrical appliances at the socket (this is particularly important for heating or cooking appliances as your power could be restored at any time and potentially cause a safety hazard).
- Keep one light switched on so you know when power is restored.
- Keep a battery-operated or wind-up torch handy – they're much safer than candles.
- Have a grab bag ready in your home with a torch, spare batteries, charged power banks, and a blanket - just in case!
- Check on your elderly or sick neighbours and relatives.
- Ensure you have warm clothing and blankets handy and some food and drink in your home that does not require electricity to heat or prepare it.
- Call 999 in the event of a medical emergency.

If you have additional needs due to your medical or personal circumstances, and are not part of our Priority Services Membership, you should consider joining for **free** by visiting [Priority Services Membership](#) or **calling 0800 169 2996**. This will help us to support you during a power cut. This will include regular updates on the situation and consideration of any need for provision of hot food and alternative accommodation.

Those who can join include customers:

- Of pensionable age
- Who have a hearing or visual impairment
- Who have additional communication needs
- Who are in a vulnerable situation
- Who have young children at home
- Who are disabled, chronically sick, or have a long-term medical condition

Please remember to check on neighbours, friends and family members who may need additional support.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF.....

An Updated Message from Harbottle Parish Council

CIVIL EMERGENCIES PLAN FOR HARBOTTLE PARISH

Emergencies resulting in loss of power, telephone, mobile telephone, water.
Damage to property

In the Event of Electricity Failure

The Emergency Hub at the Star Inn will come into operation in the event of a long power outage, especially if there is no indication when power will be restored.

A varied response will be needed according to the emergency, but as a general rule:

Loss of power overnight: Emergency hub will open up in the morning and remain open as long as needed.

Loss of power during the day: Emergency hub will open late afternoon/early evening to provide hot food, drinks and hot water.

A sign will be placed outside the Star to indicate that the Hub is open and we will endeavour to spread information by word of mouth or telephone if they are working.

Emergency Centre:

Star Inn, Harbottle: Telephone: 01669 650221
Equipped with generator and providing shelter, heat, hot water and food.

Main Contacts:

Harbottle:	Sue Bolam:	The Old Mill, 01669 650360
Holystone:	Stuart Wardlaw:	Lanternside, 01669 650409
Sharperton:	Joe Ormston:	North Sharperton Farm, 01669 650321

Other contacts:

Simon Kenny, Park House Farm:	01669 650250
Alan Stripp, Well House Cottage:	01669 650324
Northumberland County Council:	01670 627599; 0345 6006400

Other Resources

Two tents, 10m x 15m and 3m x 4m with lights and heaters
Contact: Simon Kenny

Parish Emergency Fund

Held by Harbottle Parish Council
March 2024

As Storm Eowyn raged the Warm Hub
Kicked In....Please remember this for next
time...

 **The Star Inn - Harbottle** 18h · 🌐

Our emergency warm hub is up and running in The Courtyard Barn via the generator. It's toasty warm with a log fire, tea/coffee facilities and WiFi. We also have food and drinks available via the pub/kitchen, eat-in or take-away. Tel: 01669 650221.

Everyone is welcome to use this space whilst the power is off, whether you buy anything or not. #StaySafe. #storm