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# Upper Coquet Resource Group COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



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## Newsletter Circulation

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](mailto:stickypud@harbottle.net)

**NEW: Planned 2025 dates:** submission deadlines with electronic distribution by the end of each month are:

| <u>Issue</u>          | <u>Wednesday Deadlines</u> |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| December/January 2026 | 19/11/25                   | <b><u>DOUBLE ISSUE</u></b> |
| February              | 21/01/26                   |                            |
| March                 | 18/02/26                   |                            |
| April                 | 18/03/26                   |                            |
| May                   | 22/04/26                   |                            |
| June                  | 20/05/26                   |                            |
| July/August           | 24/06/26                   | <b><u>DOUBLE ISSUE</u></b> |
| September             | 19/08/26                   |                            |
| October               | 23/09/26                   |                            |
| November              | 21/10/26                   |                            |
| December/January 2027 | 18/11/26                   |                            |

**NEW: UCRG 2026 Calendars** are being prepared and we should have them out for sale by November at £8 each. 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 or replenishing consumables on local defibrillators.

**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!

**NEW: Harbottle School Community Group** continues to collect and sell both new and pre loved 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. ***We will be running a stall at the forthcoming Harbottle First School Christmas Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, so please come along and support two good causes in one morning!***

## 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 (p9/11).



**Crag:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30pm, Swarland Village Hall: The Coquet River Story (p20).

**Harbottle Village Hall AGM:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7pm in Harbottle Village Hall. Residents of Harbottle and Alwinton Parishes are welcome to attend. (p9).

**Friends of Harbottle First School:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 6pm: Harbottle First School. All welcome (p8).

**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7-9pm: An evening with DJ Deepwater (aka River Iley)(p10).



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



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

**Coquetdale Music Trust:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Thropton: Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage (p12).

**Café Church:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 3-6pm: Harbottle Village Hall (p9, 25).

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



**Beetle Drive:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm, Harbottle Village Hall: A fund raiser on behalf of Alwinton & Holystone Churches. All welcome to join in the fun (p 9/23).



**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 8pm: Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar (p10).



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

**Coquetdale Wildlife Group:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

**Winter Market:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 12-6pm: Winter Market at Rigg and Furrow (p20).

**Remembrance Service:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November , 10.30am, Alwinton Church. All welcome (p22)

**Hepple WI:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Ewa Kochanoliska & Tomasz Krybus: "Poland: Its Landscapes & Its Christmas Traditions. Competition: Foreign Souvenir (p6).

**School Christmas Fair:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-12 noon, Harbottle First School. Crafts, stalls, raffle, refreshments. £1 entry , under 12s free entry. All welcome (p8).

**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm: Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn (p10).



**UCRG Newsletter:** Submission deadline for the double December/January 2026 edition is 19/11/25 (p1).



**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm: Quiz Night in aid of Harbottle First School (p10)



**Coquetdale Music Trust:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Thropton: Tom McConville/Michael Biggins (p12).

**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 8pm: Live music night with Danielle Keyes (p10).



**Repair Café:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10am-2 pm, Jubilee Hall Rothbury (p13).

**Café Church:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 3-6pm: Harbottle Village Hall (p9, 25).

**USA:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2.30 for 3.00pm at Jubilee Hall: The Right Hon. the Lord Beith speaking on Northumberland in Parliament (p13)

**Christmas Bingo:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton. All Welcome, and includes "Children's Prizes" A Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches (p5/23).



**The Star Inn, Harbottle:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm: Quiz Night in aid of local schoolgirl, Lily Scott (p10).



## SAVE SOME DATES continued

*The Star Inn, Harbottle:* Saturday 29th November, 8pm: Live music night with Vestlife (p10).



**Netherton & District War Memorial Institute:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

**CHRISTMAS BINGO:** Eyes down at 7pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in Netherton Memorial Hall. All welcome (p4).



**CHRISTINGLE:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (p25).



**Rothbury Maker's Market:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 4pm at Jubilee Hall, Rothbury (p18).

*The Star Inn, Harbottle:* Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm: Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar (p10).



**Community Social Dance:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Harbottle: Christmas dance with half hour quick step workshop (p9/11).



**U3A:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm: Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn (p10).



**Carol Service:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30am : Alwinton Church. All welcome (p22).

**Crib Service:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11am : Alwinton Church. All welcome and the most special way for children to learn about and celebrate this special story (p22).

**Ceilidh with caller:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 (p9/24).

**U3A:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 , 10 for 10.30am at Jubilee Hall: Sandra Kerr on *The Folk Roots of Bagpuss* (p13).

**Coquetdale Wildlife Group:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 7.30pm Jubilee Hall: "Dragonflies from the Coquet to the Tweed" by Elaine and Ian Burnell (p19).

## NETHERTON

### **NEW: NETHERTON CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Eyes down at 7pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in Netherton Memorial Hall. All welcome. Good prizes and a family friendly local evening out.



The Annual General Meeting of the Netherton and District War Memorial Institute will be held in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:judith_barton256@btinternet.com)



## CLENELL



**Clennell Hall**



## ALWINTON

Christmas Prize Bingo:



**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**, The Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton.  
Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches. All welcome (p23).



### 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@trafalgarn.no](mailto:kristen@trafalgarn.no) or telephone on 07485 654160

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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

## HEPPLE

### Hepple Village Hall:

|                                |                                        |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Seated chair exercise:         | Thursdays 10-11am                      |
| Northumberland Basketry Group: | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month between 10am-4pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Gill Phillipson for extra details and queries.

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

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

Contributions for raffle prizes will be gratefully received each month.

### 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](mailto:Chris.wilson601@btinternet.com)



## HARBOTTLE

**HATHA YOGA CLASSES:** Tuesday Evenings 7- 8.30pm in Harbottle Village Hall (also online).  
Contact [info@judaliyoga.com](mailto:info@judaliyoga.com) or see [www.judaliyoga.com](http://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](mailto: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: Harbottle Show 2025 – Winners**

The 151st show was a huge success, the weather was kind to us and we had a fantastic turnout. A big thank you to everyone who came and to all the wonderful people who make it happen. And here are the Cup Winners:

| <u>Trophy/Cup</u>                              | <u>Category</u>                      | <u>Winner</u>                        |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tom Mackay Trophy                              | Terrier Racing                       | Richard Headly                       |
| G Forman Cup                                   | Most 1st prizes in flowers           | Mick Shaw                            |
| Dr Williams Memorial Rose Bowl                 | Best Exhibit Floral Art              | Jeanie Davy                          |
| Cuthbert Edmondson Memorial Cup                | Most 1st prizes in Veg Section       | David Ramsey                         |
| John Hennessy Memorial Cup                     | Best Vegetable Marrow                | J Watmore                            |
| Mrs Reeny Littleby Salver                      | Best Exhibit Embroidery              | Gillian Wood                         |
| Mrs Marjorie Common Memorial Cup               | Best Exhibit Patchwork/Quilt Section | Carol Plater                         |
| Iris Symmonds Memorial Cup                     | Best Cross-Stitch Crochet Embroidery | Roz Brench                           |
| D E Moore Salver                               | Best Watercolour Adult Art           | Anne Benson                          |
| E A Robinson Memorial Cup                      | Best Singing Hinny                   | Nicolas Edmondson                    |
| Warner Cup                                     | Best Fruit Cake                      | Sue Burston                          |
| Chairman's Special Prize                       | Showstopper Cake                     | Sean and Rebecca Flynn               |
| Mrs Anne Hennessy Special Prize                | Men's Baking Gone Wrong              | No Entrants                          |
| Janet Robinson Cup                             | Best Exhibit Classes 106-135         | Jenna O'Kane                         |
| Marjorie Carr Shield                           | Most Points in Classes 138-150       | Peter Sam Curtis                     |
| Forever Yung Dance Trophy                      | Best in Classes 151 or 157           | Albie Burston/Curtis Creighton-Dawes |
| Holly Atkiss Memorial Cup                      | Best in Class 152                    | Hannah Henderson                     |
| Dr Bernard & Mrs Helen Richardson Memorial Cup | Most Outstanding Classes 151-159     | Olivia Spiller                       |
| Wooden Spoon                                   | Baking Gone Wrong                    | Gwen Wallace                         |
| R J Edmondson                                  | Overall Winner for Quoits            | Richard Mason                        |

Well done to all the entrants and especially to the winners

Looking forward to the next show!

**NEW: Friends of Harbottle C of E First School : A Support / Donation Request**

*Our school fair will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November and we would welcome any donations of bric-a-brac and items for our Christmas tombola. These can be dropped off at school or we would be happy to organise collection.*

*We will also be running a produce stall so would greatly appreciate any donations on the day of baked items, preserves etc. (we do need a list of all ingredients included too please for allergies etc.).*

*We will be pre-selling raffle tickets in the run up to the event and would greatly appreciate any help with prize donations*

*Any support is very much appreciated by the school, parents and of course, the children.*

*Thank you so much for your continued support*

*Please get in contact if you have any questions - [FriendsofHarbottlefirstschool@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofHarbottlefirstschool@gmail.com)*

Thanks  
Bev



**NEW: Friends of Harbottle First School**

*Date of next meeting: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6pm, at Harbottle First School. All welcome.*

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](mailto: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).

Bev



## Harbottle Village Hall:

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

### **NEW: Harbottle Village Hall AGM**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.15pm

Residents of Harbottle and Alwinton Parishes are welcome to attend.

### **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](mailto: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:    | <i>Iyengar Yoga</i>                                                                                | 6 - 7.30 pm                                   |
| Tuesday:   | Judali Hatha Yoga:                                                                                 | 7- 8.30 pm                                    |
| Wednesday: | <i>Ballroom &amp; Latin Line Dance</i><br>Beginner:                                                | 10 - 10.55 am<br>Beginner Plus: 11 – 11.55 am |
| Friday:    | <i>Ballroom &amp; Latin Dance:</i><br>Focus Dance*** or Beginner:<br>Beginner Plus<br><i>Salsa</i> | 6 - 6.55 pm<br>7 - 7.55 pm<br>8 – 8.55 pm     |
| Sunday:    | Café Church                                                                                        | 3-6 pm (Fourth Sunday each month)             |

### **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:

**26<sup>th</sup> Oct** 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

2026:

|                       |                      |                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 24 <sup>th</sup> May | 28 <sup>th</sup> June |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug |                       |

For more information or to get involved please contact either:

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### **Focus Dance Fridays 6 - 6.55 pm**

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



### **Beetle Drive:**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 ).



### **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:

|                                              |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 7-9pm:      | An evening with DJ Deepwater (aka River Iley)     |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 8pm:      | Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar              |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm:  | Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn          |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 8pm:     | Quiz Night in aid of Harbottle First School       |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 8pm:     | Live music night with Danielle Keyes              |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 8pm:     | Quiz Night in aid of local schoolgirl, Lily Scott |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November, 8pm:     | Live music night with Vestlife                    |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 8pm:      | Live Acoustic Music Night in the bar              |
| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm: | Cheviot Folk Night in The Courtyard Barn          |

We've had a good October thanks to good weather, busy B&B rooms, Alwinton Show and lots of pub visitors both locals and visitors. Let's hope the dry weather continues for a while longer!

After over six years of building up the business, we decided to enter our first award in the Best of Northumberland 2025. We are delighted to have been listed as a finalist in the Best Food and Drinks category! We will hear the results at the Awards Ceremony on 13th November. Watch this space...

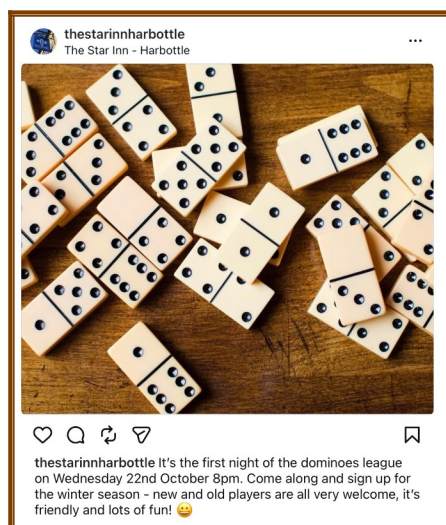
The pub continues to open 7 days a week from 12 noon, serving food all day between 12 noon and 8.30pm. Hot drinks, cakes and bacon baps are also available between 9am and 11.30am, and our full breakfast menu is available if pre-booked. The shop opens at 9am every day (10am on a Sunday) until the pub closes.

Thank you once again for everyone's business, it is very much appreciated. We look forward to your continued support throughout the winter months as this helps us keep our fantastic team of local people employed all year around.

Karen



Newspapers, milk, eggs, cakes, store cupboard items always available.



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## 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

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|  <p><b>Ballroom &amp; Latin</b><br/><b>Beginner</b><br/>Friday Evenings<br/>6:00 - 6:55pm<br/>Fun &amp; Welcoming..<br/>Learn Foxtrot,<br/>Jive, Waltz<br/>and Cha Cha.</p> <p><b>Ballroom &amp; Latin</b><br/><b>Beginner PLUS</b><br/>Friday Evenings<br/>7:00 - 7:55pm<br/>Foxtrot, Jive,<br/>Waltz, Cha Cha<br/>PLUS Tango &amp; Quickstep!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£45 per 8 week program</b></p> |  <p><b>Salsa</b><br/><b>Beginner</b><br/>Friday Evenings<br/>8:00 - 8:55pm<br/>Fun &amp; Welcoming<br/>Dance Classes for<br/>Beginners.<br/>Immerse yourself in<br/>the rhythms<br/>of Latin America.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NO Partner<br/>Required for<br/>any of our<br/>programs!</b></p> |  <p><b>Ballroom &amp; Latin</b><br/><b>Modern</b><br/><b>LINE DANCE</b><br/><b>Beginner</b><br/>Wednesday Mornings<br/>10:00 - 10:55am<br/><b>Beginner PLUS</b><br/>Wednesday Mornings<br/>11:00 - 11:55am<br/>Non partner form of<br/>Ballroom &amp; Latin<br/>Dancing.<br/>Great exercise<br/>and lots of fun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>£25 per<br/>4 week program</b></p> |
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**CONTACT INFO:**  
Tel: 07818 726941  
Email: [yungdance@icloud.com](mailto:yungdance@icloud.com)  
Website: [www.foreveryungdance.co.uk](http://www.foreveryungdance.co.uk)

### Community Social Dances at Harbottle Village Hall

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October:

"Spooktacular Halloween Dance" with half hour Tango workshop\*

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.foreveryungdance.co.uk)

Email: [yungdance@icloud.com](mailto:yungdance@icloud.com)

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



## News from the Valley

### Messages from Rothbury GP Practice



**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](mailto: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 Reynolds. Also stunning music by local group *Tillering Tree*. Free! Download via the Rothbury Tree website: [Climate And Nature](http://ClimateAndNature.com) | [Rothbury Trees Uk](http://RothburyTreesUk.com)



### 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](mailto:info@coquetvalleyarchers.org)



### The Coquetdale Music Trust – Thropton at 7.30pm

**Sunday 26th October:** Hannah Sanders & Ben Savage

**Saturday 22nd November:** Tom McConville/Michael Biggins: Two BBC Folk Musicians of the Year in Scotland & England combine to play and sing music of astonishing brilliance, having been described as "Celtic meets Gypsy Jazz".

Tickets on sale at Tully's, or see website [www.coquetdalemusictrust.com](http://www.coquetdalemusictrust.com)

Or contact: [lesleyhallcoquetdalemusictrust@gmail.com](mailto: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.

| Date                                                            | Talk                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 23rd November</b><br><b>2.30 for 3.00pm</b>           | The Right Hon. the Lord Beith speaking on <i>Northumberland in Parliament</i>           |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><b>10 for 10.30am</b> | Brychan Carey on <i>William Turner of Morpeth: the Tudor "Father of English Botany"</i> |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><b>10 for 10.30am</b>  | Sandra Kerr on <i>The Folk Roots of Bagpuss</i>                                         |

To find out more about Coquetdale u3a, visit [www.coquetdale.u3asite.uk](http://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](mailto: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

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### 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

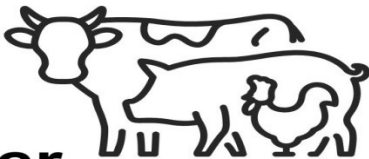
We also host regular poetry, writing, and music events, in Rothbury. These events feature published writers, and musicians, who have the main slots, but there is also space for audience members to take part. Occasionally we put on writing retreats and other events.

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](mailto:coquetdale.creatives@gmail.com)

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### **NEW: Rothbury CAN**

Rothbury CAN has a website, with an events page on it: [www.rothburycan.org](http://www.rothburycan.org)



## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

#### **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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



HM Government

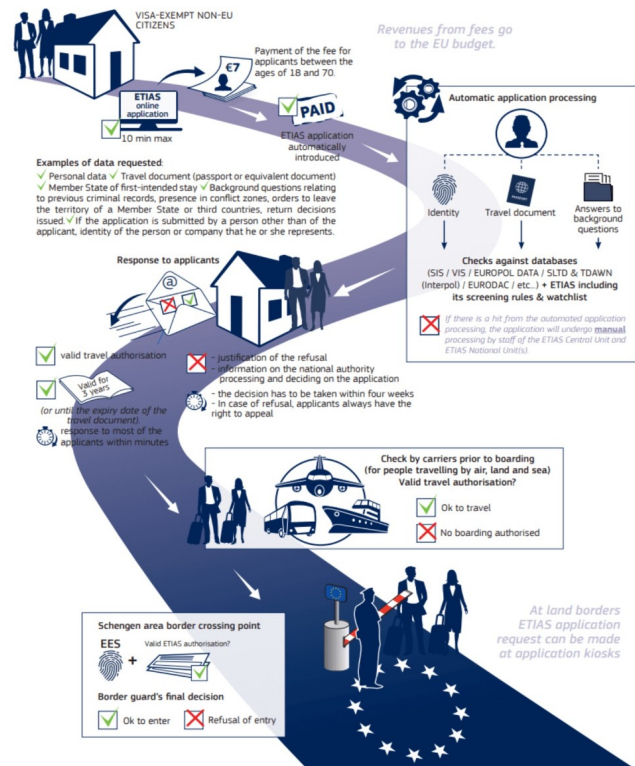
Help for Households

Get help that  
fits your family.

Find out more at  
[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare  
Choices

## EES / ETIAS and Travelling to EU:



## Landlines are changing

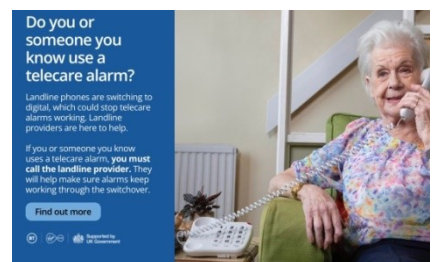
BT is the first telecoms company to axe the timetable that would have seen the nation's old landlines replaced with digital phone lines by December 2025. The timeline for completing the transition has been pushed back to the **end of January 2027...but companies are working on this switchover NOW.**

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 etc ....then 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](http://www.digitalphonesswitchover.com)



The Digital Phone Switchover

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)**



| <b>Day</b>       | <b>Location</b>        | <b>Time</b>           |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 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     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Thropton Village Hall  | 10.00 am - 12.00 noon |
|                  | Hepple Post Office     | 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | CLOSED                 |                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 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     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Hepple Post Office     | 9.00 am - 1.00 pm     |
|                  | Hepple Post Office     | 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Hepple Post Office     | 9.00 am - 12.30 pm    |

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** 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.

Cragend'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](http://www.cragendfarm.co.uk) 01669-621533 [lourenwick@cragendfarm.co.uk](mailto:lourenwick@cragendfarm.co.uk)

Instagram, twitter and Facebook @cragendfarm



**Cragend Farm**  
742 Mins · 834 followers



### 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/>

**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 1<sup>st</sup> November

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.





## **NEW: Coquetdale Wildlife Group**

A local community wildlife group affiliated to Northumberland Wildlife Trust

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

For our current programme we have the following talks scheduled:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**“Dragonflies from the Coquet to the Tweed”**

by Elaine and Ian Burnell

**@ 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:**



**CURRENT AFFAIRS -  
THE COQUET RIVER STORY**

**SPEAKERS**  
Steve Lowe - The Ecology of the River  
Suzie Hardie (Natural England) - Catchment Sensitive Farming  
Colin Hall (Environment Agency) - Flooding Prevention

Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 at 7.30pm,  
Swarland Village Hall, Coastview, NE65 9JG

Prize draw raffle tickets on sale to raise funds for CRAG  
Refreshments from 7pm

CRAG@coquetriveractiongroup.org

### The Coquet River Story, Swarland Village Hall

Thursday 23rd October

I have some raffle tickets (£2 each or book of 5 for £10) which are being sold to raise funds of Coquet River Action Group (CRAG) - there are great prizes to be won - prize draw will be made at the CRAG AGM on 02 December 2025. Should anyone wish to purchase one or more tickets just let me know.

Simon Taylor, Alwinton

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!

If you have completed your last cut of the season and your trusty lawn mower needs a pampering, then please consider bringing it in for a service.

**NEW:** Rigg and Furrow, NE65 9AA



**GATHER**  
celebrating the forest.  
curation of makers, creatives and artisans.

**WINTER MARKET**  
NOVEMBER - CHRISTMAS SHOPPING  
**SAT 8TH & SUN 9TH**  
**NOVEMBER 12PM - 6PM**  
THE END HEMMEL, ACKLINGTON PARK FARM, NE65 9AA

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 **Newtown Engineering Co**  
(please like and follow our page)

If you have any queries or are interested  
in any products, please contact us  
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**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](http://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.

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For more info:

Call Paul on 07792  
for:



### "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: [rcybarn@gmail.com](mailto:rcybarn@gmail.com)

728 262 or search  
[www.rcybarn.info](http://www.rcybarn.info)

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## COQUETDALE TRANSPORT

### 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.

| Route 16a and 16b Timetable                                                 |       |       |       |
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| NEW TIMETABLE FROM 1TH NOVEMBER 2024                                        |       |       |       |
| 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                                                            |       |       |       |
|                                                                             | 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 |       |
| Thropton, Three Wheat Heads                                                 | 09:24 | 16:09 |       |
| Rothbury, Queens Head                                                       | 09:30 | 16:15 |       |
| Rothbury, Rothbury Community Hospital                                       | 09:32 | 16:17 |       |
| Rothbury, Garlegh Road before Silvertown Lane                               | 09:35 | 16:20 |       |
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# PARISH OF UPPER COQUETDALE

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2025



### **NEW: The Happenings**

Another super month of lovely weather and the trees looking very splendid with their autumn colours.

Alwinton Show had a glorious day and it certainly brought out the crowds! Our Christmas cake stall went down a storm and thanks to all who supported us. We raised £1,369 and returned home cakeless! Thanks also to the show committee for continuing to provide us with a table in the craft tent.

We enjoyed a very good Harvest Festival on the 5th October followed by a delicious pooled lunch. All the proceeds and donated tinned produce goes to the Alnwick Food Bank.

Should anyone run short of a birthday, anniversary, thank you or baby card please do come into church where we now have a very good and varied selection of cards for sale at super rates!

Our next important occasion on the church calendar is the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 9th November at 10.30 am and then on Sunday 7th December our Christingle Service, which is completely child friendly and includes a coffee and chat afterwards!

Alwinton and Holystone churches are never locked and everyone is welcome to go in at any time if they wish.

Thinking ahead, here are some diary dates:

**Remembrance Service:** Sunday 9th November at 10.30 am: Alwinton Church. All welcome.

**Carol Service:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 10.30am: Alwinton Church. All welcome.

**Crib Service:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 November 2025**

£20: *not sold*  
£15: *Ralph Holmes*  
£10: *Suzannah Hawksley*



**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.



Back by popular demand : a family friendly fund raising evening:

## BEETLE DRIVE



Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Christmas Bingo



## CHRISTMAS BINGO

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
7.30pm  
at  
Rose & Thistle Inn, Alwinton

All Welcome, and includes “Children’s Prizes”

Fundraiser for Alwinton & Holystone Churches

## Family Friendly Ceilidh For All Ages With caller



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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



# CHRISTINGLE



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

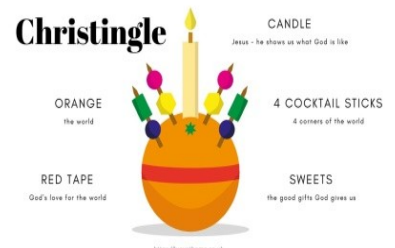
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## **NEW: What is Christingle?**

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. Christingle celebrations are named after the Christingles that are lit during the ceremony. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.

During the service the candles are lit to create a warm magical glow around everyone. Each element of the Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon or tape symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



## **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:

26<sup>th</sup> Oct      23<sup>rd</sup> Nov

### 2026:

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

For more information or to get involved please contact either:

Catherine Iley:  
[catherine.iley@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.iley@gmail.com)

Angela Feather  
[angela.feather@urc-northernsynod.org](mailto:angela.feather@urc-northernsynod.org)

**New: And finally from all at the UCRG:**

As the year end approaches a quick reminder that the next issue is for both December and January so please remember to send any submissions to [stickypud@harbottle.net](mailto:stickypud@harbottle.net) by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to all who submitted pieces; thank you to Alison for always posting the latest edition on the church website, and also to all at Over the Bridges for now running links to this. It all helps to share news, activities and opportunities up and down the valley and fulfils the UCRG Newsletter's aim to help the valley communicate.

In addition to these sharing routes, since the start of COVID we have sent out blind emailed copies of each newsletter from our ever increasingly large contact list (new names always welcome so please always check with your neighbours). As many are aware we very occasionally use the same distribution network to speedily distribute additional items that perhaps have missed a newsletter deadline, or may aid people in anticipation of emergencies/storms, or even help local businesses advertise a sudden bit of information. We always hope that this is acceptable and it has never been excessive (1-2 a year), but just in case anyone out there wishes to sign up only to the newsletters and nothing else, then please let me know via the email above and I can now easily put you into a "no extras" mailing box.

And until next time, take care.

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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](mailto: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.

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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 by switching from paper to an electronic format 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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**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/>

**Rothbury based Kevin T Coe** for fixing plumbing leaks! Friends have been saved recently by Kevin appearing quickly to work his magic. When in need: 07970 539574.



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| <p><b><u>Local Private Hire Taxi Service</u></b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>Mobile number 07718 585508 and email <a href="mailto:rickyvph24@gmail.com">rickyvph24@gmail.com</a> Web site details will follow shortly.</p> <p>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!</p> <p><b>Ricky Lawrence</b></p> | <p><b><u>DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Alnham:</b> the wall of Kings Priory School Field Centre<br/> <b>Alwinton:</b> car park on the toilet block wall<br/> <b>Biddlestone:</b> wall of No1, Biddlestone Barn, NE65 7DT<br/> <b>Clennell:</b> at Clennell Hall Hotel<br/> <b>Harbottle:</b> Star Inn courtyard<br/> <b>Hepple:</b> on the village hall wall<br/> <b>Holystone:</b> Priory Farm wall<br/> <b>Netherton:</b> on the village hall wall<br/> <b>Sharperton:</b> End wall of Sawmill Close, nr junction<br/> <b>Thropton:</b> on the school wall</p>   |
| <p><b><u>DRAKESTONE BUILDING SERVICES</u></b><br/> <b>Joinery, General Building, Tiling<br/>         &amp; Decorating Work</b></p> <p><b><u>Billy Gibson</u></b></p> <p><b>Tel: 01669 650206 OR 07979042499</b><br/> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:feeshearer@googlemail.com">feeshearer@googlemail.com</a></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b><u>Collins Fish Van</u></b></p> <p>Visits the area on a <b>Thursday:</b><br/> <b>Hepple</b> Post Office: 8.00am<br/> <b>Sharperton</b> (on the hill): 8.30am<br/> <b>Alwinton</b> Village Green: 9.00am<br/> <b>Harbottle</b> (Chapel end then Pub): 9.10am<br/> <b>Holystone</b> Post Office: 9.40am</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><b><u>Northumbria<br/>         Pet Crematorium</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beautiful Peaceful Environment</li> <li>• Compassionate and Caring Service</li> <li>• 100% Guarantee Your Pets Ashes Back</li> <li>• Pick Up &amp; Delivery Service</li> <li>• 24hr Ashes Return Service</li> </ul> <p><b>Tel: 07393 481 561</b><br/> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:northumbriapetcrem@gmail.com">northumbriapetcrem@gmail.com</a></b><br/> <b><a href="http://www.northumbriapetcrematorium.co.uk">www.northumbriapetcrematorium.co.uk</a></b></p>                        | <p><b><u>POT HOLES DON'T REPORT<br/>         THEMSELVES!</u></b></p> <p>Have a go after every journey as it is very easy to do.<br/> <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk">www.northumberland.gov.uk</a> , scroll down to TOP TASKS and click on Report a Pothole.<br/>         Alternatively phone them on 0345 600 6400.</p> <p>How easy is that?<br/>         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. <b>However, we think that if you aren't happy, then report it!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                         |

**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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### **Litter Challenge: Enjoy, Respect & Protect our Countryside**

Please help; if you see it then please pick it up safely and bin it.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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 · 🌐

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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