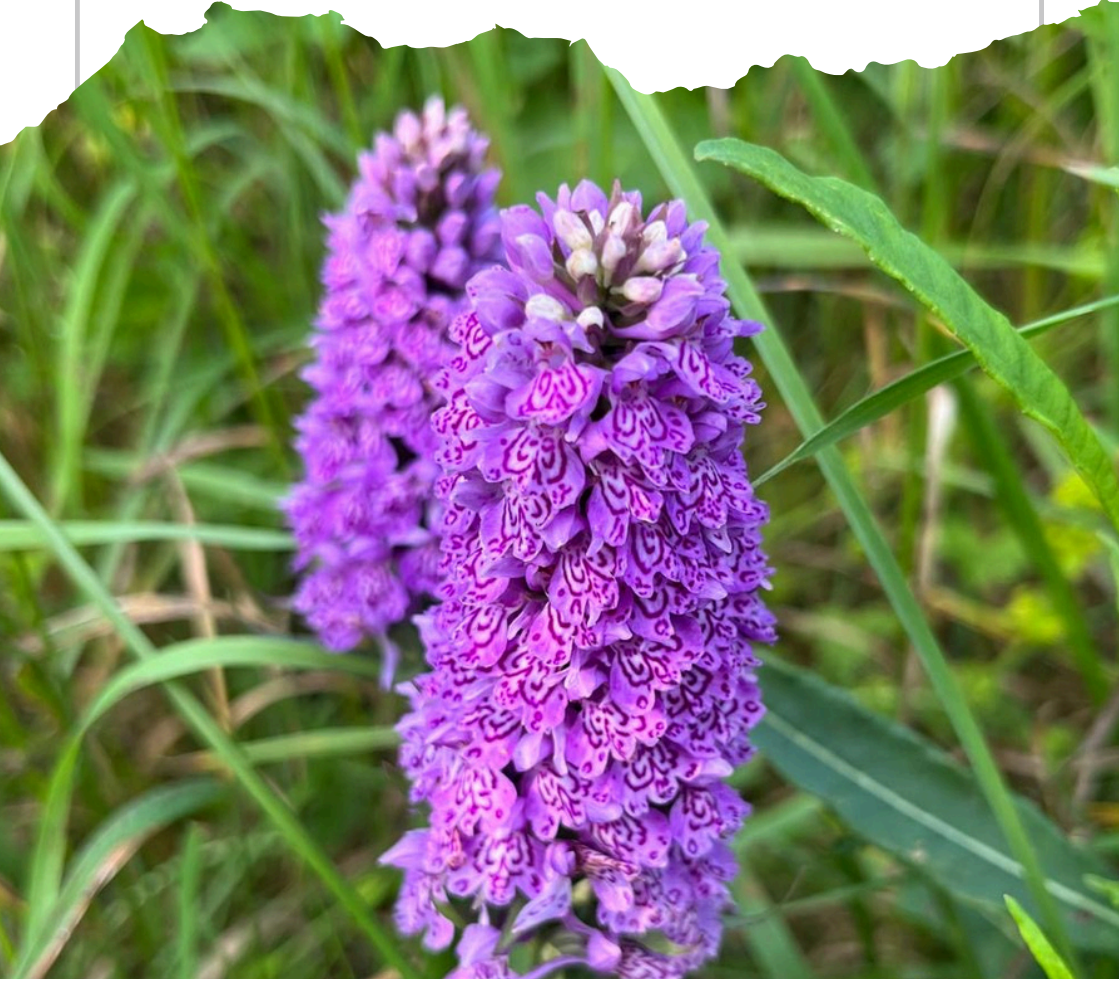


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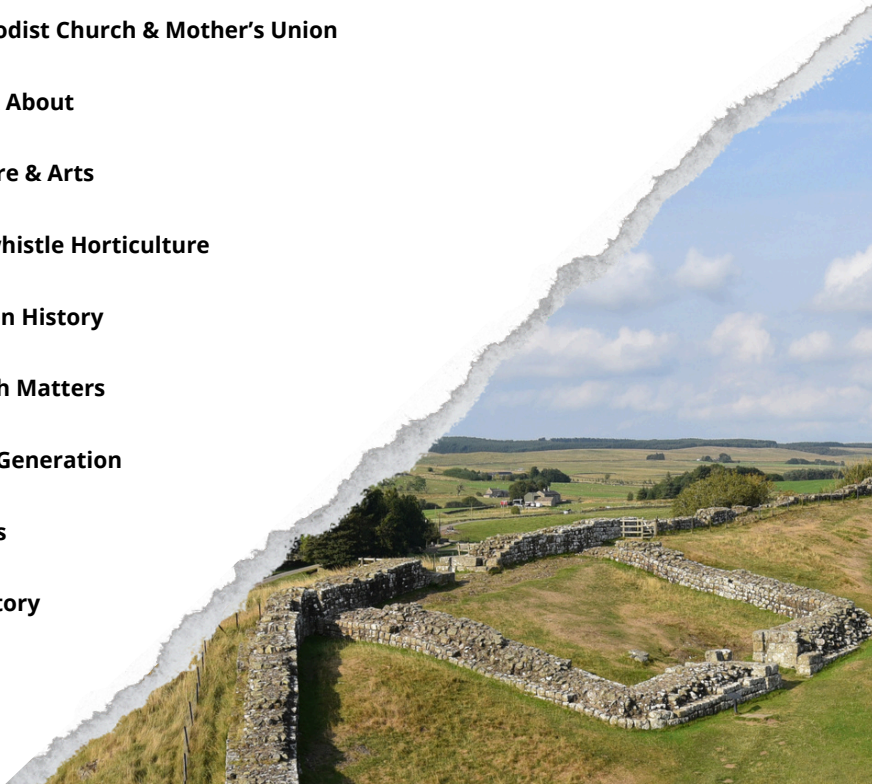
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What's on in June

- 3rd** Poetry Drop-In, theme: creatures great and small, 1:30-3pm, Greenhead Village Hall
- 4th** Stay Well Be Happy: Yoga for women's back health, 1-3pm, Hillside Community Space, £6
- 5th** New Hadrian Singers, new term, 7pm, Hospital Community Room
- 6th** Afternoon Tea, carnival celebrations, Methodist Hall, £5 tickets from Ruth at Warm Space
- 8th** Gardening Club, visit to Tinnisburn Plant Nursery and Garden, details June Reed junereed53@icloud.com
- 10th** History and Heritage Group - vintage tree trails, 10:30am, Hospital Community Room
- 13th** Roman Wall Show, 10-5pm, Twice Brewed
- 14th** Hadrians Wall Farmers Market, 10-1:30, Greenhead Village Hall
- 15th** Silver Friends shopping trip, see p32
- 17th** Sunrise Swim, 5:30-6:30am, Haltwhistle Leisure Centre, book in advance
- 17th** Sustainable Haltwhistle - Love our Tyne, free talk and workshop, 10am, Haltwhistle Library Hub, see p26
- 19th** Silver Friends Men's brunch, see p32
- 20th** Haltwhistle Town Council surgery, 10-12noon, Council Offices, Station Platform
- 20th** Holy Cross Big Summer Fayre, 9:30-11:30am, Masonic Hall
- 21st** Community Litter Pick, 10-12noon, meet at the Market Sq
- 27th** Coffee Morning for Haltwhistle Music Festival, 9:30-11:30am, Methodist Hall, see p25
- 27th** Bus Service consultation, 1:30-4:30pm, Hexham Library

Date for your diary: Haltwhistle Carnival - Sunday 12th July

Regular Events

Churches Together - Praying Together:

Every Monday, 10:30am, Holy Cross

Haltwhistle Memory Café:

First Monday of the month, 2-4pm,
Community Room

Greenhead Art Club (also crafts):

Every Monday, 1:30-3pm, Village Hall

Greenhead W.I.:

Every second Monday
7pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Henshaw W.I.:

Every Monday 11-3, All
Hallows Church Room

Older People's Project:

Every Tuesday,
10am-12noon, Drop In, Methodist
Church Hall

Family Cafe:

First Tuesday, 2-3pm,
Drop-In, free refreshments, Family Hub

Warhammer Club:

Every Tuesday, 5-
7pm, Bonnie's Cafe

Mothers' Union:

Every second Tuesday,
2:15pm, Holy Cross

Bardon Mill Film Night:

Every third
Tuesday, 4pm in the church room

Community Gardeners:

Every
Wednesday, 9.45am-12.30pm, meet
behind Pillar Box Cafe

Knit & Natter:

Every Wednesday, 2pm,
Haltwhistle Library

Craft & Chat:

Every Wednesday, 2pm,
Holy Cross

Haltwhistle Friendship Group:

Every
Wednesday, 1-3pm, Community Room

Armchair Warriors exercise classes,

every Thursday 10-11am, Haltwhistle
Library Hub

Haltwhistle Growing Together,

every
Thursday 10-12, Hillside Youth and
Community Space

Stay Well Be Happy,

every Thursday,
1-3pm, Hillside Community Space

Haltwhistle W.I.:

Every 1st Thursday
7:15pm, Comrades Club

Calico Hinnies:

Every 4th Thursday,
10:00-2.30pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Men's Brunch:

Every 3rd Friday, 10:15-
12, Hillside Park Avenue, Free

Badminton For All:

Every Friday,
10am-12noon, Haltwhistle Leisure
Centre

Stay and Play:

Term Time Fridays,
10.00am-11.30am (drop in), 0-5yrs,
Family Hub

ZigZag Days:

Alternate Fridays, from
10am, for info call Sue 07935 259 416

New Hadrian Singers:

Every Friday,
7pm, Hospital Community Room

Haltwhistle Art Club:

Every Friday,
10.30-2:30pm, Methodist Church Hall

Greenhead Dominos Night:

Every
Friday, 7pm, Greenhead Village Hall

Breakfast Club:

Last Sunday of the
Month, bacon butties, tea and coffee,
9am-1pm, Greenhead Village Hall

From The Editorial Team

The front cover picture of this month's edition of the Haltwhistle Herald is a photograph of a Marsh Orchid in the paddock opposite the Milecastle Inn, taken by local resident Nick Corble. We have a wonderful array of wild flowers in our area and now is the time to really enjoy them. Read about re-wilding in our Horticulture section on page 34. This month we have two articles about local trees - one advertising the next History and Heritage group's talk on the local Veteran Tree project and on page 27 you can find out more about how to get involved with this project by heading down to railway station where there will be a poster in Waiting Room 1 with further details.

We continue our heartfelt plea for photographs and pictures for the front cover - anything celebrating our wonderful town and countryside please. Also for the back page, where are all your old photos? Get them over to us via the email address or drop them off at the library marked for the Herald and with your address if you wish to have them returned. Many thanks - we need you!

Haltwhistle Music Festival is being launched this month, a very exciting new venture for the town! You can find out about this in the Out and About section, page 25 and even better, come along to the fundraising coffee morning at the Methodist Church Hall on the 27th June. You will find out more and enjoy music themed tombolas, games and live music as well as delicious sweet treats and tea and coffee. We'll certainly be there!



Our next edition will be July/August so contributions need to be with us by the **20th June** at the very latest please, maximum 250 words with a couple of pictures. To send contributions or to contact us email haltwhistleherald@gmail.com

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Haltwhistle Partnership

Volunteers Week

The first week of June marks the national celebration of Volunteers Week. This is an opportunity to recognise the invaluable contribution volunteers make to communities across the country. In Haltwhistle and the surrounding parishes, it is impossible to overlook the vital role played by the hundreds of local people who freely give their time to support community organisations, projects, and services.

The trustees and management committee of the Haltwhistle Partnership are all volunteers. The Partnership exists to serve and support local people by lobbying for investment, delivering projects that make a positive difference, and stepping forward to lead when no other organisation is in a position to do so. Through their efforts, volunteers help manage change in ways that maximise benefits and minimise risks for the local community.

Volunteers are also at the heart of many projects and services across Haltwhistle. These include the Older People's Project drop-in and lunch club, the Memory Café, the Zig Zag Days project, Haltwhistle Growing Together, Sustainable Haltwhistle, the Renewables Group, the Station Adopters, the Community Gardeners (affectionately known as the Guerilla Gardeners), as well as the Community Shop and Community Book Shop.

Communities often rely heavily on volunteers, yet the contribution they make can easily go unrecognised. Volunteers Week offers an important opportunity to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their spare time to improving life for others and strengthening the local community.

Our volunteers are ordinary local people, people like you, who may have had some spare time, wanted to meet new people, help their community, or simply try something new. If that sounds appealing, we would be delighted to hear from you. To find out more about volunteering opportunities, pop into the Community Shop and speak to a member of the team or contact the Partnership office on 01434 321242.

Haltwhistle Partnership

Community Shops Fund

The success of the Community Shops Fund relies not only on the abundance of donations from the public, but also the hours donated by dedicated volunteers to operating the Community Shop and the Community Bookshop.

The Community Shops Fund Grants Panel, whose members include volunteers from the community shops, has recently completed the Spring 2026 funding round.

During this round, grants were awarded to ten new projects, while a further three projects received funding support through Karbon Homes. Together, these projects cover a wide range of community initiatives, all aimed at delivering direct benefits to local people.

We are excited to see the outcome of these projects and the benefits to the local community.



SPRING 2026 GRANTS AWARDED

Thanks to YOUR donations, £21,211.57 was awarded to:


- The Haltwhistle Swimming and Leisure centre for equipment and pool time to enable SEND and Cardiac rehabilitation sessions,
- Sustainable Haltwhistle for their Rivers of Hope Project,
- Greenhead Village Hall for their Youth Doodles on the Wall Project,
- The Haltwhistle Chamber of Trade for costs towards event support,
- The Haltwhistle Town Council for costs towards a new town noticeboard,
- Zigzag Days for their Textiles Project,
- The Haltwhistle Art Group for their Trips for the Mind Project,
- The Northumberland County of Sanctuary for costs towards their Haltwhistle Welcome Project,
- Haltwhistle Jubilee Football Club for costs towards pitch enhancement at Bardon Mill,
- Young & Sweet for costs towards improvements to their carpark.

Do you have a project that will benefit the community?

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Town Council

Anti-Social Behaviour is Taking Its Toll

Haltwhistle Town Council is calling on residents to help tackle anti-social behaviour and the cost to the community speaks for itself. Damage to play equipment at Comb Hill Play Park cost £1,650 last year; ongoing damage to play surfaces, goal posts and the football pitch is estimated at over £3,500; and bus shelter repairs came to £1,100. Graffiti on bins and the bus stop continues to add to the bill, money that could be far better spent on this town.

Residents have also reported people knocking on windows at random. Please report this if it happens to you or a neighbour.

Haltwhistle is a good town with good people. A small minority is spoiling it for everyone else, and it doesn't have to be this way. Please call 101, the police non-emergency number. Every report makes a difference.

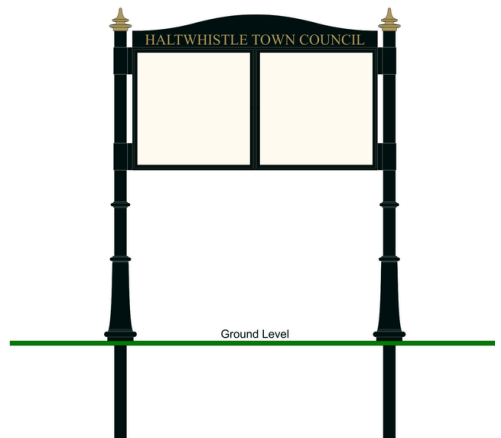
Coffee Morning: A Great Success!

What a morning! The Town Council's coffee morning brought the community together over tea, cake, tombola and good conversation, raising a fantastic £600+ in the process.

The funds have gone directly toward a new council notice board, planned for installation this summer, giving residents a central place to keep up with what's happening in town.

The event also gave residents a chance to meet their local councillors and learn more about the council's work. It's set to become an annual event, a proper community celebration with a cuppa and a slice of cake.

AF30MD 2-Bay 6A4 Decorative Noticeboard



Town Council

Dates for your Diary

Councillor Surgery: Saturday 20th June 2026 10:00am to 12:00 noon | Town Council Office, Station Platform
Want to speak directly with a councillor? Just drop in, no appointment needed. Whether you have a local issue, a question about council business, or simply want to find out more, your representatives are here to listen.

Community Litter Pick: Sunday 21st June 2026 10:00am to 12:00 noon
Help keep Haltwhistle looking its best! Join fellow residents for a community litter pick. Gloves, bags and refreshments will all be provided, just turn up ready to help. Every bit of effort makes a real difference.



HEADSTONE SAFETY NOTICE

Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee

Headstone safety inspection completed

Some headstones have been found to be unsafe and have been marked with a yellow warning label featuring a hazard symbol. Families are asked to contact the Burial Clerk to discuss how to arrange for these memorials to be made safe.



Urgently unsafe headstones removed

Some headstones have been identified as posing an urgent and immediate risk and have been removed for health and safety reasons. Families will need to work with the Burial Clerk and an approved monumental mason to reinstate these memorials safely.

Deadline for Remedial Works

All required remedial works must be completed within one year of the inspection date (by 3rd of December 2026).

Health and Safety Duty

The Committee has a legal responsibility to remove any memorials that pose a risk to public safety.

Contact

Burial Clerk: Emma Ackroyd
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Reminder: Headstone Safety

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Chamber of Trade

Here Comes Summer!

Mayday afternoon (1st May) saw the second annual Haltwhistle Chamber of Trade Mayday Spring Celebration. Once again, the Maypole was set up in our town square with additional trade stalls set around, including the opportunity to make your own floral spring wreath or garland. The Hannah Lucy dancers gave an enthusiastic dance display culminating in the traditional weaving of the Maypole ribbons, which the children really enjoyed. This was followed by more Celtic Spring dancing from the energetic Naomh Fionbarra Irish Dance troop, and the atmosphere in the square was electric.

Many of our cafes and shops stayed open a little later, and Yellow Bird provided live music from 4pm, adding to their usual Friday "Good Vibes".



Once again, courtesy of your town traders, there were free fairground rides available for our younger residents, ensuring that everyone had a good time.

Armstrong Fashion and Bridal were particularly busy that day, celebrating 100 years of an Armstrong retail presence in Haltwhistle. There were plenty of pictures and stories reminding us of the important role they have played in shaping our Main Street and we wish them many happy returns.

The next Chamber of Trade initiative will be in partnership with our year 5 pupils from Haltwhistle Academy who are organising some exciting sideshow stalls at the Carnival on Sunday 12th July. So watch out for these and go along to "have a go" as you will be supporting your local school.

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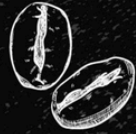
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Local Hero

Christine Dover

Christine was born, brought up in and has lived in Haltwhistle all her life.

She started work at Crown Paints from the age of sixteen until it closed. Now she is a familiar figure in Armstrongs Fashions.

Christine attends Holy Cross church and helps with events there. She is a member of the Parochial Church Council and Social Committee and has raised money for the church over the years.

She is skilled in organising fund raising events. She has regularly raised money towards Haltwhistle Christmas lights and to date has made over £15,000. She has also raised money for the Salvation Army, Ukraine, and the Shoe Box Appeal for operation Christmas Child through coffee mornings and afternoon teas. In recognition of her work, she attended the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party.

Every five weeks Christine and her team go to Carlisle to take food and clothes to the Catholic church for the Ukraine refugees.

Behind Christine is a good team of workers including Yvonne, Jean, June, Denise and Wendy. Their support in baking and helping at the events is invaluable. Together with Ali and her family she is well supported.

Christine says "Haltwhistle is a special community in which all do their part in helping the town flourish."



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Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

The daffodils are over, the stalks are getting the last little bits of goodness from the sun, and summer is well on the way. And it's time for the Holy Cross Church big summer fayre - Saturday 20th from 9.30am till 11.30am in the Masonic Hall. Fundraising for our large historic community building seems never ending, but like your own costs, our own costs have gone up too. We help in our small ways with donations to the foodbank and our craft and chat group make useful things and raise money for those in need in Ukraine. We try to visit those known to us who need a home visit and to help where we can.

Thank you to all who make the community of the church fellowship such a positive input for our town and surrounding areas! At least in the current season we don't need much heating any more for meetings in church!



If you would like to give regularly to support this building and the life that goes on inside it, we can give you the details to make a standing order, a 'subscription' if you like, to maintain the history of this town and the good witness of its Christian heritage. We bring our children to be baptised there, we hope it will be there for a wedding or two, and even for a funeral when it becomes necessary for us. One off donations at these events are all very welcome, but a regular support will help keep it open for when we need it.

Holy Cross Summer Fayre - Saturday 20th from 9.30am till 11.30am. Be there or be square!



St Cuthberts, Greenhead

Last month the Over the Wall group came to our village hall accompanied by the Rusty Buskers to give an entertaining evening to add to their previous line of successes. Both our clergy were involved, Revd Keith as an increasingly irate company manager, Revd Steve as a secret lover who looked so like John Cleese when he was feinting blows at his girlfriend's husband (Gary), shadow boxing until he delivered a well-placed fist, knee, and frying pan in quick succession to fell him - not a behaviour endorsed by his preaching on Sundays! The Rusty Buskers have a slot in Haltwhistle's Music Festival in September so there's a chance to see them again, but for other music action from our church members, come each Sunday morning at 11am in church 😊.

The Over the Wall group have not said when they will be in action next but were discussing something that might bear fruit at the Haltwhistle late night shopping festival, we'll have to wait and see!

Our clergy are not usually grumpy or violent except when on a stage 😂, each Sunday at 11am, though it's actually 10am in Greenhead so don't be afraid to come to church on the 7th of June. On the first Sunday of each month we join with Haltwhistle and Henshaw and rotate venues so keep an eye out in the Herald for locations - June in Greenhead, July in Haltwhistle, August in Henshaw and September in Beltingham.



From the Registers:

Baptisms – Harrison Hogg, Cole Hadley
Funerals – Anne Dodd, Jenny White-May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

In this resurrection month we give thanks for birth and new birth into eternal life within the love of God who gives us life. Thanks be to God.

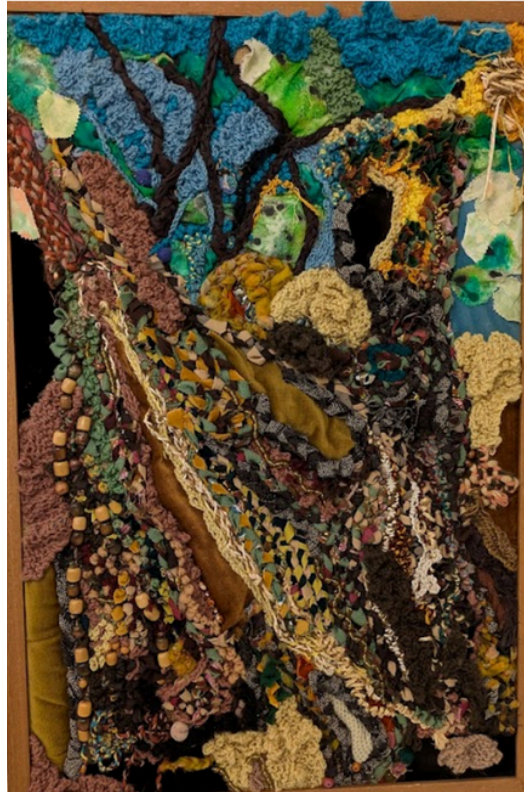
All Hallows, Henshaw

Recently, at our Ascension Day service and supper, we saw and tasted the culinary skills of some of our church congregation and were delighted with the experience. How wonderful that people can produce such wonderful fare, putting a lot of effort in, giving us all an occasion to remember. They coped with those who could not do gluten, or dairy, or caffeine, finding them alternatives.

We try to make the joys of Christian fellowship available to all, and sitting on the wall, unnoticed by all those feasting in the church room, is a beautiful picture of our Beltingham Yew. Pictured here, you may wonder about that, but then you are looking at the picture with your eyes when it was designed to be a picture to be seen by those whose sight is failing.

It is a picture to be seen by those who are able, but also to be seen with the fingers, touched, to give something of the texture of the rough bark on the ancient tree. If you would like to come and see it, with eyes or fingers, do join us for coffee at 12noon just after our services on Sundays.

Our services too have something not just for sight, but for hearing, touch, taste and spiritual senses. Come at 11am for that, except on the first Sunday of the month when we join with the other congregations in our group of churches at 10am - on 7th June in Greenhead.



View From The Vicarage

Canon Steve Wright

Someone said "30 years ago" and my mind went to the 1970s, but they meant 1996, and now I need to lie down. It's well known that time seems to fly by faster the older you get, but it can also get easier to live in the present, valuing each moment as it comes. As the warm days (at least at time of writing) enable us to be outside more, I encourage you to find space to give thanks for the gift of God that is the present moment. If you need a lifting of spirits, trying singing to yourself, and laugh with God at the sound of it.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church of England

First Sunday of June - 10am Group service, St Cuthbert's Greenhead.

Other Sundays of June-

- 9.30am Holy Cross, Haltwhistle
- 11am St. Cuthbert's, Greenhead
- 11am All Hallows' Henshaw
- Thursdays 10am - a quiet meditative service - Holy Cross, Haltwhistle

Roman Catholic Services

9.30am on Thursdays at St. Wilfrid's Church Haltwhistle

Methodist Services

10.30am on Sundays at Haltwhistle Methodist Church

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Methodist Church & Mother's Union

Mothers' Union Prayer Capsule at Hexham Abbey

The Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years since its formation. As part of this celebration, members from Holy Cross and Henshaw Mothers' Unions attended Hexham Abbey for the handover of A Prayer Capsule from Carlisle Diocese to Newcastle Diocese. This capsule has been travelling around York Province with a Prayer being inserted by each Diocese visited. After travelling around Newcastle Diocese, it went to Durham Diocese and when it reaches York, the MU Zonal President for York will then cycle with it to St. Paul's Cathedral for a Service of celebration on 10th June.

There will also be a special Service, led by Mothers' Union members, in Holy Cross Church, Haltwhistle, on July 5th, at 10am to celebrate

150 years of Mothers' Union and 135 years since the formation of the MU Branch in Haltwhistle. This was one of the earliest branches formed in the area.

Mothers' Union is a Global Christian movement dedicated to empowering women and strengthening families and communities through love, faith and fellowship.

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June 2026 Services

Sunday 7th

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(Holy Communion)

Sunday 14th

10.30am **Vicky Herod (Reader)**

Sunday 21st

10.30am **Jacqui Cameron**

Sunday 28th

10.30am **Worship Leaders**

ALL WELCOME

Out & About

Haltwhistle Music Festival 4-6th September 2026

The first ever Haltwhistle Music Festival is coming to town on the first weekend in September, aimed at local residents and further afield – and what's more, it's all going to be free!

The Haltwhistle Music Festival will involve a diverse selection of music across a variety of venues in the town, offering something for everyone. Events will range from local award-winning folk music in Holy Cross church, to a drumming workshop, a silent movie with musical accompaniment, live music in the Market Square and even a tea dance. And that's just for starters!

A spokesperson for the event's organiser said today: "The Festival is for everyone in the town - residents, businesses and musicians. More than that, we look forward to welcoming people from beyond the immediate area by highlighting what Haltwhistle offers."



The event has been put together by local volunteers and is produced by local arts organisation Field Shelter, based in Haltwhistle, with support from the Yellow Bird Cafe, the Milecastle Inn, Haltwhistle Film Project and Green Croft Arts. Whilst all elements of the Festival will be free, attendees will be encouraged to donate money to keep the festival free for 2027 and many years to come.

We are also holding a **coffee morning on 27th June at the Methodist Hall**, where you can come and find out a bit more about what to expect, and enjoy some live music from Brief Encounter Duo!

To keep up to date with lineup announcements and more, follow us @haltwhistlemusicfestival on Facebook and Instagram, or visit haltwhistlemusicfestival.co.uk.



Out & About

Love our Tyne and Sustainable Haltwhistle present:

Rivers of Hope: The Workshop

A 2 hour professional workshop exploring the notion of rights for the River Tyne and delivered by the River Rights Network. This will be followed by a guided river walk and story collection.

The event will take place at Haltwhistle Community Hub on Wed 17 June. It is a free event but booking is essential. Bookings can be made here <https://shorturl.at/ezPyK>

Refreshments will be provided on arrival. Lunch is not provided.

Haltwhistle has a number of cafes and the room will be available for packed lunches

The aim of the workshop is to explore the development of a Rights of Nature approach for the River Tyne. By the end of the workshop participants will:

- Have a raised awareness of the concept of Rights of Rivers and its relevance to the River Tyne
- Be inspired by practical examples in other areas
- Have a greater sense of connection with the river
- Be able to begin assessing the feasibility of developing a Rights of Rivers approach for the River Tyne

The optional guided walk in the afternoon will take place alongside the South Tyne and Haltwhistle Burn from 1pm to 3:30pm (maximum 5km) to explore further why we think rivers need rights.

We will be on public footpaths, rights of ways and pavements. We hope to exchange ideas, challenges and solutions together as we explore the river habitat. This is not a formal guided walk and people are invited to join us at their own risk.

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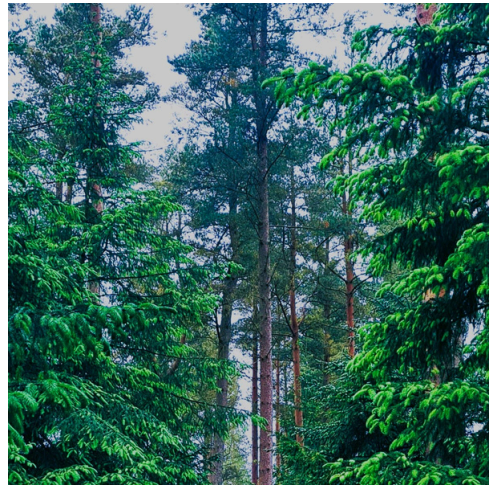
New Hadrian Singers

The choir is growing from strength to strength, with new members joining and our skills developing every week. We are all looking forward to the new term starting on Friday, 5th June, at 7pm in the Community Room at the Hospital in Haltwhistle. The variety of what we sing is always astonishing! We have two gigs to look forward to already. New members always welcome to this friendly group, with your first session free!

Haltwhistle is Something Special

There are many notable trees in the area as well as the late Sycamore and the millions of Sitka spruce that are being saluted as Kielder forest marks its first 100 years. The next poster display in Waiting Room 1 on Haltwhistle Station will celebrate our veteran and iconic trees.

We're looking for volunteers to help with the research, writing, artwork and photography for this project. If you'd like to contribute, or simply suggest a tree you think should be featured, please get in touch - Sue 07935 259416 sue@mosspectral.com





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Culture & Arts

Over The Wall Players - "Rambles on Radio"

What a brilliant night out! Over The Wall Players, our local am-dram group, brought their comedy evening to Bardon Mill and Greenhead Village Halls - and it was an absolute belter.

The evening opened with the three sisters delivering a charming Sisters, Sisters, followed by My Little Whippet and the gloriously chaotic Hole in My Bucket - pure comedy gold. Then came Hot Stuff - questionable in all the right ways and an absolute crowd pleaser! Clearly inspired, our director threw caution to the wind with her own irresistible rendition of Let's Do It - after Hot Stuff, who could blame her? The Rusty Buskers rounded off the first half with a brilliant sing-along.



After supper, the comedy play "Rambles on Radio" took centre stage - an exasperated narrator desperately trying to hold a live radio broadcast together while battling a clueless new sound man and a last-minute cast replacement - his own daughter, bless him! A dodgy romance, a fist fight and a knockout later, you had drama within the drama, with laughs from start to finish.

Raffle, quiz and games rounded the night off perfectly. Ten pounds including supper - you can't argue with that. Well done everyone - fantastic night!



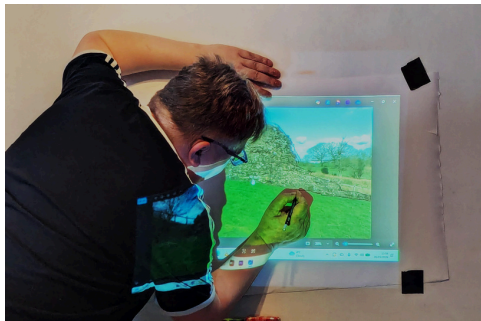
Culture & Arts

Haltwhistle Film Project

A poem by W.H. Auden, 'Roman Wall Blues' (1937) is the basis for one of the films made by FilmAble as part of an English Heritage, Community Connections Project: Old Places - New Stories.

The group made films and animations about 4 lesser-visited local Roman Wall sites: Leahill Turret, Banks East Turret, Pike Hill Signal Tower, and Hare Hill. They created stories using researched historical information about each site, alongside visits and some location filming.

FilmAble nominated Leahill Turret as the winner of the (fictional) Turret of the Year Award 2026, and filmed the presentation ceremony on-site. Stonemason David Edwick carved a memorial stone, which is currently on display in the Film Project window, with other examples of drawings and photographs from the project. The group experienced stonemasonry and calligraphy workshops also with David.



FilmAble, a learning disability production company within HFP, was formed by Haltwhistle Film Project 15 years ago, as one of the strands of our work, which covers many sectors. We have recently worked for the NHS, Keswick Museum, and in many schools for example.

The films can be seen on the Haltwhistle Film Project website - click Old Places - New Stories on the Home page.

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Hidden History

The Haltwhistle History & Heritage Group

In June even the most cautious trees have burst into leaf - and what a display of different greens this spring has brought us! We are very lucky to have good forests and woods near us here.

If you love trees and care about conserving the best of them, do come to this month's History Group meeting on Wednesday, 10th June, at 10.30am, in the Community Room at the Haltwhistle Hospital, when Nick Johnson will be telling us all about the Veteran Tree project in Northumbria.



It's a national project aiming to find, map and record the details of our most ancient, special and splendid trees so that they can be made safe and enjoyed by generations to come.

If you have a story about a special local tree, or know where to find the really old trees near here, you will be very welcome indeed at this meeting of all who care about trees and their history!





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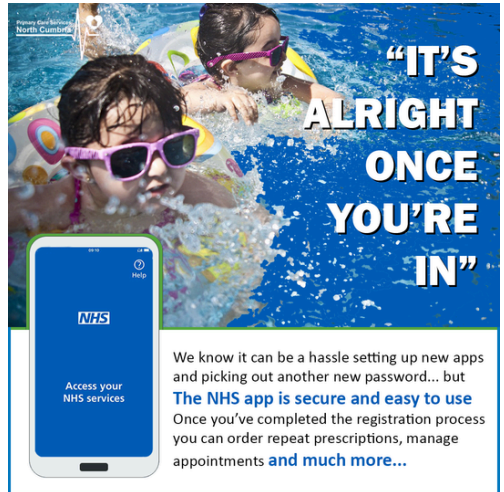
Haltwhistle Medical Group

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NHS App Access services are:

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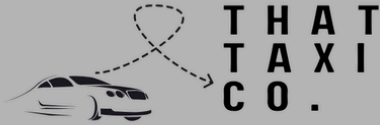
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Haltwhistle Hearing Aid Clinic

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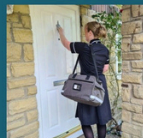
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Next Generation

Greenhead Church of England School

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The two schools work together and are part of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust. Our feature today focuses on Greenhead School and later in the year we will run a feature on Henshaw School.

Greenhead school is central to the community of that village and is a hub for families as parents are warmly invited into the school and take part in workshops, so they learn alongside the children.

The school, alongside Henshaw, Wark and Newbrough, takes part in Remembrance events, sports days, productions and other events, as well as a production of Aladdin at Haydon Bridge High School.

The church at Greenhead values it's links with school, Steve our vicar, is a Governor of the school and leads collective worship every half term.



The church enjoys welcoming the children into church for their key stage 1 Nativity, whole school Christingle and Harvest Festival. The school is very grateful to the ladies of the church for donating knitted crafts.

The village of Greenhead offers a wonderful environment for the pupils with a park and village hall. The school supports village events by opening the school for access to toilets and kitchen.

With the opening 2 years ago of the nursery, it has meant the school is growing in number and the nursery provision is for children two years old upwards. These children will then continue to Year 6.

Next Generation

Greenhead School continued...

There is a wonderful outdoor play area which encourages the pupils to learn about the environment and nature. There is an orchard which the children play in every day. It offers a space of calmness and relaxation. There is even a forest school, fire pit and two hens named Lilibet and Philippa. The children collect the eggs and learn how to care for animals.

A future project is to develop the playground for the wider school and of course funding is essential for this.

Over the last four years the school family has been on a journey where everyone is cared for and this underpinned by Christian values and sense of belonging.



Sports

Swim into Summer

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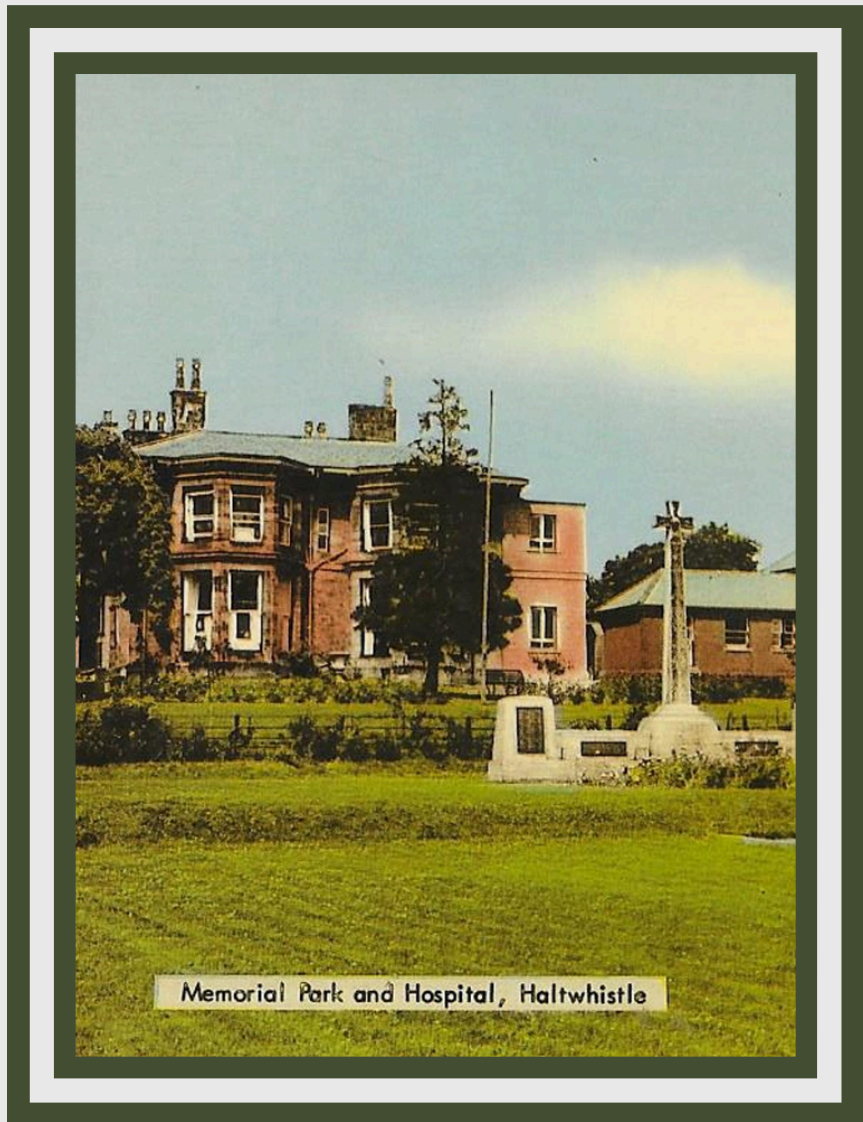
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