

Boulmer Howick & Longhoughton



Children waiting to start the assault course.

LONGHOUGHTON FEAST A GREAT SUCCESS

The FEAST on Saturday 11 July was a great success. It included several new activities, including the climbing wall, classic car show, veterans motor cycle group and an expanded village show, plus lots of other new acts such as Ron Creasey, the Alnwick Stage Musical Society and demonstrations by the RNLI and St John Ambulance, which all helped to make an interesting event. Continued from previous years were the dog show, assault course, bouncy castle, junior slide, coconut shy, small games, children's running races, penalty shoot-out, the Military Wives Choir and the children's art competition. Food-wise, there were sandwiches, cakes and refreshments provided by the Women's Institute, hot dogs and a bar provided by the Trustees, cakes provided by Company B and a waffle van. Among all of this, the DJ, Mike Hope, made announcements and played popular music. Two marquees were in use, one devoted to the popular village show and the other to local organisations and charities.

We have a number of groups to thank:

First, the sponsors who made the event possible with their donations were Longhoughton Parish Council (£1,500), the MGL Group that run Longhoughton Quarry (£2,000) and the Sir James Knott Trust (£500).

Second, our guests of honour was Lucia Bridgeman, Deputy Lieutenant of Northumberland and Councillor Wendy Pattison.

Third, the organising committee and all the volunteers (over 60) who helped to make the FEAST possible, before, on the day and afterwards.

Fourth, the organisations, companies and individuals that provided the attractions and events.

The winners of some of the competitions are included overleaf. We have booked **Saturday 10 July 2027** for next year's Feast, so please put that date in your diary.

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

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THE FEAST COMPETITION WINNERS

ADULTS

Category	Winner	Category	Winner
Victoria Sponge	Helen Woodhouse	Fruit Cake	Jessie Ann Elliot
Three Cheese Scones	Shirley Tucker	Three Fruit Scones	Helen Woodhouse
Three Decorated Cupcakes	Liz Whittle	A Bread Cob	David Cant
Group of Three Soft Fruits	Joanne Coyle	Group of Three Salad Vegetables	Ian Knox
Three New Potatoes	Jessie Ann Elliot	A Single Flower	Louise Forsyth
Three Roses	Jessie Ann Elliott	An Informal Arrang'mt in a mug or glass.	Susan Carlson
An Arrangement of Herbs	Louise Forsyth	An informal Arrang'mt in a vase or oasis	Charlotte Connor
A Painting on the theme of 'Summer'	Emily McDonough	A Mixed Media Design	Libby Toole
A Knitted Item	Jessie Ann Elliot	A Crocheted Item	Helen Woodhouse
An Embroidered item in Fabric or Yarn	Kirsteen Creasey		
Juniors – 11 Years and Under			
Three Decorated Cupcakes	Lois Clarkson	Three Biscuits of any Variety	Louis Denley
Three Scones – any variety	Louis Denley	An Arrangement of Flowers in a Jam Jar	Stella Bromley
A Miniature Garden on a Plate.	Flora McQueen	Three Home Grown Potatoes	Caitlin Linsley
A Painted Stone	Ffion Reed	Lego Building - Space Travel	Harris Dow
A Knitted Item	Lois Clarkson	A Crocheted Item	Issy Denley
A Sewing Item	Lois Clarkson	An Upcycled Item	Benjamin Elliot
Juniors – 12 to 15 years of Age			
Three Decorated Cupcakes	Olivia Clarkson	A Painted Stone	Jess
Lego Building – Space Travel	Bella-Mae Brown		

Children's Races

	Age	Winner
Running	Aged 4 & Under	Zak
Running	Year 1	Jessica
Running	Year 2 and 3	Abdullah
Running	Year 5 and 6	Matthew
Running	Year 10	Scott
Egg & Spoon	Age 5 & Under	Leo
Egg & Spoon	Age 8	Finley
Egg & Spoon	Age 9-13	Finn
Sack Race	Year 9 & Under	Finley

Children's Art Competition

Category	Winner	Category	Winner
Aged 5 and Under	Jamie	Aged 5 to 7	Stella
Aged 8 and 9	Heidi	Aged 10 and 11	Ted



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Plan in January this year, work has started on a number of projects. The housing schemes for the Old Recreation Ground and Boulmer South are being worked on and discussions are being held for the green route down the west side of Longhoughton village. The Parish Council is also working on the large number of actions from the Plan, such as the need to develop a Climate Change Group and Action Plan.

CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT ARE YOU INTERESTED?

When the Parish Council met on 15 June, we discussed how we as a Council and as a community (including working with the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust) could do more to tackle the impact of climate change in our parish. We agreed three areas which we thought would be the right focus for us:

- **Habitat and wildlife**

This might include finding an area of land to turn into a nature reserve, encouraging members of the community to allow some of their gardens to “re-wild”, building wildlife habitats in the churchyard, or planting trees.

- **Signposting support and information**

There is a huge amount of information out there about the science of climate change and its impact, but also regarding grants for community projects and funding for individuals to make their homes more energy efficient. However, it's often confusing and not always easy to find. Using the PC website and our social media, as well as community events, we could make that a bit easier for local residents.

- **Community energy generation**

This could be the game changer! There are growing numbers of communities across the country who are coming together to generate their own energy (as well as income from selling surplus energy to the grid) from solar panels, wind turbines and biomass heating. We already have solar panels on Longhoughton community centre and Howick village hall and to do something more would be a big project and would take significant effort, but the benefit to the community could be huge. So we should at least find out what our options might be.

I agreed to do some more research on what it would take for us to make progress with any of these areas and will report back to the Parish Council in the autumn. But we can only commit to any of this if we have an enthusiastic group of volunteers to help. If you are interested in getting involved, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact me at:

cllr.m.calam@longhoughton-pc.gov.uk



BRIDGE OVER THE STAMFORD BURN AT LITTLE MILL

Enormous thanks to Howick Estates for providing a new pedestrian bridge over the Stamford Burn at Little Mill. We have reported previously how the bridge had deteriorated and it was considered to be beyond repair. Here is a picture of the new bridge.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 21 September at Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre at 7.30 pm

Monday 19 October at Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre at 7.30 pm.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

LONGHOUGHTON SYNTHETIC TURF FOOTBALL PITCH

The pitch has now been relayed, including a new sub-base and shock-pad. It looks fantastic. It should be good for another 10 to 15 years. It will continue to provide floodlit training and match sessions throughout the year and Longhoughton is very fortunate to have such a facility. The cost of the refurbishment was £186,000. For every booking, an amount is put away into a special account to save for the eventual replacement. Since 2009, £94,800 has been saved, including amounts that the Trustees have added to the total. This still left £91,200 to be found for the refurbishment to go ahead, and the Trustees are grateful to the following organisations that have contributed:

Garfield Weston Trust	£10,000:	Northumberland Estates	£10,000:
The Royal Airforce	£46,200:	Football Foundation	£25,000.



LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

RAF Boulmer Road Safety Committee and Longhoughton Primary School came together to organise a Road Safety Day on 1 July. School children, the police, RAF personnel, school staff, parents, residents and Parish Councillors all congregated on the B1339 throughout Longhoughton, encouraging motorists and other vehicles to drive within the 20mph limit. This is a campaign that will be repeated.



LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

COMMUNITY GARDENERS

You might have noticed that we've been quite busy in our Community Orchard recently. We hope to build a composting area soon, and there are lots of other tasks that will keep us busy; and we now have a regular 'Orchard Day'. Held fortnightly on a Sunday and beginning around 10am, it's a chance to potter around our apple trees, root out the pesky weeds, tend and feed the plants, or anything else that comes to mind. It's also the perfect time for a chat, a laugh and, when the work is done, the chance of a well-earned cuppa (or maybe something colder).

If you'd like to join us, just pop along some time around 10. Our next Orchard Day is Sunday 9 August. Our Sunflower growing competition comes to an end on Sunday 16 August. Check out our Facebook page for more details. Did you know Longhoughton Community Orchard is on the map? If you use Google maps, take a look and you'll see some info and some photos of our wonderful orchard. Feel free to add your pics of the orchard and maybe give a review.



LONGHOUGHTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

The club needs to recruit a coach. Can you help please? If so, please call Matt on 07841465933.

THURSDAY TOGETHER

The Ballinger Trust has agreed to fund Thursday Together for the next two years and is giving £1,000 for each year. This will cover the costs of room hire and printing and a contribution towards the cost of food. We are very grateful to the Ballinger Trust. The programme of talks and presentations starts in the first week in November and is weekly until the last week of March.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The lunch takes place on the last Wednesday of the month starting at 12 noon at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. There is a charge of £5 per head for a three-course lunch, all produced by our wonderful volunteers. Everyone is welcome. Come and give it a try. To book, please phone Pat Ellis on 01665 577973.

LONGHOUGHTON RANGERS
COACH WANTED!

INSPIRE
DEVELOP
BELONG

LONGHOUGHTON RANGERS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

ALL TRAINING FUNDED

VARIOUS AGE GROUPS FROM U6-U10

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
BE A ROLE MODEL.
JOIN THE RANGERS FAMILY!

★ TOGETHER WE PLAY. TOGETHER WE GROW. ★

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LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

LONGHOUGHTON AND BOULMER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE LIFE IS SHORT - EAT THE CAKE!

And you did! There are many urban myths about the WI, but one reputation is steadfast: that many members are excellent bakers and we all enjoy munching cake at every opportunity!

We supported our wonderful Longhoughton Gardening Group at their Orchard launch and were delighted to support the Feast at our Community Centre. Thank you all, in turn, for supporting us and hopefully enjoying our refreshments.

We don't just bake and consume cake! Our monthly meetings are so varied; over recent months we have line danced and decorated Easter glass bunnies. Our General Meeting in April discussed issues around gender. We have learned about waste management in Northumberland, aromatherapy and the work of the St. John's Ambulance locally, including improving our First Aid skills.

We've walked miles with our Walking Group, recently beside Alnwick Golf Course and at the course by Newton. We shared coffee mornings recently at Alnwick, Howick, South Charlton and Amble. We've supported local WI groups at Craster and Alnmouth and helped raise funds for the Northumberland Hospice at Denwick House.

Most importantly, we supported our members through bereavements and illnesses, shared the joys of new births, birthday celebrations and anniversaries - surely the ingredients of a successful, caring group. Do join us: Jayne Knight (07341 446665) can offer more information, for, after all, 'life is certainly better with kindness and cake!'



Geraldine Lowe on duty for the WI at the Longhoughton Feast

REPEAT PRESCRIPTION PICK -UP

Patients of Alnwick Medical Group are encouraged to use the pick-up service for repeat prescriptions from the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre. The pick-up times are from 1.30 pm and 2.00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday each week. Please use it, or lose it.



LONGHOUGHTON WELLBEING WALKS

These take place every Wednesday starting at 11.00 am at the Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre car park. They are always around Longhoughton and finish back at the Car Park at 12 noon. They are

ideal for people recovering from surgery or needing health improvement. No special footwear is needed. Come along and give it a try. There is a core of six people who will welcome you.

NHS HEALTH CHECKS

We are hoping to arrange the next health checks in September. Watch the noticeboard for the next dates.

INFLUENZA INOCULATIONS

We are trying to arrange for the annual influenza inoculations to be available in Longhoughton. Watch the noticeboards for announcements.

LONGHOUGHTON NEWS

LONGHOUGHTON SCOUTS NEED YOUR HELP

Our volunteer leaders work hard to deliver the existing activities for local young people but **right now need more adult support. Could you spare a little time, please?**

You do not need to commit every week. You might have a hobby or skill you would love to share. Organisational or admin strengths. Half an hour each week to lighten the load. Every bit of help makes a difference.

Why it Matters: Right now, only two leaders are running both the Cub Pack and the Scout Unit. Extra help could:

- Reduce pressure on leaders.
- Improve the experience for young people.
- Allow us to restart our Beaver Colony.

Please contact us for a discussion or to make offers:

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FOOTBALL KICK-ABOUT FOR 11 TO 16 YEARS OF AGE

The Ballinger Trust has also given £2,000 for the football kick-about for 11 to 16 years of age, which is held every Friday from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm. This funding covers £2,000 for each of the next two years. This will cover the costs of hiring the new Astro-turf pitch and the cost of a professional coach. Again, we are very grateful to the Ballinger Trust.



A Friday night kick-about session

LONGHOUGHTON COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE

NEW TRUSTEES

At the Annual General Meeting in May, four Trustees/Directors were elected. These were Bryan Ellis, Ben Gregory, Jim Souter and Ashley Dierckx. These four joined the existing Trustee/Directors of Jeremy Pickard, Stewart Barrett, Vanessa Chapman and Adrian Hinchcliffe. Shaun Hastings, a previous Trustee/Director, decided to step down at the AGM. In managing the Trust, the eight Trustee/Directors are assisted by several volunteers who take on tasks and do a great job. The Trust has over 90 members who have the annual task of receiving the Report and Accounts and elect the Trustees.

Regular Activities

What is on at the Community Centre with contact details:

Monday	AM Monday Matters: Liz Wood. lizwood1950@btinternet.com PM Pins & Needles. Jenny Cant. jenny.cant@gmail.com
Tuesday	PM Prescription pick up 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm PM Dance 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com PM Pilates 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com
Wednesday	AM Morning Yoga. Deb Swift. info@debyoga.co.uk AM Wellbeing Walk. 11.00 am to 12 noon. adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com PM Community Lunch (Last Wednesday in the month). Pat Ellis. PM Longhoughton Scouts. Mike Keith & Carrienne Field.
Thursday	PM Prescription pick up. 1.30 pm to 2.00 pm. PM BALLance. 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm. fusionfitnessbysophie@gmail.com
Friday	PM Events Group: See announcements of the programme on Facebook.

BOULMER NEWS

Grass Cutting

The Village Green will be cut during early August, and arrangements are being made for the cutting of the wildflower meadow in September.

Eliminating Ragwort and Hogweed

Thank you to the twelve volunteers who took part in the annual task of removing ragwort from the wildflower meadow and village green on the weekend of 18/19 July 2026.

Wildflower Meadow

The growing season is just about over, but due to the weather conditions, there has been a continuous blooming of various wildflowers from February to the end of June. The intense heat in early July has stopped many species from continuing their growth. The Parish Council is working with the Northumberland Coast National Landscape to provide some form of recognition for the wildflower meadow.

Books By the Sea at Boulmer

Chris Robinson thanks all those who contributed books from his appeal in the last newsletter. If you have more available, Chris will accept them. Thank you.

Pop-Up Cafes at the Memorial Hall

Pop-up cafes will be held on the following dates: 23 August, 20 September and 25th October 2026. There will also be a Christmas Craft Fair on 22 November 2026.

Memorial Hall Bookings

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

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Boulmer

Longhoughton Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor for the Boulmer Ward. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Liz Taylor the Parish Clerk on clerk@longhoughton-pc.gov.uk

HOWICK NEWS

Film Club

Please email John Roper: johnroper1@btinternet.com to join the club mailing list and find out which films are showing and the dates. Donations are suggested at £5.00 per film.

Craft Club

For details call Audrey Jamieson on 01665 577797.

Howick WI

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.00 pm. Contact Jeanette Archbold on 01665 577384.

Village Hall Bookings

Contact Jane Doleman on 01665 577801.

Howick Art Group

We welcome new members. We meet on Monday mornings in Howick Village Hall, 9.45 am to approximately 1.15 pm. Our annual subscription is £90, which includes rental of the hall, running of two exhibitions per year (one in early May Bank Holiday and one over the August Bank Holiday), visiting tutors, workshops and refreshments. If you would like to join our group. Contact us via our website www.howickartgroupnorthumberland.com

ART exhibition

Howick Village Hall

NE66 3LE

August

Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat-Sun-Mon
10am-4pm

Local artists
Refreshments

Howick Art Group
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