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A round up of the latest news and events from around Northumberland



Highfield Middle School

LOVE Northumberland, HATE Litter

Residents are showing their love for the county as the successful county wide clean-up campaign, 'Love Northumberland, Hate Litter', has launched for the second year.

The campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the negative impacts of littering, focuses on engagement, education and enforcement to tackle littering.

The council is working in collaboration with schools, parish and town councils, businesses and local organisations to raise awareness of littering and to develop solutions to local issues.

A number of schools and community groups have marked the launch of the campaign by carrying out litter picking events in their local areas with support from the council which provided equipment for the events.

To find out more visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/LOVE

Lighting up Northumberland

A three-year scheme to replace over 40,000 streetlights in the county with modern, energy-efficient LED lamps has entered its second year.

The £23m street lighting modernisation project has already seen almost 5,000 lights replaced and over 3,500 new lamp-posts installed, which are using two thirds less energy than the old conventional lights. The project will create a 64% energy saving and net savings of nearly £300,000 a year.



Street lighting scheme enters its second year

New Chief Fire Officer

Northumberland has recently welcomed a new chief fire officer. Paul Hedley from Bedlington was the former deputy chief fire officer and has dedicated 25 years to the service. Paul's appointment follows the retirement of previous chief fire officer, Alex Bennett in July.



Market Towns Film

A new film explaining the council's Market Towns' Initiative is now available to view online. The film explains the reasons behind the authority's plans for its nine major towns, how savings are being made and the benefits to the people of Northumberland.

You can watch it now on [youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV](https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV) 'The future of your council services'.

New Civic Head

Councillor Alan Sambrook has been elected as the new civic head for Northumberland County Council, succeeding Cllr Kath Nisbet who is standing down after a year in office. In his position, Cllr Sambrook will carry out many community and ceremonial duties representing the county council across the region.

Care Services outstanding

The joint work of the Council and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has been praised in a recent inspection by the Care Quality Commission. Inspectors rated the Trust overall, its community services, community end of life care and the immediate response team as outstanding.

THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING...

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Friday 26th to Monday 29th August



**NORTH SEA
TALL SHIPS REGATTA
Blyth 2016**

organised by Sail Training International

Enjoy our five-page guide to the biggest free event ever to take place in Northumberland

The 'Northumberland Navy' our sail trainees

80 people between the ages of 15 and 63, have been recruited as sail trainees and will sail on board the Tall Ships during their race to Gothenburg, Sweden. Most come from Northumberland and many of our ward councillors are supporting them.



Northumberland sail trainees

Trainees will be involved in almost every activity from taking the helm, setting sails and even climbing the rigging. They will experience what it is like to work on a Tall Ship, learn new skills and challenge themselves.

Fergusons of Blyth, the Regatta's principal sponsor, is supporting 13 trainees as part of their sponsorship. Alan Ferguson, executive chairman, said: "We selected trainees from applications that were invited both within the company and from charities working in Blyth.

"They include Fergusons employees and young people from Bad Apples Dance in Blyth, all with little or no sailing experience, but with a great sense of adventure and huge enthusiasm for this amazing opportunity. We are delighted to be sponsoring them."

Emily Runciman, aged 18, a student from Ashington is Northumberland County Council's Tall Ships ambassador.

She is taking part in her second event having sailed to Belfast for a Tall Ships Race last summer. Emily is sponsored by Active Northumberland and the Port of Blyth.

Emily, a member of the Northumberland Sport coaching academy at Northumberland College, said: "When you're sailing, you see things you'd never see on land such as whales, dolphins, an extremely clear starry sky but, most of all, being able to watch the sun rise and set without being blocked by buildings."

Other sponsors supporting trainees include IHC Engineering, DFDS, Bedlington Parish Council, Northumberland County Council Youth Service and Northumberland Sports Fund.



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ENGLAND**

Blyth jumps on board

Thanks to a £120,000 grant from the Arts Council, organisers are developing an extensive cultural programme with partners, individuals and community groups; including Headway Arts, Bait and creative producers, Culture Creative. It includes the reanimation of the Blyth Carnival and the production of three large scale evening performances.

Councillor Val Tyler, cabinet member for arts, leisure and culture at Northumberland County Council, said: "This is a very exciting free event and has something for all the family with the wonderful Tall Ships in port and 1.5 miles of entertainment including music, theatre and a spectacular fireworks display."



Headway Arts PrintAble group

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Ahoy there!

In August, Northumberland will welcome the UK's only Tall Ships Regatta in 2016.

The biggest event ever to take place in the county will see up to 30 magnificent Tall Ships sail into Blyth for the four day event.

30 spectacular ships on show

4 days of free family fun

5 huge entertainment zones

It promises to be a fantastic free event over the August Bank Holiday weekend: Friday 26 – Monday 29 August.

Residents and visitors will be able to celebrate the fantastic Tall Ships and enjoy five zones of free entertainment from Blyth beach to the town centre.

Entertainment includes fireworks displays, a Crew Parade and Blyth Carnival on the Saturday, street theatre, music stages and circus acts.

On Monday afternoon, the Tall Ships set sail on a 500 mile race to Gothenburg, Sweden.



Willow and Jack Jobson on board the Tall Ship Maybe

**FREE
EVENT**



WHAT'S ON?

Daily activities include: *

Street theatre	Northumberland Village
Fairground rides	Circus acts
Live music	Beach activities
Fireworks *	Jump on board
Market stalls	a Tall Ship

* Please note that all events are subject to change and fairground rides are not free. No fireworks on Monday 29 August.

Event opening times:

Friday 26 August Open 10:00am – Close 10:00pm

Blyth welcomes the world

Saturday 27 August Open 10:00am – Close 10:00pm

Creating a worldwide atmosphere for everyone to enjoy

Sunday 28 August Open 10:00am – Close 10:00pm

Blyth to Gothenburg Cultural Exchange

Monday 29 August Open 10:00am – Close 5:00pm

Grand Depart: celebrating Gothenburg

Special activities:

Friday 26 August

12:00noon – Welcome the world to Blyth and Northumberland

Saturday 27 August

3:00pm – Crew parade and carnival

4:30pm – Crew prize giving (Dun Cow Quay)

Monday 29 August:

2:00pm-3:00pm – Parade of sail with special music & film commission to wish the ships a fair sail

Performance and fireworks on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9pm

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Top things to do at the Tall Ships

Don't miss the only Tall Ships Regatta in 2016. With over 1.5 miles of entertainment on offer there is so much to do. Here is our guide to some of the highlights.

**FREE
ENTRY**



BOARD THE TALL SHIPS



SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS



LISTEN TO LOCAL MUSIC



FAIRGROUND RIDES



**CIRCUS ACTS AND
STREET PERFORMERS**



**ENJOY BIG BANDS ON
THE MAIN STAGE**



**MEET THE CREWS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD**



SEE THE PARADE



LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK



Traffic and parking information

To ensure a fun and safe event, we have created park and ride facilities in the North and South of Blyth at Seaton Sluice and Sleekburn. They will operate from 10am till 10pm. There will be no event parking in the town itself.

Park and ride facilities are available and will cost £5 if booked in advance plus a 50p booking fee. Driving instructions are included with the tickets.

Free blue badge parking will be available, but must be reserved in advance. Visit tallshipsblyth2016.com for details.

A traffic management plan will be in place during the event, including temporary road closures, a one-way system and parking restrictions. Parking permits will be issued

to residents where restrictions are in place. There will be no vehicle movements permitted in the event area during the event times. Information can be found at tallshipsblyth2016.com/local.

EMERGENCY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING TO THE HOSPITAL AND GP SERVICES.

Tall Ships Information Centre

An Information Centre is now open at the Keel Row Shopping Centre, Blyth, with staff available to answer any queries about the event.

For all the latest news including: details of all the ships, event maps, visitor and park and ride information and your programme guide to The North Sea Tall Ships Regatta, visit the Tall Ships website tallshipsblyth2016.com.



Chris Byrne, Culture Creative, outside the Tall Ships Information Centre

Photograph: Jane Colman, Johnston Press

www.tallshipsblyth2016.com

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Plan your perfect bank holiday weekend and book your parking for the Tall Ships Regatta now.

Park and Ride:

Either the North or the South of the town.

Park and Walk:

at Mermaid car park.

ONLY
£5.00
PER CARIF BOOKED
IN ADVANCE*

Find out more at

tallshipsblyth2016.com/parkandride



Reserve blue badge parking at either Freehold Street or Keel Row.

Call ticketline on
0161832 111

*Plus 50p booking fee

Public transport and cycling

Organisers are working with public transport providers and the details of services to Blyth are published on the Tall Ships website at tallshipsblyth2016.com/transport. Secure bike parks will be available near the beach and in the town centre.

Look out for... Our Tall Ships Volunteers

They'll be easy to spot in their yellow, turquoise and red polo-shirts. Our friendly volunteers will be on hand to welcome and guide you on the Tall Ships, entertainment, local places of interest and the 'best of Northumberland'.

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We are the Champions



They're the people working behind the scenes to help transform our market towns.

Eight senior council officers are combining their day jobs with helping take forward the proposals for each of the county's main market towns.

Across Northumberland the council has identified opportunities to generate over £33million in capital income, contribute significantly to economic growth and regeneration and make annual savings in its running costs of £3.4million by ensuring all its properties are fit for the 21st Century and selling its surplus buildings.

Known as "Town Champions", their role is to work with a variety of stakeholders, share

information and promote the delivery of the plans in their towns.

The officers come from a variety of backgrounds – including housing, leisure and economic growth – but all will be working to help ensure our market towns flourish.

Council leader Grant Davey said: "These are exciting times across the county – as part of our market towns initiative new buildings are going up while others are being refurbished – all with the aim of

improving services for residents and boosting economic growth.

“The Town Champions act as a link between the council and the towns”

List of Town Champions:

Alnwick	Dave Campbell
Ashington	Janice Rose
Bedlington	Dean Jackson
Berwick	Geoff Paul
Blyth	Phil Soderquest
Cramlington	Geoff Paul
Hexham	Lorraine Dewison
Morpeth	Nigel Walsh
Ponteland	Sue Aviston

"The Town Champions act as a link between the council and the towns as we take plans forward and ensure information can be passed both ways.

"And as officers they have no political persuasion – they are simply looking to get the best for every town and if successful, we will look to extend the role to other towns in the country"

Who is my Town Champion?

for Morpeth

Morpeth's Town Champion is Nigel Walsh, culture, heritage and libraries service manager at Active Northumberland.



Since taking up the role Nigel has been meeting stakeholders and working with the Morpeth Forum. Two public events have taken place, encouraging people to discuss the future of the town with council representatives and other organisations.

Nigel said: "I am really passionate about Morpeth, culture and economic development and Morpeth has lots to offer. The northern bypass will be a real asset when it opens next year and we have recently moved the library and customer services into much needed improved facilities. I know some people may be concerned about the County Hall move but it provides a real opportunity to boost investment in the town."

for Ponteland

Sue has only recently taken up the role as Town Champion for Ponteland.

A Northumberland resident, Sue is the council's school capital and organisation manager. This involves her overseeing investment in school buildings across the county and working closely with schools in planning any changes which could have a wider impact on other schools in the area. She is passionate about children and education.

Sue said: "I love Northumberland; it's a great place to live, work and visit and I'm a strong advocate for the county. In my role as the town champion for Ponteland I am looking forward to working with the local community and existing groups within the area. It's very early days for me in the role of town champion; but it's one I'm really looking forward to."



Residents LOVE Northumberland

Two residents have been recognised for everything they've done to show their love for your local area.

Peter Dawson and Kenneth Thompson won individual awards at the LOVE Northumberland awards ceremony at Alnwick Garden in June.

Peter was recognised for selflessly volunteering for the charity MS Research and Relief Fund based at Benmar House in Morpeth for three years. Peter's wife has multiple sclerosis and while she was doing her exercise and therapy treatment, Peter approached the manager and asked if he could transform the neglected garden into a wellbeing therapy garden.

Peter works in the garden whenever possible and has motivated other residents to get involved and to donate plants to the garden to create a beautiful touch, scent and sound garden to promote wellness and good health through gardening.

Kenneth Thompson was also honoured for his hard work as a volunteer gardener in Carlisle Park, Morpeth. Kenneth has volunteered for 12 years where he looks after the aviary and feeds the birds as well as weeding, planting, litter-picking, leaf collecting and much more.



Kenneth Thompson receives his award from the Duchess of Northumberland (left)

Since Kenneth's arrival in 2004, the park has been awarded the Green Flag award each year.

Both residents consistently go the extra mile to LOVE Northumberland, helping to maintain and improve the county.

Your *Local Market*

Local traders selling some of the best local produce the county has to offer regularly come together at Northumberland Markets right on your doorstep.

Morpeth is home to a vibrant market located in the heart of the bustling town centre. By taking a stroll through the different stalls you can find household goods, unique gifts, fresh eggs, fish, meat, fruit and vegetables and locally produced cheese. The market takes place every Wednesday between 9am and 3:30pm in the Market Place.

You can also take a trip to **Prudhoe** market where you'll find a variety of traders including an artisan butcher with a fine selection of fresh meat and sausages for sale as well as jams, chutneys, sweets and toys. The market takes place on the first Saturday of each month at The Glade, off Front Street.

Please be aware that the goods on offer at our markets are dependent on the market traders who attend. This is subject to different factors including weather conditions.



For more information about Northumberland markets visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/markets

Investing in **Central Northumberland**

New developments at Prudhoe Waterworld

An exciting refurbishment funded by the Council is now underway to bring a state of the art gym and fitness studio to Prudhoe Waterworld.



The first phase of work involves creating new studios, including a separate yoga and Pilates studio, whilst the second phase involves expanding the current gym into the existing studio.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of August and once it has, visitors will have access to brand new equipment and a modern fitness studio for classes. This includes additional new spinning bikes with an app to record your progress.

Customer focused

Morpeth library and the Council's customer services have moved to a new temporary home in Royal Sovereign House in Manchester Street.

Ponteland library is also due to relocate to Ponteland Leisure Centre later this summer. The moves are part of the council's plans to protect

services by reviewing its buildings and land, and to make it easier for residents by creating one-stop shops of council services.

Great progress on bypass



A new underpass is being created on the A1 at Morpeth which will form a key part of the junction between the road and the new Morpeth Northern Bypass.

The works will mean drivers will be using a new section of road for the first time.

It marks the latest stage in the £30m Morpeth Northern Bypass scheme which will cut congestion in Morpeth and reduce travel time and costs between the A1 and the South East Northumberland.

Forecasts suggest the county's economy overall could benefit by nearly £50million over the next few decades after the new stretch of road opens next year.

Five FREE things to do in your area

There is an endless list of places to visit and things to do across Northumberland this summer. Take a look at a small handful of the fantastic things to do for **FREE** in your local area.

1 Stanton Hall Gardens and Nursery

A small family run business with a selection of beautiful and interesting gardens for visitors to get lost in including the maze garden, the knot garden and a conservatory.

Stanton, Morpeth, NE65 8PR

2 Morpeth Chantry Bagpipe Museum

Located in a stunning medieval Chantry building, the Bagpipe Museum displays a stunning collection of over 150 sets of pipes from around the world.

Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1PD

3 Carlisle Park and William Turner Garden

Home to the William Turner Garden as well as an aviary, play areas, splash pool, picnic areas and skate park, Carlisle Park in Morpeth is a great day out for the family.

Morpeth, NE61 1YD

4 Wylam Railway Museum

Situated a peaceful walk away from where the 'Father of Railways', George Stephenson was born in 1781, the museum tells the tale of locomotive pioneers and railways in the region and beyond.

Falcon Centre, Wylam, NE41 8EE

5 Bolam Lake Country Park

Bolam Lake Country Park has lakeside, woodland and open grassed areas for all to enjoy, with the attractive lakeside walk being accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Bolam, NE20 0HE



Northgate unit set for success

A new state of the art facility in Morpeth will be leading the way in specialist care when it opens its doors in October.

The new 15-bed facility, on the existing Northgate Hospital site, provides temporary accommodation, treatment and support for adults with an autistic spectrum disorder.

The specialist unit has benefited from a multi-million pound investment which has improved the communal living, learning and leisure facilities.

The facility is part of the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust's (NTW) specialist assessment and treatment inpatient service and will provide 24 hour support for adults with complex needs.

The new building will replace two outdated buildings on the site which are no longer fit for purpose, and has a number of design features that can be adapted by staff and patients to suit individual needs and preference in a bid to minimise change and reduce anxiety.

Residents will stay in single or shared flats within the unit which have a range of internal and external shared spaces offering opportunities for sensory therapy and recreational activity.

Councillor Scott Dickinson, vice chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board at Northumberland County Council visited the facility ahead of its launch. He said: "The new facility at Northgate is a fantastic development and a much-needed asset to Northumberland and the wider region.

"It is vital that everyone has access to the support they need to live as independently as possible and this purpose-built specialist care facility will allow exactly that.

"The previous unit was in high demand but just wasn't suitable to meet the needs of a modern medical facility anymore. The new facility is greatly improved and will undoubtedly benefit those who need it most.



*Pictured left: Councillor Scott Dickinson
Below: Artists impressions of the new Northgate unit*



Work started on the building in May 2015 and is due to open its doors to the first residents in October.

Will Green, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, said: "This will be a wonderful specialist centre; not just for our local area but for the nation. It's great that something of such national standing is being

built right here in Northumberland. It's been designed with service users at its heart and they will continue to shape the way care is provided when the centre opens its doors later this year."

Patients to the unit are referred by specialist learning disability and mental health teams regionally and nationally.

Stay safe this Summer

Summer is here, and that means day trips to the beach, long walks in the countryside, and family barbecues. But what about the potential health hazards that come with the warmer weather? Take a look at these five Summer tips to make sure you stay healthy and safe while you enjoy what the great British Summer has to offer safely.



Take care with picnic food



Dairy and meat products are among the worst offenders when it comes to food poisoning, so you need to take care when cooking food on a barbecue or taking it on a picnic. Just a couple of hours out of the fridge can cause nasty bacteria to develop.

- Make sure you thoroughly wash your hands and work surfaces
- Keep your raw meat products wrapped and separated from other foods
- Use separate utensils for raw food
- Thaw frozen food thoroughly in the fridge before cooking
- Ensure all food is cooked thoroughly before serving and meat is no longer pink, the juices clear and steaming hot

Be sensible in the sun



It's easy to underestimate the strength of the British sun and many people will go without sunscreen in search of the perfect tan but ultraviolet radiation (UV) can be extremely damaging and it's vital to protect your skin from harmful rays and heat.

- Apply sunscreen regularly to any exposed areas of skin (min factor 15)
- Wear a peaked or wide brimmed hat to protect your face
- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration
- Take a break from the sun if you're feeling dizzy or nauseous
- Cool off in the shower or apply an ice pack to overheated skin

Avoid accidents in the garden



The summer months are great for those wanting to do some serious work in the garden. But the combination of summer clothing and footwear with lawnmowers, spades and secateurs – may be an accident waiting to happen.

- Wear closed or steel-toed shoes when mowing or digging the garden
- Keep children well out of the way when using the mower or any power tools
- Pay attention to trip hazards such as hosepipes, flagstones, and plant pots
- Keep an orderly shed where chemicals and tools are safely stored
- Hire a professional to do the hard work, while you put your feet up!



Take the sting out of summer



With the warmer weather comes the sudden appearance of bees, wasps, and other stinging insects. In Britain, our insects tend to be bothersome rather than dangerous, but you can't be too careful.

- Avoid wearing heavy perfumes and scents which are attractive to bees
- If you get stung, wash the sting area with soap and water and apply a cold compress
- Keep a lid on your food and sugary drinks
- Use a good insect repellent in the form of a spray, cream, or wristband
- Cover your arms and legs, and wear gloves when gardening



Change4Life 10 Minute Shake Up is back!

Change4Life and Disney are teaming up again this summer with a campaign to inspire children to get active.

Just keep moving



Mum Sarah and son Aden from Ashington who recently took part in the Get Active Northumberland programme

Each one of the Disney-inspired games counts as a 'Shake Up' and goes towards the hour of physical activity kids need each day.

Children who are overweight or obese are more likely to develop illnesses like heart disease, some cancers and type-2 diabetes so it's important that children eat a balanced diet and get plenty of exercise to stay healthy. The 10 minute shake up is a fun way for parents and children to learn about being active together.

Get Active Northumberland (GAN) provide support via free programmes offering information and advice to families from NHS health professionals through a range of fun activities. They also run a range of specific programmes across

Northumberland for parents with children aged 5-13 years.

Children need to do at least 60 minutes of activity a day to help them stay happy and healthy but it doesn't have to be sport – any burst of 10 minute activity counts towards the physical activity kids need every day.

Look out for the Shake Ups coming soon to the Shake Up Zone on www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up and to find out more about Get Active Northumberland programmes happening near you contact the GAN team on 01670 784183 or email gan@nhct.nhs.uk

Walking and cycling high on Northumberland's agenda

A plan to get more residents cycling and walking has been introduced to Northumberland to bring a new travel culture by 2025 and encourage 90% of residents to make at least one journey a week on foot or on a bike.

Only 13% of journeys in Northumberland under 5km are currently made on foot or on two wheels. The plan includes ambitions to secure investment in the county, improve safety conditions, engage more women and people in their 50s, and get every school in the county signed up to a travel scheme.

Five key programmes over the next two to three years will build on the legacy of the Tour of Britain in 2015, improve pedestrian and cycling environments in towns, and long distance routes across the county, and encourage

businesses to cater more for walkers and cyclists.

The strategy is outlined in Geared Up, a new prospectus drawn up by members of the Northumberland Cycling and Walking Board including Northumberland County Council, Active Northumberland, Sustrans, Kielder Water and Forest Park, Northumberland National Park, Northumberland Tourism, and the Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group, with support from Natural England.



Members of the Northumberland cycling and walking board

Residents LOVE Northumberland

Across Northumberland proud Northumbrians are caring for their communities and going the extra mile to show their love for our county.

Each year, the council celebrates their commitment and dedication at a special awards ceremony as part of the 'LOVE Northumberland – caring for our county' campaign.

This year's fantastic winners were presented their awards by Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland at a special event in June at The Alnwick Garden, hosted by BBC TV's Carol Malia and sponsored by Banks Group.



2016 WINNERS

Best new project went to Beaconhill Primary School, Cramlington.

Best urban project was awarded to Josephine Butler Primary Campus, Ashington.

Best coast or countryside project went to Epiacum Heritage Ltd, Alston.

The **best young people's project** category was won by Leading Link for its Plessey Woods Art Trail.

The **best children's project** by Mickley First School for Community Life, Stocksfield.

The **awards for an individual whose efforts or commitment help to enrich the environment of Northumberland** was presented to Jean Bell, Peter Dawson, Kenneth Thompson and Aaron Ward.

Newsham Primary School at Blyth helped to launch the 2016 LOVE Northumberland HATE Litter campaign, and this helped them to win them the **school waste award**.

The **school sustainable travel award** was presented by Go Smarter Northumberland to Mickley First School for a range of initiatives around safe and sustainable travel.



Love Northumberland award winners at Alnwick Garden

To find out more about LOVE Northumberland go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/love

YOUR *Northumberland*

**We want
to hear
from you**

Our brand new residents' area, Your Northumberland is ready to be filled with your entries.

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Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF

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Celebrating the Northumberland Coast

Northumberland is home to miles of beautiful coastline which is enjoyed by residents all year round but throughout the summer you can also get involved in a range of activities and events as part of the Festival of the Coast.



The centrepiece of the 2016 Festival of the Coast is the North Sea Tall Ships Regatta in Blyth and activities will continue throughout the summer with festival celebrations.

From walks and music events to duck races and festivals, the 64 miles of North Sea Coastline will be bursting into life in a celebration of the beauty, attractions, communities and maritime history the coast has to offer.

Visit www.visitnorthumberland.com/coastfest to find out more.

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Competition QUESTION

For your chance to win a glamping holiday at Ord House Country Park, simply answer the following question.

How many Wishbone Lodges (Glamping Pods) are at Maguires Country Park in Northumberland?

A) 8
B) 10
C) 12

Email your answer, your name, address and telephone number to nlandnews@gmail.com or write to Communications, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF to enter.

Closing date for entry is 31st August 2016. The winner will be chosen at random and will be notified within seven days of the closing date.

Terms and Conditions: Only over 18s can enter. Closing date for entry will be 31st August 2016. After this date no further entries to the competition will be permitted. Maguires Country Parks reserves the right to cancel or amend the competition and these terms and conditions. The winner will be chosen at random from all entries received. The winner will receive a weekend break in a glamping pod for a family of four at Ord House, one of Maguires 5 star country parks. No cash alternative. If the winner cannot be contacted or does not claim the prize within 14 days of notification, we reserve the right to withdraw the prize and pick a replacement winner. All entries received will be destroyed once the competition winner has been chosen and the prize has been collected. Entry into the competition will be deemed as acceptance of these terms and conditions.

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OF FOUR

Now for those seeking something completely different, there's a new buzz word, 'Glamping' (Glamorous Camping).

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enquiries@ordhouse.co.uk

www.maguirescountryparks.co.uk

July

Kirkley Hall Summer Ball

Welcome the season in style at the Kirkley Hall Summer Ball. Enjoy a three course meal followed by music by the Kirkley Hall resident DJ.

Booking is essential

£24.95 per person

7pm start

Phone: 01670 841235

www.kirkleyhall.co.uk

Friday 29 July

Knight School

Alnwick Castle will become home to a band of bold and courageous knights. Four fearless champions will set up their knight's school within the castle walls and demonstrate all the skills a true medieval champion might need.

Free with admission

Open 10am - 5pm

Phone: 01665 511100

www.alnwickcastle.com

Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July

Over the Border in the Footsteps

Join a 10.5 mile guided walk starting at Buckham's Bridge car park through the borders and enjoy some of the most wonderful views in Northumberland National Park.

£8 per person

10:30am - 5pm

Phone: 01434 605555

www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk

Sunday 31 July

Big Watch Weekend

Join Northumberland Wildlife Trust during one of the best times to spot whales, dolphins and porpoises off the Northumberland coast.

Booking is essential.

Free admission

10am - 4pm

Phone: 0191 2846884

www.nwt.org.uk

Saturday 30 July to

Sunday 31 July

August

Seashore Safari

Explore plants and animals of the Seahouses Rocky Shore and discover fun facts about marine life on a guided tour.

Booking essential.

Free admission

10am - 11:30am

Phone: 01670 622651

Friday 5 August



Animal Enrichment Day

Bring along some of your everyday household rubbish like plastic bottles and toilet roll holders and watch zoo keepers transform them into exciting enrichment aids for zoo animals.

Free with admission

10am - 4pm

Phone: 01670 841235

www.kirkleyhallzoo.co.uk

Friday 5 August

Wallington Pipers

Enjoy the traditional sound of the Northumbrian Pipes as the Pipers return to Wallington Hall for their annual gathering.

Free with admission

2pm - 4pm

Phone: 01670 773606

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington

Sunday 7 August

The Three Loughs

Join a guided walk through reed beds to the National Nature Reserve at Greenlee Lough and around the shoreline of Broomlee Lough with its contrasting geology and flora which is home to otters and native crayfish.

£8 per person

10:30am - 4pm

Phone: 01434 605555

www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk

Sunday 7 August



The Railway Children in the Open Theatre

Chapterhouse Theatre Company presents the unforgettable and heart-warming story of adventure and family set in the heart of the Yorkshire countryside.

£10 per person
(Children under 3 go free)

6:30pm - 8:45pm

Phone: 01665 511350

[option 1 - To Book]

www.alnwickgarden.com

Thursday 11 August

B Festival

Enjoy live music and bring a picnic to this evening music festival in the shadow of Bamburgh Castle.

All proceeds go directly to HospiceCare Northumberland.

£17.50 per ticket

6pm - 11pm

Phone: 01665 606515

www.bfest.org.uk

Saturday 13 August

Vallum Farm Summer Fete

Enjoy a family day out with stalls, live music, attractions and food at the annual summer fete in aid of St Oswald's Hospice and Hexham Priory School.

Free admission

(£3 per car entry)

10:30am - 4pm

Phone: 01434 672323

www.vallumfarm.co.uk

Sunday 14 August

North Sea

Tall Ships Regatta

Come and see spectacular vessels in Blyth and enjoy street entertainment, live music and fireworks.

Free admission

www.tallshipsblyth2016.com

Friday 26 August to

Monday 29 August



Knights' Tournament

Marvel at our noble knights at Belsay Hall as they take on the ultimate medieval contest.

£10 for adults, £6 for children, £26 for families

(reduced entry for members)
11am - 5pm

Phone: 0370 3331183

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Saturday 27 August to

Monday 29 August

September

Summer Nights Film Festival - Dirty Dancing

Bring a blanket, a picnic and your friends to enjoy the great outdoors and the perfect outdoor cinematic experience you will never forget.

£11 for early bird tickets or £13 for standard tickets

8pm - 10pm

Phone: 01332 290606

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wallington

Friday 2 September

Hadrian's Wall Live

A whole weekend of live battles, spine-tingling displays, falconry, Gladiators and Roman soldiers.

£10 for adults, £6 for children, £26 for families

(reduced entry for members)

11am - 5pm at

Birdoswald Roman Fort

6:30pm - 9pm at

Housteads Roman Fort

Phone: 0370 3331183

www.english-heritage.org.uk

Saturday 3 September to

Sunday 4 September

Etal Horticultural Show

One of the oldest village shows in the county is back with over 150 competitive classes and many other attractions on the field.

£3 for adults and £1 for children
1pm to 5pm

www.ford-and-etal.co.uk

Sunday 4 September

Walk along Hadrian's Wall

Join a guided walk along Hadrian's Wall, past Sycamore Gap and beyond Housesteads Fort and learn about the area and the work of the National Park.

£8 per person

10:30am - 4pm

Phone: 01434 605555

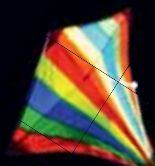
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Wednesday 7 September



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