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



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.



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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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
Fairground rides
Live music
Fireworks *
Market stalls

Northumberland Village
Circus acts
Beach activities
Jump on board
a Tall Ship

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

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

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

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**



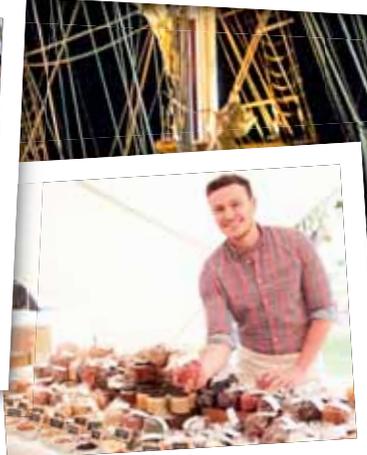
**ENJOY BIG BANDS ON
THE MAIN STAGE**



**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 Coltman, Johnston Press

Park and Ride

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 CAR IF 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 **Hexham**



Lorraine Dewison is the chief executive of Active Northumberland and is responsible for libraries, leisure, sport, culture and tourism.

Lorraine has worked for the council for the past nine years, managing a number of services including registrars, coroners and customer services. Lorraine has been actively involved in projects such as the development of Hexham House and future plans for the Queens Hall. This means she is well-placed to help take Hexham forward as its town champion.

With a background in business strategy and marketing Lorraine is passionate about supporting economic growth and delivering excellent customer service. The Hexham House project is a great example of the council working in partnership with the community to generate economic growth for the town.

Lorraine said: "Being Hexham's town champion is a fantastic opportunity, I have had the opportunity to work closely with partners like Hexham Town Council, Hexham Community Partnership, Hexham Abbey and local companies, while writing the business case for Hexham House. Their support and enthusiasm for the project has been invaluable. Everyone has been fantastic!

"There are challenges ahead but there are numerous opportunities for Hexham, and as town champion I will do all I can to help achieve what is best for the town."

Pupils LOVE Northumberland

Pupils at Mickley First School in Stocksfield have been recognised for everything they've done to show their love for Northumberland.

The school has been awarded two awards, the School Sustainable Travel award and the Best Children's Project award at the LOVE Northumberland awards ceremony in June.

The School Sustainable Travel award is given by Go Smarter Northumberland to schools that have gone the extra mile to promote sustainable transport for the journey to school.

Mickley First School have made great strides in promoting sustainable travel by hosting Walk on Wednesdays, Bike Week, Walk to School Week and installed cycle and scooter racks at the school.

The school was also awarded the Best Children's Project award for their Community Life project where pupils have focused on developing a wider awareness of their community. Pupils



have taken part in litter picks, planted wildflowers in the village, hosted village fetes, supported local events and have given lavender plants to residents to support their bee project.

The entire school is committed to loving Northumberland and 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.

There are a variety of products on offer at **Hexham** Market, one of the largest markets in the west of Northumberland. Taking place on a Tuesday and Saturday between Hexham Abbey and Moot Hall, the market sells everything from plants and local produce, to continental offerings of cheese and handcrafted cakes.

Hexham Farmers' market takes place every second and fourth Saturday of the month in the Market Place.

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 West Northumberland

Bus station will be just the ticket

Work is well underway on a new £2million bus station for Hexham which will provide modern facilities for bus users including an enclosed waiting area, toilets and refreshment facilities.



Councillors on site at the new bus station

The £2.15million scheme is being funded by the council, including £300,000 investment from the North East Rural Growth Network's Strategic Economic Infrastructure Fund and is

due to open this Autumn. The previous bus station site will become a mixed retail and residential development as part of a regeneration scheme with Dysart Developments Ltd.

Bus to bring legions of tourists

The AD122 bus service, which runs along a spectacular stretch of Hadrian's Wall from Hexham to Haltwhistle during peak tourist season, has secured funding.

In 2015 there were around 5,000 more journeys on this bus service than the previous year. As a result, the council, in partnership with

Northumberland National Park Authority, has secured the service for the next four years.

Bandstand returned to former glory

The County Council and Hexham Town Council joined forces to bring the beloved Bandstand and fountain in Sele Park, back to their former glory.

The features are both over 100 years old and have been dismantled and restored by skilled conservators.

The refurbished bandstand is back in place after being sympathetically restored. The bandstand was donated to the park by local woollen merchant, Henry Bell in 1912.

New home for Hexham fire crews

Building work is underway on a £2.2 million community fire station at the Hexham General Hospital site.



Work begins on the new fire station

Existing buildings to the rear of the hospital will be altered and extended to accommodate the service and they are expected to be complete by December. The new station will house two fire appliances, along with a Swift Water Rescue unit and facilities available to the local community.

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 Hadrian's Wall

Experience epic history in stunning locations as the 73 mile world heritage site winds its way through beautiful countryside and along the remains of the historically significant Hadrian's Wall.

2 Mr George's Museum of Time

Four rooms of watches and clocks through the ages and a range of activities for children, Mr George's Museum of Time is a family run attraction based on local children's stories of Diana Bell.

Central Place, Haltwhistle, NE49 0DF

3 Kielder Water and Forest

Kielder Water and Forest boast miles of trails for walking, cycling and mountain biking as well as an opportunity to see otters, salmon and ospreys around the lake.

Kielder, NE48 1ER

4 Hexham Abbey

Hexham Abbey has been a place of solace and refuge for over 1,300 years and welcomes everyone to enjoy its beautiful architecture and atmosphere and to explore its fascinating history.

Beaumont Street, Hexham, NE46 3NB

5 Tyne Green Country Park

Featuring a golf course, play area and water sports centre, the Country Park is a great day out and also provides wildlife habitats to many species, and a great place for wintering birds.

Tyne Green Road, Hexham, NE46 3SG



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!

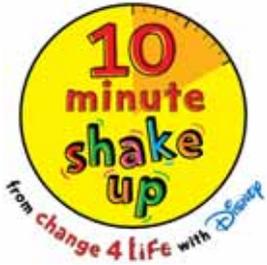


Take the sting out of summer



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

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**We want
to hear
from you**

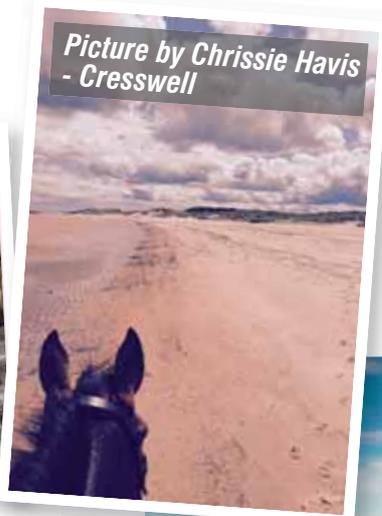
Our brand new residents' area, Your Northumberland is ready to be filled with your entries.

We want to see and hear why you love Northumberland. Send us your photographs and messages of your favourite spots and you might be featured in the next edition of Northumberland News.

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Picture by Jean Sawyer
- Staple Island



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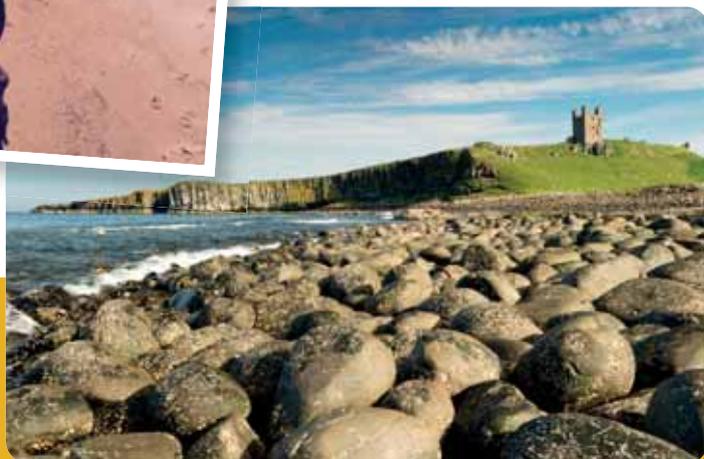
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Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF



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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.

MAKE MEMORIES AT

Maguires
country parks
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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.

WIN

A WEEKEND IN ONE OF
OUR AMAZING
GLAMPING PODS
SLEEPS A FAMILY
OF FOUR

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

Tired of putting your tent up and down when you just want to relax and enjoy your free time, then try a Glamping break in a Wishbone Lodge (Glamping Pod). By Glamping you can relax and enjoy every minute of the great outdoors with all the 5 star amenities found at Ord House.

We are giving a family of 4 the opportunity to WIN a weekend break in one of our 10 Wishbone Lodges. This experience will far exceed anything most campers have ever known.



Ord House Country Park,
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Northumberland, TD15 2NS.
Call us on 01289 305288
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

www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk

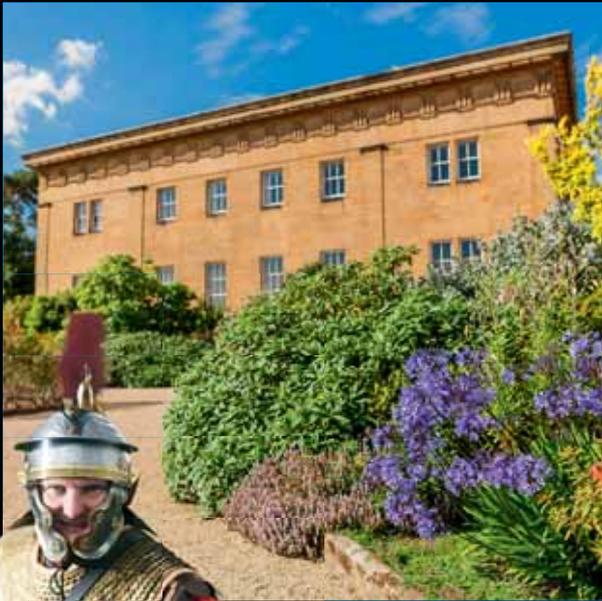
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