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NEWS *in brief*

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WARNING OVER COUNCIL TAX CALL SCAM

Residents are being urged to be on their guard following another report about a Council Tax telephone scam.

The caller claimed to be phoning from the county council and stated there was an issue with their Council Tax banding. Unfortunately an amount of money was taken from the resident's account. The Council would never contact a resident in this manner to issue a refund. Please be vigilant and never provide your personal details or bank or credit card details over the phone.

If you are contacted by someone claiming to be from the Council and you are unsure, please ask them for their name and extension and then call the council's contact centre on 0345 600 6400 and ask to speak to them.

DEADLINE LOOMING FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community groups, charities and young people in the county can apply for funding from our much valued community grant scheme.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help deliver activities that benefit residents and communities. The next funding deadline is September 28.

You can apply online or by downloading the form from www.northumberland.gov.uk.

NEXT STEPS FOR LOCAL PLAN

Residents were able to have their say on a new Local Plan for Northumberland in a wide consultation which took place for six weeks in July and August. Over 1,000 people attended 23 events across the county and more than 2,750 comments have been made on the plan.

All feedback will now be taken into account in developing the next version - a 'Publication Draft' - which we will consult on in January 2019. Submission to Government for independent examination is set for May next year.

GREEN DOG WALKERS

More than 1,200 people have signed up to our Green Dog Walker scheme which aims to reduce dog fouling and promote responsible dog ownership. If you own or walk a dog and want to find out how you can get involved go to www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers.



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FRONT COVER

Photo: Francesca from Longhorsley St Helen's First School with the statue of Northumbrian suffragette Emily Davison in Carlisle Park, Morpeth.



Emily statue unveiled

A stunning and thought provoking statue to create a lasting memorial to Northumbrian suffragette Emily Wilding Davison has been unveiled in Morpeth's Carlisle Park.

The statue was commissioned by Northumberland County Council and created by internationally renowned sculptor Ray Lonsdale.

This year marks the 100th anniversary since some women were granted the right to vote. Emily Wilding Davison campaigned passionately for this right and the statue will commemorate her life and achievements and celebrate the huge historical importance of her actions.

Arrested and imprisoned for her part in demonstrations and activities in support of the Women's Social and Political Union, Emily Davison's name became known around the world in June 1913 when she stepped onto the Epsom race track and was struck by the thundering hooves of King George V's horse Anmer.

Emily never recovered from her injuries and died four days later in hospital. She was buried in St Mary's Churchyard in Morpeth.

Northumberland County Council has contributed £50,000 towards the statue with Morpeth Town Council contributing £5,000.

An interpretation panel has also been installed to help tell Emily's story, and a walking guide produced so that people can visit the many locations in Morpeth that have a strong connection with Emily, including her grave.

Emily regularly went on hunger strike when she was imprisoned while campaigning for women's rights and was barbarically force fed with a tube almost 50 times. This has been depicted in the statue which shows Emily tipping out a bowl of food.

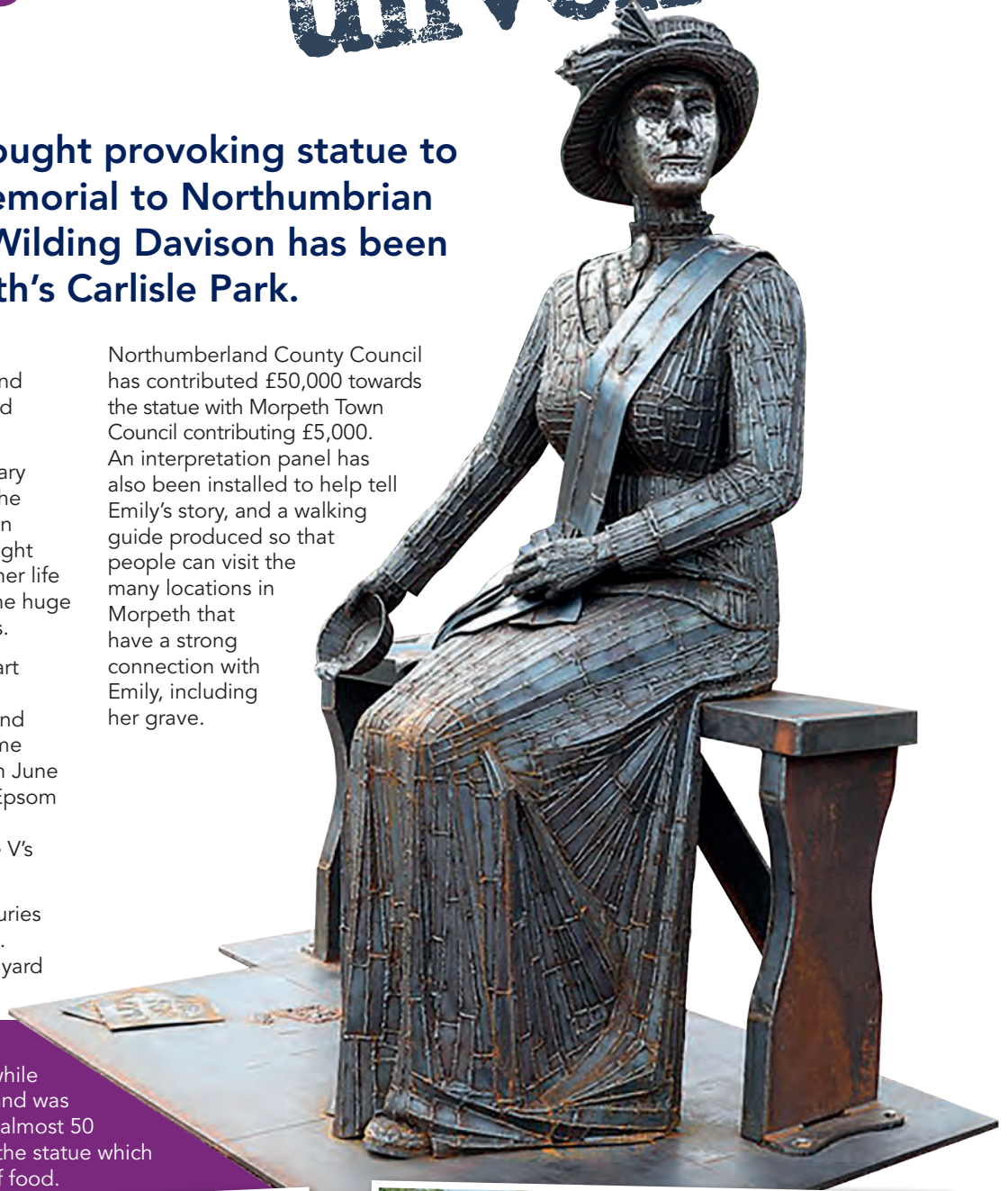


Photo: Cllr Jeff Watson, Sculptor Ray Lonsdale, Penni Blythe from Emily Inspires, The Duchess of Northumberland, Cllr Glen Sanderson



Photo: Pupils from Chantry Middle School, Horton Grange School and Longhorsley First School produced some beautiful suffragette themed murals and banners

A FLAVOUR OF THE COUNTY'S FINEST PRODUCE

at the touch of a button

Produced in Northumberland celebrates the fantastic food and drink that local producers are creating and supplying across the county. Buying locally gives you fresher produce, keeps our small businesses running and helps sustain the county's economy.



Over 80 local food producers have now received the Produced in Northumberland stamp of approval, which means that their produce has been verified and inspected to make sure that they are using authentic Northumberland ingredients.

A brand new website has been launched where you can now search for food producers and buy a fantastic selection of high quality local goods online, direct from the Northumberland businesses who are members of the scheme. Visit www.producedin.northumberland.gov.uk to explore some of the delicious food that our county has to offer.

Look out for the Produced in Northumberland logo, featured on a variety of different produce in local independent stores and markets, including meats, drinks, bread, jams, cakes and much more.

LIKE TO BUY LOCAL?

Why not visit one of the popular farmer's markets to meet some of the Produced in Northumberland businesses and sample some of the county's finest food.



FIND OUT MORE about visiting your local farmers' market at: <https://bit.ly/nccfmkt>





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Investing

WORK STARTS ON NEW MORPETH FIRST SCHOOL

Work is now well underway on a new £7m first school for Morpeth.

The diggers have moved in on the former fire station site next to County Hall to begin construction of a new two-storey school which includes external play areas, a multi-use games area and parking for almost 80 vehicles.

The scheme also includes the provision of classrooms, including an outdoor one on the roof, and other facilities such as a main hall, studio, staff rooms, offices, kitchen and toilets. The school will also provide a community space at ground-floor level, accessible outside school hours and available to the public for events.

It is due to be completed by September 2019.

The new school will replace the old Morpeth First (Goosehill) School which is in the town centre.

The council worked closely with local parents, residents and the wider community in Morpeth to consult on the new development.



in schools ✓

SCHOOLS IN WEST NORTHUMBERLAND

The county council has approved a plan for the creation of a sustainable education system in the west of the county, by extending the age ranges of Greenhaugh, Bellingham, Wark, Kielder and Otterburn Schools.

A £5.1m injection of cash was approved to enable the creation of a 0-11 pre-school and primary provision.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

Significant investment was also approved for Haydon Bridge High School, which will be used to rationalise buildings, better safeguard the site and upgrade the interior of the remaining buildings.

Council officers are developing plans to replace the buildings of Hexham Middle School and Queen Elizabeth High School, which form the Hadrian Learning Trust. It is estimated that this work would cost in the region of £36-40m.



PONTELAND

In Ponteland, progress is continuing on a multi-million pound development which will see the existing Ponteland leisure centre demolished and replaced with a much improved facility and a state of the art secondary school and primary school.

The development will consist of two brand new school buildings and a fantastic new leisure facility to include; swimming pool, fitness suite, badminton courts, outdoor sports fields and a full size 3G pitch and a library. A fire station will also be based on the Callerton Lane site.

The new development is scheduled for completion by September 2020.

Following a £5.8m investment, the new Darras Hall Primary School opened its doors to pupils at the start of the new school term in September.



Great summer in

It's been a "Great" summer across Northumberland as we celebrated our art, culture and heritage.

Great Northumberland put the spotlight on the county with 56 days of exhibitions and live performances, offering free, family-friendly days out.

Part of the Great Exhibition of the North's Inspired By programme, the Great Northumberland Summer programme sought to take advantage of the focus on the region.

Launching with a spectacular showcase event in Hexham, the programme also saw one-off art exhibitions; a unique outdoor youth-theatre performance in Prudhoe; a family fun day at Seaton Delaval Hall, a celebration of Northumbrian music in Alnwick and an installation of 600 flags along the beach at Blyth.

It came to a close with a finale event in Berwick with a procession through the

town and an evening concert which included the first performance of The Great Song of the North, a specially commissioned suite of music inspired by the county.

We still want to hear from you if you have an event on this year. Submit your event to www.greatnorthumberland.co.uk and we'll help you promote it to visitors.



Northumberland



Great Northumberland



Britain's most beautiful marathon is back



Kielder Water and Forest Park is once again set to stage Britain's most beautiful marathon.

The Kielder Marathon is taking place on October 6 and 7 and is set to draw in over 3,000 competitors from across the UK.

While the marathon is the highlight of the weekend, there will be a series of other events laid on to make taking part achievable to so many more people. These include a 10km run, a junior run, a run bike run and a half marathon.



The Kielder Marathon is organised by Events of the North, a company led by Olympians Steve Cram and Allison Curbishley, and is sponsored by Northumberland County Council, Active Northumberland and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.kielder-marathon.com

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS

The North Pennines Stargazing Festival is set to celebrate some of the darkest skies in England.

The festival will offer a packed programme of fun and informative events including activities for more experienced stargazers alongside events for children and families.

Each Skywatch event includes experts in attendance with advanced equipment and friendly advice, to help unlock the secrets of the night sky.

The festival will run from 20 October to 4 November. It has been organised by the North Pennines AONB Partnership and is supported by Northumberland County Council.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.NorthPenninesStarFest.org.uk

NORTHUMBERLAND TEENAGERS COMPLETE NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

Over 150 young people in Northumberland have taken part in their National Citizen Service filling their summer with outdoor adventure, new friends and new challenges while making a difference to their community.

The initiative for 15-17 year olds ran for four weeks over the school holidays and gave young people the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and learn new skills for work and life while away from home. The young people were also responsible for planning and running community social action projects. These included helping in community gardens, supporting local food banks and fundraising for good causes.

In Northumberland one of the local delivery partners was Northumberland County Council's Youth Service who deliver projects and activities for young people in Northumberland.

**NORTHUMBERLAND
YOUTH SERVICE**

"NCS was an out of this world experience which I wish I could do all over again. It has impacted on me in a big way by making me confident and challenged me to interact with other people who I have never met before."
Georgie, Warkworth



DON'T PUT OFF THE FLU VACCINATION

People at most risk from flu are being urged to make sure they get vaccinated against the virus this winter.

If you are eligible for the flu vaccine please ensure you get it

Pregnant women, people aged 65 years or over, and adults and children with long term health conditions are known to be at increased risk of the effects of flu and are eligible for a free vaccine.

A nasal spray vaccine is being offered to all children aged 2-9 years old in a bid to slow down the spread of the virus. Young children's close contact with each other means they are more likely to transmit the virus to other more vulnerable groups, including older people. Children in reception and years 1 to 5 will receive their vaccine at school.

FACTS ABOUT FLU AND THE FLU VACCINE

- 1 The flu vaccine can't give you flu
- 2 Flu is much worse than a heavy cold
- 3 Flu can't be treated with antibiotics
- 4 You need to have the flu vaccine every year
- 5 If you are pregnant you should have the flu vaccine



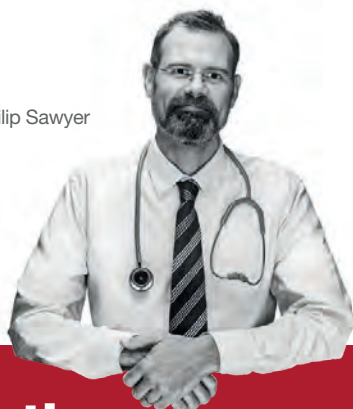
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Dr Philip Sawyer



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STOPTOBER CHALLENGE

Could you be smoke-free for 28 days during October?

The national Stoptober campaign is encouraging smokers to quit for that long - and we're here to help.

Did you know... you're four times more likely to succeed if you get our help than trying to go it alone.

We can prescribe the medication to help manage the cravings and help you to think differently so you can change your behaviour.

And... you're five times more likely to quit for good if you manage to stop for 28 days.

It is never too late to quit and you will start to see real health benefits very quickly.



JOIN STOPTOBER



FOR MORE INFORMATION on stopping smoking and Northumberland NHS Stop Smoking Service, call 01670 813135 or visit www.northumbria.nhs.uk/stopsmoking

Summer heatwave sparks spate of wildfires

Firefighters in Northumberland have tackled a number of wildfires this summer after the enduring heatwave made the countryside dangerously flammable.

While the hot, dry weather was good news for sun seekers, these conditions fuelled a spate of wildfires across the county which spread quickly in the tinder dry countryside.

A large fire ignited on the Linhope Estate south of Wooler following a lightning storm. The estate and the fire service had previously developed a Wildfire Plan which gathered key information such as available water supplies, access routes and the equipment available so they were well prepared to tackle the blaze, keeping people and property safe.

The fire service was also called to assist the Ministry of Defence to dampen and help extinguish two fires that had ignited on their firing training ranges at Otterburn.

Photo: Wildfire at Linhope



Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service is a lead authority on tackling wildfires with a specialised and experienced team who train regularly. They also provide support and advice to other fire authorities across the country and their expertise was called on to help control and tackle the massive moorland wildfires in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that hit the national headlines this summer.

The wildfire team has over 60 wildfire emergency response plans in place that cover key areas of the county. It will be working with more landowners and managers over the coming year to increase this number further ensuring that all parties are as prepared as they possibly can be in the event of a wildfire.

GOLDEN SUPPORT OF ARMED FORCES

Northumberland County Council has been recognised as one of the best in the UK for supporting members of the Armed Forces.

The authority has been awarded a gold award by the Ministry of Defence in its 2018 Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme.

The scheme rewards and recognises UK employers and organisations that show outstanding support to the armed forces community.

The council was one of just nine local authorities across the whole of the UK to receive the coveted gold award.



PARKING PLANS SWING INTO ACTION

Action plans are underway to improve car parking in some of the county's town centres.

Photo: Berwick car park, Castlegate



Last year the County Council commissioned consultants to carry out parking studies and survey work in Morpeth, Hexham, Berwick and Alnwick, to develop options for future parking needs in these towns.

Detailed work has been carried out to seek the views and opinions of the local county councillors, town councils and other key stakeholders on the findings of the consultants' studies and get their recommendations on a range of potential measures to help address parking issues in their areas.

Individual parking action plans have now been developed for each of the four towns, with a number of changes already introduced across the summer.

The Council has allocated £10m funding for this work and to support parking improvements in other locations.



FIND OUT MORE by searching for "parking studies" at www.northumberland.gov.uk



Could you be an active volunteer?

An innovative new scheme that aims to help people with mental health issues to become physically active is looking for volunteers in Northumberland to act as support buddies.

The Being Active Matters scheme would like to hear from anyone who could extend a hand of friendship and buddy with someone who wants to become more physically active in order to improve their mental wellbeing. This could be walking, running, visits to the gym, a game of golf or even just kicking a ball around.

You can volunteer for as many or as few hours as you wish in an activity of your choice and training will be provided.

Regular activity is great for our mental as well as physical health and has been proven to improve mood, lift self-esteem and reduce stress.

The project aims to encourage people to get involved in sporting and physical activity with the aim of improving their mental wellbeing and is being piloted in north and west Northumberland. It has received £30,000 from Northumberland County Council.

Photo: Gordon Allan, Jo Ludbrook (Talking Matters co-ordinator – Alnwick), Helen Brown (Volunteer Coordinator West Northumberland), Karen Renner (Volunteer Coordinator North Northumberland) and Steve Patterson (Service Manager Talking Matters)



IF YOU HAVE AN ACTIVITY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH SOMEONE PLEASE CONTACT:

North Northumberland: Karen Renner 07483326881 / KRenner@tmnorthumberland.org.uk or

West Northumberland: Helen Brown on 07483991835 / HBrown@tmnorthumberland.org.uk or call: 0345 600 6400

Running out of money every month? Or need help with saving?

Everyone needs a little help with money every now and then, and Northumberland Community Bank is here to help.

Northumberland Community Bank can change the way you manage your money by offering secure savings accounts and affordable loans to anyone living or working in Northumberland.

Loans can be used for anything from unexpected emergencies to help with paying for home improvements - most things will be considered.

Or why not start saving early for next years holiday, or for Christmas time, and have money put aside so that you're not stretched?

It can be so easy to max out your credit card or even worse turn to a loan shark or pay day lender when you're struggling with finances. Northumberland Community Bank understands this, and aims to support people to avoid these expensive alternatives.

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www.northumberlandcommunitybank.co.uk

New hospital and leisure facilities for Berwick



Photo: Pictured are Cllr Cath Homer, cabinet member for culture, arts and leisure, and Cllr Peter Jackson, leader of Northumberland County Council, outside the Swan Centre for Leisure - site of the planned new integrated health, social care and leisure facility

Plans for a new leisure facility – co-located with a new hospital on the site of the current Swan Centre – have been given the go-ahead by council leaders.

A landmark decision to re-develop the leisure centre gives the green light to an integrated development which will see over £45 million invested in the town.

The new development – which will see all services on the current sites retained – represents the very latest thinking by linking treating illness with preventing it in the first place. Similar health and wellbeing integration has already been tried in other areas of the country with great success.

The County Council's Cabinet approved a £20m leisure centre at the Swan Centre site earlier this month.

The Swan Centre – built in the early 90's – is increasingly showing its age and needs significant investment to bring it up to modern standards. Detailed design

work is pending but it has already been agreed that it will include state of the art pool and sports facilities, as well as access to playing pitches.

County Council Leader Peter Jackson said:

We're delighted to formally progress this flagship project for Berwick and Northumberland which will bring significant investment to the town.

"The next stage is to develop detailed designs for the new leisure centre,

and we're determined this is progressed as soon as possible with state-of-the-art facilities.

"By integrating a community hospital with leisure facilities, people will have easier access to the sports centre and therefore are more likely to use it. This will ultimately benefit overall health and wellbeing, leading to healthier lifestyles."

Could you be a Shared Lives carer?

People in Northumberland are being asked if they would like to share their lives, acting in a carer role to support adults with specific needs.

Shared Lives Northumberland provides support in a family home for adults who are unable to live alone because of their age or disability.

The initiative provides skilled, trained and committed people who have chosen to share their homes and their lives with others.

Carers are given training and paid an allowance to provide accommodation and support for short periods up to a few days a week; a couple of weeks; or longer.

The project is particularly interested in hearing from adults who would like to care for people with specific care needs

around mobility, mental health and young adults who have turned 18 and are coming out of foster care.

Shared Lives manager Julie Shepherd said:

"Shared Lives carers can transform someone's life by giving vulnerable adults the chance to learn new skills and live a more independent life."



"We really hope that we can get more people involved as Shared Lives carers."

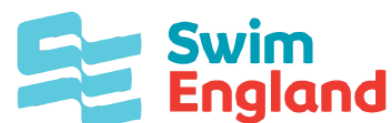
Shared Lives Northumberland is delivered through a partnership between Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust which manages the service on behalf of Northumberland County Council.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION call 01670 536 400 or visit the Shared Lives Northumberland website at www.northumbria.nhs.uk/sharedlives

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What's ON

September

Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival

Features new cinema, special programmes, exhibitions in non-gallery spaces, seminars with festival guests, and activities for families and young people.

The Maltings and Henry Travers Theatre, Berwick-upon-Tweed
www.bfmaf.org

September 20-23

Eshott Hall Wedding Open Weekend

Planning your special day? Explore Eshott Hall's beautiful hotel and grounds, meet the team of experienced wedding coordinators and chat about hosting your wedding.

Eshott Hall, Morpeth
www.eshotthall.co.uk

September 29-30, 12pm-4pm



October

Alnmouth Beer Festival

The Alnmouth Beer Festival continues to attract scores of people from right across Northumberland and further afield, with a full range of beers and ciders, prosecco bar and a great line-up of live music.

The Red Lion, Alnmouth
 £12 entry
www.redlionalmouth.com
 October 5-7



Kielder Marathon Weekend

A series of running events including the Marathon following an off-road route around northern Europe's largest man-made lake, Kielder Water, in Northumberland.

Kielder Water, Kielder
www.kieldermarathon.com

October 6-7

Catcleugh Reservoir talk at Kirkley Hall

The speaker has a special interest in the reservoir in particular the men, women and children who lived on site during its construction around 120 years ago.

£5 non members, £4 members. All welcome.

For further information email friendsofkirkleyhall@yahoo.com
 10 October at 2pm

Berwick-upon-Tweed Literary Festival

Celebrating its fifth anniversary, the Literary Festival is proud to showcase local, national and international contributors who will bring words to life in a feast of talks, workshops, discussions and events.

Various locations, Berwick-upon-Tweed
www.berwickliteraryfestival.com
 October 19-21



Russian National Ballet: Swan Lake

The compelling legend of a tragic romance in which a princess, Odette, is turned into a swan by an evil curse. Prince Siegfried chances upon a flock of swans while out hunting. When one of the swans turns into a beautiful young woman he is instantly captivated – will his love prove strong enough to break the evil spell that she is under?

£23, £21 concessions, £17 child
 The Maltings, Berwick-upon-Tweed
www.maltingsberwick.co.uk
 October 21 at 3pm

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Berwick Operatic Society present their first ever Youth production. This magical musical is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers and the coat of many colours. Directed by Lisa Summers and Laura Catterall.

£12.50, £10 concessions.
 The Maltings, Berwick-upon-Tweed
www.maltingsberwick.co.uk
 October 25-27

Spooky Half Term

Fangtastic family fun at Belsay Hall, Castle and Gardens this October half term. Meet spooky characters and get creative with some creepy crafts. Frightening fancy dress is encouraged!

Belsay Hall, Castle & Gardens
www.english-heritage.org.uk
October 27 - November 4

Rotten Romans

Find out about the rotten side of Roman life this October half term at Chesters Roman Fort. Join a Roman soldier as he tells a gruesome tale or two. If you think you've got what it takes why not try out for the Roman army while you're there? Get up to speed in the drill session and handle some Roman weapons and objects.

Chesters Roman Fort, Hexham
www.english-heritage.org.uk
October 27 - November 4

Half Term Halloween Fun

Join in with the spooky fun this October half term, including a week-long nature trail and a Halloween celebration day on Wednesday 31 October.

Seaton Delaval Hall
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
October 27 - November 4



The Twilight Scare Garden

Spookier, scarier and more blood curdling than your wildest dreams could even imagine. See the Labyrinth like never before, and find spooks lurking in the trees. Are you brave enough to enter Alnwick Garden this Halloween?

£6 non members £5 members.
Ages 12+.

The Alnwick Garden
www.alnwickgarden.com
October 27

Stargazing - an introduction to astronomy for families and beginners

Join Ace of Space Astronomy for a fun and interactive way to learn all about the cosmos; exploring the planets, moons, stars and beyond.

£5
Hadrian's Wall & Housesteads Fort, Hexham
www.nationaltrust.org.uk
October 29, 7pm-9pm

November

Jensen's Christmas Fair

Around 30 stalls including a range of Christmas art, crafts, food and drink.

Kirkharle Courtyard, Kirkharle
www.wearejensens.co.uk
November 10-11



Festive Gift Fair

Get ahead of the Christmas rush and into the festive spirit with a wide variety of specialist crafts and handmade gifts for sale. Local choirs will be singing festive carols, and good little girls and boys will also have the chance to meet Victorian Father Christmas and receive an early Christmas gift. **£9.50 non members, includes entry to Belsay Hall and Fair.** **Belsay Hall, Castle & Gardens**
www.english-heritage.org.uk
November 10-11, 11am-4pm

On track for a railway revival

After years of planning and hard work, the completion date for the revival of the old Aln Valley railway line is near. Talk by Roger Jermy. **£5 non members, £4 members.** **Kirkley Hall, Ponteland**
friendsofkirkleyhall@yahoo.com
November 14 at 2pm

Skating at The Alnwick Garden

Come for a skating session this Christmas in front of the Grand Cascade - the most magical skating rink around! Skating tickets included in Garden entry. **The Alnwick Garden**
www.alnwickgarden.com
November 17 to December 24

The Alnwick Garden Lantern Parade

This magical live music, light and movement parade will make its way through The Alnwick Garden and into Alnwick town creating a spectacular visual feast for visitors and it will all be led by the big man himself, Father Christmas! **The Alnwick Garden**
www.alnwickgarden.com
November 24 at 6pm



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