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Photo: The Tour of Britain passing through Alnwick in 2015

County in the saddle for Tour return

The Tour of Britain, the UK's biggest and most prestigious cycle race, is just a few weeks away from hitting the roads of Northumberland.

The county is hosting Stage Three of the prestigious Ovo Energy Tour of Britain on Monday 9 September.

The race will see the world's top riders and teams contesting a 182 kilometre route which will start in Berwick, passing along the Tweed Valley to Wooler before heading down the Northumberland coastline into North Tyneside and culminating in a dramatic finish in Newcastle.

County Council Leader Peter Jackson said: "This will be a fantastic spectacle and will showcase our wonderful communities, iconic landmarks and amazing landscapes to an international audience, while providing a multi-million pound boost to the local economy.

"The race also gives residents and cycling fans the opportunity to see the world's best riders competing right here on their

doorstep. We have been working with schools, communities and businesses to get them involved in the day, and I am sure the thousands of spectators lining the route will give the cyclists a rousing welcome."

The 2019 race begins in Glasgow on Saturday 7 September, finishing eight days later in Manchester city centre on Saturday 14 September.

ITV4 will screen live coverage of each stage, along with a nightly highlights programme of the best of the action.

All the latest information on the race can be found at www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk

WHERE TO WATCH THE TOUR OF BRITAIN

Tour of Britain banners will mark the race routes so get near to a banner if you want to see all the action. The full Northumberland route details can be found at www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk

ROAD CLOSURES

There will be up to 90 minutes disruption around the route with some permanent road closures in place in some areas. More detail on each town can be found on the website in August www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk

Nearer to event day we'll be providing updates across our social media channels about road closures affecting your area.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

If you are a resident - why not join with others in your community and help to decorate the route red and yellow - the colours of the Northumberland flag. We'd also like you to paint and display old or unwanted bicycles along the route.

If you are a business - why not dress your shop window in the Northumberland colours or create a cycle themed display.

If you are a school - you can book a safe place to stand on www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk/schools-information





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BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TO NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE
 MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

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**TOUR OF
BRITAIN**

**NORTH
OF TYNE**
 NORTH
**COMBINED
AUTHORITY**

THE ROUTE

STAGE THREE

The race will start in Berwick, crossing the Grade 1 listed Berwick Bridge as the race heads along the Tweed Valley and on to Ford and Wooler. The route will then head along the Northumberland coast, passing Bamburgh and Warkworth castles before crossing over to Alnwick and down through Morpeth, Bedlington and Cramlington before leaving the county at Seaton Sluice.



The Tour will be broadcast in over 166 countries, including live coverage on the ITV network, and will raise the profile of the county to an international audience.

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UCI EUROPE TOUR

HILLS AND SPRINTS

EISBERG SPRINTS

- Seahouses
- Warkworth
- Seaton Delaval



SKODA KING OF THE MOUNTAINS

- Ford Common
- Belford Moor
- Longhoughton



Investing in LEISURE

"With the recent multi million pound investment in sport and leisure in the county, Northumberland will soon have some of the best leisure facilities anywhere in the UK."

COUNCILLOR CATH HOMER

Cabinet member for culture, arts, leisure and tourism

An ambitious, multi million pound investment programme is set to transform sport and leisure facilities in Northumberland and enhance the customer experience.

The £65 million investment package, funded by Northumberland County Council, includes the building of three new leisure centres in Berwick, Morpeth and Ponteland, major funding to refurbish and revitalise two other centres in Blyth and Hexham and a county wide swimming pool refurbishment scheme.

MORPETH SPORTS CENTRE

Morpeth's plans for a new £18 million state of the art leisure centre are progressing with the Terrace Site on Gas House Lane being chosen as the location for the facility.

The Centre will provide a community and wellness hub for the town and surrounding areas and will attract thousands of visitors throughout the year.

The new, central facility will provide wider access to a range of activities which will benefit the thousands of people who will use it every year.

We are now working with Active Northumberland and the public to see which facilities to include in the scheme with further consultation events due to take place in the near future.



BERWICK'S £20M LEISURE CENTRE SET FOR NOVEMBER START

Work on Berwick's new state-of-the-art £20 million leisure centre is due to start in November and be completed by July 2022.

The centre will be built on the current Swan Centre site in Tweedmouth and will feature a five-lane, 25m swimming pool, a teaching pool and leisure pool and spa facilities. There will be a new state of the art gym and fitness studios, a sports hall, indoor bowls, soft play, a cafe and a sensory room. Outside there will be a 3G full-size playing pitch, play park and trim trail with parking for 175 cars.

The work will be carried out in phases to ensure that the existing Swan Centre continues to operate at all times until new facilities open to replace them.



FLAGSHIP PONTELAND SPORTS CENTRE LAYOUT REVEALED

A flagship new sports and leisure centre in Ponteland is to boast some of the industry's finest fitness equipment and facilities, while providing members with a whole new customer experience for all ages of the local community.

The leisure complex forms part of the new £46 million education and leisure development in the town. Covering three floors, it will incorporate a Clip n Climb wall, a soft play, a four court sports hall

with indoor cricket nets, a 6-lane 25 metre swimming pool and a learner pool and aqua play.

There will also be a spa featuring a steam room and sauna and a cafe and function suite with a viewing terrace.

A state of the art 100 station gym will feature designated exercise zones covering functional training, sports performance and strength.

There will also be outdoor sports fields, a multi-use games area, and a full size 3G pitch which will be used by both the schools and the local community.

Work is now progressing rapidly on the development on Callerton Lane which is due to be completed in time for the new school year in September 2020.



£5 MILLION INVESTMENT TO MODERNISE BLYTH SPORTS CENTRE

The council is investing £5 million to completely modernise Blyth Sports Centre.

The funding will be used to give the centre a major facelift, improve sports and leisure facilities and create a wellness hub for the local community.

Plans are in place to create a new state of the art gym and fitness area, a dedicated cycling studio, a new and improved soft play experience and an extended catering offer.

There will also be a new and improved spa and two renovated studios, while the toilets and changing rooms will be refurbished and the pool hall refreshed and redecorated.

A re-designed modern and welcoming reception area will improve the customer experience.

It is hoped that work will be able to start on site in Autumn 2019. The work will be carried out on a phased basis so the centre will remain open and any impact on the public minimised.



WENTWORTH MODERNISATION WORK

The second phase of an exciting £698,000 investment programme to refurbish and revitalise Wentworth Leisure Centre in Hexham is due for completion this summer.

Work is currently in progress to install a fantastic new multi-functional gym, upgraded changing areas and a newly designed modern reception area.

One of the aims of the refurbishment is to make the new state of the art gym an inspirational space for all members of the community, from those just beginning their exercise journey through to performance athletes competing at the highest level.



£1 MILLION INVESTMENT IN COUNTY'S SWIMMING POOLS

All Active Northumberland swimming pools - with the exception of the new Ashington pool - are to be refurbished and revitalised over the coming years.

An investment programme of over £1million is underway to repair and replace the swimming pool operating plant, replacing it with more energy efficient and environmentally friendly equipment.



PROGRESS UPDATES can be followed through the Active Northumberland website www.activenorthumberland.org.uk



Ambitious plans for more council housing



Up to 1,000 new council owned homes are to be built in the county over the next three years providing much needed affordable housing for Northumberland residents in need.

The homes will be of varying sizes with options for the elderly, for families and for single people. They will be built in small pockets across the county in areas where they are needed most.

The lack of affordable housing is a big challenge for Northumberland and too many people, especially the young, are being forced to move away from the

communities they grew up in because they have been priced out of the local housing market.

Providing quality, affordable homes for rent will help to keep young people in the county who will in turn support local businesses and services and help to keep our communities vibrant.

MULTI MILLION UPGRADE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

We are investing £10 million a year for the next eight years in our council houses. We are making sure our existing tenants all live in modern and energy efficient properties by installing new kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems, insulation, doors and windows.



RAIN DOESN'T 'STEEL' THE SHOW ON PONTELAND SITE VISIT

Work is progressing well on the groundbreaking schools and leisure development in Ponteland.

Students from the town's high school have been visiting the site and seeing the structural steel frame for the secondary school starting to take shape.

The project is one of the largest school and leisure complexes ever to be developed in Northumberland and will incorporate new primary and secondary schools as well as state of the art leisure facilities, a library and community facilities.

The development is being funded by Northumberland County Council and built by Kier Construction. It is scheduled for completion by September 2020.



Photo: Students from Ponteland joined leader of Northumberland County Council, Cllr Peter Jackson, and deputy leader and cabinet member for children's services, Cllr Wayne Daley, as well as representatives of Kier Construction and other members of the development team

Successful summer holiday camps SET TO RETURN

Such was the success of holiday camps for children in Blyth and Red Row last year, that they are returning again this summer.

One hundred and twenty children aged between five and 14 benefited from four weeks of fun and inspiring activities while learning and developing their personal skills and building confidence.

Signed up through their schools the children enjoyed sports, bushcraft skills, art, first aid, team building, surfing, orienteering, problem solving, party games, sing-a-longs and day trips around the region.

The summer holiday activities were organised by Northumberland County Council and delivered by Leading Link along with a range of other partner organisations.

All of the children at the Blyth sessions had their achievements acknowledged through Children's University 'passports' which were funded by Blyth Town Council, and this year the children at Red Row will receive CU passports too.

Leading Link put forward a team of young people to help run the sessions and to act as ambassadors and role models for the children. They are trained through the Children's University and themselves gain leadership, life and work skills.

WHAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE SAID:

"This was the best day of my life."

"It was amazing."

"The young leaders are brilliant."

WHAT THE PARENTS SAID:

"I just can't afford to do this stuff with them, and I feel guilty all the time."

"He cried every day not wanting to go to school... now he can't wait to get there..."

WHAT THE TEACHERS SAID:

"The children have come back to school full of stories about how amazing their summer was."

"It's given some of them the chance to shine and feel valued and experience so many new skills."

Emma Richardson a senior manager at Northumberland County Council said: "It's wonderful that the children are able to take part in engaging, interesting activities during the summer holidays, and there are huge long term benefits too. What we're doing is planting seeds for the future for these young people - teaching them life skills, building confidence and helping them to make new friends. The children are learning while having fun and you never know, an activity that they try for

the first time on the scheme may develop into a hobby or even a potential career."

Last year's summer holiday provision gained Government funding that was secured through Children North-East. This year Northumberland County Council, the schools and community partners have put together a funding package to further develop these 'more than the school day' activities.



Walk your way to health

Free health walks are taking place across the county to encourage more people to get out into the great outdoors and improve their health.

The walks, laid on by Active Northumberland, are suitable for all levels of ability and take between half an hour and an hour and a half.

If you fancy giving it a go - all you need is a pair of comfortable shoes with good grip and support for your feet. If it's a hot day make sure you take a bottle of water and always wear clothing appropriate for the weather. You'll have great company, trained walk leaders and safe walking routes to get you on your way to a healthier lifestyle.

Walking is a low impact exercise that has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, dementia, stroke and some cancers. Getting out in the fresh air with friends can also help combat loneliness and depression.



TO VIEW A TIMETABLE OF WALKS IN YOUR AREA log on to www.activenorthumberland.org.uk/Activities.aspx and search health walks under the A-Z activity section. For further information email: jbell@activenorthumberland.org.uk

Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

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Keep Antibiotics Working

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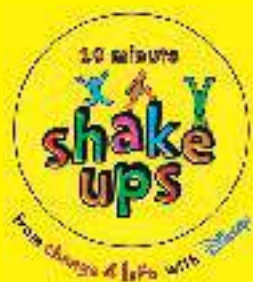
Cervical screening can stop cancer before it starts

Two women die every day from cervical cancer.

Don't ignore your cervical screening invite. If you missed your last cervical screening, **book an appointment with your GP practice now.**

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10 MINUTE SUMMER SHAKE UP



A fantastic, fun initiative is taking place over the summer to encourage children and families to get active.

The Change4Life 10 Minute Shake Up campaign uses a bit of Disney magic to inspire children to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day with fun, manageable, 10 minute bursts of exercise.

Working with some of Disney's most popular characters, the campaign focuses on activities such as running, jumping, skipping, throwing, catching and balance.



FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT
www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up

BUGGY FIT CLASS FOR NEW MUMS

A great new outdoor exercise class for post natal mums and their babies is running in Newbiggin and Blyth.

Buggy Fit, run by Active Northumberland, is designed specifically for mums from 6 weeks after birth (or 12 weeks after a caesarean section) and for as long as your little one is happy in their buggy.

The classes are a great way to spend some time outdoors, to exercise without the need for childcare, and to meet other new mums.

Exercises include a brisk walk with the buggy and safe cardio and toning exercises designed to help you recover and regain fitness after pregnancy and childbirth.

The class will run on a Friday morning between 10.30 - 11.30am, meeting at Newbiggin Leisure Centre before venturing down to the sea front.

The Blyth class meets at the Dave Stephens centre at the beach, every Wednesday 10.30am - 11.30am.

Classes cost £2. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day in comfortable footwear and clothing - and bring a drink too.

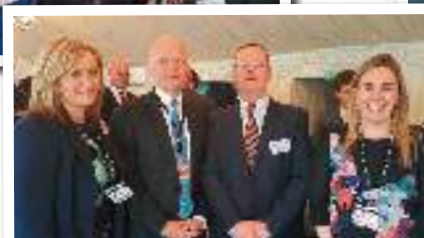
Before taking part in this class, you must:

- 1 Be 6 weeks post natal (or 12 weeks after a c-section)
- 2 Have had an 'all clear' 6 week postnatal check
- 3 Arrange a FREE abdominal check with one of our qualified instructors. This is a quick check to make sure your core muscles are ready for exercise. Please contact Jemma (details below) to organise this.



IF YOU'D LIKE ANY MORE INFORMATION OR NEED TO CHAT ANYTHING THROUGH please contact Jemma Halliday, Wellbeing Co-ordinator, 01670 622178 or email jhalliday@activenorthumberland.org.uk

discover our Land highlights



Our exciting Discover our Land campaign which promotes Northumberland as a great place to live, work, visit and invest is continuing to gather pace with more businesses and individuals signing up with their support to champion everything that is great about the county.

Latest recruits include The Alnwick Garden and rower Claire Hughes, of Wylam who was part of the record-breaking Team Tyne Innovation who smashed the record of a mixed team crossing the Atlantic.

Since it launched in January more than 3 million people have seen the campaign on social media and more than 400 people have signed up to the campaign newsletter.

TAKING NORTHUMBERLAND TO THE CAPITAL

Northumberland is open for business! That was the message that was delivered to the corridors of power at an event in Westminster.

Top businesses and tourist attractions from the county travelled to the capital to help promote the Discover our Land campaign.

The event at the House of Lords was an opportunity for the county to raise its profile as a place to live, work, visit and invest, at the heart of Government.

Guests included the then Tourism Minister Michael Ellis, VisitBritain and Sport England.

ALL THE FUN OF THE SHOW

Visitors to the Discover our Land stand at this year's Northumberland County Show were able to find out about the county in a new way.

Virtual reality viewers gave visitors the chance to explore the wilderness of Northumberland National Park; there was also a children's adventure trail around the show and a visitor competition with the top prize of a three night stay in Kielder, which received more than 300 entries.

With more than 24,000 visitors the show was a great opportunity to spread the message about the Discover our Land campaign to residents, businesses and visitors.



**TO FIND OUT
MORE AND TO
BE PART OF THE
CAMPAIGN GO TO**

www.discoverourland.co.uk

NORTHUMBERLAND NEEDS YOU...

*to Vote in The British
Travel Awards!*

It's our time to shine (again) as Northumberland is in the running for the title of 'Best UK Holiday Destination/County 2019'.

*We need
your vote*

**VOTING
IS OPEN UNTIL
30
SEPTEMBER**



Last year, thanks to your support, the county won the title. We want Northumberland's deserved crown to remain firmly on its head for the second year running and we can't do it alone; we need our residents, visitors, local businesses and anyone else who loves Northumberland to vote and help it retain its rightful title.

We are the county with the most castles, the quietest National Park, the longest stretch of Hadrian's Wall (and therefore the richest Roman history) and some of the most staggering beaches in the whole of the UK, and now more than ever is the time to gloat about it.



TO VOTE just visit www.vote4northumberland.com and select Northumberland as the best UK holiday county... then cross your fingers and spread the word.

NORTHUMBERLAND'S FULL OF PRIDE



Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust were proud to stand together to support Northumberland Pride in June.



Northumberland Pride which celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT+) communities took place at Alnwick Rugby Club and included a 5k Fun Run, march through the town centre and Pride festival. A range of Trust and Council services including health trainers, sexual health, cervical screening, adoption, registrar and recruitment supported the event with stalls and information.

In the last year a lot of work has been done to support and attract LGBT+ staff in both organisations and our LGBT+ communities, in particular in trans inclusion. The Council and Trust has a joint LGBT+ staff network group to help both organisations develop policies and procedures that are LGBT+ friendly. The great work was reflected this year when the Council was ranked in the top 100 Stonewall Workplace Equality Index and Northumbria Healthcare staff ranked the Trust the best in the NHS for morale, and the best for diversity, equality and inclusion in the national NHS staff survey.

Supporting carers in Northumberland

In Northumberland we have around 37,000 people providing care for relatives, friends or neighbours. During Carers Week in June, Northumberland County Council together with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust highlighted the support available for carers in the county.

Councillor Veronica Jones, cabinet member for Adult Wellbeing and Health, helped launch a new caravan bought by ESCAPE Family Support with council support which will provide valuable respite opportunities for families affected by drug and alcohol abuse.



TO FIND OUT MORE about the support for carers in Northumberland contact Carers Northumberland on 01670 320025 www.carersnorthumberland.org.uk/get-in-touch/

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 12 and 13 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 - 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 FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT: kieldermarathon.com

SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The countdown
has started... 5,4,3,2,1,
BLAST OFF !!!



If you're looking for a fun, free way to keep your children occupied during the holidays, then why not sign them up to our summer reading challenge in libraries across Northumberland.

This year's theme *Space Chase* is an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

The children will be encouraged to read six or more books collecting incentives and rewards along the way. They will also be rewarded with a certificate, medal and entry into a prize draw.



SPACE CHASE
Summer Reading Challenge 2017

SIGN UP FOR FREE

at your local library to receive a colourful starter pack to keep track of their reading and to find out more about space themed events that have been organised by the libraries.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION
log on to www.mylibrary.co.uk

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#FireFamily
#OnCallFire

On-call firefighters are an essential part of Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service - that's why we want to open our doors to an even wider talent pool.

We want suitably skilled applicants from all ages, races, genders and backgrounds. We do have minimum requirements to be able to become an on-call firefighter, but as long as you are over 18 and can meet the standard you'll become part of our amazing on-call teams.

**DO YOU WANT TO PUT SOMETHING
BACK INTO YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF
A CLOSE KNIT TEAM?**

**DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?**

If you do, and you live within seven or eight minutes of your local fire station, then please get in touch.

It's not just about jumping into a fire engine, blue lights flashing and sirens wailing making your way to a burning building. We go into our community and give safety advice, visit schools and make a real difference to people's lives. We also deal with all sorts of other emergencies like road traffic collisions, floods and storms, chemical spillages, people and animals who are trapped. These are just some of the areas you'll be trained to respond to.



GET IN TOUCH AT fire.recruitment@northumberland.gov.uk or call 01670 621126

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Pegswood | Ponteland | Prudhoe | Rothbury | Seahouses | Wooler

NEWS *in Brief*



A DANCE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND

A youth group is to create a modern dance for Northumberland based on folk traditions. Dance Dynamics Youth Group, with members aged 3-18, will team up with creative ageing charity Equal Arts, Northumberland County Council and Northumberland Archives to explore and recreate traditional dances from across the decades. The project will give older people living in care and the wider community the opportunity to share their memories and help with this exciting new dance that can be shared for generations to come.



ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS ROLLED OUT

Work is well underway on the council's summer programme to make travelling on Northumberland's roads a smoother experience.

Around 60 miles of roads across 40 areas will be repaired and improved.

The work forms part of the council's Local Transport Plan Programme, and this year the authority will be investing £26m in maintaining and improving the county's highway and transport network.

FUNDING HOPES TO RESTORE UNION CHAIN BRIDGE

A strong bid for Heritage Lottery funding has been submitted to back a £7.3m overhaul of the Union Chain Bridge which links Scotland and England near Berwick. If successful it would allow work to restore the 200 year old bridge to start early next year.



COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

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. For further information visit: www.northumberland.gov.uk

START OF WORK ON NEW FIRE STATION AT PONTELAND

Work has started on the construction of a new community fire station on Callerton Lane in Ponteland. The new station will replace the existing 1970s building which is being displaced by the development of two new schools, a leisure centre and sports facilities in the area.



RED SQUIRREL RESCUE ON WOOLER COMMON

A baby red squirrel is making a good recovery at a local wildlife sanctuary after being found cold and distressed on Wooler Common.

An Animal Welfare Officer from Northumberland County Council was on a routine patrol in the area last month when she was called over by a forestry worker who had spotted the small squirrel.

They observed it for a while on the public path and it was clearly in distress, running round and round in circles, cold and drenched right through from being in a small nearby stream.



The animal welfare officer who rescued the squirrel said:

"We think it had fallen from its drey high up in a tree and had received a big bump. It was very disorientated and while we don't like to interfere with wildlife, this little squirrel clearly needed help.

"I took it to a wildlife rescue centre in Blyth where it is now safe, warm and tucking into milk substitute. We hope that when he grows a little and is fully recovered we will be able to release him back where we found him."

The area is a haven for red squirrels and local volunteers support the squirrel population by erecting and filling feeders.

John Anderson who manages Blyth Wildlife Sanctuary said:

"We are feeding him regularly with substitute milk but as he will be released back into the wild when he is strong enough we are being very careful to ensure minimal handling. It is the same person that feeds him each day, to prevent familiarity with humans.

"We will be using a soft release approach, so instead of just releasing the squirrel straight back into the wild, we will form an enclosure in the woods so he can get used to the sights, sounds and smells and have access to food before he is fully released. We will then keep the enclosure and food in place for a time afterwards so he can return to it if he wishes."

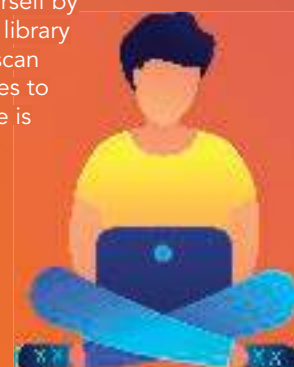


FREE NEW LIBRARY APP



Did you know you can download a free new app that allows you to issue, renew and reserve items from Northumberland libraries.

By downloading the app to your phone or tablet you can access library services and manage your membership. You can even issue books to yourself by scanning the library barcode, or scan ISBN barcodes to check if a title is available.



**TO DOWNLOAD
THE APP** go to
your app store and
search for **Spydus
Mobile.**

NEW MARKET TRADER DISCOUNT SCHEME

We've launched a new financial incentive scheme to encourage would-be traders to take a stall at one of the county's vibrant markets.



Under the scheme, new traders are being offered up to ten weeks rent free on their market stall, followed by ten weeks rent at half price.

The incentive is intended to offer a low cost way for budding entrepreneurs to enter into market trading and test their products, without incurring high costs.

Lapsed traders who haven't had a stall for eight months are also eligible for the discount.

ADVANTAGES OF RUNNING A MARKET STALL

- 👤 No big overheads
- 👤 Flexible
- 👤 Can fit around other part time work
- 👤 A good way to test your products and start out in retail
- 👤 Be your own boss



Photo: Jemma Gillespie from Blyth runs Once upon a Tier and sells a wide range of home baked, decorated cakes. Jemma started up in business as a market trader two years ago and was so successful she went on to open up a shop



YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE AT
www.northumberland.gov.uk/market-traders

DUMPING GARDEN WASTE WILL DAMAGE COASTAL ECOSYSTEM

We've received reports of residents fly tipping garden waste on beaches and dunes along the Northumberland Coast which is illegal and damaging the local ecosystem.



There is a belief among local residents and gardening contractors that as it is garden waste, it is helping the land and therefore it does not count as fly-tipping.

Most of the coastal grasslands and dune systems on the Northumberland coast are protected for their important flora.

The dumping of grass cuttings and other garden waste enriches the soil which encourages the growth of weed species such as docks and nettles, which out compete the wildflowers. Garden plants are also accidentally introduced into the

grasslands which out compete native wildflowers causing the loss of important dune grassland plants.

No matter what the waste, or the reasons behind it, fly tipping will never be tolerated. Those caught fly tipping face being issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice or may be prosecuted for the offence.

There are free facilities available to householders at all of Northumberland's household recycling centres and we operate a household garden waste collection service for a small fee.



IF ANYONE HAS ANY INFORMATION OR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF GARDEN WASTE PLEASE REPORT IT IN CONFIDENCE BY CALLING 0345 600 6400 or by reporting it online at www.northumberland.gov.uk

LAUNCH EVENT MARKS START OF A NEW ERA FOR ACTIVE NORTHUMBERLAND



Active Northumberland has officially launched its Transformation Strategy and brand, marking the start of a new era for the charitable trust as it sets out its ambitious vision for the future. Under new leadership, and with strong backing from Northumberland County Council, Active Northumberland is working to be one of the most innovative and leading leisure trusts in the country.

Olympic gymnast, Craig Heap compered the launch event at Concordia Leisure Centre. Those attending heard inspirational stories from local people who have been supported by Active Northumberland staff through their personal health and fitness journeys.

Naomi Smith spoke about setting and achieving goals and Susan Todd spoke about how energised she felt from attending the gym regularly since being diagnosed with terminal cancer.



Naomi Smith (left) and Susan Todd (right) with Advanced fitness instructor, Andrew Pearson

ACTIVE NORTHUMBERLAND AMBASSADORS

Local sporting stars, Laura Weightman and David Cumberlidge are offering support in their new roles as Active Northumberland Ambassadors

MORE INFO

You can find more details about the Transformation Strategy and brand on our website or on our social media channels.



Olympic athlete Laura Weightman and Commonwealth swimmer David Cumberlidge

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What's ON

July

Willow animal making at the Sill

Saturday 20 July

Work with Anna Turnbull of Bitabout Arts who has made the amazing willow animals you see around The Sill. Make your own dragonfly or mouse from willow grown and harvested in Northumberland.

Tickets £10

Contact: www.thesillorg.uk

10am - 11.30am

Invasion X

Sunday 21 July

Woodhorn Museum, Ashington

The annual sci-fi extravaganza. Meet a host of science fiction characters ranging from Daleks to Doctors, Jedis to Jawas and many more! Make sure you don your finest Sci Fi, Comic or Super Hero outfits for this brilliant and fun family day out!

Admission FREE

Parking £5

10am - 5pm

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival

Friday 26 until Sunday 28 July
Market Place, Corbridge
NE45 5DW

Starts on Friday 26 July at 6pm and daily between Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 from 11am.

For tickets visit:

www.queenshall.co.uk

Tel 01434 652 477

Marvellous Marine

Tuesday 30 July

Northumberlandia

Join us for a selection of marine themed crafts this summer to celebrate National Marine Week.

£5 per child

Suitable for ages 5-12.

All children must be accompanied by an adult

10am - 2pm



August

Red Row Vintage Rally

Saturday 3 and

Sunday 4 August

Druridge Bay Country Park

Vintage and classic vehicles, tractors, stationary engines, cycles, motorcycles, scale traction engines, military exhibits, horticultural and a wide variety of art, craft, food and sweet stalls.

10am - 4pm

Wild Wednesday Pond Dipping

Wednesday 7 August

Walltown Quarry Country Park,

Greenhead, CA8 7HZ

Join Northumberland National Park Rangers for our next Wild Wednesday sessions. Be amazed and learn about the creatures that are specially adapted to live in an underwater world. Each session lasts up to one hour. All equipment provided.

Accompanying adults go FREE

11am-12pm OR 1pm-2pm

Greatest Showman Sing-along cinema under the stars

Thursday 8 August

Bamburgh Castle,
Bamburgh, NE69 7DF

Bring a chair, a blanket and your best singing voice to join in with this fantastic showing of The Greatest Showman. Picnics allowed but no glass please.

£14.50 a ticket

Tel 01668 214208

7pm - 11pm

Lego Workshop - Bamburgh Castle

Every Thursday in
July and August 2019

Steve Mayes is a professional Lego artist and has been commissioned by several organisations to build replicas of buildings and transport. The Lego workshops will be located in the Stables. It is included in the admission price and kids of all ages from 1 to 101 are welcome to join Steve and help him make some fabulous models.

www.bamburghcastle.com

www.brickthis.co.uk



September

The North East Dog Festival

Saturday 7 September
Kirkley Hall, Ponteland, NE20 0AQ
Have-a-go activities - hoopers, agility, flyball, canicross, fastest recall, temptation alley, gundog scurry, whippet racing, steeplechase and more. Main ring displays including super staffies of the East Anglian Staffordshire Bull Terrier Display Team.
Early bird tickets £7.50 online,
www.kirkleyhallzoo.co.uk
On the gate £10 per person
Parking FREE.
Under 16's FREE
From 8.30am



Kielder Challenge Walk

Saturday 31 August

One of the most popular challenge walks in Northumberland. The 25 mile route is easy to navigate and great underfoot and circles the reservoir. Water and snacks are available en-route and a support vehicle is on hand all day, to pick up those who drop out.
£35 (Booking essential)
www.shepherdswalks.co.uk



Bywell Carriage Driving Championships

30 August - 1 September

Competitors from 14 to 80 years of age, 1,2 or 4 horses or ponies. The elegance of dressage on Friday, the exciting marathon on Saturday and the cones on Sunday. Access via B6309.

Only £5 per car
Open to all

Coal Town

Woodhorn Colliery Museum

An engaging and interactive permanent exhibition. Through the eyes of the Ashington community, you'll discover the true story of coal mining in Northumberland which has now vanished.

Entry FREE with annual Northumberland museums pass.
Adult: £7.00, Concession (OAP and student) £6.00, Children 16 and under are admitted FREE

For more information:
www.museumsnorthumberland.org.uk



Tour of Britain

Monday 9 September

The county is hosting Stage 3 of this exciting race which will see the world's top riders and teams contesting a 182km route which starts in Berwick and culminates in Newcastle.

Times and viewing points can be found on
www.northoftyne-tob.co.uk
nearer to race day.





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