



NORTHUMBERLAND LIVE 2018 - HEADLINE ACT ANNOUNCED.....



A million selling, number one chart topping artist is set to headline Northumberland Live at Bedlington this July.

Headlining will be singer-songwriter Matt Cardle whose first solo single, "When We Collide" went straight to number-one on the UK Singles Chart and became the second biggest-selling single of 2010 with 815,000 copies sold within two weeks. By the following June it had sold one million copies. Matt released his fourth album; 'Time To Be Alive' on Sony Music on April 28th.

It's the third year that Northumberland Live at Bedlington has taken place. Last year, The Commitments entertained thousands of people at the free spectacle and two years ago, the first concert saw Johnny Hates Jazz headline.

This year's event was at risk of not taking place due to the withdrawal of funding from NCC and West Bedlington Town Council. Knowing how much this free event means to the residents of Bedlingtonshire, East Bedlington Parish Council resolved to increase its initial budget allocation to guarantee the event, and substantial personal donations

were received from Councillors Keith Grimes and John Batey. We were also pleased to receive financial support from Choppington Parish Council to help boost the activities available for young people at the event.

Once again, the Northumberland Live Festival at Bedlington on Saturday July 28th looks set to appeal to all ages and members of the family. Also announced on the bill is Midnight Soul Sisters who showcases classic songs by The Supremes, Tina Turner, Amy Winehouse, Chic and Beyonce. Other bands will be announced in due course.

Parish Clerk Ron Thornton said: "We're all very excited to have an X-Factor star here at Gallagher Park for Northumberland Live at Bedlington. The Parish Council is delighted to fund the event so that the people of Bedlington can enjoy a fun, family day out with entertainment for everyone."

Organiser, Mel Jackson of Jigsaw Event Management said. "Matt Cardle is a well-known face and a real musical talent that will appeal to everyone. More acts will be announced soon and together with our media partners at BBC Newcastle we promise everyone at Northumberland Live at Bedlington a great day out for all the family."



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Parish News

Jennings Field Update

Further discussions have taken place around the upgrading of Jennings Field. A project brief has been presented to Northumberland County Council with a decision on the installation of a pedestrian/cycleway now expected early July 2018. Should this scheme go ahead the parish council will further develop the park; adding toddler play, an outdoor gym, enhanced planting and seating. The Parish Council is still committed to upgrading the teen play section of the park in this financial year.

New direction for High School

On 1 April 2018, Bedlingtonshire Community High School became Bedlington Academy and joined the North East Learning Trust (NELT). NELT is a successful multi-academy Trust who sponsor schools across the north east. Their vision is simple, that every child experiences excellence every day. Joining NELT marks a new chapter in our history as they support us with a planned programme of rapid improvements on a journey towards becoming outstanding.

Over the coming months, we have big plans for the school. We are proud to show our local community all the exciting things that are happening in school and the ongoing achievements of our students which will be showcased on our new school website launching at the beginning of June.

You can visit our new school website at www.bedlingtonacademy.co.uk or for more information about NELT go to www.nelt.co.uk



Bedlington Walking Group

Meeting on Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Buffet Car at East Bedlington Community Centre, the Bedlington Walking Group, led by Active Northumberland, has proved to be a real success. There is no charge to take part in this activity. New walkers should arrive a little earlier to complete a short health questionnaire. Simply turn up wearing weather appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear.

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Parish News

Parish Council elects New Chairman



I am delighted to have been elected as chair of the council at the Annual Meeting in May. My main ambition, along with my fellow councillors, is to raise the profile of the Parish within Northumberland. The stunning Community Centre, opened a year ago, has helped us make a great start, with many events and organisations using it as a venue each week. The footfall has far exceeded our expectations and it is truly becoming a community focal point.

The coming year sees us involved in many exciting projects, including our organisation and funding of your free festival, Northumberland Live, on July 28. There will also be events involving the whole community to mark the centenary of the 1918 armistice, and in 2019, an event to mark the bicentenary of the development of malleable iron rail at Bedlington Ironworks, the true start of the railway revolution throughout the world. The parish has much to be proud of and it's time we celebrated our heritage. I am determined that we shall do that.

In 2013 we developed and published our parish plan. Recent review has shown that a large percentage of our ambitions for the parish have been achieved. Like all plans it needs to be reviewed and the next version published. To help us achieve this we will be forming residents panels to help us genuinely connect with all our residents and to move forward in the direction that you desire. I would urge all of you to get as involved as you are able.

So my vision for the future? A parish that is keen to celebrate its heritage while moving forward to make the area somewhere we are all proud to call home, with a real sense of community and involvement in setting our direction.

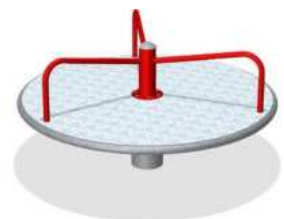
As always, if you have any issues that you think the parish council can help you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch, or you can email me at keithgrimes2@gmail.com.

Selbourne Terrace Play Area

Work is scheduled to start on the refurbishment of this play area in early July. Our Deputy Clerk, Jenny Tindale visited Cambois Primary School back in April to share four different options with pupils and seek their opinions as to which one they would prefer as a replacement for the older swing set.

There was a very clear favourite with all the young people. We will therefore be installing a mini roundabout and a new swing bay featuring two cradle seats and two platform seats

We expect all the work to be completed swiftly to ensure that the play area is ready for the summer holidays.



Parish Precept Explained



This year the parish has set its precept at £257,400, the equivalent of £129.99 council Tax for a Band D property and representing an increase of 2.35%. For the 82% of residents living in Band A properties the increase will be just £2.00 a year. This year's increase is broadly in line with inflation and maintains funds available for the Council's ambitious capital investment programme.

During 2018/19 the Council will be continuing its investment in outdoor recreation including the upgrading of Selbourne Terrace play area and a major development in Jennings Field (subject to NCC joint funding) which will see an upgrade to the existing play area, installation of an outdoor Gym, Kiddies play area and tree lined cycle / walkway with associated street furniture. The total investment in outdoor play this year is expected to be circa £40,000.

Building on the Council's major investment (£450,000) in East Bedlington Community Centre the Council has also set aside £15,000 to progress proposals for further town centre redevelopment.

This year we have allocated an additional £3,500 to our community events allowing us to extend our music festival from a 3 to 4-day event, to host a New Year's Eve party night in the Community Centre and a Valentine Ball fund-raising event, raising awareness of heart health and promoting the new defibrillators proposed in the budget. The Council has also made an additional £10,000 available to ensure that Northumberland Live goes ahead – even bigger and better than before.

This is just a flavour of what parishioners can look forward to in 2018/19, but full budget details can be found on the Council's website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk.

Ron Thornton Fmaat, DMS
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Children & Young People

Summer Scheme Activities - Bad Apples North East

The summer holidays will soon be with us and we know residents with young families often struggle to find things for younger children to do. Bearing this in mind, East Bedlington Parish Council has commissioned holiday play sessions to run throughout the school Summer holidays. The sessions will be run by Bad Apples North East and are suitable for 5—12 years.

The activities will include: circus skills, arts & crafts and games.

Tuesday 24 July	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 26 July	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 2 August	10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 8 August	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 9 August	10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 14 August	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 16 August	10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 21 August	10:00 – 14:00
Thursday 23 August	10:00 – 14:00
Tuesday 28 August	10:00 – 14:00

All sessions are FREE to residents living in East Bedlington Parish.

All materials will be provided but you will need to provide a packed lunch, snacks and drinks.

Every child must be signed in and out by a parent and an initial sign in form completed at the first session attended.



Maximum number per activity is 30.

To book a place please contact the Parish Council office on 01670 828808

Summer Play Scheme—Groundwork North East

Craft based sessions for children aged 5—12 years only. A registration form will need to be completed at the beginning of the session.

Tuesday 31 July	1pm—3pm	Jewellery Making
Wednesday 1st August	1pm—3pm	Natures crafts
Thursday 30th August	1pm—3pm	Glass painting

All sessions are free to East Bedlington Residents and all materials will be provided. Numbers are strictly limited to 12 per session for these activities so book early by ringing the Parish Office on 01670 828808

Drama Club

beginning in September

So-Me Theatre will be running a weekly Drama club where participants will have the opportunity to express themselves, have fun and showcase their skills.

Be Expressive. Be Inspired. Be You with *So-Me Theatre.*

For more information about the Drama club at East Bedlington Community Centre

Email So-Me Theatre at

so.metheatre@gmail.com

IN THE COMMUNITY

Worthy Winners

The Parish Council recently awarded a grant of £200 to help Bedlington FC Vipers under 11 boys team travel to Filey and defend their Filey Cup title. We were really pleased, to hear that not only did the group win the Saturday League competition, but also the main Sunday competition. In fact they were unbeaten all weekend, well and truly putting Bedlington on the map!

Our congratulations to everyone involved!



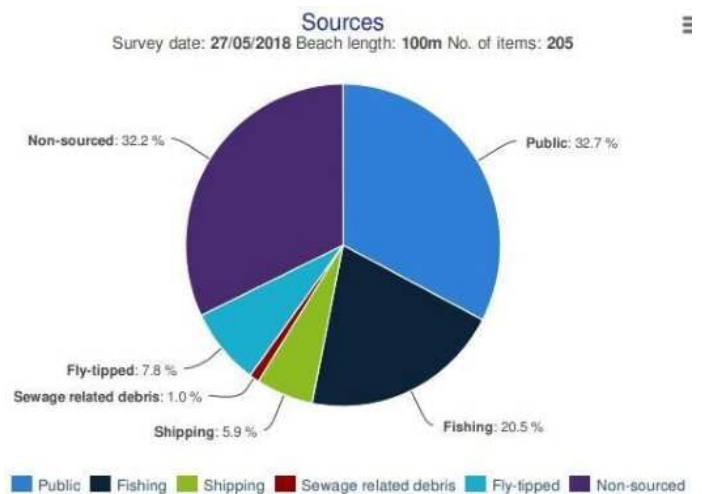
Filey Champions yet again for Bedlington FC

Our Sea Trash Free

We love our beach at Cambois and are very proud that it has been voted the best beach in Northumberland. Sadly not everyone uses the beach and coastline with care and respect, often leaving litter and discarded poo bags for others to clear away.

Fifth Point are leading the way in organising regular beach cleans. The latest clean up which

took place on 27 May resulted in a staggering 291.6 kgs of rubbish being cleared from the beach. East Bedlington Parish Council is supporting the group and has donated 60 Gorilla collection tubs to help with the beach clean. Organiser Nic Emery and her team of volunteers keep records of the debris collected, you can see the May clean up statistics broken down into sources. To get involved you can use the links below. Details of planned clean ups are also listed on our website.



Up and coming beach clean dates

- 29th July (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1988159471405618/>)
- 26th August (<https://www.facebook.com/events/518122168554660/>)
- 16th September (<https://www.facebook.com/events/551279555209930/>)

ANNUAL AWARDS

Garden Competition 2018

Entries are now open for our annual Garden Competition. You will find an entry form inside this newsletter!

The competition is aimed at celebrating the efforts made by those living in East Bedlington Parish and the contribution they make to enhancing the environment. There are five categories to enter;

- Best Allotment
- Best Small Garden
- Best Large Garden
- Best Back Yard
- Best Individual Container/ Planter / Hanging Basket



All entrants must live in East Bedlington Parish and the garden / allotment entered must also be located within the Parish boundaries.

Judging will take place week commencing 16th July and all entrants will be invited to attend an Award Presentation Evening on Saturday 1st September. Please make sure your completed entry forms are handed into the Parish Council Office, 16 Station Street, Bedlington NE22 7JN no later than midday Monday 9th July 2018.

Colin Parker Good Neighbour Award

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to help out without seeking any financial reward? Someone who takes the time to make sure others are alright or helps out with little errands that mean so much? Nominate them for this award.

Brian Richmond Sporting Achievement Award

Do you know someone who has excelled at sport? Someone who has worked hard to promote their chosen sport or volunteers their time to help others participate in sport? Nominate them for this award.

Volunteer of the Year & Volunteer Group of the Year

Do you know an individual or group who willingly undertakes voluntary work to enrich the lives of others? Someone who wants to make a difference volunteering in our community? The individual nominee must live in the Parish. The group nominee must carry out activities in the Parish.

Apprentice of the Year

Do you have an apprentice who stands out from the crowd. Someone who contributes to your workforce, bringing enthusiasm and passion to their work? Nominate them for this award.

All Community Award nominees must live within the East Bedlington Parish Council Boundaries. They may participate in their activities outside the parish . Nominations should be received at the Parish Office no later than 5pm 20th August.

All nominees will be invited to our **Awards Evening Saturday 1st September** - Presentations - Live music - Free buffet

East Bedlington Parish Council

The Case for our Town Centre

The Parish Council has lobbied NCC with regards to Bedlington Station Town Centre improvements. Whilst an investment plan has been put in place for West Bedlington, in East Bedlington, and in particular Bedlington Station, there are no firm commitments.

Over the past few years the Parish Council has taken a lead to encourage regeneration, starting with the gap site which had remained derelict since the demise of Matty Robinson's Hardware Store. We worked with ARCH to ensure the site of the former Railway Tavern did not become an eyesore in the town centre but provided much needed car parking space.

Councillors have met with Network Rail to ensure that regular maintenance and cleaning up of the lines takes place.

The greatest catalyst for change has been the refurbishment of the former Co-operative Hall to create East Bedlington Community Centre. Since this major achievement was completed, our traders have welcomed a further four new businesses to the community.

The Parish Council recognises the importance of growth and investment and has commissioned a Town Centre map to raise awareness of the businesses and services operating across our Parish. The map not only focuses on the Town Centre but includes Cambois, North Blyth, East Sleekburn, Grange Park and the Oval.

The maps will be distributed from the Parish Office and available as a download from our website.

Traders are also invited to promote their businesses in our online community directory. This is free of charge and can be amended as businesses develop. If you want to take advantage of this opportunity please pick up a form or download one from our website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Tackling Speeding Traffic

Parish Council officers and members have met with Northumbria Police, NCC Highways officers and NCC Councillors Jeff Gobin and Bill Crosby to explore the possibilities of installing speed indicator devices (SID's). Speeding traffic is a concern raised by many residents and the Parish Council is committed to working within its powers to improve community safety. At this stage there is a commitment from the partners to install four devices around the Parish. Sites have been identified and it is anticipated that the signs will be in place late summer/ early autumn.



Moving forward

New CCTV

Councillors have approved an upgrade to the Parish Council CCTV system. The new equipment covers a greater area and is capable of producing high quality images. Clerk Ron Thornton said “we have responded to a number of residents who have contacted us with concerns relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and dog fouling” he added “the new system has proved valuable in recording incidents in and around the town centre.”

Enhanced Grass Cutting

Continuing a theme of Town Centre improvements we have arranged additional boxed grass cuts in and around the main shopping area. Public areas such as St John’s, the Library corner, Ravensworth car park, Station Road and Station Walk have all received extra attention and will be monitored to ensure that residents receive value for money.

Fabulous Flowers Throughout The Parish

This year we have introduced a range of new planters in the Parish. We now have five bee-hive planters and an additional ten large planters.

We have worked with local suppliers Blyth Star Enterprises to create some beautiful displays, which we are sure will brighten up our community.



BEDLINGTON FRINGE FESTIVAL 27th to 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

Building on the success of our 2017 music festival we are really excited to deliver the Bedlington Fringe Festival. The four day event will bring together music from all genres, a comedy performance and will provide a platform for schools and youth bands to showcase their talents.

As part of the Fringe Festival, we will also be hosting the ‘**Great Bedlington Bake Off**’. Simply bake your favourite cake and bring it along to donate to our Saturday 29th September coffee morning— There will be spot prizes and a celebrity judge! All proceeds from the sale of cakes will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. We will be providing opportunities throughout the festival to donate to this worthy cause.

Look out for posters and keep checking our website for updates!

Learning From The Past

“Entrepreneurs” (East Bedlington Parish has more than a hundred !!)

From the French, meaning “to undertake”; so ‘a venture’, ‘an enterprise’.

“Entrepreneurs” are innovators, have a vision, a sense of adventure, see an opportunity and take responsibility. “Entrepreneurs” think ‘Yes I can’, not ‘That’s too hard for me’.

A “social entrepreneur” sees opportunities to help the whole community and takes the kind of risks needed to see the venture through. Our Community Centre is a perfect example; it took just a few people with the vision and the passion to pursue it. We are proud to watch it grow from strength to strength.

Their first piece of business was a waggonway from Choppington to Furnace Bank, but from that grew a technological revolution which created the new railways. The business grew from making nails to manufacturing steam locomotives. The ‘Bayard’ room in the Community Centre is named after one of them.

When you think about it, today’s businesses are the descendants of that same spirit, which caused such a stir two centuries ago. (And not all businesses have a shop front). Watch out for our street plan, coming soon.

Things change : Matty Robinson’s has been replaced by the garden so many now enjoy, Keenleysides offers a Locksmith service now too, The Spar is no longer just a one-man business.

Would Bobby Cowell have foreseen a Family Butcher’s still going strong after 46 years ?

Did Bob Wright plan for his sons to go on baking quality bread long after he retired ?

Some things disappear, but new energetic ventures fill the gaps. Experts in electronics, motor mechanics, hair and beauty salons, fine food outlets, general dealers, all kinds of specialist shops, even a brewery are all alive and thriving in our

Two hundred years ago, Michael Longridge and John Birkinshaw saw an opportunity to expand the business of the Bedlington Ironworks.



community. Yes, we can all point out facilities we lack, but let’s celebrate what we have. Is there anything you think we still need ?

So, do you have an idea ? Do you have the skill ? Do you have the courage of Michael Longridge and John Birkinshaw of two centuries ago ? Over to you.

East Bedlington Parish is fortunate to have so many people with those entrepreneurial qualities running the whole variety of businesses and activities here. They help to keep our community alive and we can all benefit from their vision and their commitment.



And yes, undertakers are entrepreneurs too.

Northumberland Live

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28 JULY

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NORTHUMBERLAND LIVE

BEDLINGTON STATION

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FOR ALL
THE FAMILY

GALLAGHER PARK
28th July 2018



MATT CARDLE

Midnight Soul Sisters



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JUNIOR TURNER

Sarah Holmes

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North Blyth Mobile Bars
Dave Roberts Tel: 01711 226188 Email: sales@northblyth.com
Worsell Institute, North Blyth, Northumberland, NE21 1SD

What's On

Monday	Counry Dancing	10:30am- 11:30am	The Sidings	No need to bring a partner. Gentle dances from across the ages. For more information contact Elizabeth on 01670 829462
	Dru Yoga	11:30am - 12:30pm 7:30pm - 8:30pm	The Sidings	Accessible to all, some exercises may be done seated. First class is free then £5 each. Spare mats available. To book a place contact Christine on 07974 351113. Classes Term time only
	Wansbeck Matters	1pm - 3pm	The Bayard	Traditional Proggy Mat making—2nd & 4th Monday of each month. Just turn up to take part in this friendly group.
	Strokesense Stroke Support Group	1pm—3pm	The Bayard	3rd Monday of every month. Those suffering from Stroke and carers of Stroke patients. Just turn up to take part.
	Transitions Youth Club	4:15pm- 5:30pm	The Sidings	Open youth club for anyone in years 4, 5 and 6. Activities include Pool, Table Tennis, Table Football, Arts and Crafts and more. £1 entry.
	WOW Fitness	6pm - 7:15pm	The Sidings	Classes at 6pm and 6:45pm. Suitable for all abilities Including Circuits, HIT and Boogie Fit. For more information contact Emma on 0771 8955 823
	Creative Writing	6pm-7:30pm	The Bayard	Creative writing workshops run by local author Richard Abbott-Brailey, designed to explore elements of creative writing and improve technique and skills. Open to all abilities and experience levels. Just turn up to take part.
	Zumba	6:30pm- 7:30pm	Platform 1	Zumba exercise class - contact Lisa on 07725 987195
Tuesday	Walking Group	10:30am	The Buffet Car	Weekly Health Walk group run by Active Northumberland. Meet in The Buffet Car Community Café to leave at 10:30am. Walks led by trained volunteers. Free to participate. Wear weather appropriate clothing and footwear. Please come for 10:15 for registration on first meet.



East Bedlington Community Centre

Tuesday	Crafters Catch Up	10am - 12 noon	Buffet Car	Are you interested in knitting, crochet, cross stitch or embroidery? Meet up with like-minded ladies for a natter and some crafting in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.
	Meditation for Wellness	8pm-9pm	The Sidings	Suitable for anyone aged 7 and over. Meditation is x4 more effective than sleep, reduces feelings of stress. To book a place contact Christine on 07974 351113 Term time only
Wednesday	Station Art Group (WEA)	12:30pm - 3:30pm	The Sidings	Open to anyone with an interest in drawing, painting and art. New members warmly welcomed. Contact Len Smith for more details on 07709656973
	WOW Fitness	6pm - 7:15pm	The Sidings	Classes at 6pm and 6:45pm. Suitable for all abilities contact Emma on 0771 8955 823
	Kettlercise	7:30pm - 8.30pm	The Sidings	Workout class using Kettlebells - contact Lisa on 07725 987195 to book a place.
Thursday	Ukulele for all	1pm - 2pm	The Bayard	Already mastered a few chords on the ukulele? Come along and play an easy repertoire in a friendly group. Check with us for taster day details.
	Councillor's Surgeries	6pm—7pm	The Ticket Office	NCC Councillor Jeff Gobin (Sleekburn ward) holds a monthly surgery except August & December last Thursday of the month. You do not need to make an appointment.
Friday	Jilates	10am—11am	The Sidings	Pilates with Jill—this class is suitable for those new to Pilates or with some experience. Call 07941 691365 for more information.
	Wow Fitness	5:30pm-6pm	The Bayard	30 Minute intense fitness session, including HIT and Circuits. Contact Emma for more information on 0771 8955 823

Whats on

Friday	Youth Club	6pm - 8pm	The Sidings	Youth Club for young people ages 13 — 19 . Activities include pool table; table tennis; table football; board games and more. Staffed by qualified youth workers.
	Tea Dance	2pm - 4pm	Platform 1	First Friday of every month starting 7th September. Come along and dance to our live band “Just Us” playing familiar dance tunes. Entry is FREE and our licensed Community Café is open for refreshments.
Sunday	Hope Church & Young Hope Church	10:30am-12noon	Platform 1	Open to anyone with an interest in attending.

Platform 1 Bands & Entertainment

JULY

Friday 6th July	Anthony Simm	Free entry unless stated Buffet Car
Saturday 14th July	Bon Jovi Forever	Platform 1 Tickets only £7
Friday 20th July	Sam Thomas	Buffet Car

AUGUST

Friday 3rd August	Acoustic Showcase	Buffet Car
Friday 10th August	On Parole Duo	Buffet Car
Friday 17th August	Marty Harris	Buffet Car
Friday 31st August	North Tyne Acoustic	Platform 1

Saturday 14th July Tickets £7



Friday 26th October Tickets £2.50*

Halloween Fancy Dress Party Night



Friday 16th November Tickets £5



Friday 14th December Tickets £5*

Christmas Party Night



Monday 31st December Tickets £5*

New Years Eve Party



* Events are presented by East Bedlington Parish Council as part of their event and activities programme. Tickets are available now from the Parish Office, East Bedlington Community Centre and online at www.wegotickets.com



Community Centre

The Parish Council is pleased to hear of the overwhelming level of support the Centre has enjoyed in its first year of opening. Accepting a report at a recent Parish Council meeting, the trustees reported that:

- 47 new activities or services had been held in the Centre during the first year.
- Youth related anti-social behaviour has reduced by 24%. There are now on average 40 young people attending the 13-19 year youth club and 22 attending the 8-12 year group. 102 different young people have visited the youth club since it opened.
- Over 20,000 additional people have visited the Centre over the year
- 385 residents have accessed services impacting on health and wellbeing
- 10 individuals have taken up part time casual work; some of whom have used the experience to go on to full time employment, further education and apprenticeships.

During the Parish Council's Parish Plan process, residents identified the need for a building to meet, hold activities, access courses and provide activities for young people. The Parish Council worked closely with the Trustees to secure the £1.3 million needed to refurbish the former Co-operative building and ensure community facilities for many years to come. Whilst the Council recognises that there is still much to do, it's good to know that we are moving in the right direction.



The venue is fully accessible to all floors. It is available for hire for private functions and corporate events, children's parties, weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, training events, exhibitions, art and craft sessions. For more information contact Sarah Holmes, Centre Development Manager on 01670 828808 or alternatively you can email eastbedlingtoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

Interested in Volunteering?...

We have a range of volunteering and work experience opportunities. Helping in the Community Café, meeting and greeting, helping with sound and lighting, setting up rooms to name a few. We are also building a register of casual staff for **paid** Barista and Bar duties. If you would like to find out more please have a chat with Sarah on **01670 828808** or email eastbedlingtoncommunitycentre@gmail.com

Town Twinning Update

How many of our readers remember visiting and staying in Schalksmühle, North Rhine-Westphalia, a small town set in lovely countryside, the nearest cities being Dortmund, Düsseldorf and Cologne. If you have been, it was probably part of a youth or school group, choir, brass band or sports group. Also many official visits have taken place, first from Bedlington Urban District Council, then Wansbeck Council, with visits from our side to their 600 year celebration. The Wansbeck-Schalksmühle Friendship Society was also very proactive and every other year visited Schalksmühle with a group of adults, some who stayed with Schalksmühle families in their own homes and some in hotels, as was their choice.

These exchanges between the two communities go back to the formation of the twinning in 1970. Since then, 48 years ago, many changes have taken place: the most important change being when we all became part of the unitary council of Northumberland County and we lost any formal local government involvement.



The Schalksmühle Friendship Society however is still active and exchanges visits. This year on 12th October a group of around 25 from Schalksmühle will be visiting us for 4 days. They will be hosted by members of the Society in and around our area. Every day we have a busy programme arranged for them, taking the group to some of our best loved places and culminating with a Civic Reception and a final farewell Ceilidh evening at East Bedlington Community Centre.

The last visit from the Wansbeck- Schalksmühle Society to Schalksmühle was in 2016 when a group of 25 travelled by coach. We had an overnight stay in the Dutch town of Valkenburg, before travelling on to be greeted by our German hosts in Schalksmühle. The programme they had arranged for us was a sightseeing tour to Frankfurt and a Vineyard tour in the Ahr Valley. Of course this was all peppered with the usual renewing of old friendships, making new ones, and lots of fun. The hospitality we receive there is just 'the best'.

The Society usually meets every second month on a Thursday evening at 7pm at Netherton Social Club. Should you be interested in learning more, then please come along, or ring Muriel Thompson, Secretary, on 01670 820511 for more details of our next meeting. Not many members speak German, so language isn't an obstacle.

We thank the Councillors and staff of East Bedlington Parish Council for the wonderful support they have given to us.

Schalksmühle Council have a website and there is a link for an English version : www.Schalksmuehle.de

Muriel Thompson , Secretary



Planning for the future

PARISH PLAN 2018-2023

The Parish Council has started the Parish Plan review process. The original plan set out the community's vision for how the parish should develop. From this, a number of actions were identified to help work towards this goal.

The first stage of the review process was to report back on what has been achieved and to consider whether the actions identified were then complete, obsolete or required further development. This part of the process was completed in December 2017.

The next stage of this process will be to carry out a full survey with residents of the parish. This will help us to understand what has changed and which areas of service delivery residents feel need more attention. This will help us work with local communities to address new and emerging issues.

There are numerous ways you can get involved. Completing and returning your questionnaire is a great start. You could also attend a focus group meeting which will concentrate on specific items or you may wish to be part of the Parish Plan working group. This will be open to all residents living in East Bedlington who are committed to improving the quality of life for everyone living in the Parish.

The process will adopt a holistic approach to identifying opportunities as well as issues linked to the social, environmental and economic well-being. The new Parish Plan will underpin our strategy to deliver the community's aspirations over the next 5 years.

If you would like to register your interest in helping to develop the 2018-2023 plan, please email your contact details to clerk@eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk or telephone 01670 828808.



HFF and Associates present
Support Our Soldiers
Cambois Charity Music Fest 2018
Factory Road Cambois NE22 7LQ
Saturday 4th August
Live Music all day from 12pm
on outdoor stage

Free Camping



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North Sea Link Update



Statnett and National Grid North Sea Link Limited are working together to construct an electricity link between the UK and Norway, known as the North Sea Link interconnector (NSL).

Project Overview

Construction work update:

- An electricity converter station will be constructed on land off Brock Lane in East Sleekburn
- Cables will be installed from the beach at Cambois to the converter station and from the converter station to the existing National Grid substation
- Work to level the site, improve access, install a perimeter fence and drain the land has now started on the converter station site in East Sleekburn

Work update in East Sleekburn April 2018

Construction work update:

Converter Site (North main site)

- Phase two of the converter station construction works commenced early March 2018
- The NSL appointed contractors (ABB) are currently undertaking their mobilisation works creating a site welfare setup including site offices for the workforce and on site car parking for staff and visitors. Therefore regular commuters will see a change of signage/branding including the installation of a flag (on a ground mounted flag pole adjacent to the main gates within the site boundary)
- A new set of fixed traffic lights have been installed and are in operation. The traffic lights will remain in place for the duration of the construction works
- 24/7 Security is in place on the site and as part of the site mobilisation works a security CCTV will be installed
- The main construction works to start building/installing the converter station are planned to start in May 2018
- The converter station site outer field has recently been levelled and grass seeded
- For safety reasons the walking tracks through the converter station area will remain closed
- Working with Northumberland County Council, the speed limit on Brock Lane has been reduced from 60mph to 30mph during the construction works
- Our standard working hours will be 07:00-18:00, Monday to Friday. Out of hours work may be required but this will be agreed in advance with Northumberland County Council



North Sea Link Update

South Lane off Old Brock Lane

- Construction works have now finished and the field has been reinstated
- Following completion of the installation of the drainage headwall on the riverbank NSL has reinstated the full construction area and replanted trees and shrubs as well as laying grass seed to enable the area to return to its natural looking environment
- Now that the plant/machinery and materials have been taken off site our contractors are now working on dilapidation works including repairing pot holes along Old Brock Lane and road sweeping the area
- We have recently planted new trees and shrubs along the reinstated riverbank following completion of the headwall works. **Sadly we have noted that some of these have since been removed.** The purpose of our planting was to ensure that the riverbank fits in with the surrounding environment and to return it to its original condition, before our works were carried out.

Northern Power Grid (NPG)

- NPG is carrying out cable installation work in numerous locations around East Sleekburn and Cambois, including works along the road verge outside of our site. NSL work is contained within two specific areas – Cambois slipway and the main north site. Anything outside of this area is not being carried out by NSL. In order to differentiate our work from other activity in the area, our workforce is easily identifiable and all the work that we are carrying out in the area has been communicated

Update on cable works in the Cambois area

- Cambois slipway has now been closed temporarily to allow the first phase of the cable works to take place
- For safety reasons the site will be fenced off during the work
- 24/7 Security is in place on the site
- Our standard working hours will be 07:00-19:00, Monday to Friday and Saturday 07:00-13:00
- Works on the headland (land above the slipway) are programmed to take place in normal working hours: that is Monday to Friday 07:00-19:00 and Saturday 07:00-13:00 except for the cable pulling activities which will require 24 hour working. This is planned to be within two short periods of activity (each programmed as 36 hour activities)
- Works on the beach slipway (and below) are programmed to be undertaken within the working hours of 07:00-19:00 with 24 hour working required in preparation and during the cable pull activities
- Alternative car parks have been made available
- We have undertaken significant improvement work to the car park on the southern site including: building two footpaths either side of the car park to allow public access whilst protecting the coastal dune, reinstating and resurfacing some 270 m2 of tarmac, removal of fly tipped and dangerous waste, increasing the area of the car park by 100m2, tidy and removal of overgrown shrubs and weeds, reinstalling bollards and repairing broken car park edging.



Contact us: If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project in more detail please call us on **Free phone 0800 298 0405** between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday or

Email us at [nsinterconnector @communitycomms.co.uk](mailto:nsinterconnector@communitycomms.co.uk)

Further information is available at www.northsealink.com

North Sea Link is co-financed by the European Union's Connecting Europe Facility

Community Support

EAST BEDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Parish Council operates a small grants scheme to support voluntary & community sector groups who are either based within the boundaries of the Parish, or who are based outside but still deliver a significant service to the residents of East Bedlington, on a not for profit basis.

Application forms are available from the Parish Office or they can be downloaded from the Parish Council website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Community Groups must have a constitution and bank account in their Group name. We do not fund individuals; activities which are normally statutory provision; businesses; salaries or wages; and cannot fund retrospectively. Typical awards are between £50 and £250 and each application is considered on its merit. For more information please contact the Clerks on 01670 828808 or email clerk@eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

NCC COUNTY COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

County Councillors will be holding surgeries on the following dates:

Councillor Jeff Gobin—Sleekburn Ward in East Bedlington Community Centre

28 June, 26 July, 27 September, 25 October, 29 November 6pm - 7pm

Councillor Bill Crosby—Bedlington East Ward in Bedlington Children's Centre SureStart

19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October, 15 November 6pm - 7pm

REPORTING FAULTS & PROBLEMS

The following items are all the responsibility of Northumberland County Council who have a lo-call number to help reduce the cost of reporting. For all these matters please ring **0345 600 6400**. If you request the report reference number, you can check on the progress of your complaint if you feel that nothing is happening. You can also report the problems online at www.northumberland.gov.uk

- Street lighting (please take note of the column number of the lamp post as you will be asked for this)
- Highways—including road markings; gritting; pot holes; missing or damaged signage
- Blocked drains
- Dog fouling and stray dogs
- Street cleansing
- Fly-tipping
- Tree maintenance
- Anti-social behaviour
- Abandoned Motor Vehicles
- Nuisance parking
- Minor localised flooding/blocked drains
- Bin collections
- Graffiti removal
- Unauthorised waste carriers
- Noisy animals
- Illegal grazing

If your concerns have not been addressed within the specified timescale, you can speak to your ward councillor who will be able to make enquiries on your behalf.

Community Support

Can you help the Matthew Project Foodbank?

As more and more families are suffering from hardship, demand is growing on the foodbanks.

Donations of non-perishable food such as long life milk, breakfast cereals, flour, tinned foods, pasta, rice, biscuits, tinned vegetables, sauces, tinned fruit, tuna, hot dogs, tea, coffee, sugar, jam and instant mash are gratefully received.

The Matthew Project will also welcome toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, toilet rolls and cleaning materials.

Donations can be left at East Bedlington Parish Council Office or you can make arrangements for collections by contacting Mike Clark on 01670 829062 or email mclark095@gmail.com

BEDLINGTON ATC 2522 SQUADRON Based in East Bedlington

Bedlington Air Cadets located on Waverley Drive is open to both boys and girls aged over 13 and offer a great chance to develop personal skills which can set them up for life.

Some of our cadets' notable achievements:

Recently Matthew Booth has achieved a silver DOE award (Duke of Edinburgh) and was promoted to Lord Lieutenant's Cadet to escort the Duchess of Northumberland carrying out Royal visits.

Matthew and his very proud parents were also invited to the Queen's garden party in June 2018.

Cadet Esmee Webley has gained an RAF Association award and gained her light aircraft licence.

You can see the cadets turn out every year at the Remembrance Day services in November, and collecting for the British Legion Poppy Appeal leading up to Remembrance Day.

For more information on becoming an Air Cadet please email oc.2522@aircadets.org or telephone 01670 823453.



Church Services in the Parish

Dates for your diary

St Andrew's

Celebrating the Heritage of Cambois 6 September
7-9pm

St John's

Strawberry Fair 5 July 10.30 - 12.00 noon
Unveiling New Community Banners 7 September
1.30pm



St Andrew's Church
Unity Terrace
Cambois

Sunday 10.30 Holy Communion
Wednesday 10.45 Holy Communion

All-age worship at St Andrew's is
4th Sunday of the month at 10.30am

Enquiries can be made to
reverendianh@gmail.com

St John's Church
North View
Bedlington Station

Sunday 9am Holy Communion
Thursday 10.15am Holy Communion

All-age worship at St John's is
the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am

Contact:
Rev'd Ian Hennebry 01670 823453
Rev'd Elizabeth Brown 01670 515556

Bedlington Colliery Methodist Church

Public worship: every Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday Club: every Sunday at 10.30 am for children and young people, and creche facilities are available. For more information, please contact the Organiser.

Luncheon Club: every Tuesday at 12 noon for people aged 60 years or over.

Women's Fellowship: fortnightly at 2.00 pm for conversation, fellowship, and of course tea and biscuits!

Parents & Toddlers: the group meets every Thursday during term time at 9.15 am for various age-appropriate games for children, and coffee and chat for grownups -parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles. Attendance may be subject to a waiting list.

The church is open on the first Tuesday of every month for private prayer, quiet reflection, or simply a break from everyday life.

Visit us online at bedlingtoncollierymethodist.co.uk Or contact us by e-mail

collierymeth@btinternet.com or on <https://www.facebook.com/Bedlington-Colliery-Methodist-Church>



Your Councillors

SLEEKBURN WARD

Councillor Allan Stewart (Vice Chairman)	☎ 01670 826025
Councillor Alex Wallace	☎ 01670 822858
Councillor Jane Greensitt	☎ 01670 827865
Councillor Lynda Mason	☎ 07805 538 454
Councillor Steve Aynsley	☎ 01670 898119

BEDLINGTON EAST WARD

Councillor Keith Grimes (Chairman)	☎ 07855 711813
Councillor John Batey	☎ 07802 167212
Councillor Paul Hedley	☎ 01670 530566
Councillor Andy Allman	☎ 07717 420566
Councillor Allan Douglas	☎ 01670 829078
Councillor Mike Trimming	☎ 01670 820047

Councillors can be contacted on the numbers listed above or alternatively you can email any queries or questions to clerk@eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

The Parish Council has a communications policy and will respond to all enquiries to the Parish Office within 7 working days.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Parish Council meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of every month. Remaining dates for 2018/19 are:

2018 Tuesday 3rd July; Tuesday 4th September; Tuesday 2nd October; Tuesday 6th November; Tuesday 4th December;

2019 Tuesday 9th January; Tuesday 6th February; Tuesday 6th March; Tuesday 3rd April.

If there is a matter you would like the council to discuss, you must write to the Clerk to request that it be considered by the Council. Decisions or 'resolutions' can only be made on agenda items at a meeting of the full Council. Individual parish councillors do not have decision making powers.

There is a period of 15 minutes prior to the start of the agenda, during which members of the public can raise matters of concern or comment on agenda items. All matters raised are noted in the minutes, though may not be responded to until a later date, when research or verification has been completed.

Your Parish Team

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www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Normal opening hours:

Monday to Friday

10am to 12 noon

2pm to 4pm

MP

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Ashington, NE63 8QZ

Tel: 01670 852494

Email: ian.lavery.mp@parliament.uk

NCC COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Bedlington East Ward

Councillor Bill Crosby - 07779 983 656

Sleekburn Ward

Councillor Jeff Gobin - 01670 822539

About East Bedlington

The Parish serves the communities of North Blyth, Cambois, East Sleekburn, Bedlington Station and East Bedlington. The Parish consists of two wards, Sleekburn and Bedlington East and has some of the highest levels of economic and health related deprivation statistics in the UK. The Parish is represented by 11 Councillors, whose details can be found on page 23 of this publication and on the Parish website www.eastbedlingtonpc.org.uk

Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6.00 pm (with the exception of August) at East Bedlington Community Centre, Station Street, Bedlington NE22 7JN

The first 15 minutes of each meeting are allocated to members of the public, who can raise issues and comment on the business to be conducted.