



The Ambler

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New boat for NIFCA

Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NIFCA) officially named their new patrol boat at a ceremony at Amble Marina. The new 9.50 metre cabin rib was named in honour of NIFCA's ex-chair and longstanding member of the team, Robert Arkless MBE.

The new boat will be based in Amble Marina, and will help the marine conservation organisation with their patrols along the Northumberland coast.

The vessel was part-funded through the European Marine Fisheries Fund, and includes a wheelhouse, toilet and heating.

Robert said "I was very touched and surprised when I heard about this. I was very conscious that when I was with NIFCA I was always part of a team. It's good to be remembered by the team who worked with me. And I think it's very appropriate that it will be berthed here in Amble."

Robert was a member of the Northumberland Seafisheries Committee from 1989-2010 when it then disbanded and NIFCA was formed. He chaired the organisation from 2010-2017.

A long-time county councillor, Robert represented Amble for 34 years, standing on many committees and he was chair of Alnwick District Council. In 2007 he became chair of Northumberland County Council. Robert was Mayor of Amble twice. He was awarded the MBE in 2017 for his contributions to public service.

Les Weller, chair of NIFCA, said, "It was unanimously agreed by the Authority quite some time ago to name our new cabin rib after Robert, my predecessor, as very fitting recognition of his service to NIFCA."

"The vessel will work from Amble and hopefully benefit fishermen in Northumberland just as Robert served Amble and its people for many years".

The boat was blessed by Peter Dade of the Fishermen's Mission.

Congratulations to our superstars



Robert Arkless names the new NIFCA patrol boat



Tamsin Green is the World Surf Kayak Champion

Congratulations to these Amble superstars who have been recognised for their outstanding achievements, their contributions to our community, and their dedication to their work.

Tamsin Green is once again the women's World Surf Kayak

Champion, retaining her title for the fourth time, while Adam White has won three gold medals at the World Kickboxing Association championships.

Robert Arkless has been honoured with a patrol boat being named after him, and Vic Brown of Coquet Shorebase

Trust has been presented with an award for her outstanding achievement and contribution to British canoeing.

Nine year old Ollie Dryden was named Amble's Good Young Citizen of the Year, and both PCSO Darin Fawcett and Sue Swanston were presented with awards by Amble Town Council for their outstanding contribution to the Amble community.

Tamsin Green told the Ambler: "I am delighted to win the Short Boat World Championships again, in very tough conditions against a lot of exceptional paddlers. I am also so pleased [husband] Dan came third in the Masters Long Boat event. It was a massive achievement." *Read more about Tamsin's win on our website.*

On receiving her award, Vic Brown said "It's a great honour to receive this award, and it is one I really appreciate. I have been a member of British Canoeing for over 50 years, during which time I have served on a number of national and regional committees, competed for Great Britain, and worked to make the Coquet Shorebase a great resource for the local community, welcoming everybody to learn and participate in watersports at their own level (which is its own reward)."



Vic Brown receives her award from Roger Fox, British Canoeing vice president



Ollie Dryden

Nine year old Ollie Dryden won this year's Good Young Citizen award. See p3 and centre pages.



Darin Fawcett

PCSO Darin Fawcett was praised for his tireless work with young people. See p3 and p6.



Sue Swanston

Sue Swanston was praised for her work with very many groups and with dementia sufferers. See p4 and p16.



Adam White

Adam White won three gold medals and a silver at the World Kickboxing Association championships. *Read more on our website.*

Oliver's army shifts up a gear

Fundraisers for little Oliver Shanks have thanked supporters for helping to raise thousands of pounds to help him have a better life.

The latest fundraising event consisted of a raffle for a car, generously donated by JT Auto Services in Hadston.

Organiser Julie Baxter told The Ambler how grateful she

was to everyone who had taken part in the car raffle. The winner has donated the car back to Oliver, so it will be sold and the money added to the total. And the generosity has not stopped as another family who didn't wish to be named has stepped up to help.

"It was absolutely fantastic.

In total, with the profit from the car, we have £13 grand, plus £1000 from a local family, and the person who won the car has donated it to Oliver for it to be sold - how fantastic," said Julie.

And only a few days later, Brian and Val Barrass contacted Julie to say that they had raised £500 at their 50th wedding anniversary which they wanted to donate to a good



Brian and Val Barrass (above) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and donated £500 to Oliver. "After 50 years you've got all you need, so when the family said what would you like, we just asked for money," said Val. "We had a fabulous night at the Radcliffe Club. They put on a fabulous display for 184 of us. It was a night to remember."



Back: Lexi, Julie Baxter, Jackie (from JT Autos) Front: Andrew, Oliver, John (from JT Autos) Photo by Judith Hardisty

cause. They had decided to donate it to Oliver.

"When we met him we thought - what a lovely little lad. We decided that's where we want to donate the money," said Val.

Five year old Oliver is severely disabled and needs specialised equipment to help him. You can still donate to his GoFundMe page: <https://bit.ly/2KXe6zl>



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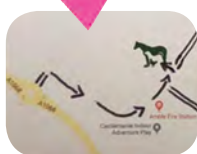
Pet the lambs, *Dog shows, *Have a go dog agility,

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A Smooth Move

Fishing line recycling

Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (NIFCA) are supporting the Anglers National Line Recycling Scheme (ANLRS).

The scheme aims to provide a route to recycle angling line including braided fishing lines, monofilament and fly lines. The aim is to establish an easy way to discard and recycle these lines to prevent them from ending up in the marine environment or landfill. We routinely see angling lines washed up or discarded on beaches throughout the district, often tangled into balls with other debris. The line is extremely strong, does not breakdown easily, and is a threat to marine wildlife.

NIFCA have donated £500 to the scheme and have purchased bins to be set up in tackle shops and other convenient locations along the coast. If any Amble based organisations would like to participate in the initiative then please get in touch (nifca@nifca.gov.uk).

NIFCA have also teamed up with Coast Care, a volunteer led organisation who conduct beach cleans in the Northumberland AONB. This year over 750 bundles of angling line have been picked up. All line will be collected and sent to be recycled.

Call to support teen's anti plastic petition

A teenager from Widdrington is taking a stand against single use plastic in supermarkets by starting a petition, which he hopes will eventually lead to a ban by the government.

Joel Harrigan who is in Year 9 at James Calvert Spence College, feels strongly about protecting our environment.

After watching David Attenborough on television, he was shocked by what he witnessed. Single use plastic gets dumped in the ocean and landfills and the ones in the ocean damage marine life.

Joel has made several suggestions at school about ways to help the environment, such as putting recycling bins in the canteen. Now he has set up a petition, in the hope of getting enough signatures to make people listen and make a change.

"I want to see single use plastic banned in supermarkets," said Joel, "I've never done anything like this before, and I know I need 100,000 signatures to have it discussed in parliament, so this is my goal."

He encouraged everyone



Joel Harrigan

to act. Individuals can sign the petition, avoid buying produce where it has been covered with single use plastic, and recycle.

Businesses can share the petition link and reflect on their use of single use plastic and provide opportunities for recycling.

"If individuals stopped, then big industries would also

stop, or if businesses stopped then individuals would have less access to it, so it takes both to stop and make a difference," he said.

If you agree with Joel, help him get more signatories. Sign his petition here:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/ban-single-use-plastics-in-supermarkets-in-england>

Tenth celebration of our Good Young Citizens



L-r: Sgt Sharon Wilmore-Greaves, Mayor Craig Weir, CSO Darin Fawcett, Katie Spurr (Spurreli's), Owen Gough (Amble First), overall winner Ollie Dryden (Amble Links), Archie Chisholm (Warkworth First)

The tenth Good Young Citizens award took place on 5 July, with another celebration of the exceptional behaviour of some of our young people.

Three youngsters were nominated by the local First Schools, and local businesses and organisations donated prizes.

The main prize of a bike was once again donated by Spurreli Boutique Ice Cream.

Archie Chisholm of Warkworth First, Owen Gough of Amble First, and Ollie Dryden from Amble Links were nominated for their outstanding behaviour and attitude both

in and out of school. In a very close contest, Ollie Dryden was declared the overall winner and was presented with the bike. All the youngsters received trophies and goodie bags.

Some of the boys had their own personal health issues, yet focussed on helping others. They were praised for fundraising, environmental work, caring for friends and relatives and working hard in school.

PCSO Darin Fawcett who originally came up with the idea of the Good Young Citizens award, and who has organised it over the last ten years said "I'm so pleased it has run this long, but it wouldn't have done so without the community and the support of everyone else. The support from the schools has been amazing; they are so helpful and even juggle classes to accommodate it. Katie and Nick Spurr from Spurreli's deserve a special mention too, they've donated a bike every year for ten years. The community support has been phenomenal."

He continued, "I've always said badly behaved kids get awards when they turn around

their behaviour, and yes, that's to be applauded, but what about those kids whose behaviour is really outstanding? They rarely get recognised. They need rewarding too."

Sgt Wilmore-Greaves said "Darin has worked hard in partnership with the schools and businesses to make this an annual event. Community representatives recognise these children's diverse achievements and abilities that make a difference to others and the community. The children should be celebrated for their inspiration and tenacity which should provide a platform for success."

Prizes were donated by: Staff at Park Leisure, Brian Docherty, Staff at Castlemania, Nick and Katie Spurr of Spurreli's, Staff at Amble Inn, Amble Town Council, Amble Development Trust, Farm Bakery, Allsorts, St Cuthberts Church, English Heritage Warkworth Castle, Northumberland Seafood and Hatchery, 42 Queen Street, Staff at Tesco Express, Staff at Queen Street Co-op, Staff at Harbour Co-op, Sharon Dobey, Coquet Tea Rooms, Shore Base Trust, Warkworth Harbour Commissioners, Staff at Co-op Funeral Care.

A high street that's happy to help!



We all know a high street with fresh produce allows you to shop according to need; avoiding waste. In Amble, you don't even have to cook due to the variety of cafes. Those providing loyalty cards are essential to the pockets of us locals and regulars. Even Strands card shop has a loyalty card.

But still Amble businesses go further. I have seen paper bags introduced in nearly all shops, also reusable/biodegradable straws in cafes. Antique and charity shops, which by their nature promote reusing, also

provide paper bags. This will cost businesses to change suppliers, but they have. I have tried to help out by creating my own makeshift newspaper/magazine pouches to save theirs, and also to keep the inside of 'multiple use' canvas shopping bags clean and hygienic.

The Independent Fruit and Drink store also go one step further and take the plastic packaging I remove from the produce, to not only dispose of, but Adam is using the plastic Blueberry boxes to grow cress in! There is always another use for most things before being

recycled or thrown out. A way of thinking many of the older generation will already know, before we were encouraged to be lazy and throw away.

Thank you to businesses such as Kayleigh's Kitchen (pictured) and Circa (yes I do class this, Artique, and the Harbour as part of Amble High street), for letting me use my own paper pouches when taking away cake and scones. Edie Pebble at the pods creates their own beautifully hand sewn gift bags out of pages of books, and they also have spoken to a supplier to remove plastic ties on labels and replace with string. The supplier has said yes and will do so over the next year.

Sweets and Treats have provided crisp packet recycling space and Angie's Tavern next door have supplied many. A successful joined up approach!

In Amble, the 'make do and mend spirit' is coupled with the spirit of friendliness (applying to all businesses not just those mentioned above).

People and planet care is alive and well in our high street; long may we all keep it going.

Susan Thompson

It's never too late to follow your dreams

For women who missed out on University when they were young it is never too late to return to full-time education, as local senior citizen and grandmother June Watson has proven.

Passionate about history all her life, June has undertaken many historical research projects as a volunteer and over the past few years has self-published a couple of local history books.

However, a burning desire to study history at University drove June to take the plunge and her hard work studying and researching full time over the past three years has paid off.

Now she has been awarded a First Class B.A. (Hons) History degree from Sunderland University. Not only that she received the Sunderland Antiquarian Society Award for the best History Dissertation at Sunderland University 2019.

June said, "to study alongside young students on a daily basis is exhilarating - they certainly keep you on your toes". With her dissertation on Emma, 4th Countess of Tankerville of Chillingham Castle under her belt June intends to keep her studies going and take up writing professionally.

Nature group kick off their boots

Members of Northumberland Wildlife Trust's (NWT) Coquetmouth Group took part in their last group activity in July.

The group of around 30 members was led for decades by

Atholl and Sue Swanston, Meetings covered a huge variety of interest including flowers, birds, animals, sea-creatures and they welcomed many speakers, most of whom offered their time free of charge.

Sandra King, NWT Chair said: "I can't thank Sue and Atholl enough for their longstanding support for the Coquetmouth Group.

"Between them they have spent almost 60 years organising, and chairing the Group. I have always been struck by their

knowledge of, and passion for, our local wildlife - between them there is not much they don't know about wildlife in Northumberland!

"On behalf of everyone at Northumberland Wildlife Trust I wish them all the very best for the future."

Harry McQuillen's

Age of insecurity



There's so much going on at present that I hardly know where to start. Our new Prime Minister is provoking comment as he shuttles between the constituencies he represents.

The game of chicken with our EU partners continues with no clear results. Of course this may be the inevitable consequence of negotiation. We all look for sunlit uplands, in hope rather than expectation. Fingers crossed for a trade deal that satisfies everybody.

Hot weather in July is hardly unexpected, but our recent spell has been exceptional, with the highest-ever recorded temperature.

Those of us who've thought about climate change for years can only shrug our shoulders as we hear the words that come from climate change deniers. What must it be like for people who live in really hot places, especially if they are being bombed and shot by powerful enemies? Assad and his Russian allies are in prime position for universal condemnation. There are so many humanitarian crises in this beautiful world of ours.

Sometimes I feel guilty about the ease and comfort of my own life. Interesting things to do, and the health to do them. Many of us wish that we could wave a magic wand to

bring about a world of peace and prosperity. Instead we try to do all we can to help the people we're close to.

The holiday season is upon us. Visitor numbers are booming. It will be interesting to see if the falling pound encourages people to have a STAYCATION. The next year or two could be a bumpy ride, with the good life some distance away.

I'd like to thank a friend who pointed out to me that my title for my articles doesn't quite match the feelings and expectations of most of the people in our community. We oldies mostly feel that way,

but the view is not universal.

The future lies in the hands of young people, many of whom haven't the confidence in the future that we had. Confidence is a fragile commodity. Let's do all we can to bring about an atmosphere of hope.

Some summer resolutions come to mind. Look after our health as well as we can. Find things that we like to do, and Do Them. Spend as much time as we can with friends and neighbours.

Try not to worry about things we can't change.

Be positive...positive...positive

A likely story

In a town with one or two watering establishments, the introduction of a new bar could perhaps be met with a shrug of the shoulders. But the Cock and Bull is aiming to offer something very different than a pint and a packet of cheese and onion crisps.

For a start it's a micropub. A small intimate venue which offers locally sourced ales and gins. And cheese (more of that in a bit...). Situated in the old tourist Information centre in the Town Square, the tiny venue makes up for its size in aspiration and quiet confidence.

Owner Jake Castleman has been planning the venture for well over a year. "I felt there was a lack of real ale establishments in Amble when we would come here to eat," he said.

Micropubs offer a different atmosphere to local pubs. They're usually independent, and because they're not owned by a major brewery, they can choose what they can sell.

"We're selling ales from local microbreweries like Rigg and Furrow and Credence, and most of the ales we sell are Northumbrian," said Jake.

Why is this micropub called the Cock and Bull? Jake ran the



Jake Castleman

Northumbrian Arms in Felton and before that the Dirty Bottles in Alnwick. He grinned: "You know the expression? We had one customer who used to come in everyday and tell the same story to whoever would listen. Same story, but often with a different ending. It was that idea that I liked, stories told at the bar, usually complete and utter nonsense!"

Speaking of cheese... "We now have a cheese board selection and it's already massively popular. All the cheeses are from Northumberland; you can have a cheese for a specific ale, or you can pick and mix."

The gin menu is lengthy with mixers already suggested. They also sell wines, and the soft drinks are mostly Fentimans

– a Hexham based company. The bar staff are friendly and knowledgeable, and prices are reasonable. The pub feels very comfortable for people of any age. It's the sort of place you could go on your own and feel welcome.

And Jake wants to hear from local artists as he is offering to showcase their work on the wall. All this adds to the distinct atmosphere. "We're aiming to be a community hub, not a boozer. We see ourselves as a proud sponsor of local produce. We also plan to have live music and comedy nights."

The Cock and Bull is open from 4pm-11pm on weekdays and from midday at weekends. *Anna Williams, Louise Brook and Chris Herzberg*

Households urged to be vigilant

A national campaign urges households in Northumberland to be extra vigilant of scams and fraud to avoid falling victim to non-qualified technicians or dishonest pricing tactics.

OFTEC, which represents the oil heating industry, has joined the Citizens Advice Scams Awareness campaign to provide guidance on how to ensure a technician is professionally qualified.

The advice includes:

- 'Look out for the badge': ask to see an official ID badge which proves their professional credentials and double check with their professional registration body
- Get multiple written quotes for the work and be cautious of saying yes to significantly cheaper options - this can sometimes be a warning sign
- Ask about previous work they have done, what types of heating systems they are qualified to service and check for online reviews and recommendations
- Keep a paper trail and make sure you double-check any agreements before signing
- If you have concerns, speak with a family member, friend or contact OFTEC (for oil heating) or GasSafe (for mains gas) for advice.

Malcolm Farrow, from OFTEC commented: "As we start to use our heating less during the warmer summer months it's a popular time to have the system serviced, replaced or upgraded.

"Many of the 23,000 oil heated homes in Northumberland will be looking for a technician to carry out this work but remember, it's vital to ensure you hire a qualified professional."

Households looking to employ a technician are advised to use a GasSafe (for mains gas) or OFTEC (for heating oil or solid fuel) registered technician to ensure the work is completed safely and to a high standard.

To find your nearest OFTEC registered technician, visit www.oftec.org

How to get help applying for Universal Credit

Citizens Advice Northumberland has launched a new service called "Help to Claim" for people who need help to apply for Universal Credit in Northumberland.

The advice providing charity can provide support in the early stages of a Universal Credit claim, from the application through to the first payment.

Help to claim is a dedicated service from Citizens Advice which is free, independent, confidential and impartial. Trained advisers can help with things like how to gather evidence or how to prepare for Jobcentre appointments.

To access help with a Universal Credit claim, visit a drop-in at one of

the local offices (see www.citizensadvicenorthumberland.org.uk); call 0800 144 8 444; or visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk for online content and webchat.

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Amble has the biz bar none

For those who think there are already
too many Amble cafes, how about
trying out this one? You will need your
passport though. Thanks to Rob Moran for
drawing our attention to Cafe Amble in
Florence, which he discovered also has
a radio station, broadcasting as Radio
Amble.

Back in the Friendliest Port, we
welcome the opening of the new Lounge
Bar on the corner of Bridge St and Church
St, and the Cock and Bull micropub in
Amble Town Square, (p5) - which is also
hosting an exhibition of artworks by one
of Amble's best loved artists, Arthur
Young (See p14)



Cafe Amble in Florence. Photo Rob Moran

WHAT YOU SAY...

Plea from Amble food bank

The Amble Food Bank
wishes to thank the people
of Amble and surrounding areas
for their additional donations
of food over the last month as
requested in the last edition of
the Ambler.

We ask that this trend
continues throughout the
summer please.

We have been approached
by an Amble singer/songwriter
who wants to perform in
Amble to generate funds for the
Amble Food Bank. We will be
advising the people of Amble
and surrounding areas of the
location of this event in due
course via the various media
outlets.

We were also asking if there
are any allotment holders or

even gardeners that may have
fruit and vegetables, which are
surplus to their requirements,
and which they wish to donate
to the food bank, to contact us
at the email address below.

We are hoping this can be
carried out in a coordinated
fashion so we can help the
families in need, in the Amble
and surrounding areas, without
losing fresh produce.

We are asking the very
generous people of Amble and
surrounding areas to carry on
adding an extra tin or packet to
their shopping and drop it off at
either Co-op in Amble.

We thank you for your
continued support and also
thank you on behalf of the
recipients.

Suggested items for the
Amble Foodbank:

Toilet Rolls, Biscuits
Tooth paste, Shower Gel, Soap,
Puddings, Cereal, Soup,
Tinned Potatoes, Tinned
carrots, Tinned sweet corn
Chopped tomatoes, Cooking
Oil, Tinned peas, Tinned green
beans, Pasta, Pasta sauce, Rice,
Baked beans, Tinned pilchards,
Tinned tuna, Tinned ham,
Tinned luncheon meat, Tinned
hot dogs, Coffee (100g), Tea
bags(80 – 100), Sugar, Long
life milk, Tinned beef and
onion, Tinned sausage casserole
Tinned Irish stew, Tinned
stewed steak, Tinned chilli con
carne

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Hope you can make it. Get a
team together?

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Lynn Lucas
via email

The Good, the Bad and the Great of moving to Amble!

Northumberland Theatre
Company (NTC) love
being in Amble. We have been
so welcomed and it really is the
friendliest port!

We have been at The
Dovecote Centre for 17 months
now with very little bother until
recently when we had graffiti
put on the roof, all the front
drainpipes kicked off and five
windows put through! Very
upsetting when you're trying
to make a centre for the whole

community with no money!

We put an article on
Facebook to raise money
towards updating the CCTV to
identify the culprits and within
two days the generosity of the
people of Amble had raised
£744 - amazing!

Two ladies came into
the office to give us £5 each
towards the windows – “we
don't do online”. They were
equally disappointed about
the damage, as they were so

appreciative of NTC being in
the building, with the films
and the theatre events. One of
the ladies also said that we had
saved her hundreds of pounds
as she was able to bring her
grandchildren to the Panto in
Amble rather than taking them
to Newcastle.

And that's the great thing
about being in Amble

Natalie Barnes,
NTC

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Warkworth school wins eco award



Bishop Christine presented the award to Warkworth CofE primary school

Schoolchildren at Warkworth C of E primary school have been recognised for their work protecting their local environment.

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend Christine Hardman presented the children with their Green Flag Award.

The award is internationally recognised for excellence in environmental action and learning.

Headteacher Laura Ritson said: "Our children are all absolutely thrilled to be getting the Green Flag Award – it's recognition for the commitment they've shown over the last year to improving the environment around them.

"Through the hard work of our Eco-Club, we are now a recycling centre for the community, collecting crisp packets, ink cartridges, plastic bags for the homeless to make mats and non-branded uniform.

"We have led a number of community projects from

making re-usable bags with the WI, creating a giant octopus made of plastic which we paraded through Amble, to making a recipe of hope for the future with the Great North Museum. We also work closely with Litterbugs and regularly attend community litter picks."

Bishop Christine commented: "The commitment the children have shown in Warkworth to enhance their environment is wonderful and I am truly honoured to be presenting them with their Green Flag Award, which is richly deserved.

"Caring for creation is an integral part of being a Christian and we are committed to raising awareness of environmental issues, encouraging environmental sustainability and good practice right across our Diocese."

Laura Ritson added: "We are very lucky to have Bishop Christine come and present us with the Green Flag."

Young woman rescued from the sea

Following a request from Humber Coastguard after midnight on Sunday 23 June both Amble RNLI lifeboats launched. The report of a young woman in the sea between Hauxley and Amble set off a full scale search between Coquet Island and the shore involving not only lifeboats but Police and Coastguards

The casualty was located about three hundred yards north east of the sewage outfall buoy and lifted into Amble all weather lifeboat Elizabeth and Leonard where she was treated for hypothermia and taken into Amble lifeboat station to await the ambulance for transfer to hospital.

Lifeboat coxswain David Bell commented that the operation was extremely well co-ordinated by the different agencies involved. She seemed to have been in the sea for at least an hour and a half.

On Wednesday 10th July, while on survey trials, Elizabeth and Leonard was diverted to an incident concerning an angling boat near Coquet Island, which had suffered engine and electrical failure. The casualty was towed into Amble marina for berthing at 1.30pm and the Lifeboat returned to sea to complete her survey.

Where does our plastic waste go?

Northumberland County Council has moved to reassure residents over where its recyclable waste ends up once collected.

It follows the BBC's War on Plastic programme which highlighted a range of plastic products from the UK ending up in south east Asia for processing and some of the unwanted low-grade materials being illegally dumped or burned in open fires.

In Northumberland the council only targets plastic bottles in its kerbside household waste recycling service, as these containers are easily recyclable, have high value and stable end markets in the UK and Europe.

Councillor Glen Sanderson, Cabinet Member for Environment and Local Services, explained: "We do not target low grade plastic packaging waste such as the plastic films, pots, tubs and trays featured in the BBC 'War on Plastic' programme. These are made of a wide range of polymers, are often contaminated with food waste and have a low value and limited end markets, particularly since China imposed import restrictions on these materials in 2018.

"It is these types of low-grade mixed plastic packaging materials which are now often exported to countries in South East Asia for reprocessing.

"We have invested in our own sorting plant operated by our waste contractor SUEZ, where different elements of recyclable household waste are separated out, before being baled and sold to reprocessors.

This process even enables us to separate the plastic bottles into different polymers, for which there is a high value and stable end markets within the UK."

"When it comes to plastic bags, films, pots, tubs and trays, we advise residents to avoid buying products that have single use plastic packaging where possible.

"If they have these products they should be disposed of in the general waste bin, the contents are then used as a fuel at our Energy from Waste facility in Teesside, which generates a significant amount of electricity each year for the National Grid."

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Cheque given to animal charities in memory of Oscar

After the death of Oscar the Pod cat in February, two memorial plaques were placed in the Harbour Village where he spent most of his time.

After the memorials were paid for, there was still some money left over to the grand sum of £528.10!

Oscar's foster parents Guy Nutting, Lynne Morelli, Laura Hardy, Ashley Sims and Paul Rigby considered what to do with the remaining money.

Half was given to local charity PARRT, the People's Animal Rescue and Rehoming Team, and the remaining amount was given to the PDSA.

Lynne Morelli, one of Oscar's 'parents', said "We chose PARRT as it is good to support a local charity, and we chose the PDSA as they support vet bills for those who are unable to pay," which was important given Oscar's unfortunate health issues the year before his death.

Lynne hand drew hundreds of cards of Oscar which garnered lots of interest both at the Harbour Village and on Facebook, and the contributions from these cards made up the



l-r: Laura Hardy, Judith Taylor, Sheila Poole, Lynne Morelli

bulk of the donations.

Sheila Poole and Judith Taylor from PARRT, were more than happy to accept the donation. Sheila said, "They rang us and we said yes please!" PARRT has been going since 1998 and works to rehome small animals whose owners are unable to care for them. They have rehomed at least 20,000 animals, including snakes but mostly cats, although the number of animals coming to PARRT's door has been going down.

And as a thank you, the PDSA have set up a memorial

section on their website for Oscar which has already drawn two pages of comments. You can find the tributes here: <https://bit.ly/2YxEGEn>

Oscar is still a fondly remembered figure in the Harbour Village, as Coquet Cosmetics pod owner Laura Hardy commented; "He still has fans coming up to the village and people still talk about him quite regularly."

You can support PARRT by visiting the shop on Queen Street or visiting their Facebook page.
Louise Brook

New wedding website goes live

A new website showcasing all of Northumberland's wedding venues has been launched by the Northumberland Registration Service. My Northumberland Wedding also lists wedding fairs in the area and a dedicated wedding supplier list. www.mynorthumberlandwedding.co.uk

Remembering Agnes McIntyre

A few words in memory of Amble resident Agnes McIntyre, who passed away on June 6, 2019.

Agnes was a member of Warkworth and Amble District Royal British Legion and the longest serving Poppy Collector for the local Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal having collected in Amble for 42 years.

Agnes received many awards from the RBL for her services and got the opportunity to attend the Service of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall and Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Garden Party. Her funeral was at St Cuthbert's Church on 20 June.

Agnes spent all her life devoted to the Poppy Appeal and even after her stroke, when she was in a wheelchair, she still managed to collect at Amble Co-op. She will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her.

June Watson

Agnes was a member of the St Cuthbert's church family. Her faith was at the heart of her existence. She loved Christ and because of that, loved all others around her. She was always such a joyous person to be around. We always knew when Agnes was coming because you would hear the click click of her high heels as she rushed onto whatever new adventures were ahead that particular day.

Agnes sang in St Cuthbert's Church Choir. She didn't just sing - her voice soared. She had a truly beautiful soprano voice, the kind of voice that the rest of us could only aspire to. When she sang the descants at the Christmas services the rest of the sopranos would take a deep breath and soar to heaven hanging onto her coat tails.

Even after she became ill she would attend church whenever she could, but especially when the choir was featured. It gave



us great pleasure to have her with us, knowing that we could continue to share that joy in music with her.

I had the privilege of taking communion to Agnes at home when she wasn't well, but I always came away from her house feeling I had been the one ministered to.

I miss her.
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Speeders caught out by new mobile camera van

Drivers passing through Warkworth are being warned to keep their speed in check as police step up their camera enforcement due to continued excessive speeding through the village. In one of its first deployments on Beal Bank the cameras caught 61 speeders in just over three hours.

The camera in the van captures high definition video of traffic travelling both north and south and can capture vehicles from 20 metres up to 1km away.

It can detect speeding drivers, anti-social driving such as seat belt offences, those disposing of litter and drivers using mobile phones behind the wheel.

The speed camera enforcement van had been



ClIr Jeff Watson with the new speed camera van

deployed to the area by Northumbria Police in response to safety concerns from local residents and councillors about the high volume of fast-moving traffic passing through the rural village.

Northumberland County Councillor for Amble West and Warkworth Jeff Watson has campaigned heavily for the mobile camera to be introduced.

He said: "Myself and the parish council have been working for years to try and reduce speeding in and out of the

village. It's been shown in the past that speed cameras can be one of the most effective ways of achieving this and it's already helping slow down traffic in Warkworth. Reducing the speed of vehicles will greatly reduce the risk and severity of any potential accidents and make Warkworth a safer place for everyone."

Some of your comments

Alan Bell: Shame the traffic wardens have been warned not to go to Warkworth. Especially the main street where cars are parked on the footpaths where yellow lines are. Also ya not catching speeders in Warkworth. Ya actually catching them coming down a hill (Beal Bank) where everyone knows as you go down hill you pick up speed... Same as you catch them coming down the Wynd ... another hill...

Chris Gregson: Keep the speed down and they will go away. They come back as it's a hot spot for speeding.

Derek McRae: The camera van's not even in the village? It's almost impossible to speed through the actual village due to traffic.

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Read for prizes!

The summer reading challenge takes place in libraries all across the UK, offering great prizes, cool activities and lots of stickers for kids aged 5-14. And all you have to do is read six books over the six weeks!

It's been shown that the reading ability of children can decrease during the summer holidays, so the summer reading challenge was set up to keep kids reading with the hope of winning a prize - which this year could be swimming tickets, clip 'n climb tickets, observatory tickets or one of many others, as well as a goody bag.

This year the theme is space, meaning there's going to be space themed crafts and activities throughout the summer holidays at Amble library

- including a reading of space stories by the Amble young writers' group.

"It's a good way to get kids out of the house and away from technology," says Faith Bell, a young volunteer for the summer reading challenge programme, "It stops them spending too much time indoors with a screen close to their eyes, and helps them learn throughout the holidays."

It begins at the beginning of the summer holidays and it's free to join. All you have to do is go down to the library, ask about the summer reading challenge and read six books to be in with a chance of winning huge prizes!

By Lily

Do kids need gambling clinics?



In September this year, the UK's first gambling addiction clinic for kids and young people will open in London. It will be funded by the NHS and aimed towards helping people aged 13-25 who bet regularly online or on fruit machines.

The Gambling Commission's research shows that around 450,000 young people are thought to bet regularly in the UK, of those 55,000 aged 11-16 have a serious gambling problem. More children take part in betting in the UK than in any other illegal activity.

Gambling is illegal for those under 18, however there is some debate over what counts as gambling. Gambling is defined as risking money or valuables in hope of winning more money or a prize, but things like loot boxes in video games that have to be paid for

and even arcade games could be classed as gambling.

There are lots of awful stories about kids spending huge sums of money. Four children spent almost £550 in three weeks on players in the Fifa football video game, and another boy was charged £3,160 on a supposedly educational game - all of his life savings.

The problem is no-one agrees on what counts as 'gambling', so it's hard to enforce the laws surrounding it. This has led to the high numbers of young people gambling and the setting up of the first gambling clinic, which will be joined by 14 more in the coming months all across the UK.

By Lily



How to survive school

Starting a new school year can be hard, but, with these simple steps, you can easily get through the year to come.

1. **Be confident.** This may be hard for some people but even just pretending to be confident can make you feel more confident. If you shy away from social situations you aren't likely to make many friends. It's always good to be yourself, but on the first day be the best version of you.

2. **Try your best.** School can sometimes seem like a place to socialise and make friends but you must also focus on your work. Always try your best and don't let anyone else distract you from your work.

3. **Avoid trouble.** Especially in your first few weeks try and avoid trouble as much as possible. You want to make a good first impression on your teachers and peers.

4. **Be nice!** You won't make any friends if you're mean to everyone. Be a good person and people will like you!

5. **Choose your friends wisely.** Don't join in with the people you know are trouble; be careful who you buddy up with as, if all goes to plan, they will be your friend for years to come.

6. **Stay positive.** Starting a new school can be hard but remember to stay positive- you have all year to learn and have fun.

7. **Get lots of sleep.** School is ten times worse if you are running on 2 hours of sleep- get plenty of sleep and you will feel good.

So there you go,, 7 easy steps on how to survive school. I hope the coming year is full of fun and wonder.

By Ava

The bestest citizen in town



Ollie Dryden, Owen Gough and Archie Chisholm, were the nominees for the 10th Amble Good Citizen Award.

On 5 July, the awards ceremony was held and after a very close call, Ollie won. He was given a trophy, a lifetime supply of sweets, lots of vouchers for local shops and businesses and, last but certainly not least, a bike donated by Spurelli! He was very happy with his gifts and loves the bike. Both the runners up also got trophies and goody bags with sweets and vouchers.

We spoke to Ollie after the event and asked why he thought the judges had chosen him to win the award. He said, "I raised over £6,500 in a month for a charity that supports NF".

NF stands for neurofibromatosis and is a medical condition that makes your muscles ache and grows tumors on any

organ. Ollie has this and must take lots of medicine; however, he focusses on helping others instead of himself.

He also thinks he won because he perseveres when things get tough - he won't give up no matter what. To raise this £6,500, he gathered some friends and they completed a fancy dress walk around Amble.

Ollie was shocked that he won, "I thought the other people were going



l-r: Sgt Sharon Wilmore-Greaves, Katie Spurr (Spurreli), Mayor Craig Weir, CSO Darin Fawcett, overall winner Ollie Dryden (Amble Links), Owen Gough (Amble First), Archie Chisholm (Warkworth First).

to win- they were really good. When they said I had won I was really shocked!"

The others had done lots of the things that Ollie valued in a good citizen- being kind, not littering and never giving up.

Ollie's mum Amy is very proud of him. "He goes through a lot and he never gives up"

Ollie should be an inspiration to all of us- he never gives up and always cares about other people.

By Ava



Explaining sibling life

Every person without a sibling seems to be very confused.



Do you and your sister always fight? Don't you hate having to share everything?

Fear not, my friends. The best sisters in the whole of Amble are here to answer your questions.

How often do you fight?

A-We used to fight a lot but I have learned to deal with her; occasionally I will get angry at her but it never lasts longer than a few hours. Often it confuses me to hear how much my friends fight with their siblings because I actually don't hate her. L-Wow, I'm honoured. There's a tear in my eye. But honestly we don't fight as much as everyone seems to think we do.

Do you have to share everything?

L-We used to share some of the same toys and stuff when we were little, but now we pretty much have all our own things. A-True, but a lot of my clothes are second hand. And that's bad, because you have awful fashion sense.

Is she more like a best friend or worst enemy?

A-Depending on the day she could be either. Often, I have to pretend to like her because arguing is too much effort (exposed) but we generally get on really well. She's always there for me : L-Well I was going to say best friends until I saw the bit about pretending to like me (harsh). Really, though, we're pretty much just besties for life, and we're pretty similar when it comes down to it.

Do teachers always compare you to each other?

L-I've pretty much got used to being called Ava on a daily basis. I'm fairly sure our music teacher doesn't know who I am anymore. A-When I first came to middle school I was constantly called Lily but, because I'm better than her, they don't do it anymore.

Would you ever want to give up your sister?

A-Never! We may not get on all the time but I know she's always there for me. L-As annoying as she is, I'd never want to give her up. (In the words of Rick Astley: never gonna GIVE YOU UP-)

In conclusion, having a sister can have its downs but mostly it's like having a permanent best friend. Hopefully that has answered all of your pressing questions about sibling life.

By Lily and Ava

Ozzy the rescue dog: the new hero



(Based on Bethany's dog, Ozzy the golden retriever - he is not actually a rescue dog)

An urgent call rung on the telephone, startling Ozzy and breaking the silence. Bethany looked at the blaring screen and noticed the call was from her friend, so she picked it up. A voice told her to go to the boathouse, since her cousins were stranded on the stormy sea.

Bethany opened the door, always the starting scene of her adventures together with Ozzy. After a couple of minutes walking, Bethany started to run. Ozzy soon caught up to this unexpected sprint and they ran together, side by side.

When they ran in, they could hear rain hammering against the window. They entered the building, people's faces lit up with worry and anxiety.

A minute later, they went onto a little lifeboat, and soon Bethany and Ozzy were in the middle of a foggy sea. In the distance, an even smaller boat was being pushed around by the overpowering waves.

The waves pulled the lifeboat side to side, and the lashing rain made the conditions even worse. A sudden streak of lightning struck the water, as the little boat got pushed closer towards Ozzy's lifeboat, and several more flashes of thunder and lightning hit the sea.

The boats were being pushed closer and closer, until a blinding flash of lightning struck in-between them, causing one boat to tilt over, which was luckily not the one Ozzy was in. The people noticed the lifeboat, and swam near it. In a matter of minutes, they were on Ozzy's boat, heading for dry land.

It was a hard task to bring them back, but they eventually found the port and were welcomed to the boathouse with smiling faces and some of the most delicious hot chocolate.

By Grace



Look out for Narwhal and Puffin in the next issue



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Welcome back to Trust Life and lots of sunshine. I really have no idea where the time is disappearing to!

Well Amble has certainly featured heavily in the press and media recently. From BBC, ITV, James Martin (although I didn't get to see him), the Design Council video and still to come are the Radio Newcastle interviews from the Harbour Village. And of course featuring in the Times best coastal place to live - but we already knew that!

The Design Council are the company who worked with community representatives who helped establish the Harbour Village. They wanted to do a follow up promotional video for their own website so were here filming for five days and the weather was atrocious!

If you haven't seen the film yet, its worth sparing a few minutes to watch. Amble comes out of it very well:
<https://vimeo.com/347336509>

Events

The Puffin Festival went extremely well as did Mauretania Day, with many positive comments being received. Work is now starting on the Torchlight Procession, with Frances Anderson of Drywater Arts.



The Design Council have made a film about Amble: See it online at <https://vimeo.com/347336509>

We have been fortunate in securing funding from the Co-op Community Fund (thank you everyone who voted and those who support through purchasing co-op brand goods) and Frances has additional funding for workshops, so we hope to make

this event extra special. I should also mention the Amble Sword Day, another event organised by volunteers which was extremely successful and something different from the usual event offering.

Well done to everyone who

Future

It is taking a little time to make progress with the Bird Sculpture trail due mainly to paperwork and clarity required on some of the text, but we should be in a position to commence in the coming weeks.

The Lobster Hatchery is increasingly proving to be a great visitor attraction with admission numbers up month on month from last year. Fish sales are also increasing as is the fishing tackle and bait side of sales. These are all helping make the hatchery sustainable in terms of overheads and of course the main aim of sustaining our fishing industry.

In the last Ambler we were just about to vote for EU MPs, then it's been for the Police and Crime Commissioner - I wonder what we will be voting for in the next Ambler in two months time?!

Enjoy the summer.

Julia and Trust staff
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Wet wheels come north



Wetwheels Yorkshire, the fifth and latest boat from the Wetwheels Foundation, visited Amble enabling disabled people of all ages to access the sea, many for the first time.

Wetwheels Yorkshire spent a week delivering trips from Britain's Friendliest Port, after receiving a warm welcome from Amble Marina who played host to a diverse range of disability groups including children from St Oswald's Hospice, residents of Elpha Lodge Care Home and many others.

The visit to Amble was made possible by a National Lottery Community Fund grant which has also enabled the Wetwheels Yorkshire team to plan a further week of events in North Shields in August.

Bookings for the week were filled within just ten days of posting details on social media as groups recognised the unique nature of Wetwheels. The specially adapted, fully accessible power catamaran not only enables people with disabilities to access the sea but, uniquely, invites all participants, regardless of their disability, to take to the helm and drive!

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Sweet performance by the Puffin Theatre Club

On Sunday 7 July children from Amble's Puffin Theatre Club, enchanted audiences with their version of Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.

The group of 5 to 12-year-olds told the story of Charlie Bucket, who finds the final golden ticket and wins the chance to tour Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

Along with his beloved Grandpa Joe and four other, less desirable children, Charlie is thrust into a world of Oompa Loompas, chocolate rivers, bubble gum meals, trained squirrels and Television Chocolate.

The Puffin Theatre Club, run by Rosie Bush and Sarah Price, has been running for 18 months.

Rosie said, "We are terrifically proud of how far the children have come. Some have been with us from the start while others are quite new – this being their first time on a proper stage."

Sarah added, "The children worked so hard in the run up to the show and put on two fantastic performances on the day. We have some very promising young talents."

In particular, the two lead actors playing the roles of Charlie and Willy Wonka impressed onlookers with their

efforts, remaining on stage in almost every scene and confidently leading the cast.

One stand-out moment came when spoilt brat Veruca Salt, played by Jessica Bryceland aged 10, sang the solo 'I Want The World' whilst kicking red squirrels into the audience.

The club will take its usual break over the summer holidays before resuming in September, at which time new members (aged between 5 and 12) are invited to join. More information can be obtained via Facebook or puffintheatreclub@gmail.com

Photo: Samantha Spuhler as an Oompa Loompa



Lost artworks rediscovered in attic



Katherine Renton discovered her father's old slides in the attic

For local art lovers of a certain age, the name Arthur Young will bring back many memories of a prolific painter, local character and passionate friend of the Friendliest Port.

And now a discovery has been made which will enable a new generation of people to get to know the work of one of Amble's most popular painters, and revisit scenes which have changed dramatically over the intervening years.

Arthur Young was a successful commercial artist before moving to Amble in 1972. Born in the heart of Benwell in 1915, Arthur attended evening classes in art as a teenager, and eventually set up his own screen-printing business in Newcastle, which went so well it enabled him to retire comfortably. Arthur moved

to Albert Street, opposite the Blue Bell pub, with his family and developed a great love for this area of the coastline. He kept a yacht on the river which enabled him to sail the length of the Northumberland coast, and he quickly established himself as a local artist who specialised in watercolours.

His daughter Katherine remembers her father with fondness and a great deal of pride. "He had a passion for life," she said, "and he was always happy for us to accompany him on his many adventures on the boat, and on his endless painting trips."

She remembered an interesting childhood with her two brothers and her mother Eleanor, also a talented professional artist and picture framer.

"The house was full of interesting objects, brought back from our days out and our holidays on the boat, and growing up with two artists meant that art materials were always readily available."

He was renowned for always painting outside, at the scene of his subjects, and within two or three hours would capture the light and colour of the Northumbrian coastline in every painting.

"He had a natural talent and painting was something that he just had to do," remembered Katherine with a smile. "He particularly enjoyed painting scenes of Amble, but would also paint views of Bamburgh, Holy Island and anywhere else that caught his eye."

After his death in 1994 aged 78, the family gathered up his possessions, and gradually moved on with their lives.

Eleanor continued to paint, Katherine followed in her parents' footsteps and became a successful artist and art teacher, Peter is now a Professor of Solar Physics in America, working for NASA, while younger brother Brian became an engineer. And the family would often be asked about Arthur's paintings and how people might buy his work.

"I tell people they have to look in auctions," said Katherine,

"because the originals do still come up from time to time. Sadly, we don't have many of his works at all. But three months ago I was in the attic and I discovered a large number of old slides. I held the first one up to the light and realised it was an image of one of my Dad's paintings, with the title 'Completing Amble Marina 1987'. A dredger is pictured between the pontoons and the West Jetty, and no yachts can be seen in the marina. Looking through the slides really brought home the love he had for Amble and the coast, and I realised

that they now serve to show part of the history of Amble Harbour."

Katherine has had some of the slides made into high quality giclée prints, and is looking for spaces to exhibit them. The prints depict Amble and the nearby coastline, and were mostly painted

in the 1970s and 80s.

The first exhibition is due to take place this summer in the Cock and Bull micropub in Amble Town Square. After that, she hopes to display some in the Old Boat House and in other venues.

The prints will be for sale at these venues, and you can contact Katherine directly via email: info@katherine-renton.co.uk



Arthur Young



Reports from our *County Councillors*



I joined forces with Amble's Litter Bugs to help pick up rubbish around Amble. Over a dozen people of all ages turned out volunteering for over two hours. We were provided with a litter picker, bags, gloves, and hi-vis vests and off we went.

Amble Litter Bugs have a great sense of community pride. Not only are they involved in picking up rubbish from our streets, parks, dunes and beaches, they are creating a better environmental future for our community, keeping our local environment clean and safe, increasing awareness and understanding of litter prevention, helping to change behaviours and attitudes towards littering of all types, helping to make dropping litter socially unacceptable.

Litter is so annoying on the beach, in the park, at the playground, on the street, it not only blights the environment and makes areas look untidy it also affects natural habitats and wildlife. Not only is litter unsightly

and capable of ruining our experience in natural environments it also poses a danger to animals.

We would like to see a reduction in all litter, fly tipping, and ultimately all non sustainable packaging, on the roadsides litter strewn verges increase the likelihood of motorists adding to roadside litter, roadside litter cannot be routinely cleaned and is particularly damaging to our unspoiled county.

Keep our coastline, town, streets, and roads free of plastic/rubbish, we do have litter bins situated in lay-bys and strategically placed in the town centre, harbour, along dunes and residential streets. Pick up your rubbish/plastic, **BIN IT** (take it home/bin it.)

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ENJOY YOUR AREA, LEAVE NO TRACE.

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This edition of The Ambler is distributed in the middle of the tourist season, which so many of our businesses rely upon.

So perhaps we should consider how the town has become one of the most desirable places to visit in the country and what has made Amble so successful. I think it is largely due to its people, its organisations, businesses and charities working together to create a destination that tourists enjoy.

Of course, Amble had a lot going for it in the first place with its great harbour, views and beaches and its reputation for being friendly. The business developments currently taking place will only enhance the area and will offer employment opportunities which didn't exist before.

As residents, we have all seen the changes and sometimes they are not easy to accept, but in this modern age change is inevitable if we want Amble to remain a vibrant, great place in which to live and raise our families.

This town of ours has embraced tourism and with further employment opportunities on the horizon it is set to prosper even more in the years ahead.

I hope we will remain the "friendliest port" and welcome lots of visitors to our great town this summer.

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Church helps youth project

Harbour Lights Church used its Puffin Festival stall to raise funds for the Amble Youth Project's 'Sunflower Campaign'.

Presenting a cheque for £100 at the Friday Night Alive Children's Club (see photo,) Pastor Neil said "We are delighted to engage with the local community and help Amble's young people thrive and flourish by supporting the valiant work of the Amble Youth Project."

Regarding the mission of the church Pastor Neil stated "Our heart as a church is to be an active part of community life in Amble, to be real and relevant.

The Puffin Festival was a



great success as we met with local residents and tourists and introduced them to our friendly ethos and our inspiring life changing message."

Over the course of the coming months Harbour Lights church will be out and about in the community hosting other activities.

The church website has full details of their services and events: harbourlightschurch.com

News from Amble Youth Project

The Puffin Festival saw the launch of our new Sunflower Campaign.

Our giant sunflower is being coloured in with every £1 raised and represents how we can achieve this together. To date, we have raised just over £600.

A fundraising event under our Sunflower Campaign is our Go Go Karting Challenging. We are grateful to the local businesses who have signed up to support and to help us continue in our fundraising efforts.

On Sat 21st Sept, Sea & Soil Restaurant, Coquet Sports Massage, Northern Structures,

The Masons Arms, Amble, North side Surf School, The Sand Bar Café & S J Palin Solicitors will be going head to head in a go karting challenge.

One event to help the teams raise money is a back wax!! This will take place at The Masons Arms, Amble on Wed 21 August from 7pm. Why not pop in for a drink and cheer them. If you're up for your back waxed as well - then please get in contact.

Donations towards this event can be given via www.gofundme.com/go-go-go-karting-challenge.

For more information about us, visit www.ambleyouthproject.org, or see our Facebook page - "Amble Youth Project Appeals" lara@ambleyouthproject.org



- We are advertising for a Councillor. If you are interested please contact the Clerk.
- The Parish council will be holding a community litter pick on Saturday 28th September. Meeting 11am at Low Hauxley Village Hall. Everyone's welcome, we'd love to see you there.
- The parish council are looking into the possibility of reducing the speed limit throughout High Hauxley to Low Hauxley.
- The next parish council meeting will take place on Monday 9th September, 6:30pm at Low Hauxley Village Hall.

Contact details: Parish Clerk: Mrs J Reynolds Tel: 07786 255 649

Email: hauxleypc@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.theambler.co.uk/category/local-councils/hauxley-parish-council/



Amble Town

COUNCIL

All meetings at 6pm unless stated otherwise

Town: 12th September, 10th October

Amenities: 26th September Remembrance Sunday: 10th November

EAST WARD:	Helen Lewis,	Craig Weir	WEST WARD:	Jeff Watson	Tracey Hinton,	CEN. WARD:	Jane Dargue	Clive Foxley
Ian Parks,	5 Meadowburn,	(Chair/Mayor)	VACANCY	14 Magdalene	13 George	Kate Morrison,	10 Sylvia's	
33 Warkworth	Amble	76 Priory Park,		Fields	Street,	3 Island View,	Close,	
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TOWN ENTRANCES

The landscaping work at the south has taken shape and makes this an attractive entrance to the town. Advance Northumberland and Amble Inn planned this work and are looking after this as part of their horticultural programme. The raised part of the roundabout is due to be tidied up when the final highways work on the A1068 is completed as it is necessary to control the traffic so the operatives are safe to work there.

At the north there are three trees in the avenue which need to be removed for safety reasons; however, NCC will be replacing these as per their planned tree programme. Amble and Warkworth Rotary Club are beginning to add to the Wildflower Meadow on Rotary Way with further seeding planned for September. Other areas in the county have moved to this type of verge growth but many have added annuals for extra colour whereas all these areas contain only native wildflowers many of which are rapidly disappearing from our landscape. They take a while to establish but will increase over the years to come.



Garden cup winners: Mr and Mrs Stephenson

COMMUNITY CIVIC AWARDS

Many residents attended the ceremony in July to receive recognition of their efforts to create wonderful gardens for all to see and fantastic allotments full of healthy fresh vegetables. The judge from Alnwick Gardens was delighted with the high standards within our town and had difficulty in deciding the winners.

The Junior Civic Award was presented to PCSO Darrin Fawcett who works tirelessly with our young people and has for the last ten years organised the Young Citizen's Award.

The Adult Award was given to Sue Swanston who not only works within her church but supports many other voluntary organisations in the town and has organised a very successful support group for dementia sufferers and their carers.

VANDALISM

There has been a recent rise in this type of behaviour notably with damage to the Northumberland Theatre Company in Dovecote Street and the swings at Paddlers Park. Whilst those responsible may think it's a 'bit of fun' it is anything but that to the organisations concerned. NTC get very little funding and rely a lot on community support so every penny counts - they do not have spare money to replace windows and costumes damaged by broken glass.

The swings will be replaced but at a cost to everyone in the community and meanwhile children are denied the pleasure of them. Please discourage anyone you see about to commit destructive acts or report them - this can be anonymous.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Applications close on 30th August for this vacancy in the West Ward of the town. You do not have to live in that ward but you do need to be registered to vote in Amble, or live within three miles, or work here or own a business in the town. Full council meetings are held monthly with Amenities every two months and Planning and several other working parties at various times of the month dependent upon the business to be dealt with.

You are very welcome to ask any of the current Councillors about this voluntary role and what it involves. For further details and how to apply please contact the Town Clerk.

SALE

Details of the John Deere Lawn Tractor with attached grass mulching deck and the covered trailer which are for sale are available on the website, along with the bid details.

COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Wow- that time of year again, when schools are on holiday and everybody's thinking of how to fill those often very long, or very short six weeks, depending on your point of view!

July gave me the opportunity to wander around and marvel at the pride people take in their gardens- the talent evident this year has once again surpassed all expectations. It was not the

biggest garden which won overall champion - so it's not what you start with which counts, but what you make of it. Congratulations to all the winners who make our job harder every year.

Another major part of the awards is the opportunity to highlight the good work done by so many individuals in our town. I am humbled by the time and effort many people put in to make this a thriving community. Many congratulations to Darin and Sue, this year's recipients.

I have taken on the role of Council Representative at Amble Youth Project. As someone who works daily with young people, I understand the need for this type of environment in Amble.

Whilst there, I was very proud to learn of the lads' intention to do a sponsored head shave in July for MacMillan- something very close to my heart, having done the same thing myself this time last year. Well done lads.

Councillor Ian Parks

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019

Make a note in your diary for this year's wreath laying service held at the Town War Memorial which will be followed by a service at Sacred Heart Church in High Street. Preparations are already being made for this. Early notice for 2020- a short service and laying of a floral tribute similar to that held for D-Day, will take place on Friday 8th May for the 75th anniversary of V.E. Day and also on Saturday 15th August for V.J. Day.

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1st Amble Guides

Calling all girls interested in being part of a worldwide movement of friendship, adventure and discovery. Join your local Guiding unit. We meet every Monday evening for a fun-packed programme of activities and challenges.

To register your interest visit: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus/>

Summer songs of praise

This year's Summer Songs of Praise was held on Sunday 14 July on the Little Shore in Amble. This was the eleventh year Coquet Churches Together had hosted the service. During these years there has been a good mix of weather conditions, ranging from calm and piping hot, to battling an easterly wind. The service has only been rained off once, when a heavy shower started at the same time as the opening hymn and everyone hot footed it along to the Methodist Church on Percy Street, where the service continued after some rapid re-organisation.

In the first couple of years it was a bit of a low profile affair, but the arrival of the Bedlington Salvation Army Band to accompany the singing was transforming, and we have not looked back.

This year the theme was God welcomes everyone. The weather was gloriously calm and sunny and concerns that the afternoon's tennis and cricket finals, not to mention the British Grand Prix, might keep folk glued to the TV, were soon dispelled, as over ninety local people and holiday makers gathered around the band for the 2.30pm start.

If you feel you would like to join us next year, please look out for information in the Ambler and posters round the town.

One thing I have learned over the years is singing in the open air is thirsty work, and it is good to retire to Trinity Methodist after the service, to continue our fellowship over a cup of tea.



Royal British Legion events

7pm Weds, 24 July, 2019 - Meeting also Presentation by Liz Finch of The National Trust on the Restoration of Seaton Delaval Hall, Northumberland.

7pm Sat, 7 Sept, 2019 - Concert featuring the fantastic SEATONES close harmony singers for a themed evening devoted to the songs of the 1940's. Tickets £7.50. Tel 07785 753100 to book

7pm, Weds, 25 Sept, 2019 - Presentation on the notable citizens of the North East who are buried in Old Jesmond Cemetery, Jesmond. Home to many men and women who made Newcastle what it is today; John Dobson, Fenwick, Bainbridge, Deuchar, and Armstrong.

Rotary notes

New President

Amble resident, Dave Shoemaker was formally invested as President of Rotary Amble & Warkworth. He is a longstanding Rotarian who has held many senior offices in the organisation.

This will be his third time as president. In thanking members for their support Mr. Shoemaker especially praised Tim Mason, outgoing president, for a highly successful year and his superb conduct.

Successful Year

During Tim Mason's presidential year, Rotary Amble & Warkworth has supported over twenty local charities with much of the donated money raised from the highly popular Christmas Collection and Santa Sleigh.

In addition, practical community support was given to The Brambles nursery school in Amble. Particular mention was made of Rotarian Dr. Paul Creighton who leads the environmental efforts on Rotary Way, between Amble and Warkworth, which now has over 350 yards of wild-flowers and where 5,000 crocus bulbs were planted.

Local Young Writer Wins National Award

Lily Tibbitts from Amble may only be fifteen years of age

but has already demonstrated her remarkable talent for creative writing in a national competition.

International Rotary organises an annual contest for budding young writers with local and regional heats leading to a national evaluation. Lily, a student at JCSC, won the Rotary district stage, and then went on to the finals, gaining a Highly Commended place.

Lily and her family were guests of honour at Rotary Amble & Warkworth's meeting where President Dave Shoemaker presented Lily with her commendation certificate, two books and a winner's cheque for £50.

Memorable Golf Day in Alnmouth

The bi-annual Charity Golf Day on 10 July at Foxton Golf Club, Alnmouth, saw 38 teams taking part.

A challenging but fun day was held for golfers to pit their skills against one another whilst raising vital support for three local charities. over £6,600 was raised to be divided between the Great North Air Ambulance Service, the North Northumberland Hospice and the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. The winning team was Riverdale Hall Hotel and Restaurant from Bellingham.

Little Movers superhero summer fun

Launch Party Thursday 15 August at Castle Mania soft play £5

Baby movers 10-10.45am (suitable for birth - crawling)

Little Movers 11-11.45am (suitable for toddlers - 4yrs)

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Tour of Britain comes to Amble

Amble will form part of the route of the next Tour of Britain, which will take place on Monday 9 September. As with previous tours, the cyclists will travel through Warkworth towards Amble on the A1068. The racers will travel up the Wynd and along Albert Street at around 13.40, before heading on towards Widdrington.

The 2019 OVO Energy Tour of Britain begins in Glasgow on Saturday 7 Sept, finishing eight days later in Manchester. The 114-mile North of Tyne stage will start on 9 Sept, leaving from the centre of Berwick-upon-Tweed and racing down the Northumberland coast.

Bailiffgate fashion exhibition

Don't forget to make a date to visit Bailiffgate's amazing fashion exhibition this summer. A stunning display of clothes, bags, shoes, hats and vintage clothes will inspire anyone who visits. There is also chance to try on replica clothes from the flapper era to the 1970s. Stars of the show are the beautiful clothes from the personal wardrobe of super model, Stella Tennant. Includes almost every big designer name- Dior, Chanel, Galliano, Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and many more. Lots for children to do. Exhibition open Tues - Sun until 8 Sept.

Tel. 01665 605847 www.bailiffgatemuseum.co.uk

Success at photo competition

Congratulations to Richard Booth for his success at the Northern Counties Photographic Federation's Annuals. Richard is a member of Amble Photographic Group (APG).

NCPF Annuals were held in April 2019. Richard entered three digital images in the Beginners Section of Jane Black's Projected Digital Images Competition.

When the results were published he was awarded second place for his "Waterbuck" (pictured) and highly commended for "Chilled".

Amble Photographic Group is a non-profit organisation with 43 members who meet every Friday at 9am in Trinity Methodist Church on Percy Street. Anyone interested in photography is more than welcome to come along for a free taster session. More info at www.amblephotographicgroup.com



Films at the Dovecote

9 Aug - Fisherman's Friends - 7.30pm
7 Sept - Pokemon: Detective Pikachu - 6pm

13 Sept - Red Joan - 7.30pm
20 Sept - Wild Rose - 7.30pm
27 Sept - Missing Link - 6pm
To book tickets, ring 01665 713655

Fun Day: something old, something new...

Well it's that time of year again as we prepare for Hauxley Funday - the order for the pork and burgers is in with Roland's for the BBQ, the craft beer has been tested and chosen, the icecream will be provided by Spurrelli and the band is tuning up ready. This year we are trying for a blend of the traditional (the pet show, bric a brac, sandcastle competition, Mystic Meg and lots of the usual fun and games) plus some new ideas for you to try - the poetry competition, some new local contributors including Hauxley Dairy Farm, Litterbugs and Blinkin' Imp.

We are really excited about a new exhibition which traces the history of the Hauxley Funday back to the days of the Salmon Queen in the 1950s. This will be displayed alongside a community proggy mat so come and have a go! All this and some surprises too! We start at 11am on 26 August, Bank Holiday Monday.

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Art exhibition and sale of work

Old Chapel Art Group, Chapel Lane, Alnmouth
Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 September 10am - 5pm

NTC upcoming theatre productions

The industrial and coal mining heritage of the North East will be celebrated in song, storytelling and humour when four North-East legends of the folk music scene come to Amble.

The Pitmen Poets features ex Lindisfarne frontman Billy Mitchell, singer songwriter Jez Lowe, distinguished singer and instrumentalist Bob Fox who played the Song Man in the West End and world tour production of War Horse and Tyneside song connoisseur, Benny Graham. The show at the Dovecote Centre in Amble on 8 November has already sold out, however there is a reserve list. 01665 713655

6 September - The Stars Look Down - 7.30pm

12 October - Love Songs - 7.30pm

To book or for more info: www.northumberlandtheatre.co.uk

Amble RNLI Harbour Day 2019

Make a note in your diary for Amble RNLI Harbour Day on Sunday 25 August on Radcliffe Quay in front of the Lifeboat Station. The day kicks off at 10am with the Opening Service conducted by Canon Penny Horseman.

This is a fun day out for all the family. Look out for the RNLI mascot Stormy Stan. Watch the crew on a lifeboat exercise in the harbour (tide permitting). Have your photograph taken with some classic Harley Davidson motorcycles. Brian English, our local singer songwriter, will be performing. Meet the Queen's Own Yeomanry.

There will be stalls and a Grand Raffle; first prize is a painting by local artist Jimmy Thompson, plus many other prizes. Teas, coffees and delicious sweet and savouries home-made treats will be served upstairs in the boathouse. Please can you help us with:-

- Donations of items to sell i.e. books, tombola prizes, bric a brac (no electrical items) can be dropped off at Queen Street Convenience Store (Premier) or from Wed 21 August at the RNLI Boathouse.
- Calling all bakers! Your home baked goods can be dropped off at the station on Saturday 24 throughout the day.
- Helpers are needed on the day to man stalls and serve refreshments.
- All donations and offers of help are much appreciated. If you can help out on the day please contact Jill on 0773 181345 / email jill.faulconbridge@gmail.com, Bartle Rippon 07964171457 or Linda on 07950940950 Most importantly come and have a great day out!

Coffee mornings in aid of lifeboat

Please come and join us at the Lifeboat Station for our monthly coffee and home baking events between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Sunday 15 September, Sunday 20 October

Once again we would like to thank the community for all of the support you give us. If you would like to help us in our fundraising please email Jill at jill.faulconbridge@gmail.com

Drama Group pantomime auditions

As hoy there me hearties, it's time to join Warkworth Drama Group as our motley crew take to the high seas! Will you make it as a swashbuckling pirate, a landlubber, a star crossed lover or even a Pretty Polly? Come along to our auditions to find out!

Auditions: Sunday 1 September 5-7pm at Warkworth Memorial Hall. Rehearsals are on Thursdays and Sundays

Performances: 12 /13/14 December For more info contact antoniahoskins@hotmail.co.uk or 07853 068 195. You must be 8 or over to participate. We are also looking for backstage people.

www.warkworthdrama.org.uk www.facebook.com/warkworthdrama

Amble Sword*When/where do you meet?*

We meet on Tuesday nights from 20:00, at the Mason's Arms function room, Amble

What do you do in your club?

We dance Long Sword and Rapper Sword, which are two types of folk dances - think Morris with swords!

We use the swords to create intricate 'figures' by weaving in and out of each other with twists and turns. It's like doing a 3D human puzzle where every piece is moving!

Then, of course, there are the famous 'locks', such as the star shape made entirely out of the interlocked swords and held aloft - with whispered prayers it doesn't fall apart and clatter down on our heads!

Long sword is danced with longer swords that are inflexible, making for a wider, slower dance, whilst Rapper is danced with shorter, two-handled swords, which are bendy and allow for

tighter, faster-paced dances.

Each dance is done to live folk music, courtesy of our club musicians, which include violin, melodeon and Northumbrian pipes.

Our practices consist of fine-tuning our dances and working on new figures for new dances, interspersed with drinking breaks, which we find really help the process along!

Throughout the year and especially in the summer, we 'dance out' at fetes, shows and other community events.

Is there an age range?

There certainly is a range of ages in our club! Any adult is



welcome as a dancer or a musician.

Is there a charge?

We charge £20 subs for the year, which can be paid as £5 quarterly.

How long has the club been running?

The club has just celebrated its first birthday; however this revival is the latest chapter in a long history of sword dancing in Amble that stretches back into the last two centuries. We have great pride in returning the tradition of sword dancing to Amble.

Do people need specialist clothing/equipment/level of fitness/experience?
Sword dancing is ideal for

anyone who has an interest in folk music and dancing or who wants to learn an interesting new skill and work up a bit of a sweat while doing it.

No previous experience is needed, we are friendly and patient! You don't need to be super fit; however, those with serious shoulder/arm mobility problems would probably not be advised to take this up. All equipment is provided, including swords and the uniform we wear when we dance out.

What's the best thing about your club?

There are many great things about sword dancing. You get to meet new people, learn a new skill that is part of a local tradition and get some exercise for your body and your brain!

How do I contact you?

Contact: amble.sword@yahoo.com or visit our Facebook group: Amble Sword Dancers. However, please feel free to just turn up on a Tuesday night.

HAUXLEY FUN DAY

Activities include: LIVE MUSIC, CAKES, ICE CREAM, KNOT TYING, VINTAGE TRACTOR DISPLAY, LOCAL BEER, COCONUT SHY, BLINKIN' IMP DESIGNS, POETRY COMPETITION, FACE PAINTING, LITTERBUGS, SANDCASTLE COMPETITION, CLAIRVOYANT, TEAS & COFFEES, BBQ, CHAPEL, VILLAGE HALL, NATURE RESERVE, ROUTE 1, ANDY'S HOUSE, POST BOX, LOW HAUXLEY, SCHOOL HOUSE, HIGH HAUXLEY, COQUET ISLAND, OLD LIFEBOAT HOUSE.

ALL THIS AND MUCH MORE...

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26TH AUGUST, FROM 11AM ONWARDS

WARKWORTH SHOW
at Warkworth Castle
By permission of English Heritage

Saturday August 17th 2019
10.00am to 4.30pm

All activities are FREE with entry ticket
*excludes Fun Run

Activities include: Northumbrian Pipers, Climbing Wall, Circus Skills, Fun Dog Show, Classic Vehicle Display, Archery, Axe Throwing, Refreshments, 2.5km Fun Run, Band, Children's Fancy Dress, Horticultural, Floral, Cookery, Art, Craft & Photography Exhibits, Craft & Trade Stalls, Beer Tent and Much More

For entry forms and ticket prices (including early bird discount) visit:
www.warkworthshow.co.uk

Mauretania Day: 1930s style fun

Once again Mauretania Day proved to be a huge success for our 1930s themed event. This year we had twice as many cars available from the Morgan Car Club. They were displayed not only around the Harbour Village but also in the Town Square.

We had two brass bands playing, the Jayes Newbiggin Brass Band and the Silver Wind Band from the Sage as our major entertainment with additional performances from the Harbour Lights Community Choir and Amble Sword. The Fishermen's Mission were in attendance along

with the RNLI and 'Stormy Sam'.

In the Town Square Tribe Zuza entertained with one of their stunning performances while John Brown from Lionheart Radio kept everything together with 1930s music from the Big Bands.

A big thank you goes to all those helpers who worked 'behind the scenes' without them it would not have been so successful.

Next year's event takes place on Sunday 5 July, 2020.

Bart Rippon, Amble Harbour Village Co-ordinator



Photos by Judith Hardisty and Andrew Mounsey



Photos by Stephen Lambert, and The Colony



The Colony: rain fails to dampen a brilliant day

It wouldn't be a proper music festival without a bit of rain, and so it proved at this year's Colony. Crowds at the popular music event on Amble's Little Shore saw a great line-up of local bands, and many came prepared with umbrellas and tents in order to escape the occasional deluge.

But the weather couldn't dampen the overwhelming enthusiasm for the event, and by tea-time when the sun came out, the party atmosphere really kicked in.

More on www.theambler.co.uk

