

# HEDDON GOSSIP

THE INDEPENDENT FREE PAPER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL

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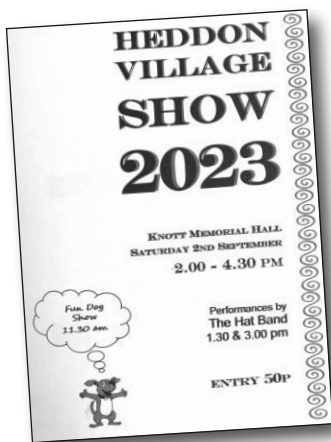
## Heddon Fluito

As part of the Heddon Culture 2023 festival, there will be the opportunity to undertake a *Fluito*, *this is either a drift or flow it's up to you.*

In various places around the village there will be boards with poems and or art, the positioning and displays have been chosen to reflect the festival and the art.

Whilst there will be a map to show the location, the idea is to just take a break and go with the flow or drift around these exhibits and enjoy them and their location.

## Heddon Village Show



Date for your diary or mark on the calendar: **Saturday 2nd September is SHOW DAY!**

By the time Heddon Gossip goes to print you should have had your show schedule with all the classes and requirements you need to enter.

If you have not received your show schedule contact, email: [heddon.show@gmail.com](mailto:heddon.show@gmail.com)

Facebook: **Heddon Village Show** to get your copy.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Strawberry tea in July. Please find below the results of the raffle draw, all prizes have been claimed.

**If you have any cups from the 2019 Heddon Village show, can you please return them to the library before 25th August 2023.**

We look forward to seeing you all in September for the Heddon Village show and Culture Festival.

Best of luck to all entrants  
Linda

## Heddon Culture Almost Ready!

With just over a month to go, Heddon Culture is almost ready!

A programme which will excite, challenge, inform, skill and let you FLY.....

The dates for your diary are 1st-3rd September.

The festival will celebrate many different kinds of culture that are either related to Heddon-on-the-Wall, Northumberland or Hadrian's Wall.

**The programme will commence on 1st September 2023**

The programme will commence on Friday 1st September 2023 @18.00hrs in the car park of Knott Memorial Hall, where the festival will be opened with the unveiling and inauguration of Hadrian's Head mosaic.

The night will then break into a mini Glastonbury, with Heyzeus (Acoustic Rock) performing at The Swan and Tommy and the Oddballs (60's, 70's & 80's) at the The Three Tuns.

**Saturday 2nd September 2023**

As the dawn rises over the festival, no tents, no mud just the promise of a day filled with things to see and do

**@ Methodist Church:** ● Ukulele Workshops ● Hand Bell Ringing Workshops ● Mask Making Workshop ● Our Streets, a talk about our street names and their provenance

**@ the Library:** ● 'Once upon a time in Northumberland', an interactive reading by author Lorna Windham.

**@ St Andrews Church:** ● Makers Market

**@ the WI:** ● Kite Making Workshops ● Now and Then a talk and display of life post WW2, ● Art Workshops

**@ the Knott Hall** ● The Village Show ● Prelude in Concert 19.30

**@ the Swan:** ● Artefact Road Show Lidar, what's under our ground

**@ the Bell e Buon:** ● Poetry/Buskers corner, come and have a go

**Sunday 3rd September 2023**

**@ St Andrews Church:** ● Hymns and Pym's ● Aspects of Tyne Newburn to Wylam, a talk ● Ad Murum Singers concert

**@ Selman Park:** ● KITES -Fly your own or the kites made at the workshops

● Food – Hot Dogs/Burgers – Ice Cream ● Music

The intention is to make all workshops Free Admission and are grateful for the support provided by the Parish Council and other organisations in making this possible.

Further details and times of events will be posted on Heddon Matters on Village Notice boards and mail shot.

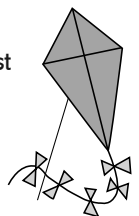
The Heddon Village Show is being held over the same weekend as the festival and whilst this is a separate event, the intention is to provide a symbiotic relationship where both events enhance each other. There will be no conflict in timetables to allow attendees to visit both events.

Whilst the planning is underway there is still opportunities for suggestions and getting involved in what we hope will become an annual event for Heddon on the Wall.

**Final Festival Meeting 8th August 18.30p.m. St Andrews Church**

Come and hear what is planned, give your opinions and ideas, volunteer, become involved.

D Blackett





## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, HEDDON-ON-THE-WALL -

### *A Place for Everyone*

St. Andrew's Church continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays 10am - 3.30pm to welcome anyone who would like to visit and spend some time admiring the building or simply to enjoy some peace and quiet.

The Church is a beautiful setting for weddings and baptisms, if you would like to enquire about either please contact Revd. Rachel. [r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org)

As mentioned in the last edition of Heddon Gossip, we now have the internet installed in church.

Hopefully this will enable livestreaming to take place, will enhance worship and be a useful asset for All Age Worship, school visits and Messy Church as well as being of benefit for community usage of the building.

We are delighted that we have been successful in bidding for a grant to enable us to purchase more of the necessary equipment and will be applying for further grants to make this all possible.

During July, we have been delighted to host an exhibition by Zigzag Days based on 'Health and Wellbeing in Roman Times'.

Zigzag Days is a social support group for people with a range of disabilities, they studied the aforementioned topic and created a range of pop up banners detailing the results of their research.

We enjoyed meeting the creators of the banners at a coffee morning 28th July.

The matter of the fallen wall bordering the lower churchyard is still in hand, permissions have just been granted, and we are scheduling the work to begin. We are hoping to organise some fund raising initiatives to assist with the cost of this repair.

### Dates for the Diary

**Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd September** – Heddon Culture Festival.

As well as enjoying the many attractions and exhibitions over this whole weekend, we would love you to join us for Hymns and Pimms on Sunday 3rd September in St. Andrew's Church. Details will be in the Culture Festival advert which will come to all homes in the parish. There is also a Facebook page for the Festival <https://www.facebook.com/Heddon1900>

**Saturday 23rd September** - at the Methodist Church, 4 – 6 pm.

Messy Church. The theme will be **Harvest of the Sea**.

**Sunday 24th September** – Harvest Festival at 10 a.m.

This day also marks the beginning of 'Generous Giving Week'. Any donations of non-perishable food for People's Kitchen would be most welcome.

**Saturday 30th September** – Ceilidh in the Knott Hall 5.30 – 8 p.m.

Please look out for posters and details on Facebook about how to book places for this event. We are really looking forward to sharing a meal together and having a go at Ceilidh dancing together.

*Lynda Henderson*



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**2nd Sunday of the month:** Holy Communion.

**3rd Sunday of the month:** Holy Communion.

**4th Sunday of the month:** Holy Communion.

**\*When there is a 5th Sunday in the month:** We all gather in one of the 5 parishes sharing 2 priests. Details will be shown on the various notice boards and via social media.

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Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/upperpontchurches](http://www.facebook.com/upperpontchurches) - this is a Facebook page so can be accessed like a website even if you don't normally use Facebook.

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## Heddon Methodist Church

**Ministers:** Methodist Ministers for Heddon Methodist Church:  
Deacon Maggie Patchett, living in the village:  
Tel: 01661 854073 email: deaconmaggie@gmail.com

and Revd Lynda Coulthard, based in Westerhope:  
Tel: 0191 271 1587 email: lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk

In the first instance, contact Maggie if you would like a visit, or to arrange a baptism, wedding or funeral.

Email: deaconmaggie@gmail.com

Facebook: @Heddon Methodist Church

### A note from Deacon Maggie

It seems summer is well and truly here as I write this in the hot sunny days in mid-June!

I have been intrigued by the house martins building nests literally the other side of the window to where I sit at my desk. I watched as they painstakingly brought tiny bits of mud and stuck them together to form a circular pod, and now there are 2 little birds in the nest – I'm not sure if these are the parents or if the babies have hatched yet, but it's lovely to hear them chattering away and see them flying up and into the tiny gap they have left to get in. I am always amazed at just how intricate and beautiful nature is – how God has created such a variety of living things, and how with all the new technology we are now able to see and understand them so much more than in the past.

These summer months give some of us an opportunity to slow down and enjoy God's creation; maybe spend more time outside appreciating the beauty of the world around us. Or maybe you have plans to travel, to go on holiday and see new places, or visit old familiar ones? For others, including myself, it brings an opportunity to spend a little more time with the grandchildren, maybe helping out with those long school holidays – a genuine pleasure, but not always relaxing!

I hope that whatever you are doing this summer, you find time to be still with God, to reflect on all the blessings in your life and give thanks.

**Peace Garden & Poustinia:** Why not pop into the Garden at the back of the Church?



The Garden offers plenty of seating amongst the flowers and trees, and the Poustinia: a small sparsely furnished cabin or room.

Come and find out its origins.

Come in on your own, with friends and family.

You are welcome anytime all year round to experience peace and

creation. Enter through the Church or the side garden gate . .

**Church Sunday Services:** 10.30-11.30am

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays 7.00pm

**Men's Coffee Fellowship:** First Saturday in August 10.00-11.15am  
No session in September due to all rooms being used as part of the Village Culture Festival.



**Warm Space Community Coffee Mornings:** Thursdays 10.00-12.00am - Coffee, Scones and Chat

**Messy Church:** Sunday 23 September

Theme: Harvest. More information to follow...

**Ad Murum Choir Practice:** Tuesday evenings 7.00pm

**Helping those in need:** Donations for Foodbank can be placed in the large box at the front door of the Church, or inside whenever the Church door is open.

**Heddon Methodist Church have Rooms to Hire.**

Contact: Muriel 01661 854788



This is just to remind Heddon residents that a box for donations to the Newcastle West End Foodbank is located outside the side door of the Methodist Chapel. The contents of the box are taken regularly to the Foodbank warehouse at Lemington.

The response from Heddon residents in recent weeks has been tremendous. Nearly 60 kg of food and other items was taken to Lemington this week. The donations are gratefully received and the fact that they are coming from Heddon is acknowledged.

The Newcastle Foodbank organisers do not think that anyone in the community should have to face going hungry. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

So please donate, if you can. The most urgently needed items are:

- Tinned fruit
- Instant mash/tinned potatoes
- Baby milk and formula
- Nappies (size 4 and larger)
- Toiletries (sanitary towels)
- Tea/coffee
- Tea/coffee
- Soup – tinned and packet
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Cereal.

*But please also, no perishables and no clothing.*

Heddon Methodist Church

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2. Give me a message: via email, text or messenger / WhatsApp for a brochure and I will drop one off.

Cindy Towart-Adams - 077 343 177 90 / 01661 852040  
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THE ODDBALLS  
8:30PM**



*(Available)*

*A warm welcome awaits at  
the Soul of Heddon!*

Phil Doyle, Three Tuns, 1 Military Road  
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E: threetunsheddon@gmail.com

## Three Tuns - Mighty Hike raises £3,342

On the 15th July 2023, a group of my family and friends from the Three Tuns took part in the Macmillan Northumberland Coast Mighty Hike, 27 miles in total, from Alnwick Castle to Bamburgh Castle. Myself, Phil Doyle, Bethany Doyle, Adam Hawley, Suzanne Robinson, Paul Robinson, Elaine Tulip-Johnson, Craig Johnson, Claire Loftus, John Loftus and Kris Baker-Rain all completed it in under 10 hours, through sheer grit and determination and despite the awful 'summer' weather. Special shout out to Bethany who finished in a fantastic 7 hours and 45 minutes. We had every weather condition thrown at us except snow. Walking 27 miles is tough enough without the wind, heavy rain, thunder and lightening, huge puddles and copious amounts of mud to contend with. Thank you to everyone from the village and beyond who sponsored us, we have managed to raise £3,342, with money still coming in. Such a fantastic amount makes the aching hips, knees, blisters and lost toe nails worth it, thanks again!

*Katy Doyle*

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## Coffee Morning thank you

The Great North Air Ambulance Coffee Morning in the Heddon W I Hall on 15th July raised £942.45. The organisers would like to thank all who supported the coffee morning.



Full house at the Great North Air Ambulance Coffee Morning.

# theWI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

## Welcome to the latest W.I. update.

Hop, Skiffle and Jump came to the June meeting the first of our new programme. It was an evening where we were encouraged to sing-along, and join in with tapping, clapping and Kazoo playing. They were a very talented group of musicians and entertainers, a great way to begin our 2023-2024 year.

On Saturday 17th June we held our annual Charity Coffee Morning. Proceeds from this year's event have been sent to the Dementia Trust. It was a beautiful morning and everyone who attended enjoyed tea / coffee and a fabulous selection of scones, cakes and tray bakes. We even encouraged a group who were doing Hadrian's Wall walk to join us.

Clare Rebuscha returned to us in July. This was a "hands on" evening where we used nail varnish to paint motifs that we had attached to the bottles. A steady hand a definite requirement – end results were varied in their accuracy. We were also able to purchase lights to place inside. Lots of fun and laughter was had throughout the evening.

Our August outing this year is to 'Sandra's Cottage Flowers' at Stannington. Members are hoping for a fine day to tour the garden, watch floral demonstrations and enjoy an afternoon tea and maybe return home with one of the floral displays given as a raffle prize!

The first Saturday in September sees the return of the village show and W.I. will be providing refreshments – come along to the Knott Hall and enjoy.

The month's speaker at the W.I. will be William Cumming and his talk / presentation will be entitled "Genealogy and Family History" and will be based around a postcard sent to someone in Heddon.

It has been lovely welcoming new folk to our recent meetings and events. Please continue to come along, you will always receive a warm welcome and make new friends along the way.

Lesley



## Date for your diary! MacMillan Coffee Morning

Join Jean and friends for the MacMillan Coffee Morning in Heddon WI Hall on Friday 29th September from 10.00am - 12 noon

Cake stall and Raffle

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## Parish Council Updates

### Welfare field/MUGA/Playground

A big thanks to pupils at St Andrew's Primary School and residents of Heddon for completing the QR questionnaire which has now closed. From the 50 responses we received, Councillors will be meeting over the Summer break and pulling together a detailed list of requirements for the Welfare field / MUGA Enhancement project based on your feedback. A further update will be provided in the next edition of the Heddon Gossip.

### Donations

The Parish Council have made a financial contribution to the upcoming Heddon Village Show and Hadrian's Wall Culture Festival in September. It's great to see these events happening in the village and thanks to all the volunteers who make it all possible.

### Thank you to our Volunteer's

Supported by the Parish Council, the Brownie and Rainbow litter pick on 6th June to tie in with World Environment Day was well attended by the girls and parents and quite a bit of litter was collected from the Memorial Garden, although the area around Hadrian's Wall was found to be very neat and tidy. Thank you to all who took part in helping to keep our village tidy.



Heddon Brownie and Rainbow litter pickers.



# HEDDON ON-THE-WALL

## PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission Statement:



August/  
September

### Chare Bank

The Parish Council are working collaboratively with Northumberland County Council, Historic England, St Andrew's Church and preferred contractors in firming up arrangements for getting the wall along Chare Bank repaired before the resurfacing can take place. As Chare Bank sits along the Vallum, it requires additional approvals including what's termed as 'scheduled monument consent'. This can slow down our progress as there are additional requirements

needed for us to undertake this work. Please bear with us as we work through this approach to complete the repairs on Chare Bank.

### Roads and Pathways

We continue to work closely with the highways department of Northumberland County Council to make the village safe for all. You will have seen a number of improvements already carried out and we continue to push for more. Our next priorities are to address the following:

- (1) Speeding in the village - this is an ongoing concern in the village and was raised by residents at our recent Annual Elector meeting. We are seeing an increased level of vehicles passing through the village which is a serious safety concern.
- (2) School Parking and drop-off - this is an ongoing concern exacerbated by the growth in the size of the school from a first school to a primary.
- (3) Resurfacing of footpath running along the B6528 (Hexham Road) on the north side from the junction of Close House through Houghton to Heddon and then from the junction of Towne Gate.

### Annual Elector Meeting 14th June

A letter from the Chair : Di Keller

I, alongside the Parish Council (PC) was overwhelmed by the number of residents from across the Parish who joined us. I promise to organise a bigger venue for next year!

During the open forum, residents asked us about;

- Memorial Park maintenance – this will be managed through the new contract.
- Speeding and traffic calming within the village – this has been added to our local transport plan alongside some action already taken in collaboration with Northumberland County Council
- Concerns regarding the seating area on Station Road – we have installed a bin by the seat and will engage with the local community police regarding any anti-social behaviour.
- The allotments (specifically around the rate increases) – we have a long waiting list for the allotments and want to ensure they are being utilised. We would welcome working with allotment holders to understand their requirements to help inform any decisions we make.
- Planning application for the 'Pitch on the Wall site linked to the proposed Summer Madness Festival – we shared details on the Facebook page and put forward our comments to the planning request. We'll share the details of all future planning requests on the Facebook page to improve awareness.

I'm very proud to have been voted in as Chair of the PC and to be able to share the great work that has been done. Much of the progress is made possible by the great volunteers that work with us on our projects and keeping our village a great place to live and I want to share a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in that support.

Please drop a line to the clerk if you have any questions.

Thanks Di



Northumberland County Council have set up a hot line 'Fix My Street'

This new online service is for people to report problems on the county's streets has gone live. Issues can be reported straight from a mobile phone, computer or tablet

If you consider the problem to be dangerous or an emergency, please call us on: 0345 600 6400. Otherwise, by submitting the report online we will deal with it in line with our agreed timescales.

### How to report a problem

All you have to do is go on line or on the phone and click on the link:

Enter a Northumberland postcode, or street name and area

Locate the problem on a map of the area

Enter details of the problem

Confirm the report and Northumberland County Council will investigate

### Heddon Library Services

Northumberland County Council are promoting a number of activities over the Summer and into Autumn at Heddon Library as part of their Ready, Set, Read! campaign. Summer Reading Challenge 2023 activity - participation is free and all that is required is that children are signed up as members of the library to take part. Places at the events are limited. It is therefore advised to book using the QR code on their website page: [Home | Northumberland Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](https://www.northumberlandlibraries.gov.uk)

**Heddon Grand Prix - Tuesday 1st August 2:00-3:00**

**Lego @ The Library - Tuesday 8th August 2:00-3:00**

### Age UK Northumberland

Age UK Northumberland works together with community groups and organisations to provide support and services to those who need it across the county. Core services, such as information, advice, advocacy, health and wellbeing and befriending, continue to operate as usual. In addition, they have introduced a Scams Awareness, Veterans support group, Bereavement Service and Living Well with Dementia Groups, which should expand in 2023. For enquiries or further information, please contact Age UK Northumberland on: 01670 784 800 Monday to Friday, 9am till 5pm or email: [info@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk](mailto:info@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk).

### Dates for the diary: .....

<b>Parish Council Meetings</b>	<b>Organised Litter Pick</b>
No meeting in August	Meet at the Memorial Park at 10.30am
13th September 2023	Saturday 5th August 2023
11th October 2023	Saturday 21st October 2023
8th November 2023	<b>Butterfly and Roman Herb Garden Meet Ups</b>
13th December 2023	Every Sunday except for Bank Holiday weekends
	<b>Celebrations</b>
	Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023

### Contact us: .....

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### Changes to Waste Disposal Sites opening times

From mid May the opening times of local waste disposal sites open to Heddon residents have changed.

**Prudhoe:** Broomhouse Road

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**Tuesday pm 1.00 - 4.00**

**Friday pm 1.00 - 4.00**

**Saturday am 10.00 - 12.00**

There are some summer reading challenge activities at the Library through the summer holidays. ALSO possibly a LEGO challenge. See posters at the library for details or the Northumberland libraries website.

Kind regards, *Ted Burt* - (joint Library co-ordinator with *John Gillot*)

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

# LEGO® @ The Library

Tinker with tech this summer at one of our programmable LEGO workshops.

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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

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# Heddon Grand Prix

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2-3pm on Tuesday 1st August  
at Heddon Library

Start your engines and cruise on over to the library where we'll be making cars and putting them through their paces on our test track before the big race begins.

Book your place on Eventbrite or contact the branch directly

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

## Closure of the Lower Churchyard?

The Parish Council have been supporting St Andrew's Church over the last few months with regard to the imminent closure of lower churchyard. We wrote to all residents within the Parish stating there was limited space in the churchyard for burials and we welcomed comments, suggestions and invited people to an open forum.

The Church have now reached the stage where they will need to set in process the formalities to apply for closure of the lower churchyard with the exception of any faculties that have already been secured which will be honoured.

**To provide an overview of actions we've taken and suggestions that were made;**

- Land owned by the Diocese that oversees St Andrew's Church – falls along the Vallum and therefore is limited due to historical covenants, or the bedrock structure that prevents depth of digging.
- Grave re-use – the lower churchyard isn't old enough to permit grave re-use and as the upper churchyard is already closed, no further activity can take place other than interment of ashes within the churchyard.
- Cramming – involves looking for additional space in the churchyard, has been maximised and further expansion limited due to the bedrock structure in the churchyard.
- Land owned by the Parish Council – there weren't any areas large enough to facilitate the requirements of a cemetery.
- Available land within the Parish – at the current time neither the Church or the Parish Council have been able to secure any suitable areas.

**The options going forward or if a community cemetery can't be established are;**

- Choice of burial at a cemetery in a different location. Additional costs may be incurred dependant on location.
- Interment of ashes within St Andrew's Churchyard will continue
- The Book of Remembrance at St Andrew's Church will be open to all residents of the parish.
- If you already have a grave that was previously prepared to double depth, it will continue to be possible to bury in the available space.
- The annual 'All Souls' service which this year will be held on the 4th November at 4pm in St Andrews Church. This is an annual opportunity to gather as a community to remember our loved ones we see no longer.

If either party were able to secure any land, this would need to operate as a community cemetery, which would require funding and volunteers to formally set up, run and maintain the cemetery. Without all three of these elements, a community cemetery wouldn't be a viable option for the Parish, and we would revert to the options mentioned above.

We've already asked for comments and held an open forum, but there was little interest or comment from those living within the Parish. However we recognise this could be a sensitive issue for some and therefore wanted to provide a final opportunity for people to provide their comments and feedback but most importantly to commit to getting involved if we're to take this forward.

We'll be hosting a final meeting at 6.30pm on 18th October in St Andrews Church for any members of the Parish to meet with us to discuss this further.



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- funding the cost of a Bible for every child in Year 3, which children are allowed to keep as their own once they leave the school;**
- purchases such as a garden shed for use by the school's Gardening Club, Read Write online literacy support resources, as well as musical equipment.**

In addition, awards are also granted to former pupils of the school, as well as current residents. One example is Amy Anderson, a former pupil of the school who also grew up in the village. She successfully applied for a grant to cover the cost of the software, materials and trips that form a mandatory component of her degree course at university. This support enabled Amy to continue her education while defraying the cost of her course fees.

Anyone can submit a request to the Trust, as long as the request is directly related to current or imminent education and training needs, and as long as you meet one of the following criteria:

- you are a current pupil at St. Andrews C of E Primary School;**
- you are a former pupil of St. Andrews C of E Primary School;**
- you are a current resident of Heddon.**

In order to submit a request, please contact

Freda Phillipson: [fredaphillipson04@gmail.com](mailto:fredaphillipson04@gmail.com)

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## Nature Notes - A Bug's Life in the Butterfly Garden

Ruth Oatway

Over the summer I spent some time exploring the Millenium or 'Butterfly' Garden on Heddon Common and it's an area well worth a closer look. It certainly lives up to its name, especially when the buddleia is in flower, and a wide range of butterflies can often be seen on a sunny day. While butterflies and bees are some of the most noticeable and familiar insects to be found here, they are not the only ones to benefit from the range of wildflowers and habitats. Here are a few of the colourful and charismatic insects I've found here, though black-and-white photos don't really do them justice.

The hairy shieldbug or sloe bug is one of several shieldbug species found in the UK. Shieldbugs tend to be quite large and colourful and are also known as stink bugs because of their ability to release a smelly fluid as a defense against predators. The hairy shieldbug is just over 1cm long and purplish-brown with a green triangle in the centre of its back known as the 'scutellum'. It has a black-and-white striped border at the rear of the body and black-and-white antennae. As the name suggests, a close inspection will reveal it is covered in little bristly hairs. It lives in a variety of habitats such as parks, gardens, hedgerows and woodland edges, and is common and widespread throughout the UK, though scarcer in northern than southern England. It also lives up to its alternative name of sloe bug because it is often found around blackthorn where it feeds on the fruits called sloes, but it can eat a variety of leaves, seeds and fruits of other plants too. Hairy shieldbugs shelter through the winter as adults and emerge in spring to mate. The females lay barrel-shaped eggs on plants which hatch into young known as nymphs. The nymphs go through several growth stages, finally developing into adults in late summer or early autumn.

Another common but attractive insect I found frequently basking on foliage in the sun, is the red-and-black frog hopper. This is also about 1cm long, but longer and thinner in shape than the shieldbug. It's another common species found in a variety of wooded and open habitats, which feeds by sucking juices out of grasses and other plants. It also lives up to its name with striking black-and-red markings and an incredible ability to leap large distances through the air. The powerful back legs can fully extend in under a millisecond! The young nymphs of this species are rarely seen as they feed on roots underground, but adults can be seen from April to August.

The final species I want to introduce is the cinnamon bug. This bug is just under 1cm in length and the origins of its name are less clear, but is orangey-red in colour with striking black markings. It feeds on a variety of plants. It used to be quite scarce, found locally in sandy habitats around the coast and only in southern England, but in recent years it has rapidly extended its range and is now found in a variety of inland habitats and much further north. Perhaps this is one species that is benefitting from climate change? It overwinters as an adult and the new generation emerges August to September so this is when it is most numerous and most likely to be seen.

I think these species show that the miniature world of insects can be fascinating and beautiful. The best days to look for insects are warm, sunny and fairly still, as this is when they are likely to be most active. If we get some late summer/early autumn sunshine, why not visit the Butterfly Garden and see what you can find.



Above:  
Red & Black Frog hopper.

Above right:  
Cinnamon Bug.

Right:  
Hairy Shieldbug.

## Sustainable Heddon

The planet is facing an environment crisis and a climate crisis. We are a newly formed residents' group welcoming new members and ideas. Our goal is to achieve net zero carbon emissions for the village and measurable improvements to the local environment.

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### Public Transport

We want to encourage more public transport use. What could the bus companies improve that would make you use them more?

Let us know at our next meeting or by email.

**Next Meeting:** 7pm Wednesday 23/08/23 @ The Swan



[sustainable.heddon](https://www.facebook.com/sustainable.heddon)



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Ruth Oatway

## BICYCLES FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

Contact Mike Wall on 07734 807733 who is still collecting bicycles to recycle for under-privileged children



# A potted history of AMOS BROS

## From Heddon Histories

The Roman Wall Forge was founded by Harry Amos in 1886 and run by four generations of the family for over a century, exemplifying traditional skills. At one point employing 24 people in two locations producing high profile jobs throughout the region.

The first smithy was a single-storey building next door to the Swan Inn on Towne Gate until the business moved to new premises at the top of Chare Bank. The floor of the forge was originally the sandstone rock. Outside, set in the ground, is a large circular metal plate used by the blacksmiths to fit the metal outer hoops to the wheels of horse-drawn coaches and carts. The forge became incorporated into the restaurant of the Swan, with period features including farm implements and a large log-burning fireplace.

It wasn't just farmers who provided substantial work for the business including The Duchess of Northumberland, who came knocking when the gates at the Alnwick Garden needed fixing after someone drove a car into them. Ridley later wrote to her to see if any further work was required and knowing the standard of the Amos brothers' work, she asked them to design and produce the gates to the Poison Garden.

While the 1970s brought their rewards, however, the 1980s were the golden age for the business. It was then that the brothers were involved in everything from the construction of the Metro-Centre in Gateshead to the Kielder Reservoir and the Tyneside Metro system.

Sadly the brothers Charlton and Ridley Amos had no choice but to call it a day in 2011 because of falling business.



Charlton Amos senior shoeing a horse outside the original shop.



The original blacksmiths next to the Swan Inn.



Charlton Amos senior raising a pint with sons Charlton and Ridley at the forge, now part of the Swan.



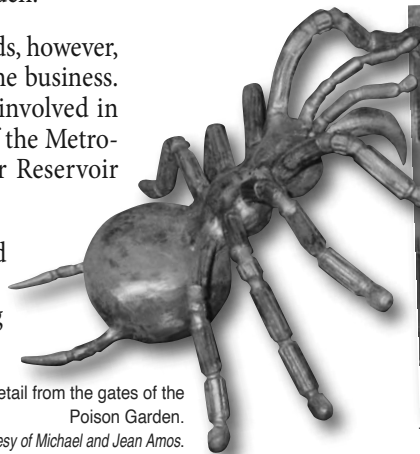
The new purpose built Roman Wall Forge which closed in 2011. Right: sign on the wall of the new forge. Photos: Andy Curtis

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The Duchess of Northumberland at the gates of the Poison Garden, Alnwick Castle Gardens, designed and built by Amos brothers.

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# Michael goes mobile



Michael Amos who is starting 'Rusty Restorations' in memory of Amos Bros.

When the 125 year old family run firm Amos Bros closed the Roman Wall Forge in 2011, the business becoming a victim of the recession, Michael who had worked their for 17 years did not feel he was able to take over the historic firm.

Now after 12 years Michael he has decide he is ready to revive the firm under the name of 'Rusty Restorations' in memory of his dad and uncle. Charlton sadly passed away in 2019 age 73, and Ridley died in 2021, age 73.

Back then Amos Bros were a very well-known business in the north east making the poison garden gates for the Duchess of Northumberland at Alnwick Garden as well as all the railings around the Town Moor.

Michael said he will start off as a mobile business and will be based between his home in Throckley and Alston in Cumbria, where he has a caravan.

Michael plans to offer traditional blacksmith services as well as upcycling and restoration. He said he decided to offer an upcycling service after carrying out a project for a friend and receiving a positive response.

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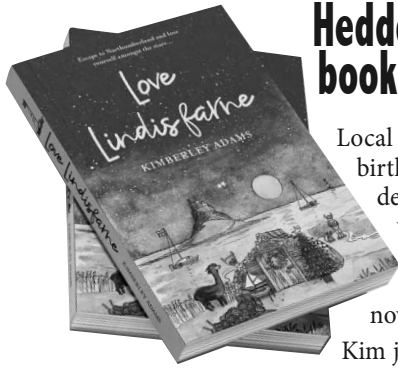
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## Heddon writer has two books out this year!

Local writer, Kim, who writes under her birth name of Adams, is publishing her debut novel in October. Kim has always written, and has had short stories published in the past, but never got around to writing a full novel – until now!

Kim joined Northumbrian Writers, an online writing class, and from there began to share her work, and during lockdown started to write more seriously. Kim was shortlisted by Penguin with her debut novel, LOVE LINDISFARNE, and whilst she didn't win, it gave her the impetus to work on the book and finish it.

Kim experienced the very scary rollercoaster of the publishing world, eventually coming to the decision to self-publish her book. As a Northumbrian it was so important to her to keep the book and cover as authentic as possible, and self-publishing allowed her to do this. Kim worked alongside Sarah Farooqi, a Northumbrian artist, and together they developed the stunning cover.

Like buses when two come along together after waiting ages, Kim was a finalist in a major comedy writing competition earlier this year and is to be traditionally published in a women's comedy book of short stories within a month of her own debut coming out. Kim's story features a Newcastle nana and her granddaughter finding themselves in a tricky situation organising nana's funeral!

LOVE LINDISFARNE is a feel-good romantic comedy, fiction, but set on the very real and beautiful Holy Island. It is due for release on 5th October but can be pre-ordered now from Amazon by searching for Kimberley Adams or Love Lindisfarne.

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'Thank you so much for standing with our global neighbours, and helping us get closer to a world where everyone can live full lives, free from poverty.'

Although there was no house-to-house collection this year, two special events helped to raise funds to support the work of this charity. During Christian Aid week a Festival of Fire celebrating Pentecost raised £143 and this was added to the collection from a Christian Aid service held at St Andrew's, at which we heard about the work of the charity in the development of drought resistant crops like pigeon peas, which are able to grow in previously unproductive land. With the support of Heddon Methodist Church, and to which members of the congregations from Matfen, Ryal, Stamfordham, Ovingham and Wylam were invited, a further £693 was added. With the benefit of gift aiding, a total of £950 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who supported these events. The money will be used by Christian Aid to help families in some of the most disadvantaged communities of the world.

*Diane and Trevor Darwin*

## Heddon Residents Association

The Heddon Residents' Association have been trying to establish a Speedwatch campaign in the village for some time now led by Secretary Hedley Rogers. News was received just after the previous deadline for the Heddon Gossip that Northumbria Police were finally in a position to offer some training to volunteers from the village. There are various reasons, but basically resources and the pandemic, why it has taken years to get to this point. It boiled down to repeating some on-line form-filling by a recent deadline but then waiting for an individual private phone-call from the Police before submitting certain identity documents, which is the stage a number of local people are at. Once these checks have been completed, local residents will be offered the opportunity to collect a speedgun ready for training in small groups somewhere in the County, most likely not too far away. There was a similar volunteer group quite a few years ago now. Volunteers do not have full Police status of course and any speeding drivers receive notification of this only, not fines. It is hoped however that by drawing attention to speeding, the environment can be made more pleasant and of course more safe. The problem affects horses and their riders as well as walkers, cyclists, parents with children and the elderly crossing roads. How much activity will take place in Heddon is not known at present but updates will follow here.

*Peter Chapman*  
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# ADMURUM Singers

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Joining a choir is a great way of enjoying the benefits that singing can offer, as well as becoming a member of a community with a common interest. The Ad Murum Singers is a community choir located in Heddon. It began 35 years ago and since then has raised thousands of pounds for various charities.

Having survived the inevitable disruption brought about by the pandemic, the choir is now looking to swell its ranks by recruiting new members, and adding to the existing bass and tenor lines would be especially helpful.

Joining the choir doesn't require you to have a wonderful voice – just an enthusiasm for singing and a willingness to 'have a go'. There are no auditions and don't be put off by the name (which means 'at wall' and refers to the location of the village). The choir sings a wide range of music from an ever-expanding repertoire.

If you think this might appeal to you, check out the website [admurumsingers.org.uk](http://admurumsingers.org.uk)

On Tuesday, 5th September at 7.30pm the choir will be beginning its new season at the Methodist Church in Heddon. It would be an ideal time to come along and see if you might enjoy being part of a community choir and reaping the benefits that singing can bring. You'd be made very welcome.

*Diane and Trevor Darwin*

## VILLAGE DIARY

Please note the Village Diary is now held in The Swan. The diary is for the whole village to use in order to avoid, wherever possible, two events happening on the same day.



## Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

I am a volunteer fosterer/trainer for a charity called "Hearing Dogs for deaf people".

The charity has been providing assistance dogs to deaf members of the community all over the country for around 40 years.

It is a similar set up to guide dogs for the blind, only this charity focuses on helping those with hearing loss both socially and practically by providing trained assistance dogs.

For this to happen, the charity rely on volunteers to foster puppies from eight weeks old until 18 months approximately whilst going through the first stages of socialisation and training.

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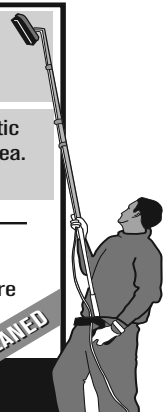
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These activities are the life blood of the Hall and without them Knott Hall would cease to exist, we are grateful to those who support these activities and help in ensuring the viability of the Hall.

### Future Events for your diary:

(Further details will be in 'the Gossip,' noticeboards, village diary and Heddon Matters (Facebook Page)

### Heddon Village Show - 2nd September 2023

The welcome return of the village show.



### Heddon Culture (The Festival) 1st-3rd September 2023

Following last years successful Hadrian 1900 event it was felt that all the enthusiasm, enjoyment and community should not be simply let pass. The 3 day event will have:- Music – Concerts and gigs, Workshops/Talks – Music, History, Literature, Kite making, Makers Market, Food and KITES

### 2nd September 2023

As part of the Heddon culture Festival Knott Hall will be presenting @PRELUDE' in concert

### Fashion Event - TBA September 2023

Our biannual fashion event for the ladies of the village, clothes, Prosecco and bingo a fun night out.

### Make do and Mend Drama Production - 13th October 2023

Music, song and visuals looking at life in the 1950's

### Big Science @ the Knott - Half term Activity TBA October 2023

### Beat the Drum - 10th November 2023

### Christmas market - 24th November 2023

### Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

[www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall](http://www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall)

**General Info:** D Blackett: 07770666744 [dblackett@aol.com](mailto:dblackett@aol.com)

**Bookings:** Hazel Thompson: 01661 85368

## Vacancies

As mentioned in the last edition of the Gossip, there are two vacancies for Officers on the Knott Hall management Committee.

### Treasurer

To manage the financial activities of the Hall. This is an important role within the committee which helps to maintain the running of the hall, reporting on the financial well being and advising on expenditure.

### Secretary

To undertake the general administration of the Hall. The Secretary handles the day to day activities of the Hall reporting to the Chairman.

If you are interested in either of these vacancies please contact:

**D. Blackett: Tel: 07770 666744**

## Hadrian's Head



We are really close to being almost there.....

The restrictions have been placed on Chare bank in anticipation of work commencing, a slight delay due to cemetery wall subsidence but still on track. It is envisaged that the mosaic will be in place by the start of the Heddon Culture Festival.

Do you want a block

It has been measured in Pes (Roman feet), Feet (English feet) had to use Scottish feet when measured on North Side and the fiddly metric stuff. The first bit will take 240 blocks, each can be engraved with two lines of text.

It is anticipated blocks will be available to purchase 1st June 2023. The first options will be to residents of Heddon, followed by those living near the Wall then the World

- The blocks will retail at £40.00
- The sale of the blocks will commence on the 1/6/2023 and will proceed in six weekly slots

### Slot 1

- Heddon residents will have priority and will receive a discount of £10.00

### Slot 2

- Residents along the Wall, will receive a discount of £5.00

### Slot 3

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# HEDDON SHOW

Hopefully when you receive your Heddon Gossip you will already have had a copy of the SHOW SCHEDULE. If you have not got a schedule you can contact the show organisers on: [HeddonShow@gmail.com](mailto:HeddonShow@gmail.com)

Listed below a number of class entries you may like to make a start on for the Show on September 2nd

## Photography Classes (photographs to be taken by you)

- Any image capturing a Royal Event or your celebrations of it
- Three of a kind (mounted on one piece of card)
- Landscape or seascape
- Wildlife in your garden

## Childrens Classes

Pre School & Early Years

- A decorated crown fit for a king or queen.

## General Classes (all ages)

- Something I have grown
- A Humorous photograph

## Handicrafts Classes

- A hand-knitted premature babies' helmet, no ribbons
- A cushion (any medium, to include cushion pad)
- A hat with one or more pom-poms (any medium)
- A tea cosy (any medium)
- A handmade purse (any medium)
- A 'twiddle mitt' (instructions below)
- A soft toy (any medium, eyes must be embroidered)
- An item of jewelry (any medium)
- A painting on a postcard (standard size, unframed)
- A gift-wrapped item (quality & originality of wrapping to be judged)
- A greeting card (no envelope)
- A coaster (any medium)
- Any handicraft by a young person under the age of 14
- Any article crafted in wood or metal
- Any article of craft not listed

## Twiddle mitt instructions

*Twiddle mitts or hand warmers, with beads, buttons and objects sewn onto them are popular gifts for those living with Dementia, as having something to 'twiddle' helps to calm agitation and restlessness - both common symptoms of the condition.*

**Materials:** Any left-over and odd balls of wool & 8mm circular or 6.5mm

straight knitting needles.

### Instructions

**Cuff:** Cast on 45 stitches using two strands of double Knitting wool or one strand of chunky wool. Work in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl) for 11 inches.

**Mitt Body:** Continue with stocking stitch or variety of fancy stitches but use up oddments of various textures of wool such as chunky, mohair, ribbon etc. until the work measures 23 inches. Cast off.

**Finishing:** If working with straight needles, lightly iron the long strip, then neatly sew the long edges together with purl side facing you. Turn inside out, push the cuff (lining) up inside the mitt body and neatly sew the cast on and cast-off edges together.

### Decoration

Now is the time to decorate the mitt, inside and out, with ribbons, beads, flowers, zips, loops, pompoms, buttons, etc. You could even knit a separate pocket for a favourite photo or memento. Be creative, but make sure each item is securely attached.

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Below: The first showground, Crag Field now part of Bainbridge Estate & Killiebrigs.



Brigadier Mary 'Molly' Scott, Salvation Army presenting a prize at the 1996 Heddon Show. Bryn Tailford looking on.



Above: Presentation, Heddon Show we think it is in the fifties. Looking on in the background behind the girl is Hubert Laws and to his right Stan Laws. Also pictured at the far left is Mary Stobo.

Below: The late Joyce Laws being presented by Brian Selman.



## Potted history of Heddon Show

- 1948 The first village Flower Show was held in Crag Field on the 28th of August
- 1949 The village Show was moved to the first Saturday in September and a gymkhana was added
- 1950-57 The village show included a sheepdog trial
- 1957 The marquee and exhibits for the village show was destroyed by gale force winds

<http://heddonhistory.weebly.com/heddon-village-show-2014.html>

If anyone has any old photographs or information of Heddon Show especially of the old Showground that was opposite the garage, could you please contact Heddon Gossip or Andy Curtis @ [heddonhistory.weebly.com](mailto:heddonhistory.weebly.com)

## Award for Heddon based Rowan Tree

Heddon-based business Under the Rowan Trees won the title of 'Favourite Independent Stationery Shop' as part of National Stationery Week. The competition was organised by Pentel who provided the prize of £1,000 RRP of pens.

The winner was chosen by the public who voted online as part of the annual celebration of all things stationery.

Under the Rowan Trees is owned by Danielle Stanley and is an online independent stationery shop specialising in stationery and art supplies for journalling, lettering, scrapbooking and more. Started seven years ago in her dining room, the business now has its own purpose-built office in the garden and employs another Heddon resident Samantha Dewar.

Danielle says: "I was so excited to take part in the Pentel promotion for National Stationery Week. We are very lucky to have an incredibly loyal and supportive customer base and it was amazing to see how many of our customers took the time to vote for us as their favourite independent retailer. It's a great opportunity for us to try some new products that we haven't stocked before and we are huge fans of Pentel pens."



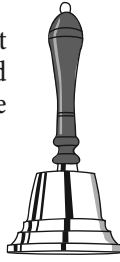
Sam Dewar and Danielle Stanley, right, owner of Under the Rowan Trees voted 'Favourite Independent Stationery Shop'. Photo: Tara at Wilson on the Wall Photography

## HANDBELL GROUP

The bells are looking forward to being out and about in September making new friends, always pleased to get into the hands of anyone wanting to make music.

Contact:- Jennifer. Tel. 852926 or more information on handbells, meetings contact:

Jennifer King. Tel: 01661 852926



## Heddon Carpet Bowls

We have 2 friendly games arranged with Riding Mill carpet bowls club. (dates to be arranged)

Also we would like to encourage some of the younger residents of the village to come and try playing carpet bowls ie. teenagers upover!

Basic tuition will be given, carpet bowls can be skillful, non competitive and played in a friendly atmosphere.

Refreshments tea/coffee and biscuits free at the interval.

1st night FREE .Anyone interested in joining Heddon Carpet Bowls contact: John Curtis, Tel: 07951 131904

for more information on the club and meetings.



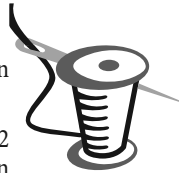
## HEDDON PATCHERS

Heddon Patchers quilting group meet in the W.I. on alternate Wednesdays.

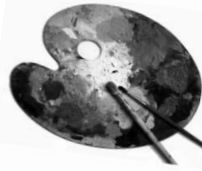
In light of recent events we find ourselves with 2 openings for anyone who may be interested in joining us.

For more information contact Ann Allsopp on 01661 820568 or on the e-mail address: [allsoppayann@btinternet.com](mailto:allsoppayann@btinternet.com)

Thank you. Ann Allsopp



## Heddon Art Group



**ANNUAL EXHIBITION**  
**Saturday 8th Oct**  
**Sunday 9th Oct**

A full programme of regular painting sessions and guest professional tutors is well under way this year. Thanks also to our very own Ian Scott for leading a very enjoyable study of sunrise over Dunstanburgh Castle.

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October is the main event with the ever popular Annual Exhibition in the W.I. Hall. Come along to meet your friends, enjoy delicious cakes and scones etc, and enjoy a fabulous range of original art by local artists, some of which will be for sale.

In the meantime, we meet fortnightly in the W.I. Hall on Tuesday afternoons (1:30 to 3:30) and alternate Wednesday evenings (7:00 to 9:00), A social and inclusive group, we welcome all media (watercolour, acrylic, oil, pastel, pen, pencil etc), all styles and all levels or interest, from new-starters to leisurely amateurs and serious artists.

**NEW**  
**members**  
**welcome**

If you are interested in joining the Group please contact David Chambers on [chambers497@btinternet.com](mailto:chambers497@btinternet.com) for more details.

## Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – UPDATE

With the advent of warmer weather along with the uptick in holiday flights, aircraft noise is as bad as it ever has been. Why is this?


In the warm weather holiday season, aircraft depart in dense batches during the day starting from 0600 each day. During this season, aircraft are far more likely to be fully loaded, jet engines are less efficient at low altitude in warm weather, aircraft wings provide less lift when the air is warm and less dense. All this means that aircraft tend to fly lower than at colder times of year with throttles wide open in order to gain height as quickly as possible. As a result the noise impact is far worse.

Aircraft Noise Action Group is pressing the Airport to change its Noise Action Plan to take this on board and change how it manages flights at this time of year.

Noise complaints – the Airport is dismissing your concerns. The experience of aircraft noise campaigns is that most people complain about aircraft noise only once or a few times and then stop or come back some time later while a small number of others keep complaining all the time. There's nothing at all wrong with that, it's perfectly possible that the one-time complainant is as badly affected by aircraft noise on an ongoing basis as the multiple long term complainant. However, because most people complain once or twice, the Airport is claiming that the whole noise thing is down to a small handful of disgruntled people. Show the Airport that this isn't true by complaining more often when you are affected by aircraft noise. You can do it here: <https://www.aircraftnoiseaction.com/complaints-form-2> - it takes about a minute to do on your laptop, desktop, tablet or phone

£6 per class / package discounts available

Contact: [sjmm2412@gmail.com](mailto:sjmm2412@gmail.com)



### Scott Miller Fitness

#### TUESDAY

Heddon - Knott Memorial Hall  
09.30-10.15 - LBT  
10.30-11.15 - Stretch

North Shields - John Spence Community School  
17.45-18.30 - Step Conditioning  
18.35-19.20 - Stretch

#### THURSDAY

Fenham - St James and St Basils  
09.30-10.15 - Conditioning  
10.30-11.15 - Stretch

North Shields - John Spence Community School  
17.45-18.30 - Step  
18.35-19.20 - Aerobics

#### SUNDAY

09.00 - 09.30 - Spin (Zoom)  
09.45-10.30 - Stretch (Zoom)

## HEDDON GOSSIP

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

October/November 2023

September 20th for articles and advertising

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