

# HEDDON GOSSIP

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

JUNE • JULY 2024

## Heddon Culture Festival 2024

30<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

Heddon Culture is almost here!!!!

If it isn't broken don't fix it!

Once again the festival will be a celebration of the many different kinds of culture that are either related to Heddon, Northumberland or Hadrian's Wall, following the success of last years festival, the scope and activities of the festival have been widened to enable greater participation.

### Pre Festival Activities:-

Water Colour Painting Course, Art installation design.

**Dark Deeds of Heddon:-** The design and installation of artwork reflecting the darker side of Heddon's history.

**Sycamore Gap Immersive:-** The design and installation of an artwork which will reflect the importance and connection of the Sycamore Gap tree. This will be turned into a permanent artwork following the festival.

**Fluito:-** Last years Fluito, has been expanded to enable wider participation. This can either be by producing a piece of work or by hosting a Fluito post.

**School:-** St Andrew's School is currently designing and producing a variety of projects for display during the festival.

Other activities which may become available will be notified ASAP.

If you wish to be involved in any of these activities please contact: [dblackett@aol.com](mailto:dblackett@aol.com)

### Festival Activities:-

The festival programme will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and will include:-

**@ the Knott: FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST -**

Off with a bang, music and much more.

**@ the Village: SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

- Ukulele Workshops ● Hand Bell Ringing Workshops
- Mask Making ● Crocheting Poppies ● Water Colour Workshops
- Archaeology Roadshow ● Makers Market
- Food Market ● English Heritage drop in at the Wall
- Reading by Author Mari Hannah

**@ the Knott: SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

Marty Craggs (Lindisfarne) Concert 19.30pm

**@ St Andrews Church: SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Hymns and Pimm's Ad Murum Concert

**@Selman Park: SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER -**

Party in the Park including: ● Parachuting Teddy Bears

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

The intention is to make all workshops as accessible as possible; a £2.00 booking charge will be required for each workshop to ensure the availability of places.

We are grateful for the support provided by the Parish Council and other organisations in making this possible.

**Final Festival Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 7.00pm St Andrews Church**

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

*D. Blackett*



## GENERAL ELECTION declared for 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Are you eligible to vote in the 2024 General Election and how can I register?**

### Voter ID

Voters need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in the upcoming General Election.

You can check if you're registered to vote by contacting your local Electoral Registration Office online website. [elections@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:elections@northumberland.gov.uk)

You can also check if you have accepted photo ID or for any queries please contact the Elections office on **01670 624811** or at the above Northumberland County Council website:

There is not yet a deadline for registering to vote but the deadline is typically 12 working days before the election, which will be June 18<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is likely to be June 19<sup>th</sup> for a postal vote.

You must apply for a proxy vote at least two weeks before election day.

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

### *A Place for Everyone*

Our morning service on a Sunday is now at 10.30 a.m. This means that Revd. Rachel can lead more Sunday services at St. Andrew's which is a great blessing.

We are continuing to hold joint services with the Methodist Church several times a year alternating between St. Andrew's and the Methodist Church – details will appear in the church email and in our Heddon Gossip articles.

Meetings to plan the Culture Festival at the end of August are in full swing and everyone is welcome to attend these meetings at St. Andrew's Church.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April, there was a meeting to discuss the future of children's activities in the churches of Heddon. We have decided to plan three events this year. There will be two 'Are You Teddy Ready' events, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am-12 noon at the Methodist Church. These are Coffee and Juice mornings where people, especially children, can come along and learn how to make their own teddy bear for the teddy bear parachute, that will take place at the closing event at the Culture Festival. The third event will be an Advent Journey 10am-12 noon 30<sup>th</sup> November at St. Andrew's Church and we will have crafts and activities to guide us through the journey of Advent, Christmas and beyond.

As the weather has improved we have had some maintenance work done in the Church grounds. The gates and railings have been repainted and look very nice.

Also, a potentially serious problem with the church roof is to be investigated in May.

A Coffee Morning held in May, raised funds for the annual Christian Aid appeal. We are grateful to all those who attended and for the selection of delicious cakes and scones which were provided.

On D Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm, we hope to ring the church bells to symbolize our desire for Peace in the world.

If you would like to be part of the 'ringing team', please inform the vicar or a churchwarden or any member of St. Andrew's PCC. We will draw up a Rota for bell ringers to mark the occasion.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June. All five churches in our group are invited to meet at St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham 10.30am for shared worship. Everyone is welcome to come along.

14<sup>th</sup> July is our next shared worship with our friends from the Methodist Church in Heddon. The service is at the usual time of 10.30 a.m. On this occasion, the service will be at St. Andrew's Church.

St Andrew's Church continues to be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the year from 10am - 3.30pm. It offers a welcome to anyone who would like to visit, admire the building or simply enjoy some time for prayer in 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)

Our beautiful Church is a treasure for the village of Heddon-on-the-Wall but the costs to keep a Grade 1 Listed Building in a good state of repair, adequately heated for services and preserved for future

generations is understandably high and the costs increase steadily all the time.

If you feel you would like to contribute to the upkeep, (either regularly or as a one off payment), of this wonderful building, please do not hesitate to contact our treasurer, Jane Tiffen (07305594059 [m.tiffen@btinternet.com](mailto:m.tiffen@btinternet.com)) for more information on how you can do this, your link to take you straight to our page: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> then scroll down to Parish Search add our code 250625048 click Find Your Church and then Give Now. Thank you.

#### Sunday worship every week at 10.30am follows this pattern:

**1st Sunday of the month:** Lay Led Worship. This is not Holy Communion but familiar prayers, Bible readings and hymns.

**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.

*Lynda Henderson*

#### Useful Points of Contact :

**Revd. Rachel Scheffer** ... 01661 886853  
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## Heddon Methodist Church

### Methodist Ministers for Heddon Methodist Church:

Deacon Maggie Patchett, living in the village:

Tel: 01661 854073

email: [deaconmaggiep@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmaggiep@gmail.com)

and Revd. Lynda Coulthard, based in Westerhope:

Tel: 0191 271 1587 email:

[lynda.coulthard@methodist.org.uk](mailto: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: [deaconmaggiep@gmail.com](mailto:deaconmaggiep@gmail.com)

Facebook: @Heddon Methodist Church

**Church Sunday Services: 10.30-11.30am** (unless otherwise stated)

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Service led by members

9<sup>th</sup> **Heddon Chapel Anniversary Service**  
led by **Deacon Maggie Patchett**

16<sup>th</sup> **Revd. Colin Barrick**  
And 6:00pm Circuit Service for Methodist Homes at Westerhope

23<sup>rd</sup> **Mr. P. Hindle**

30<sup>th</sup> **Mr. G. Orrock**

### July

7<sup>th</sup> **Mr. E. Sanichar**

14<sup>th</sup> **United service at St Andrew's Church (at 10:30am)**

21<sup>st</sup> **Deacon Maggie Patchett's last service at Heddon**

28<sup>th</sup> **Mr. D. Forrester**

## A word from Deacon Maggie Patchett

It feels strange to be doing this now, in the middle of May, but it will be my last chance to put something in writing to go into the Heddon Gossip. At the end of July I will be moving on, as I retire (or 'Sit down' as an active minister, as we say in the Methodist Church) so although it is still 10 weeks away, I just wanted to say 'thank you' to all in Heddon, who have made me feel part of the place, greeted me as we've met on the streets and included me in your village life. I've not been here very long – just two years - but I have come to know some lovely people here, and feel blessed to have been able to end my working life in such a beautiful part of the country. I will have fond memories of some of the activities that happen here, of the Hadrian's Wall Festival (2 years ago this was just taking place as I arrived!) and the Heddon Show, of village Remembrance Days, of Christmas Celebrations, of various gatherings in the Knott Hall and at St Andrew's Church (as well as at the Methodist Church), and of some of the school activities which I've been able to attend.

### Other Church Notices:

#### Heddon Chapel Anniversary weekend

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be celebrating with afternoon tea on

Saturday 3pm-5pm

and a special anniversary service on Sunday at 10:30am

#### Circuit leaving service at Ponteland Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 5pm

for Deacon Maggie Patchett and Revd. Jona Sewell

Transport can be arranged if necessary

#### Are you 'Teddy Ready?'

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and July 6<sup>th</sup>** from 10am – 12 noon.

There will be refreshments and it is an opportunity for people, especially children, to make a teddy for the 'teddy bear parachute' at the Culture Festival closing party on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Everyone welcome!

See the article in Heddon Gossip for more details.

#### Tuesday Group: Every Tuesday 7pm- 8pm

This is an informal gathering for discussion and sharing.

Do come along and join us, even if you can't make every week.

ALL are welcome!

#### Men's Coffee Fellowship: Meetings on first Saturday of the month

No meeting in July

#### Warm Space Coffee Mornings: Thursdays 10-12.00am

Coffee, Scones and Chat



**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

Shelter from the rain . . .

You are welcome **anytime** all year round to experience peace and creation.

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

#### 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 is open – thank you for your kindness . . .

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

Contact: **Muriel 01661 854788**

But what makes it all special is of course the people and the friendliness and love that you people in the North East have shown to me. I will miss you. As I move on, I pray that you will continue both to be blessed, and to be a blessing to all who visit or come to live in your village.

I leave you with a Celtic blessing:

**Deep peace of the running wave to you**  
**Deep peace of the flowing air to you**  
**Deep peace of the quiet earth to you**  
**Deep peace of the shining stars to you**  
**Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you**  
**Now and always.**

With Love, *Deacon Maggie.*



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In May we held our Annual Electors Meeting. The full minutes of the meeting will be shared, but here's an overview of what we've achieved in the last year.

There has been a couple of changes in the Parish Council membership, as Paul (former Chair who has been supporting my first year as Chair) has now stepped down fully and Dan Matthews has joined us. The council are all volunteers and as Chair I'm very grateful for the time and expertise they bring to the council. The same goes for all of those who volunteer across the village. It doesn't go unnoticed, and I hope you all appreciate how much your contribution means.

We have sub committees to support the delivery of our projects.

- the planning committee provides feedback on applications, review letters from residents all working to maintain the character of our village. Northumberland County Council has the final decision on any planning issues.
- our staffing committee looks after the two paid members of staff who keep the Parish Council rolling on a day by day basis. We look after their welfare, work objectives and development. A huge thanks to Lorraine our Assets Officer and Lucy our Clerk.

Alongside the general maintenance of the village and upkeep of our assets, we also work on project to improve the village. This year we've achieved;

- the 'Sponsor a Tree' project for trees planted in the Memorial Park and Welfare Field
- Roman Herb Garden – procurement and sourcing of plants and herbs for garden beds
- Proposals over the future use of Selman Park
- Working collaboratively with St Andrew's Church to explore options once graveyard is full
- Exploring 'Warm Hub' arrangements, working with local Churches, Knott Hall, WI and businesses
- Library – boiler replacement project.
- Hadrian's MOSAIC – installation ongoing maintenance once in place on the Bridleway

We've continued to respond to urgent health and safety requirements following Storm Arwen and have assessed the remaining trees across the village taking action where needed. We've also supported the repairs at the Knott Hall and the damaged wall on Chare Bank. We've worked in collaboration with Northumberland County Council and number of key stakeholders to ensure this work and the resurfacing works we completed in collaboration. This has also reduced the flooding at the Chare Bank entrance of the Memorial Park.

This year we will be focussing on improvements in the Welfare Field and improvements in the Memorial Park. Some of these are linked to health and

# HEDDON ON-THE-WALL PARISH COUNCIL

Our Mission Statement:

June/July 2024



safety, some from feedback across the Parish and some general maintenance and upkeep of our spaces.

We're also pleased that the precept has been maintained at same level for the 3rd year running.

In line with our governance and financial requirements, we continue to be audited on an annual basis and share details of our financials both in the annual reports alongside the guidance for sharing the annual audited accounts. These are always made available the notice boards.

The governance and finance is monitored through all members of the Parish Council as it's part of the regulations that we, all councillors sign up to. Year on year we strengthen our governance and audit supported by Councillor Michael Wilson who is a specialist in this area. It helps us to be transparent in the work that we're taking forward. Our approach to projects has been a good example of this to make that we're futureproofing the decisions that we're making.

We've supported the Village Show and the Culture Event through our grants and donation scheme. We are also trying to reignite and support the use of Selman Park. This as of yet has had little traction and we're hoping that this changes so that we can warrant keeping this asset within the village.

The business centre, which not only enables the village to continue to run a library service, provides income to our village to support other projects. We've had some changes in the tenants over the past year, but are glad that the business centre is once again full.

The Parish Council continues to collaborate with a number of stakeholders regarding the speeding concerns in the village as well as parking. Although we work on these at every meeting, again these areas are controlled by various departments of Northumberland County Council, so progress is slow. This is as frustrating for us as a council as well as for those of you in the village who raise your concerns.

Di Keller Chair

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## Do you want to be part of our community?

We have a volunteer position on the Parish Council. We'd love to hear from you if you have a passion for making a difference in your community but also from those who could help us with the planning and development of our projects this year. Get in touch for an informal discussion or to register your interest. Email: [heddonpc@gmail.com](mailto:heddonpc@gmail.com)

## Village in bloom

For all of our volunteers who maintain the planters in our village and our green spaces, please get in touch if you need any additional supplies or plants this year. A huge thank you for your time in helping to make our village bright and inviting to all of our tourists.

## Selman Park

The sun is out - even if it's just on the day I'm writing this article, but remember that we're keen to hear from local groups that are interested in using this space for outdoor activities, fitness classes and local community groups. We have until October to assess the usage of the space, otherwise we may need to make the decision to let this facility go. Please get in touch with your ideas and requests.

## Organised Litter Pick

Meet at the Memorial Park at 10.30am

● **Saturday 3rd August 2024**

● **Saturday 26th October 2024**

## Events

Festival of Remembrance 10th November 2024

## Contact us:

Parish Clerk: **Lucy Barton t: 01661 854583**

e: [heddonpc@gmail.com](mailto:heddonpc@gmail.com)

Asset Officer: **Lorraine Twizell t: 07735 246381**

e: [heddonassetofficer@gmail.com](mailto:heddonassetofficer@gmail.com)

Website: <https://heddon.parish-council.com/>

# Heddon's Carpet of Poppies coffee morning

What an amazing response, knitting needles and crochet hooks have been whirling away making poppies for the carpet.

A huge thank you to all who have been producing or helping in the production of poppies.

Whilst, it is encouraging to see the boxes filling up, we still have a long way to go!

Why not join us for a slice of cake, cup of tea and a chat at our

## Thanks for the Poppies - Coffee and Cake Morning @ the Knott Hall 11.00am – 1.00pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

As the poppies have been piling up, we have started planning for the actual setting up, the netting has been acquired and the artwork has arrived. Our Vicar Rachel Scheffer has suggested that, if possible, it could be displayed during all of November, giving more time for reflection of the meaning.

With this in mind, and wishing to include as many people as possible, it is proposed that another coffee morning will be held in late October. The netting will be in position and everyone can help attach poppies, also those who have a poppy of personal significance can attach this themselves.

For more information please contact, **Margaret Blackett: 01661 852801**

*Margaret Blackett*



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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 Carpet Bowls

Residents old and young come and try carpet bowls. Basic tuition will be given, carpet bowls can be skillful, non competitive and played in a friendly atmosphere. New players welcome and we play through the summer every Thursday 7.00pm in the Knott Memorial Hall. Anyone interested in joining Heddon Carpet Bowls contact:  
**John Curtis, Tel: 07951 131904**  
for more information on the club and meetings.



## Heddon-on-the-Wall village

# Bin days - June, July

**4** Black - Rubbish bin -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

**11** Blue - Recycling bin -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

### June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	<b>4</b>	5	6	7	8	9
10	<b>11</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17	<b>18</b>	19	20	21	22	23
24	<b>25</b>	26	27	28	29	30

### July 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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15	<b>16</b>	17	18	19	20	21
22	<b>23</b>	24	25	26	27	28
29	<b>30</b>	31	1	2	3	4

**11** Garden waste -  
generally collects on a Tuesday

### June 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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### July 2024

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## HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECOVERY CENTRES

Check on the Northumberland County Council website for your nearest local Household Waste Recovery Centres for opening times and the NEW RULES on what you can dispose of and if you need a permit.

## Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing classes at Knott Memorial Hall

Tuesday evening, two classes

7.00pm - 8.00pm &

8.15 pm - 9.15 pm.

**Beginners welcome.**





## Heddon Village Knott Memorial Hall

Registered Charity No 10120

On March 25<sup>th</sup> we hosted our Annual General Meeting, the chance to quiz the Trustees, check out the plans for the Hall, perhaps even become involved.

Yet again it would appear that there is little interest in the Knott Memorial Hall. The attendance of 2 residents was at least double that of last year and that one was prepared to become involved in the running of the Hall was surprising.

88 years ago, the Hall was donated to the village by a family who had a deep-rooted affection for the village and its residents, hoping that the Hall would be a focal point for improving the life of all who resided there. The World had just been through the Trauma of War and was about to be consumed by another war. The gift being seen as an anchor for the village. So much so that when it was taken by Government and Council, the village put up a valiant fight to get it back, which was ultimately successful.

Perhaps that anchor has gone, whilst the Trustees struggle to maintain the structure and endeavour to fulfil the designs of the Trust deed, it would appear that some residents have little desire or affection for their village hall.

**'That which is used - develops. That which is not used wastes away'. — Hippocrates**

As mentioned in the last edition of the Gossip, this year is the centenary of the Sir James Knott Trust and also coincides with the completion of the Knott Memorial Hall Heritage Project, to celebrate there will be an afternoon tea on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2024.

Details will be placed on the noticeboards, Facebook etc.

### Future Events for your diary:

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

**Mid-Summer Afternoon Tea 13.00 – 17.00 03/07/2024**

**(Heritage Project/Sir James Knott Trust Centenary)**

**Heddon Culture Festival 30/8-1/9 2024**

**Marty Craggs Little Band Jam (Lindisfarne) 19.30 31/08/2024**

**Ceilidh (St Andrews) 28/09 2024**

**Fashion Show TBA Sept/Oct 2024**

**Beat the Drum 19.00 08/11/2024**

**Remembrance Sunday 10/11/2024**

**Christmas Market 18.00 22/11/2024**

### Knott Memorial Hall - Contact Details

www.northumberlandvillagehalls.org.uk/heddon-villageknott-memorialhall

**General Info:** D Blackett: 07770666744 dblackett@aol.com

**Bookings:** Hazel Thompson: 01661 85368

*D. Blackett*

## Heddon Fluito

As part of the Heddon Culture 2023 festival, there was the opportunity to undertake a *Fluito*, this was either a drift or flow and was up to you.

In various places around the village there were boards with poems, these were selected from either well known authors, local contributors or Children from St Andrew's School.

Without a doubt the contributions from the Children of St Andrew's School were the most evocative of the village.

It was not possible to display all their efforts on the Fluito during the festival, which is why they have been published in the issues of the Gossip and held in a folder at the Library.

As the 2024 Festival approaches this will be the last of the 2023 Poems in the Gossip, however due to it's success the 2024 Fluito will be bigger and better.

If you want to contribute a poem (of any Format), if you want to host a fluito post please contact [dblackett@aol.com](mailto:dblackett@aol.com)

The amazing view of the fields, sky all in Heddon  
All the nature flowing in the refreshing breeze  
The park where the children play with their friends  
Where you play football and relax  
And the weather where the sun shines  
The daisies and poppies dancing with joy  
Sit and relax in you bed with your morning tea

*Author a year 5 Student - Heddon on the Wall St Andrew's School*

Cows are very strong  
They eat grass in their field  
Mooring happily

*A Haiku Poem*

*Author a year 3 Student - Heddon on the Wall St Andrew's School*

## Vacancy

There is one vacancy for an Officer on the Knott Hall Management Committee.

### Secretary

To undertake the general administration of the Memorial 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

There will be a flurry of activity in the next few weeks as the first of the engraved blocks arrive and are installed.

There are still blocks available to purchase.

### Do you want a block?

The blocks will retail at £40.00.

To register interest, please contact:

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# Nature Notes

## Identifying and recording wildlife

Ruth Oatway

In a change to my usual format I'm not focusing on a particular species this time. Instead here's a brief overview of some of the mobile phone apps and websites now available to help you identify wildlife and record what you see. These are really useful tools in addition to traditional field guide books and a great way to get started or add to what you already know.

Mobile phone apps to help with the identification of plants, fungi and animals can be quick and convenient to use, especially when you're out and about. Some use artificial intelligence to suggest the identity of a species from a photo, like Google lens but specifically for wildlife so likely to give more reliable results. While apps can provide a helpful pointer and are often correct, they can also make mistakes so don't accept the ID without question. It's a good idea to cross-reference a species suggestion with other sources and check that key features match. Also check whether an app is UK-specific or can be set for European or UK species only. This will narrow down the suggestions and increase the chances of a correct ID. Here are a couple of examples to try:

- **Merlin** (birds only). This widely-used app now has both a UK and European 'bird pack'. It can help identify a bird species from a photo but a really useful feature is that it can also recognise birds from their calls.
- **Seek** can be used to identify both plants and animals. It's good for kids as you can earn badges and take part in challenges.

Some apps not only help you identify a species but also make it easy to submit your sightings to a national recording scheme. This is a really valuable way to contribute to scientific understanding of the natural world. Accessible wildlife information allows better decisions to be made about the environment based on the best and most up-to-date evidence.

In the UK two of the most popular tools for recording across all wildlife groups are **iNaturalistUK** and **iRecord**. Records added to either system can become available to National Recording Schemes, Local Environmental Record Centres and the NBN Atlas, the UK's largest collection of biodiversity data.

- **iNaturalistUK** - an easy-to-use website and app, which gives help with identification and allows you to upload your photo and sighting

information in the same place. Data you submit to iNaturalistUK will also be shared with iRecord (see below)

- **iRecord** - a website and app that brings wildlife records from many sources into one place to be checked and verified before being made available to a wider audience for research and conservation. iRecord works best if you have already identified the species you are recording.

See also the websites of:

- NBN the National Biodiversity Network <https://nbn.org.uk/>
- The Natural History Museum <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/> which has lots of useful information in its Nature Recording Hub

If this has encouraged you to get involved in some species recording why not come along to the Butterfly Garden Bioblitz being organized by Sustainable Heddon - look out for posters with further information.



**Butterfly Garden Bioblitz**  
Sun 30th June  
11am-3pm  
Organised by Sustainable Heddon

**What is a Bioblitz?**  
A community event to discover and record as many plant and animal species as possible within a set area and time period.

Drop in to Heddon Common Butterfly Garden any time between 11am and 3pm for expert help and resources

- Find out more about local wildlife
- Use apps and guides to identify the wildlife you see
- Record species to help with nature conservation
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## 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.

Rob Oatway



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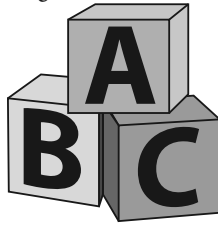
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# HEDDON - ON - THE - WALL EDUCATION & TRAINING TRUST

As we reach the end of our year, it is with sadness that we record the death of our co-founder Trustee, Dr Robert Butterfield, who passed away in October 2023, after long illness. Bob, together with Eddie Tingate, set up the Trust with monies from the sale of the old school and school house when they were both churchwardens at St Andrew's Church. Bob resigned from the Trust last year because of his illness. We extend our sympathies to his family and we are very grateful for all that he did for the Trust.

During this year (2023-2024) the Trustees of the Education and Training Trust had 1 formal meeting but have moved into the technological age and have communicated regularly through e-mail and kept each other up to date. Applications have been considered in this way also, and all requests have been dealt with.

Much discussion has taken place on the way forward for the Trust, and the Trustees are currently looking at possible ways of building up the funds to enable more money being awarded in grants to an increasing number of applicants.

There will be more about this later, but in order to carry this out, it will mean that in the immediate future the amounts given in grants to applicants will be smaller. We are hopeful that this action will be beneficial in the long term and the work of the Trust will continue to help more people with their education and training.

Over the years since its inception, the Trust has helped many people achieve their aims and targets, and the Trustees welcome the communication they receive from successful applicants on their progress through their courses.

*Freda Phillipson*

## COFFEE MORNING in aid of Great North Air Ambulance

Join us at our coffee morning in the Women's Institute on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10am to 12 noon with all proceeds going to the Great North Air Ambulance.

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## Walking for Prostate Cancer

Your will see your local Avon rep. Cindy Towart-Adams walking past your window or on the main road to Wylam or even the Military Road to Halls of Heddon.

Cindy is walking 100 Miles for Prostate Cancer after her dad was diagnosed at Christmas.

She says "he has had tests and hormone treatment and now we are waiting for Radiotherapy to start. It was awful finding out he had Prostrate Cancer.

The last week in April on Facebook there was a feed walk 100 miles in the month of May, I used to walk with my hubby 4 miles every night, but I damaged my foot 2 years ago so I have not been able to walk for a while, I have been so lazy since this happened.... So I decided to give myself the challenge".



Cindy-Towart Adams, walking 100 miles for Prostrate Cancer.

Check out my just giving page on this link:

[www.justgiving.com/justgiving/cindy1715210771273](http://www.justgiving.com/justgiving/cindy1715210771273) and if you would like to donate just a £1 would be so grateful. You never know what's around the corner.

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# Newcastle Foodbank

## Collection Point in Heddon

A box for donations to the **Newcastle 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. They are **gratefully received**.

### Why do people need to use the Foodbank?

One reason is this..... The basic rate of Universal Credit is only £85 a week for a single adult. But many people receive even less. This is because of deductions to Universal Credit payments. These deductions are made to pay back debt - but taking on this debt is often completely unavoidable.

For example, the five-week wait between applying for Universal Credit and receiving the first payment means that many people are forced to take out an advance loan from the government. To pay off these loans, money is automatically deducted from people's Universal Credit payments, leaving them even less able to afford the essentials.

Over half the people in receipt of Universal Credit when referred to Foodbanks are facing these deductions. They are made at the very moment when people most need help, leaving them facing impossible decisions.

So please donate if you feel it appropriate. These are the items most in demand at the moment.

- Tinned fruit
- Instant mash/tinned potatoes
- Baby milk and formula
- Toiletries (sanitary towels)
- Tea/coffee
- Soup – tinned and packet
- Custard and rice pudding
- Cereal
- Tinned meat
- Curry Sauce and rice.

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

Heddon Methodist Church

## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

We have just held our Annual Meeting where Lesley was once again voted in as our President and the committee remains the same as before. We enjoyed a light hearted talk from our WI Adviser discovering that she knew Heddon well as her father used to run a vegetable shop in one of the units on

Taberna Close when she was a teenager! We also enjoyed cheese, wine and nibbles, always an incentive to bring members along!

**June:** we have a speaker from the RNLI who will tell us all about the good work this organisation does. Our Charity Coffee Morning proceeds will go to the RNLI this year. This will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Watch out for further details on the village noticeboards.

**July:** we hope to enjoy a hands-on session making a pom-pom hedgehog. These evenings are usually great fun, testing our patience and skills with handicrafts!

Our new programme is almost ready to go to print and promises another diverse selection of activities and speakers. Notices of forthcoming meetings will be on the noticeboards and if you see anything that takes your fancy please come along as a visitor, you will be made most welcome.

Pauline

## HEDDON PATCHERS

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

We have 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: **allsopprayann@btinternet.com**

Thank you. *Ann Allsopp*

## Heddon writer publishes second book!

When local resident Kim published her first book, a romantic comedy called 'Love Lindisfarne', last October, she had no idea how popular it would become. Kim was keen that her book would reflect the stunning county of Northumberland and commissioned a Northumbrian artist to design the cover. From the minute the book hit the internet it created a buzz and went on to sell well not only online, but also in a range of independent bookshops, cafes and gift shops across the whole of Northumberland.

Kim hadn't considered writing a follow on to 'Love Lindisfarne' but demand was there so she rose to the challenge and 'Love Beyond Lindisfarne' which picks up the story a few months on, will be published on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

*'I had no idea that the book would be so well received and it has been an amazing experience,' said Kim. 'The reviews on Amazon have been very heartening and there is clearly a love of all things Northumbrian, we're so lucky to live here! The second book has another beautiful cover by Sarah Farooqi, and is as bright and sunny as the first one was all warm and wintery.'*

'Love Beyond Lindisfarne' by Kimberley Adams can be found on Amazon, or at any book shop for order, or from a range of independent retailers – or if you see Kim around the village just ask!



Kimberley Adams with her second book 'Love Beyond Lindisfarne'.



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# HEDDON

## VILLAGE SHOW 2024

Well spring has finally sprung, and that means summer is just around the corner along with the Village Show Strawberry Teas.

Please come on join us at the WI Hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm where we will have a warm welcome and a selection of refreshments and sweet treats for you to enjoy.

If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the tombola please feel free to contact the committee via our Facebook page or at [heddonshow@gmail.com](mailto:heddonshow@gmail.com). Any unwanted gifts, bottles etc would be greatly appreciated.

All funds raised will go to helping put on the Village Show on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Whilst you await the arrival of the village show schedule, we thought you might want to get started with some projects that take a little longer to produce.

Please find below some handicraft classes;

- |                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A cushion (any medium)              | Photography classes             |
| Gloves (any medium)                 | Sunset or sun rise              |
| A tea cosy (any medium)             | Portraits of a pet              |
| A bag (any medium)                  | Architecture of an old building |
| A knee blanket                      |                                 |
| A dress doll, with handmade clothes |                                 |

We look forward to seeing your entries on show day. *Thanks in advance.*

## FILL YOUR JAM JARS!



David Hodgson, has been raising funds for 8 years for the Marie Curie charity in memory of his brother Thomas. This year he raised £1,499.01

Next year David is asking if anyone would like to help him by filling jam jars with 5ps.

David has started collecting and will be handing them in at the end of March 2025 at the Methodist Church, Heddon-on-the-Wall.

*Nancy Wilkinson*



David with his Thank you! award.

## HEDDON LIBRARY - OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 1.00pm—4.00pm Friday 1.00pm—4.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am—12.00 midday

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We are now filling draws for the seed exchange scheme situated in the Library.

Volunteers needed for the Library—could you spare time once or twice a month to help us keep the Library functioning.

Pop in and speak to the current volunteers.

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*Ted Burt (joint library co-ordinator with John Gillott)*

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# AD MURUM Singers

By the time you read this, the Ad Murum Summer Concert will have taken place. After many practices, and an eclectic choice of music, we hope that you enjoyed the performance where we played to a full house. This year the choir was augmented by the enthusiastic members of the St Andrew's School Singers.

There were a number of generous prizes in the Raffle. The charities chosen for support by the choir this year, are the West Northumberland Food Bank and a local Parkinson's Support Group.

Thank you to all who helped in any way. We hope to see you again in December, and you can perhaps hear us at the "Heddon Culture Festival" on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The choir will hold its AGM on June 7<sup>th</sup> and then members will have a break from singing until practices recommence in September. [admurumsingers.org.uk](http://admurumsingers.org.uk)

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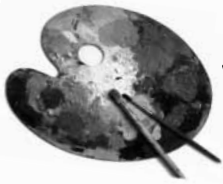
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# Heddon Art Group

Another busy year for Heddon Art Group continues with regular fortnightly meetings and a number of fascinating guest tutors throughout the year.

And, of course, the Annual Exhibition this year will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the W.I. Hall. Put a note in your diary!

The main exhibition on the Saturday will include over 70 pieces of original local art, voting for Best Picture, raffle for a local charity and ever popular



Caricatures of Ant & Dec by Mike Giblin.

refreshments. This year we have a special attraction as we welcome the **internationally renowned caricaturist and illustrator Mike Giblin** who will be delighted to sketch visitors from 12 noon to 2 pm. on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. An example of his fantastic work is shown here, I am sure you can recognise the subjects.

Sunday is more relaxed with more time to view and enjoy the art on display. As always, a number of pieces will be offered for sale throughout the weekend; genuine local art ideal for gifts and Christmas presents or to enjoy in your own home.

Our regular meetings are on alternate Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings at the W.I. with a programme of themed nights, free-style sessions and guest professional artists.

If you are interested in joining the Group, come along to any of our meetings or the Annual Exhibition to meet us, or for more details contact: **David Chambers** on [chambers497@btinternet.com](mailto:chambers497@btinternet.com)

## 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.

## Aircraft Noise Action Group (ANAG) – UPDATE June/July 2024

**Noise:** As always, keep complaining whenever the noise affects you <https://www.aircraftnoiseaction.com/complaints-form-2>.

**Complained or never complained?** We would like to know - it doesn't matter if you're not a noise campaign supporter or you're not bothered by the noise.

**Our short easy-to-do survey is on-line here:** <http://tiny.cc/9u44yz>.

**How planning permission practice for airport expansion ignores climate change.** Airports around the UK want to expand, increase numbers of flights and passengers. As we've reported previously, aviation is hell-bent on expansion. Even though it contributes significantly to climate change already, it wants to increase the damage it's doing.

The UK government helps this all along with the way planning permission for airport expansion is handled. **So, how does this work?** Well, if you add up the climate and environmental impacts of all UK Airports, the effect is significant and concerning. An airport wanting to expand would only increase this overall effect. **BUT** the government has decreed that the impact of each airport expansion is to be assessed on its own so that the effect looks a lot smaller which means that applications for planning permission are easier to get past Net Zero and other environmental requirements.

**Net Zero nonsense.** Net Zero will happen when the amount of carbon we add to the atmosphere is no more than the amount removed. It needs to happen very soon but planetary progress on this has been pitiful so far and emissions of CO2 are climbing.

Carbon dioxide (CO2) is around 0.04% of the atmosphere. This tiny amount is critical to maintaining the planet at a stable, inhabitable temperature. Too little and we freeze, too much and we cook, it's a system in very fine balance. CO2 stays in the atmosphere for between 300 years and 1000 years. This means that what we've emitted in large volumes since the industrial revolution, especially in the last few decades, is not going away any time soon. As we add to it, we increase the effect it has in accelerating climate change. **The aviation industry wants to get to Net Zero by 2050.** This is far too late. and it won't get there at all if it expands as it hopes to.

In an emergency situation, which most climate scientists believe is where we are, we need to fly less, not more.

**Next time;; More on Electric flight and Sustainable aviation fuels**

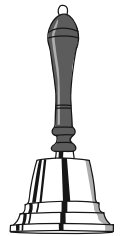
## HANDBELLS

Handbells (and Belleplates) are here in Heddon and ready for anyone, to have fun playing some well-known tunes. One-off sessions can be arranged for you. (Tel 852926)

Last June we were excited to share the news that, it being UK's turn to host the gathering of handbell ringers from around the world in 2026, it would be held in Gateshead. Alas!! Building delays at the new International Conference Centre have put paid to that. Aberdeen has stepped into the breach. Handbells are flourishing in Scotland and we wish them well.

Contact:- **Jennifer**. Tel. 01661 852926

*Jennifer King.*



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## HEDDON UNITED - end of season presentation night



Awards ready for presentation:  
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On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May after many months of planning and hard work we held our annual End of Season Presentation for 700 members at The Fed.

Every year we delight in coming together to try and build and deliver a club presentation that is better than the last, we can confidently say that this year has been our best yet! All

squads represented and coming together to celebrate.

Every player in the room from U6 to Seniors has worked incredibly hard all season, sometimes in inclement weather that felt like it would never end. These players are an absolute credit to the club, their coaches and their family. We are very proud to be able to say you all play for Heddon United Football Club!!

We firmly believe that the EOS Presentation is one of the most important dates on the football calendar, it's a perfect opportunity to be recognised for football, commitment and hard work.

The end of this season sees us bidding farewell to some of our U18 squad after 11 seasons being coached by club Chairman Liam Duffy, the loyalty of those players has been outstanding. Some of those boys, now young men have excelled down the player pathway to senior football, an amazing feat.

In 2017 when Heddon United Football Club was founded, the goal was to give two teams an inclusive place to play football but the dream was to bring a player pathway to senior football. Today we acknowledge that those dreams came true, we've been blessed to have had some amazing players pull on their boots and step foot on our grass.

We extend enormous congratulations and gratitude to those players, they stayed with us and worked hard to bring the goal to reality. Our youth system, player pathway has produced amazing young talent that made debuts in the senior fold, juniors to seniors, we are incredibly proud of you all.

The club could not exist without the hard work of the coaching team and club officials, but also without our members, the players, the parents, and everyone that comes to support grassroots football. Thank you to every one of our members for being on this journey with us!

We look forward to the next presentation, for which the planning has already begun.

**PLAYERS WANTED** Heddon United are looking to set up our youngest age group ahead of the 2024/25 season.

The **Under 6** squad is open to boys and girls, currently in Reception at School.

Upcoming open training sessions will be held on;

- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May (10:00-11:00) Victrix Park, NE15 9TP
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June (10:00-11:00) Victrix Park, NE15 9TP
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (10:00-11:00) Victrix Park, NE15 9TP

**CONTACT: Liam - 07415 525 322 or Ana - 07359 594 363** for more information, or to confirm your attendance.

Marie Blake

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