

Next deadline **strictly: Fri 24th January**

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Dates for your diary 2025

- 8th Jan - WI : Supermarket Taste Comparisons
- 11th Jan - Pop Up Café Village Hall 10-12.30
- 16th Jan - Parish Council meeting 7.30pm West Room (inc alncom group)
- 25th Jan - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall
- 29th Jan - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms 8pm

Forthcoming events

- 7th Feb - Cricket Club Dinner
- 7th Feb - Frostys Fish & Chips
- 3rd May - Fleeting Rumours

- Mondays - Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11:30am Village Hall*
- Mondays - Stamfordham Singers 7.30pm St Mary's Church*
- Mondays - Indoor Carpet Bowls 7pm Village Hall
- Wednesdays - Pilates 12.30-1.30pm Village Hall
- Wednesdays - Post Office Village Hall Car Park 3.55-4.55pm
- Wednesdays - Karate 6.30pm Village Hall
- Thursdays - Yoga 10-11am Village Hall
- Thursdays - Jill Errington Theatre School 3.30-5.10pm Village Hall*
- Third Tuesday of the month - Walking Group (contact Sally Hutt)
- * term time only



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

Pop Up Café

Saturday 11th January 10:00-12:30

Take a break from cooking, come along and enjoy
 bacon buns, home made cake and fresh coffee with
 friends.



Stamfordham Pop-Up Cafe

This event supports the Stamfordham Playing Fields and Village Hall charity.

Stamfordham Women's Institute

8th January

Supermarket Taste Comparisons





BRIDGE END BENCH

This was noticed as missing presumed stolen Sunday 8th December.

If anyone has any information regarding this would you please contact Linda Boylan
email: lindaparishcouncil@gmail.com or ring 01661 886612

Thank you, Linda

FULL FIBRE BROADBAND

The alncom group will be attending the Parish Council Meeting on January 16th 2025 in the West room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

They will give a presentation on broadband provision.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Many thanks, Linda



Full Fibre Broadband is on its way!

Coming soon to Stamfordham

The Gigabit Voucher Scheme has been set up to fund fibre installations to every eligible business and residential property in your local area. But it is time limited so register now before the fund runs out.

Alncom are one of the few Government registered suppliers - and we are based Alnwick, we are local company, employing local people. We have already built fibre networks and connected thousands of people in the North East & Borders with high speed broadband. This means that they can now access all internet services, enjoy online gaming, conduct video calls around the world, watch 'buffering free' HD TV and work efficiently from home – all at the same time! The project is demand led so please register your interest – the more interest we receive, the greater chance we have of making it a reality.

Register your interest NOW at: www.alncom.co.uk or call 01665 604816 and receive an EARLY BIRD discount. You can also visit www.alncom.co.uk/stamfordham for updates on the project and dates that we will be in your area so you can meet us face to face.

If you want to know more about the government funding visit: gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk



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Graham Herford

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Email: graham.herford@btinternet.com



Crafty Reivers

meet on Saturdays in the West Room of the village hall

from 10am to 4pm

Dates for 2025:

25th Jan, 22nd Feb, 22nd March, 26th April, 24th May, 28th June, 27th Sept, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov.

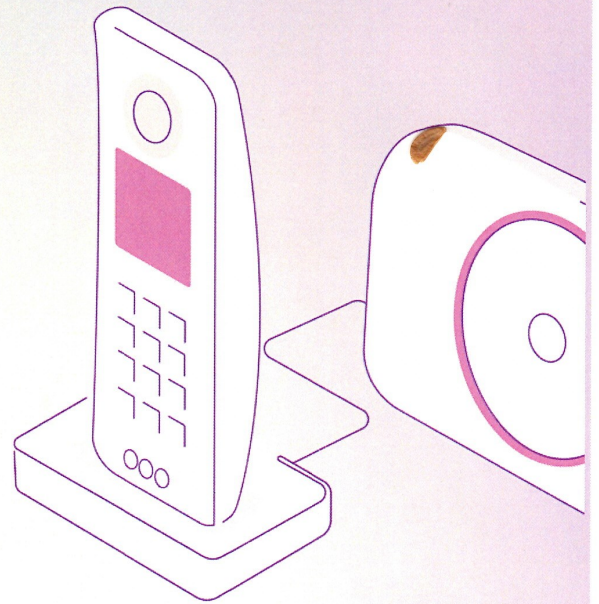
All crafters welcome. Bring a packed lunch and your chosen craft. This is a supportive self-help group.

Cost £3 to members and £6 for visitors to cover room hire and refreshments.

Sue Parker

A guide to Digital Voice

Digital Voice is BT's new home phone service, powered by your broadband connection



For most customers, the switch to Digital Voice will be as simple as connecting your home phone handset to a router rather than the phone socket on the wall.

BT is raising awareness about the switch to its digital home phone service on a region-by-region basis, to help customers understand the simple steps required to make the switch.



Over 99% of phone handsets are compatible with our digital home phone service. And if yours isn't compatible, we have a range of handsets that you can add to your order.

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For most BT customers, it is a simple and completely free transition to Digital Voice with no home installation work required. And you can keep your current phone number.



Digital Voice prevents the majority of scam calls, provides clearer call quality and allows users to easily divert calls to their mobile if they're out of the house.



Customers will be contacted four weeks before making the switch, to help ensure they're ready to make the move.

What about customers with additional needs?

BT is taking extra time and will provide additional support to customers who identify as vulnerable or with additional needs to ensure they are ready to move to a digital landline.

All local authorities and telecare providers have been asked to share which phone lines have telecare devices on them, and BT is encouraging any vulnerable customers who have concerns or who haven't told us about their circumstances to give us a call on 0330 1234 150.

Together with Government, Ofcom, telecoms providers, charity partners and key industry groups, BT is working hard to ensure that everyone knows about the change, how they will be impacted and what they need to do as a result.

What if there's a power cut?

We understand that for many, particularly those with additional needs, the landline is a lifeline. We want to be sure everyone remains connected. We've been working to make battery back-up units available to those that need them. Customers with additional needs such as health pendants or without mobile signal, can take advantage of free additional support, on request. We're also working closely with the power companies to establish processes which help them to restore power as quickly as possible.

For more information, visit www.bt.com/digital-voice





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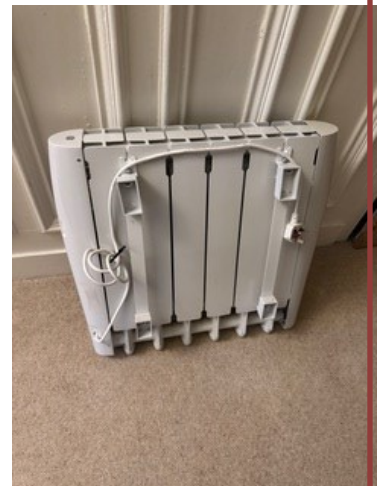


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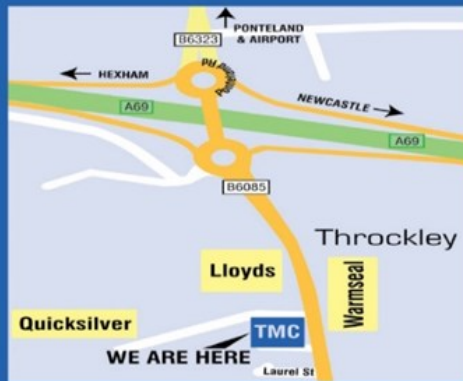


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All welcome, £2 inc refreshments

PONT NEWS & VIEWS

Follow the link below to find out what is going on in Ponteland

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Friday 24th January 2025 via email to stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

I am sorry to say I cannot accept anything after this date, if you send something it will go into the following month's edition. Emergency notification emails only will be sent from the Communicator email account.

Thank you, Anne Williams

Veronica Jones

who is the County Councillor for Stamfordham, Matfen and the other surrounding villages, attends the Pop-Up Café to hear any concerns or issues about County Council matters from residents, and would be delighted to meet you.

If you need to contact Veronica you can email her:

[Veronica.Jones](mailto:Veronica.Jones@northumberland.gov.uk)

@northumberland.gov.uk



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Please note change in contact details

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Please remember that orders should be sent to both oil@bluebark.com (tel: 886855) and stamfordhamoil@gmail.com (tel. 07811196922). You will always receive an acknowledgement.



Swinburne Arms
Wednesday 29th January
at 8pm

DISRUPTION TO ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES

Winter has arrived with the increased chance of losing our power supply. The village and surrounding area are not always all affected at one time so that small areas only may be cut off.

IN THE EVENT OF LOSS OF POWER PLEASE RING 105 AND REPORT TO NORTHERN POWERGRID

If you are a resident who needs power to provide assistance in their home or for medical equipment you need to ring 105 and register as a Vulnerable Resident to obtain a priority service. You still need to ring this number in the event of loss of power.

Stamfordham Parish Council

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Stamfordham Walking Group



We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Bay Horse Car Park in Stamfordham.

Walks are 8-10km (5-6 miles) on public rights of way locally or further afield.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list to be kept up to date with the proposed walk for the month, please

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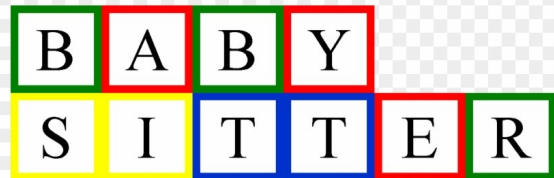
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- Befriending service
- Cleaning/laundry
- Meals/nutrition
- Attending appointments
- Accessing the community/socializing
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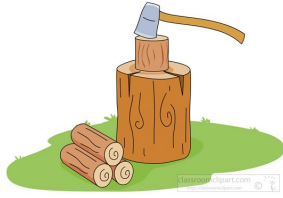


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Meetings and talks at St Mary's Parish Centre are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday 8th January:

Canny Lads & Radgie Gadgies - the Geordie Dialect

by Linda Davison

We welcome enquiries from anyone wishing to join Ponteland u3a - please call the membership secretary on 01661 824953

Ponteland Health Walks

Meet every Tuesday at 10.30am

outside **Ponteland Leisure Centre**

The free walks take 60 to 90 minutes on local footpaths. A good opportunity to walk safely, improve fitness and make new friends.

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