

Stamfordham Communicator

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Dates for your diary 2025

1st May - Northumberland local election 7am-10pm Village Hall
 2nd May - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
 3rd May - Fleeting Rumours, Village Hall 8-11pm
 10th May - VE Day Pop Up Café+Stamfordham Singers, Village Hall 10-12.30
 10th May - Scarecrow Workshop 2pm Village Hall
 11th May - Afternoon Church 4.30pm St Mary's Church
 14th May - WI : Women Who Murder - Win Clayton
 16th May - All Stars & Dynamos Cricket for children
 16th May - Frosty's Fish & Chips 4.30-7.00pm
 23rd May - Blaydon Cycle Club Time Trial Race from 7pm
 24th May - Scarecrow Trail starts (until 7th June)
 24th May - Crafty Reivers 10am-4pm West Room, Village Hall
 28th May - Pub Quiz, Swinburne Arms 8pm

Mondays - Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11:30am Village Hall*

Mondays - Carpet Bowls 7-9pm Village Hall

Mondays - Stamfordham Singers 7.30pm St Mary's Church*

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

Forthcoming events

7th June - Stamfordham Village Fayre

8th June - Afternoon Church

6th July - Cyclone Challenge Rides

17th August - Curlew Cup & Beaumont Trophy



VE Day Pop Up Café

Saturday 10th May 10:00-12:30



Pop Up Café remembers Victory in Europe Day with a WWII sing-along with Stamfordham Choir.

Join us and enjoy home made cake, bacon and sausage butties and good fresh coffee.

(No Pop Up in June due to the Village Fayre)

Stamfordham Women's Institute

Wednesday 14th May at 7pm in West Room

"Women Who Murder" by Win Clayton





Northumberland Local Election

Thursday 1st May 2025

Stamfordham Village Hall polling station open from 7am to 10pm.

You will need to take photo ID to vote. You don't need your poll card.

You can find details of accepted photo ID here:

<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

FROSTY'S FISH & CHIPS

Friday 2nd May & Friday 16th May

(1st and 3rd Friday of every month)



There is a calendar on their website of their round here <https://www.frostysmobilechippy.co.uk/our-round>



Saturday 3rd May 2025

8pm-11pm Stamfordham Village Hall

Come for a great night out with 'Fleeting Rumours' - the music of Fleetwood Mac

There will be a bar and we are also offering hot pork sandwiches which will be available to buy from Scott's Catering & Hog Roasts

Don't miss out on what will be a fantastic night and help support the annual fireworks and the village hall

<https://buytickets.at/stamfordhambonfireworks/1307157>



Every friday from the 16th May to 4th July!

ALL STARS – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

DYNAMOS – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Stamfordham Cricket Club

*All Stars Cricket provides non-stop fun
for all children aged 5-8 years old.*

*Dynamos Cricket provides boys and
girls from 8-11 years old with non-
stop fun.*



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Our season in NTCL Division 5 West has started and there is plenty of cricket coming up. If you've not been up already, the work completed over the winter months in upgrading the facilities have made an huge difference.

We hosted our annual awards evening dinner in the Village Hall on 11th April. A fantastic evening and a wonderful Toast to Cricket given by Professor Richard Welbury CBE.

Our upcoming home fixtures include:-

-  Saturday 3rd May - Wylam - 1pm start
-  Saturday 17th May - Greenside 2s - 1pm start
-  Wednesday 21st May - Belsay - 6pm start
-  Saturday 31st May - Humshaugh - 1pm start

Outdoors nets have started, and run every Tuesday night 6-8.30pm. If anyone is interested in learning a new sport, then just pop and long and we'll make you feel very welcome!

We have been invited to host a county representative match, Northumberland U-15s Girls, on Sunday 18th May. This is a huge honour for the village and I'm sure the girls would love to have local support as they face off against their Yorkshire counterparts!

Finally, the Monthly quiz is on 4th May, starting at 7pm in the Pavillion clubhouse!

Please get in touch via social media, email (stamfordhamcricketclub@gmail.com) or contact myself on 07850358384

Greig Taylor
Stamfordham CC Secretary



Stamfordham Singers CONCERT!!

Please come to our free "Sing-a-long" concert on

Saturday 10th May at 11am

at the Village Hall Pop Up Café

We will sing some Northumberland folk songs and everyone can join in with us as we sing songs from World War II to commemorate VE Day as it is 80 years since World War II ended.

Please join us for happy signing sessions every Monday 7.30-9.00pm in St Mary's Church

Stamfordham Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 20th March 2025 commencing at 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall

Those Present: Cllr L Boylan (Chairman), Cllr S Parker, Cllr C Reynolds, Cllr T Merridew, Cllr M Lloyd

In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), V Jones (County Cllr)

 2025/14 Apologies for absence
Cllr R Williams, Cllr D Hutt

2025/15 Members to confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 16th January 2025

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025 were a true record.

2025/16 Public Questions
There were no Public Questions.

2025/17 Planning Matters

2025/17/01 Planning Applications received. Members to consider applications.

- 25/00707/PRUTPO: Hawkwell Close – TPO: T11 Beech – Reduce by 4-5m. Large cavity on south side of stem from base to 4m. T12 – Beech – Remove lowest eastern branch (decayed). Slight asymmetrical form. Lowest eastern branch decayed (overhangs garden) – members had no comments to make on the proposals.

2025/17/02 Planning Application approved. Members to note approvals.

- 24/04192/FUL: Close House, 7 Brewery Close – Timber Conservatory

2025/17/03 Planning Application NO 23/03549/FUL, Annexe at Harlow Hill. Members to receive update on Stage 2 Complaint response.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to make a submission to the Ombudsman.

2025/18 Neighbourhood Plan

1. Members to receive update from Working/Steering Group

Cllr Boylan had attended a Space for Nature meeting at Swarland. An offer from a professional to speak to the Council in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan had been forthcoming.

2. Members to receive update on purchase of I.T. equipment to aid Neighbourhood Plan

No update available.

2025/19 Financial Matters

2024/19/01 Payments. Members to authorise the following payment

PAYABLE TO	DETAIL	NET	VAT	GROSS
Great North Air Ambulance	Grant, approved 16/1/25	£200	NIL	
C Miller	Six monthly <u>salary</u>	£674.32		
	Six monthly expenses	£64.80		
Stamfordham Playing Field & Village Hall	Meeting room rent, 12/11/24	£30.00	NIL	
	Meeting room rent 16/1/25	£30.00		
	Meeting room rent 20/3/25	£30.00		
Morgan Lloyd	Costs relating to play area maintenance	£41.30	£34.42	£6.88
L Boylan (Via Scott's of Whittington)	Gate repair	£22.00	£4.40	£26.40

RESOLVED:

1. Members approved the payments.
2. Cllr Lloyd to move spring to outside of gate at play area.

2024/19/02 Village Fayre Committee. Members to consider grant request for £500
Members considered grant request from Village Fayre Committee.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed not to award a grant.

2024/19/03 Members to receive acknowledgement of grant to Great North Air Ambulance
Members noted the acknowledgement of grant from Great North Air Ambulance.

2025/20 County Councillor Report

The draft Local Transport Plan 2025-2026 included resurfacing at Oaten Bank, Harlow Hill. Works to be carried out on road at Heugh Mill bridge. County Cllr had received a request for passing places on back road to Ponteland, and was to possibly fund dropped kerb(s) in the parish.

Cllr Boylan reported shrubbery is causing vision problems for vehicles at Fenwick (where tree was removed).

2025/21 Climate Change

2025/21/01 Bike repair station. Members to receive update on proposal

The Clerk advised County Cllr contribution of £1799 had been paid into the Parish Council bank account.

RESOLVED:

Back repair station to be installed. Contractor to invoice Parish Council.

2025/22 Parish Maintenance and related issues

2025/22/01 Bay horse. Members to consider Health & Safety issues

The listed building continues to deteriorate, and which the Parish Council consider to be dangerous.

RESOLVED:

County Cllr to continue to lobby County Council with concerns.

2025/22/02 Parish footpaths. Members to receive update

County Council had repaired the bridge over Howe Burn.

2025/22/03 Possible footpath to playing field. Members to consider costs

Further landscape gardeners to submit quotations.

2025/22/04 Parish Signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment of Black and white Stamfordham signage. Members to consider quotation for repairs/refurbishment road sign at Bridge end.

Quotation for repairs to signage had been received, at a total cost of £1800. The Council had striven to gain additional quotes to no avail.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to accept the quotation from Rusty Restorations.

2025/22/05 Parking within the parish. Members to consider issues

Abandoned car had been reported to County Council.

County Councillor had received a parking request for the verge at Bridge end.

2025/22/06 Parish trees. Members to consider any tree issues in the parish

Item to be removed from agenda.

2025/22/07 Dog fouling in the parish. Members to consider ongoing problems

Item to be removed from agenda.

2025/22/08 Play area maintenance. Members to consider any issues

1. Condition of paths and soft surface areas

Soft surface area requires cleansing.

RESOLVED:

Cllr Boylan to contact grasscutting contractor to see if they could action.

2025/23 Generator Point at Village Hall. Members to receive update

Item to be removed from agenda.

2025/24 Noticeboards.

1. Members to consider request for noticeboard at Harlow Hill

A tall slim structure could be placed next to the post box, however costs were prohibitive.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to carry out further investigations for a suitable location and structure.

2. Members to receive update on display of notices at old coalhouse doors
Item to be removed from agenda.

2025/25 Review of internal controls

Members considered the Statement of Internal Control

RESOLVED:

1. Members agreed the current internal controls were adequate.
2. Members agreed the current direct debit to HMRC would continue.

2025/26 Review of internal auditor

The Clerk advised Mrs A Winter was prepared to continue as the internal auditor.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to re-engage Mrs A Winter as internal auditor year ending 31.3.25.

2025/27 Review of insurance policy

The Clerk advised of the current covers as follows:

Contents £23K; playground equipment £63,500 (subject to single article limit of £10K); Public Liability £12m; Employers Liability £10m; Libel and Slander £100K; Fidelity Guarantee £250K; Loss of non-negotiable money £250K.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the levels of insurance were sufficient

2025/28 Review of Asset Register

Members considered the Asset Register.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the Asset Register was an accurate record.

2025/29 Review of Risk Assessment

Members considered the Risk Assessment.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the Risk Assessment was adequate.

2025/30 Governance Review. Members to receive official order relating to community governance review

The Clerk advised Northumberland County Council had forwarded the official order relating to the community governance review.

2025/31 **Ultrafast broadband. Members to receive update on project**
Alcom representatives had attended Pop up Café events.

2025/32 **Defibrillator, Harlow Hill. Members to consider resident request for defibrillator**
The Clerk had been contacted by a resident of Harlow Hill regarding a possible defibrillator to be located at Harlow Hill. Members considered locations and agreed a defibrillator could not be placed on private land.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed there was no suitable location for a defibrillator at Harlow Hill.

2025/33 **British Telecom, Digital Voice. Members to note public meeting 10am to 4pm 15 & 16/4/25, Morrisons, Morpeth**
Members noted the public meeting in relation to telephone digital switchover 2027.

2025/34 **Local Elections 2025. Clerk to give verbal report on process**
The Notice of Election published on Thursday 20th March officially opens the election period and from Friday 21st March to Wednesday 2nd April the Returning Officer can accept nomination forms. Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to County Hall or Hexham.

2025/35 **Urgent business/items for next agenda**
There was no urgent business / items for next agenda.

2025/36 **To confirm the date of the next meeting**
The next meeting of Stamfordham Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15th May 2025 commencing 730pm in Stamfordham Village Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will commence at 7pm



The meeting closed at 910pm

Claire Miller, Clerk/RFO



Blaydon Cycle Club Time Trial Bicycle Race

Friday 23rd May

From 7pm there will be 60-70 cyclists setting off every minute

They will be racing round a loop from Stamfordham to Black Heddon, Wallridge then down to Matfen and back to Stamfordham.

Prior warning so as not to disrupt any planned activities you may be involved in that evening.



Its been a number of years, but we are back and looking forward to a fabulous

STAMFORDHAM VILLAGE FAYRE

Saturday 7th June 1-4pm

Please follow our Facebook page to be kept up to date with everything that is being planned. We will also share most things to the Stamfordham Matters Facebook page

Pre-Fayre Event - Stamfordham Village Scarecrow Trail



Entry fee £5



Participants to register by Friday 16th May, with entry fee paid by Friday 23rd May



Exhibits on display by 24th May and will be judged on the day of the fayre



All scarecrows must be on display in Stamfordham or Hawkwell - if you live outside the village, please contact Martin and he will be able to help you find a location in the village for your scarecrow



All scarecrows must have some straw included. May and straw will be provided by Stamfordham Young Farmers and will be delivered on 23rd May to the village hall



All scarecrows must have a sign that advertises the fayre "Stamfordham Village Fayre 7th June 1-4pm"



No mannequin parts to be used



Entries to be tasteful. Nothing inappropriate or offensive



Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, with 1st place receiving a trophy

To register or ask questions please contact Martin at marty.gibba@gmail.com



ON FAYRE DAY



Hexham Brass Band



Fun Dog Show



Teddy Bar Parachute



Cream Teas in Church



Duck Race



Crafty Reivers will be in the Village Hall doing their crafts, and will have others on display. There will also be an adult and child craft competition to enter.



Cake competition



Floral competition



Various food and drink stalls including Swinburne Arms, Fire & Dough and Tony's Ices



Variety of stalls



And of course the Grand Raffle

We would really appreciate help with the following:

- ♦ Volunteers to help with the cream teas
- ♦ Tombola prizes - there will be an adult and children's tombola. Any prizes can be left in the box at the back of St. Mary's Church
- ♦ Baking of scones for cream teas and cakes for the cake stall
- ♦ Help with setup and take down



If you can help with any of the above or have any questions about the Fayre please WhatsApp Revd Rachel 07916681128 or email r.scheffer@newcastle.anglican.org



Thinking about making a scarecrow for the Village Fayre Scarecrow trail?

Go on its good fun!

Do you want some help?

Join us in Stamfordham Village Hall on Saturday 10th May at 2pm.

The following is needed to construct a sound scarecrow:

- ♦ **1 old broom handle**
- ♦ **1 metal coat hanger**
- ♦ **Old or new paper type body suit (inspection suit)**
- ♦ **Newspaper**
- ♦ **Balloon**
- ♦ **Mudrock (we will get this for you but will require a donation towards its cost)**

If you can't get these items and you wish to make a scarecrow, please let Charlotte know.

charlotte65hancock@gmail.com / 01661 886206

Looking forward to seeing you!!!



Calling All Stall Holders!

**We have places available for small businesses and
crafts people to have a stall at the
Stamfordham Village Fayre 7th June 1-4pm**

Stalls are £15

**If you are interested
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or WhatsApp 07916681128**



**Wednesdays
from 15.55-16.55 in the vil-
lage hall car park**

Afternoon Church Stamfordham

Afternoon Church is every second Sunday of the month
at 4.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Stamfordham.
We have a short time of worship, activities and refreshments and
is ideally suited to families with young children
but everyone is very welcome.

For more information or to join our Whatsapp Group
please contact Revd Rachel: 07916681128

12th Jan
9th Feb
9th Mar
13th Apr
11th May
8th June

13th Jul
10th Aug
14th Sep
12th Oct
9th Nov
14th Dec



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Some garden work undertaken

If you need help with anything please call. Small jobs also welcome.

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Crafty Reivers

meet on Saturdays in the West Room of the village hall

from 10am to 4pm

Dates for 2025:

24th May, 28th June, new date - 26th July (hoping to do natural dyeing outside), 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

Veronica Jones

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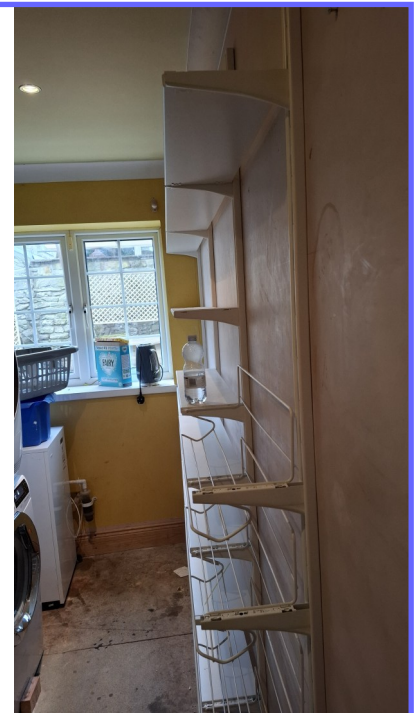
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If you would like to be added to the mailing list to be kept up to date with the proposed walk for the month, please email sally.hutt64@gmail.com or ring 01661 886442



Carpet Bowls

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White Medical Group Patient Participation Group

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Please note change in contact details

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Monday 26th May

via email to Stamfordhamcommunicator@gmail.com

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Wednesday 7th May:

Canine Partners by Susan Fulton

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