

February 2025

Welcome

We are through wet and windy January and signs of spring are appearing. In this edition we focus on how we might address the challenge of heating our homes as gas and oil boilers are gradually phased out and we think about which renewable energy option to go for.

Did you know that Haydon Bridge had its own district heating gas supply till the early 1940s? Eighty years later a new option might be a new renewable energy powered district heating system for most of the village – see photo *right* and read more on page 3.

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What's going on

Nights Out

Try your hand at bowls - 5 open 'Club Night evenings' where ALL WELCOME - dates below

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| February 6 | Bowls 'Open Club night' | Community Centre 7pm |
| February 14 | Valentine Special £20 for 2 course meal | General Havelock |
| February 20 | Film and food Fableman' (Spielberg biopic) | General Havelock, 7.30pm supper/8.00pm film |
| February 20 | Bowls 'Open Club night' | Community Centre 7pm |
| February 21 | Charity Quiz Night 'GNAA' | Haydonian 8.30pm |
| February 25 | Charity Quiz night 'Bridge2Care' | General Havelock 8.15pm |
| February 27 | Uketeers | General Havelock 7-9pm |
| February 27 | Bowls 'Open Club night' | Community Centre 7pm |
| February 28 | Music with Meg | General Havelock 7.30-10.30pm |
| February 28 | Race Night 'HB Football Club' | Haydonian 5.30pm |
| March 1 | Darts marathon 'Macmillan Support' | Haydonian 10am -10pm |
| March 1 | 'Sophie Davis' singer | Haydonian 9pm |
| March 1 | Buskers | General Havelock 7pm |
| March 6 | Bowls 'Open Club night' | Community Centre 7pm |
| March 20 | Bowls 'Open Club night' | Community Centre 7pm |
| March 20 | Film & food night 'My Favourite Cake' | General Havelock 7.30pm |
| March 21 | Charity quiz night '@Dementia UK' | Haydonian 8.30pm |
| March 25 | Charity Quiz night 'breast cancer' | General Havelock 8.15pm |
| 27 March | Uketeers | General Havelock 7-9pm |
| March 28 | Musicians | General Havelock 7.30pm |
| March 29 | 'Liberty Belle' singing duo | Haydonian 9pm |
| April 12 | 'Kev Roberts' singer | Haydonian 9pm |

Nature Club = 7:15pm in the Methodist Church

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| 13 th February | 'Bats': Helen McDonald |
| 27 th February | AGM (Members Only) followed by 'The Geology of the Canadian Rockies' David Hughes |
| 13 th March | 'White Clawed Crayfish': Emily Johnston |
| 27 th March | 'Red Squirrels': Abbie McQueen |

Churches

Thank you to those attending the St John's Carol Service and the Methodist Church Christmas Eve Crib Service. Monies donated have gone to the West Northumberland Food Bank

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| Catholic Church | Sunday services at 9am |
| Methodist Church | Sunday service at 10.30am Friday 7 March 2pm World Day of Prayer Contact Rev Michael Holland (01434 683732) |
| St Cuthbert's Church | Sunday service at 11am (and 8am on 16 February) Ash Wednesday 5 March 7pm Look at noticeboard outside the church for upcoming services |



The Bridge Library and Community Hub

It's never too late to say Happy New Year is it? Make this the year you start something new:

Get out and explore (we have lots of local tourist info at the Bridge)

Join a group or set one up (we can help with our local knowledge)

A NEW DAYTIME BOOK CLUB – COME AND JOIN

We have 3 local residents who have expressed an interest in joining a daytime book club. **If you are interested in joining please phone the library on the number above or email us at admin@haydon-bridge.co.uk**

Book a venue (the Bridge and the Community Centre are available for hire as well as the village pubs)

Reserve library books: Do you know that with free library membership you can reserve books from any of the County's libraries and pick them up here? Enjoy a story or learn a new skill.

Crafts for sale: We have Easter (and other) crafts for sale at the Bridge. All sales contribute to our running costs.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE BRIDGE OFFERS?

- With the Northumberland County Council Library Card, The Bridge provides a FULL PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE including book, audio and large print books, E books via Borrowbox and Pressreader for newspapers and magazines – ALL AT NO COST
- Childrens library area with toys for younger children
- Tourist and visitor information, including walks and cycling leaflets
- Social activities such as knit and natter (Tuesday 1:30-3:30) and lego on Fridays after school (3-6).
- Local archive (see next page)
- Coffee and warm hub
- Computer use
- Book and craft sales and display space for artists
- Office services
- Cycle hub
- Study space
- And more

Opening hours

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| Monday | 9-12 | Friday | 3-6 |
| Tuesday | 1-4 | Saturday | 9.30-12.30 |
| Wednesday | 1-4 | | |
| Thursday | CLOSED | | |

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ADVERTISE YOUR VILLAGE EVENT – put the event in our Events Diary and we will try our best to publicise it in the Courant, The Haydon Newsletter, the village website and via social media

Local Archive

2025 is the 150th anniversary of the Coop in Haydon Bridge. The Haydon Bridge Industrial Cooperative Society Ltd was formed in March 1875. By May there were 71 members and a shop was opened in the disused Wesleyan Chapel on Ratcliffe Road (now Valley View house). After 11 years more suitable premises were needed. In May 1886 a new store opened on Shaftoe Street and the original shop closed. The Coop flourished here, expanding and providing more services. In 1942 another shop was opened, back on Ratcliffe Road, in the building still occupied today. The Shaftoe Street store was closed in 1973 after nearly 90 years.



The Coop's 50th anniversary in 1925 was celebrated at the Town Hall with a meat tea, a film presentation, a children's presentation and a concert. 450 china fruit bowls were also made as Jubilee Souvenirs and at least one survives in the collections at The Bridge. *Perhaps the best way to celebrate this year's 150th anniversary is to continue to support and shop at the Coop.*

This brief overview of the Coop in Haydon Bridge is drawn from Dennis Telford's Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News. There are articles about the Coop in the editions of February 2014 to August 2015. You can read these online at www.haydon-news.co.uk/issues/archive.htm



Community Action

How do we heat our home when fossil fuel is being phased out? Could there be a village solution?

Heating and hot water for our home is one of the main costs each household has to face. And when we are faced with needing a new boiler or heating system and with fossil fuel being phased out WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

One option is to explore your own renewable heating system such as a heat pump or biomass. But this can be very expensive for each individual household to do.

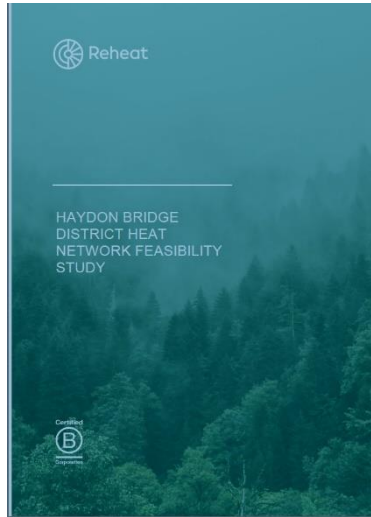
When we consulted the community for the 2022-36 Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan we did a household survey asking your views about renewable energy options for you as individual households or for village wide solutions. The response to both was very positive and the Parish Council has followed this up by declaring a Climate Emergency.

One action from the Neighbourhood Plan was to set up a Net Zero group to investigate future options. The group worked with other partners to secure funding for a feasibility study into a renewable energy district heating system for the village .

The report has now been published and you can read/download the Executive Summary via the News Headlines section of the village website. [Click here to download](#)

What is a District Heating system?

- A single source of hot water distributed around the village via underground pipes.
- A heat source from a central energy centre would provide the heating through distribution pipes – could be electric, ground/air source heat pump, but probably biomass as it is the cheapest and also the lowest carbon footprint. Fuel for



the energy centre could change in the future if another renewable fuel becomes cheaper and technically feasible.

Multiple sources can also be used

- A heat exchanger replaces the boiler in the house and is connected to the main distribution pipe in the street. The existing domestic system is unaffected.

The main findings of the feasibility study:

- Implementation of a heat network is technically feasible to cover most of the village, and could lead to a substantial reduction in carbon emissions
- It could offer a reduced heating cost (per kWh) compared to current energy sources for individual householders
- There would be a huge improvement in air quality and health of the village
- The initial capital cost is high and we would need to secure grants to cover a high percentage

- Enough homes would need to sign up to make it viable

Next steps

The Parish Council and the Development Trust will work with Northumberland County, Community Action Northumberland, Karbon Homes, and other key partners and potential funders to decide whether there is strong enough support and potential funding to make a district heating system viable. If the response is positive then the next steps will be to:

- Approach potential funders
- Undertake more detailed feasibility work on different aspects of the scheme – such as how to best cross the river and railway
- Consult with the community about the pros and cons of moving forward to gauge the level of support

1st HB Scout Group

We were delighted this month to be recognized by Lucia Bridgeman, the High Sheriff of Northumberland, in her annual awards in respect of our volunteering and contribution to the wellbeing of young people in our community. A couple of our volunteers and smartest scouts will be attending the Alnwick Playhouse in March to receive the award from Mrs Bridgeman.

1st Haydon Bridge is a thriving, well organized and well supported outfit and we are always looking for new people to come along and get involved. It is incredibly rewarding and more fun than golf or fishing (I think!), the only age limitation is being over 18 so if you fancy a new hobby there is no reason not to get involved as little or as much as you like, just contact me, Rob Copley, via Facebook or at robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk for more information. In the coming months our young people are visiting the Twice Brewed planetarium, going snow tubing, camping out, camping in, hiking, learning karate and getting a football training session, facing off at Archery tag, having a disability awareness session, going surfing and going climbing. What's not to like! We are especially keen to recruit more girls into the group, Scouting is definitely not just for boys, so if you know any girls between the ages of 4 and 14, get in touch once again. The fabulous support we receive from our community means it is a very inexpensive interest for young people.

| February Half Term @ Nurture Community Garden | | |
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| Mon 24th Feb | Over 5's Holiday Club 10am-2pm | book via website |
| Tue 25th Feb | CLOSED | |
| Wed 26th Feb | Over 5's Holiday Club 10am-2pm | book via website |
| Thurs 27th Feb | Community Garden Open 12.30-4.30pm | open to public |
| Fri 28th Feb | Nature Explorers Family Fun - All ages | book via website |

www.thenurtureprojectcic.co.uk

| March - April 2025 | | |
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| Term Time | Nurture Forest School: Over 5's | book via website |
| Mondays | Community Garden Open 3.00-4.30 | open to public |
| Wednesdays | Community Garden Open 3.00-4.30 | open to public |
| Thursdays | Community Garden Open 12.30-4.30 | open to public |
| Sun 9th March | Community Garden Open 12.00-3.00 | open to public |
| Sat 22nd March | SPRING CELEBRATION EVENT 1pm | open to public |
| Sun 13th April | Community Garden Open 12.00-3.00 | open to public |
| 14th - 25th April | Easter Holiday Clubs | book via website |



Businesses and Services

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Local Groups meeting at the Haydon Bridge Community Centre: Valerie Bell 07809 609166
Craft class – 1pm. Alternative Tuesdays. Jackie Reed. Tel: 07506 731312
Yoga – Tuesdays 7.15pm and Qi Gong Thursdays 9:30am. Gill Valentine 07711 110850
Bowls Club – Thursdays 7.30pm. Joseph Tulip. Tel: 07534 214365
Keep fit – Fridays 9.45am. Carole Price. Tel: 07939 202930
Hornby Collectors Assn – 10am 2nd Sundays bi monthly Grant Robinson 07311 605366

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Meets at Catholic Church Hall, just off North Bank – Squirrels (4-6) Monday 4.45-5.45;
Beavers (6-8) Monday 6-7; Cubs (8-10.5) Tuesday 5-6; Scouts (10.5 to 14.5) Tuesday 6.30 to 8.30.