

September 2026

Welcome

Tackling the climate emergency: This autumn The Haydon Bridge Net Zero Group, supported by the Parish Council is putting on a programme of free events on: affordable energy for your home, tackling the climate emergency, and the food system and what and how to eat – SEE LATER IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR DATES AND DETAILS

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Stall AND Free CAN energy advice stall at the Community Centre on Saturday 26th September from 10 o'clock until sold out (usually around 11.30). Donations of baked goods for sale can be made on Friday 25th from 11.30 until 2.00 and from 9.00 on Saturday at the venue. Many thanks now for your support.

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Large print copy: you can get a 14pt large print copy at The Bridge: Library & Community Hub on Church Street.

To make a donation: You can donate at The Bridge towards the Newsletter running costs.



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What's Going On

Nights Out

Thu 10 Sep	Chinese Street Food	Railway Hotel 4-8pm
Sat 12 Sep	Fruit & Veg Show	Haydonian Community Lounge from 9am
Sat 12 Sep	Live Music, Roadstunner	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Sun 13 Sep	Vintage Model Railway Exhibition	Community Centre 11am - 3.30pm
Tue 15 Sep	Quiz Night/Pie & Peas Supper	Methodist Church 7pm
Thu 17 Sep	Film and Food night: Rose of Nevada	General Havelock Inn 7.30pm
Fri 18 Sep	Charity Quiz Dementia UK	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8.30pm
Fri 25 Sep	Music with Meg	General Havelock Inn 7.30pm
Fri 25 Sep	Friday Night Bingo	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8pm
Tue 29 Sep	Charity Quiz: Donkey Sanctuary	General Havelock Inn 8.15pm
Thu 1 Oct	Uketeers	General Havelock Inn 7pm
Sat 10 Oct	Live Music: The Rukus	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 9pm
Fri 16 Oct	Charity Quiz: Village Fireworks	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8.30pm
Sat 17 Oct	Piano Man Bear	Railway Hotel 8pm
Thu 22 Oct	Film and Food night: The Hen	General Havelock Inn 7.30pm
Fri 23 Oct	Friday Night Bingo	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8pm
Sat 24 Oct	Concert By Salvation Army Band & Singers + Supper	Methodist Church 7.30pm
Tue 27 Oct	Charity Quiz: Teenage Cancer Trust	General Havelock Inn 8.15pm
Fri 30 Oct	Music with Meg	General Havelock Inn 7.30pm
Sat 31 Oct	Kids' Halloween Party	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 1-4pm
Sat 31 Oct	Adults Halloween Disco	Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar 8pm
Sat 31 Oct	Halloween Disco Keith	Railway Hotel 8pm

Also Weekly

Community Centre	Club Nights – everyone welcome – no experience needed: Sep 10, 17, 24: Oct 8, 15:
Thursdays 7pm HB	Nov 5
Carpet Bowls Club	Bingo: Haydonian Community Lounge & Bar
Sundays 7.30pm	

Nature Club: 7.15pm Methodist Church: £5 including tea & biscuits (£30 for 10 meetings)

Thu 15 Oct	Antarctica and back with Arctic terns by Chris Redfern
Thu 29 Oct	A Welcome to Nature at Walltown by Geoff Norman
Thu 12 Nov	Planting for climate change and diversity by Lorna Tingey

Churches

Catholic Church	Sunday Mass at 9am	✚ As of Monday 24 August, there has been a change of priests - Fr Jeff Dodds and Fr Paul Kilduff have moved to other parishes; Fr Paul Jenkins, Parish Priest, and Fr Richard Green, Assistant Priest, together with retired priest, Fr Patrick Lombard, all of the Carmelite Order, will support Haydon Bridge St John of Beverley from Hexham St Mary. St John's welcomes its new clergy.
Methodist Church	Sunday services at 10:30am	✚ Tuesdays 10-12 Meeting Place teas and coffee Contact Rev Michael Holland (01434 683732) or Kathleen Armstrong (07788 988162)
St Cuthbert's Church	Parish Eucharist 11am 1-3 rd Sundays, Morning Prayer 11am 4 th Sunday	✚ NO SERVICE 20TH SEP - 10am benefice service at St Peter's Newbrough ✚ Sun 8 November Remembrance Service: refreshments at the Methodist Church For baptisms/weddings contact the Rev. Ollie Dempsey 01434 671649
St. Cuthbert's Church Autumn Gathering. Saturday September 19 th , 2 - 4 pm. Refreshments, Fresh homemade soups, pies and puddings for the freezer, Cakes, Plants, Raffle, Calendars & Cards and garden produce.		



The Bridge: Library & Community Hub

The GITS Flowerpot Challenge.

This photo shows the entry by The Bridge volunteers for the new village fundraiser, the GITS flowerpot challenge. Ours features the 'Read family' – pun intended - and celebrates the National Year of Reading. Get your thinking caps on for next year, we have free recycled plastic pots on the patio for you to use. For rainy (or not) days.



The Read Family

Plant and produce stall at The Bridge. Autumn always boosts the Produce stall variety. We would be very grateful for any spare produce you may have. All donations go towards the running costs of the Bridge. Keep an eye out on social media for the freshest arrivals as we have new produce arriving almost every day.

Eating apples. The apple tree next to the patio outside The Bridge is a dessert variety called Katy, and they should be ready to eat now! Please help yourself, and if possible give a donation to support the running of The Bridge.

Volunteering in the Parish. New school year, new plans. Why not resolve to volunteer with one of the many groups in the village? The Bridge is keen to recruit those willing to commit to 3 or so hours a week keeping our community hub open. We have vacancies in our Monday (am), and Saturday (am) teams. Other groups have different requirements but vary from gardening, children's activities, crafts, social lunches, indoor bowls, events, listening to children read etc. amongst many other interests. Drop in to The Bridge to register your interest and we can guide you to who to talk to in order to find out more.

Opening Hours

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

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE BRIDGE OFFERS?

- With the Northumberland County Council Library Card, The Bridge provides a FULL PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE including, audio and large print books, E books via Borrowbox for newspapers and magazines – ALL AT NO COST
- Children's library area with toys for younger children
- Tourist & visitor information, including walk & cycle leaflets
- Social activities such as knit and natter (Tuesday 1:30-3:30)
- Local archive (see next page)
- Coffee and warm hub
- Computer use & office services

The Weather from John Harrison

For most of July, the weather was dominated by a ridge of high pressure and a relatively strong jet stream. For the first week, winds were mainly from a westerly direction, and conditions were generally dull with occasional light rain or drizzle. Although starting dull, the clouds cleared by midday on the 8th at the start of a long spell of hot weather under strong anticyclonic conditions, the third heat wave to hit western Europe in 2026. Daytime maximum temperatures here in the Tyne Valley were higher than 20°C for eighteen days with seven exceeding 25°C. The hottest day during the heatwave was reached on the 10th which reached 29.6°C. Nocturnal temperatures remained also uncomfortably well above normal. Apart from an isolated thunderstorm on the 11th, between the 5th and 24th only 0.4mm of rainfall was recorded and many water-courses ran low, affecting livestock and the grain harvest. Less settled cyclonic weather arrived on the 25th bringing another 8.5mm of rainfall.

In August, drought continued to affect much of the British Isles as yet further heat-wave conditions persisted which increased the risk of wildfires as vegetation became tinder-dry. Intermittent light rain brought some relief at the start of the month, but the ground remained dry and water courses continued to run low. It was not until the latter half of the month that more substantial cyclonic rainfall brought more substantial falls and over a wet spell between the 17th and 19th 31mm was recorded at Plunderheath. This changed the landscape from brown to green in a relatively short period of time. By the end of the month a broader change affected the British Isles with the threat of thunderstorms under very humid conditions.

Langley on Tyne WI

If you would like to know what's on, give one of us a call or send us an email:

President: Diana Bell 01434 688055 Secretary: Cathie Burke
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Local Archive – Langley Castle: a medieval fortified hotel

Langley Castle was built in 1350. It was designed to hold the garrison of the de Lucy family who then owned the Barony of Langley. In 1405 the building was destroyed, probably by King Henry IV's troops who were in Northumberland to put down a rebellion involving the Percy family. The castle was gutted by fire and described as "little more than a roofless shell". It remained a ruin until 1860 when one tower was made habitable by Greenwich Hospital Estates who had been given the Barony lands by the Crown in 1749. The castle was sold to Cadwallader John Bates in 1882. He began to restore it but died. His wife, Josephine, completed the work in 1914. She died in 1933 and the castle



was empty until WW2 when it was used as a barracks. From 1946 until 1962 the Haydon Hunt kennels were at the stables. For a time, until 1972, a girls' school ran at the castle. Two large halls were also used for "medieval" banquets and dances. In the 1980s it was bought and lived in by the Robb family. In 1986 it was bought by Professor Stuart Madnick who converted it into a luxury hotel.

This brief history of Langley Castle is drawn from Dennis Telford's article in Historical Notes of Haydon Bridge originally published in the Haydon News in February 2006 You can read this in full online at: <https://haydon-bridge.co.uk/news/the-haydon-news-back-issues/>. See also Langley Castle's own website.



Community Action

Your support needed to Light up Haydon Bridge at Christmas!

The Haydon Bridge Christmas Tree Committee is upgrading the Christmas tree lights by installing an electric pillar on the old bridge. Further funds are needed on top of the financial support from County Councillor Alan Sharp. Your support will keep the old bridge glowing each Christmas. Collection tins for cash and cheques (payable to Haydon Bridge Christmas Tree Committee) at The Railway Hotel, General Havelock Inn and Claire's Convenience Store or click on the Go Fund Me link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/haydon-bridge-christmas-trees>. To sponsor a tree Email: joanne.dennington@outlook.com or phone 07249 257771.

Haydon Bridge High School

Staff and Pupils at Haydon Bridge High School are celebrating the school's best GCSE results in 3 years. The proportion of grades 7-9 were the highest since 2018 with particularly strong performances in English and Mathematics. Well done everyone!

Nurture Project Community Garden

- 🌍 Easy Garden Group. Thursdays 3-4.30. Adults Only. Drop in – a gentle session where you are welcome to help with light garden jobs or come and relax and connect with others and nature.
- 🌍 Adult Skills Sessions: 3-5.30pm – Book via siobhan@thenurtureproject.co.uk
- 🌍 17 September: Learn about herbs to support our body in winter & making elderberry syrup
- 🌍 12 November: Christmas willow craft – making a hanging reindeer for your Christmas tree
- 🌍 17 November: Christmas paper craft
- 🌍 26 November: Christmas willow craft – make a table decoration
- 🌍 10 December – make a Christmas wreath

Parish Council Update

Things we have been doing to improve the Parish in July and August:

- Speed surveys are planned to improve road safety on Shaftoe and John Martin Streets
- Completed road improvements:
 - Drains have been surveyed and cleared on north bank and Ratcliffe Road
 - The road has been resurfaced between the Carts Bog Inn and Stublick Chimney

- The bin at the bus stop has been fixed
- Works planned in the next month - Repairs to the playground at Shaftoe Green
- Also to come: New electric supply on the old bridge for the Christmas lights

Further details and contact information are at:

<https://haydon-bridge.co.uk/about/haydon-parish-council/>





TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

A Community Action Programme of FREE Events

Public consultation for the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan (2022-36) identified addressing the climate emergency as a priority for the community. In response the Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency and the Neighbourhood Plan included a range of action areas for our community. This autumn Haydon Bridge Net Zero Group, supported by the Development Trust and Parish Council, is putting on a series of discussion and action events for local people:

Affordable heating and energy efficiency for your home

Are you doing everything you can to save energy, keep your home warm and reduce bills?

Come along for a friendly, informal chat with the Community Action Northumberland's (CAN) Energy Team. Whether you have a specific question or simply want to explore your options, they offer practical advice and help you find out what support or funding may be available.

Over the coming months there are a couple of opportunities to **meet CAN's Energy Team**.

- Information event alongside the **Macmillan Coffee morning at the Community Centre, Saturday 26 September 10-12.**
- Drop in sessions at **The Bridge Library and Community Hub on:**
 - **Monday 19th October**, between 10am -12 noon
 - **Tuesday 10th November**, between 1pm – 3pm

The drop-in sessions offer:

- **Free, practical energy advice** to help reduce energy use and costs
- Information about **funding and grants** for insulation, retrofit and renewable heating
- The opportunity to find out what further support is available with **our free home energy audits and free small measures**

Can't join us at the drop-in sessions? You can still access free energy advice by contacting the CAN Energy Team on **01670 517178** or emailing energy@ca-north.org.uk to arrange a chat or a free home visit.

Combatting Climate Chaos as a Collaborative Community

The climate and nature crisis threatens all aspects of British life from national security to food supply, but solutions exist. In November 2025, the National Emergency Briefing brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people. Now you can get to know the evidence too.

We would like to invite you to a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing – a film bringing together thematic experts to explain what the latest science says about the climate and nature crisis, how it is already affecting our lives and what can still be done.

Rather than politics, the film offers a concise, evidence-based overview across areas including climate, food, health, economics, national security and extreme weather.

Tuesday 15th September, 7.00pm – 9.30pm at The General Havelock

To book, go to: <https://bit.ly/hay.peb1> Or click on the QR code

Everyone is welcome. We hope it will be a chance to reflect together, and discuss what we can do as a community to build resilience.



A Conversation and Film About Food, Climate and Nature: What We Can Do

We get bombarded with messages about food, farming, wildlife and nature, and about what and how to eat and the impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions. So what do you do if you want to reduce the impact of the food you eat?

To help you see the wood for the trees, Hexham Farmers' Market together with the Hextol Foundation and Go Local Food, and working with the Haydon Bridge Development Trust, is organising a **community conversation about food, nature and climate in the Methodist Church in Haydon Bridge on Tuesday 6 October 2026 starting at 7pm** and finishing around 9pm. We'll take inspiration from exciting work in Dumfries and Galloway by watching a short film they have made, and go through a few easy things you can do to set you going on your journey. **The event is free and open to everyone.** You'll have plenty opportunity to ask questions and connect with others in the community.



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Yoga – Tue 7.15pm and Qi Gong Thu 9:30am. Gill Valentine 07711 110850
Boot Camp with Abbie Oldham, 07507 118216 Wed & Fri 6.30pm-7.30pm £5
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
Friday Lunch, 12 noon at the Community Centre. Carole Price 07939 202930
Ist Haydon Bridge Scout Group: Robert.copley@northumberlandscouts.org.uk
Meets at Catholic Church Hall, just off North Bank – Squirrels (4-6) Monday 4.45pm-5.45pm Beavers (6-8) Monday 6pm-7pm; Cubs (8-10.5) Tuesday 6pm-7.30pm; Scouts (10.5 to 14.5) Wednesday 6pm-8pm.
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