Longhoughton Parish

Longhoughton – Denwick Road, Pothole Repairs – Recent pothole repairs near to the bridge on the Longhoughton to Denwick Road has been causing concern. The road is to be surface dressed on June 27th 2019 and a new road surface will be laid at this location. (work will be carried out weather permitting)

Verges – Work is being carried out now to cut all verges. Growth may be slightly higher due in main to not cutting down early spring planting such as crocuses/ daffodils etc until they are past their best.

Howick – On Friday, May 3rd I visited Howick Village with Mr Mitch Young, Highways, North Area. I was concerned that the pavement area running along past the village hall was in a very poor state of repair. A substantial stretch of pavement is now to be renewed in Howick Village by NCC Highways and this work is to be match funded with the pavement area outside Moody’s Shop in Embleton which I am donating £5k of my Members Allowance towards its renewal.

I have also requested the bus stop sign post is replaced as it is leaning over and in a dilapidated state.

Vehicle Electric Charging Point –

NCC is leading the way when it comes to creating electric vehicle charging points, with the fifth highest number of all the UK’s local-authority areas. This vehicle charging point as below is the latest addition to the Craster Car Park and Cllr Glen Sanderson, Cabinet and Portfolio Member for Highways and also myself were on hand to see the installation.
I will request that Longhoughton is added to the NCC list for a vehicle charging point.

**Assisted Waste Collections**

If you are having trouble bringing out your bin for waste collections, you may qualify for help and assistance from Northumberland County Council trade refuse department. This service is for NORTHUMBERLAND Residents Only.

Please note: To qualify for this service there must be no other able bodied person over 16 years of age living at the address.

A form to complete is available online on Northumberland County Council’s website or telephone NCC on 0345 600 6400 and ask for the trade refuse department.
GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS 2019

**Garden Waste Bins** - The 2019 season runs from early March until the end of November / beginning of December. The final collections are scheduled to take place during the weeks commencing Nov 25th or 2nd December 2019 - depending on where you live. The price for the 2019 season is £40 per bin and is the same whenever you join the scheme in the 2019 season. We can take payments for the 2019 season, providing you know your unique property reference number (which will be supplied in the email or letter of invitation to current customers). To pay for your garden waste collection service, quote your reference number to pay:

Residents wishing to join the scheme in 2019 can get further information by calling 0345 600 6400. Residents who received garden waste collections in 2018 will automatically receive a renewal email or letter during late January or early February 2019. The price for the 2019 season will be £40, and will be the season charge per bin, no matter when you join in the 2019 season.

NB. Paid for stickers will be delivered by Royal Mail and will start to be issued from w/c 21 January in plenty of time for your first collection.

DUMPING GARDEN WASTE WILL DAMAGE COASTAL ECOSYSTEM

Northumberland County Council is issuing a reminder to residents that the dumping of garden waste is illegal and classed as fly-tipping, following a spate of incidents, along the Northumberland coast which is damaging the local ecosystem.

Over the past month there has been an increase in the number of reports of people disposing of garden waste along the coastline, particularly on beaches, dunes, links and harbour areas.

There is a belief among local residents and gardening contractors that as it is garden waste, it is helping the land and therefore this does not count as fly-tipping.

Iain Robson, Access and Natural Environment Officer with the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership explains:

“We are becoming increasingly concerned at the amount of garden waste that is being discarded along the dunes.

“Most of the coastal grasslands and dune systems on the Northumberland coast are protected for their important flora. The dumping of soil, grass cuttings and other garden
waste causes two problems; firstly it enriches the soil which encourages the growth of weeds species such as docks and nettles, which outcompete the wildflowers. The second issue is accidental introduction of garden plants into the grasslands which can also outcompete native wildflowers causing the loss of important dune grassland plants.

Northumberland County Councillor, Glen Sanderson, cabinet member with responsibility for the environment and local services said:
“ There are so many ways to get rid of waste responsibly and the vast majority of our residents do so.
“There are free facilities available to householders at all of Northumberland’s household recycling centres and we operate a household garden waste collection service for a small fee.
“No matter what the waste, or the reasons behind it, fly tipping will never be tolerated and will be dealt with accordingly by the council.”
Those caught fly tipping may be issued with a £400 fixed penalty notice or may be prosecuted for the offence which could lead to a fine or a term of imprisonment.

If anyone has any information or concerns about the illegal disposal of garden waste please report this in confidence by calling 0345 600 6400 or by reporting it online at www.northumberland.gov.uk

New market trader incentive scheme launched across Northumberland

A new financial incentive scheme has been launched by Northumberland County Council to encourage would-be traders to take a stall at one of the county’s vibrant
markets.

Under the scheme, new traders are being offered up to ten weeks rent free on their market stall, followed by ten weeks rent at half price.

The incentive is intended to offer a low cost way for budding entrepreneurs to enter into market trading and test their products, without incurring high costs.

Lapsed traders who last traded more than eight months previously are also eligible for the discount.

Northumberland County Councillor Glen Sanderson, cabinet member with responsibility for local services said:

“ We are always working to keep the county’s markets popular and vibrant and we have introduced the New Trader Scheme to encourage new stallholders to come along and give market trading a try.

“ Running a market stall can be a simple and flexible way to start and run your own retail business. There are no big overheads and it can also fit around other work commitments too, so it is ideal if you have a part time job.”

Jemma Gillespie from Blyth runs a Once upon a Tier and sells a wide range of home baked, decorated cakes. Jemma started up in business as a market trader two years ago and was so successful she went on to open up a shop. She said:

“ I started trading initially on the Quayside in Newcastle and then at Blyth, Ashington and Morpeth Markets. Over an 18 month period my business grew rapidly to the point I needed a bigger base from which to bake from.
I now run a shop in Wallsend where I sell cakes and shakes and I bake all my produce here. I’m now back trading at Blyth Market too, so I have the best of both worlds.

I really enjoy the market trading. It gives me the opportunity to meet people and advertise and promote my business through word of mouth. I also enjoy the flexibility it gives me and the camaraderie between the other traders. We all sell a range of different products so we aren’t competing against each other, in fact, it is quite the opposite as we always try and support each other.
Those who are interested should contact the county council’s market manager Neil Brown for more information on neil.brown@northumberland.gov.uk or 07909 688174. You can find out more on the council’s website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/market-traders