



## CRESSWELL PARISH COUNCIL

JULY 2025

### WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

Summer is definitely with us and hopefully we can all enjoy the glorious weather as well as sharing with the numerous visitors who flock to our lovely village and beautiful beaches. We will continue to work hard to encourage all to respect Cresswell and ensure that it is a safe and enjoyable place to live and visit.

### RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

The hard work of the volunteers in the Walled Garden was recently justifiably recognised at an event at Alnwick Gardens where the Duchess of Northumberland presented them with the Best Coast or Countryside Project. 2025. Well done and Congratulations!



The Pele tower and walled garden continue to be valued attractions within the village with themed days, meetings of the Living History Group as well as regular plant sales and a recent very successful open day as part of the National Garden Scheme.

### VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The celebrations were held in the Walled Garden of the Pele tower on the 5th May with the aid of a grant from NCC and the Parish Council. It was a lovely sunny day, well attended and the entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

A design is well underway as our contribution to the North East Field of Remembrance being planted at Saltwell Park with a Remembrance Service on 1st November.



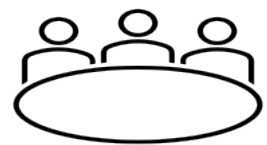
Cresswell Ices recently featured in an article in the Evening Chronicle entitled 'Beautiful Northumberland beach with 'queues out the door' ice cream shop on best in UK list!' Congratulations!

### UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

24th September

19th November

7 p.m. Village Hall  
All welcome!



AGENDA AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

[www.northumberlandparishes.uk/cresswell](http://www.northumberlandparishes.uk/cresswell)

There is always an agenda item where questions can be put to the council (if notified to the clerk beforehand).

### RED SQUIRREL GROUP

The Bedlington and District Red Squirrel Group are looking for volunteers to assist with counts and sightings in our area. If you are interested please contact Paul Brannan on 07961937304

### Councillor Bio: David Thompson



Born and raised in Cresswell, I've been proud to call this beautiful seaside village home for all 28 years of my life. I recently joined the parish council with a strong commitment to preserving the character of our community while helping it grow in thoughtful, sustainable ways. I'm passionate about keeping Cresswell a welcoming, vibrant place for everyone.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CHRISTMAS 2025

It may seem a long way in the distance but a community Christmas lunch has been suggested. This would take place in the Village Hall and be a ticketed event. At present we are looking to establish whether there is enough interest in such an event to make it worthwhile to move forward with planning.

**Please email [cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com) to confirm your interest.**

We will of course be holding our Carols and Mulled Wine event in the Pele Tower as usual!



## ARTS & CRAFTS

The very popular craft fairs in the village hall continue. Make a note of the dates in your diary !

September 14th and 28th 11a.m.-4 p.m.

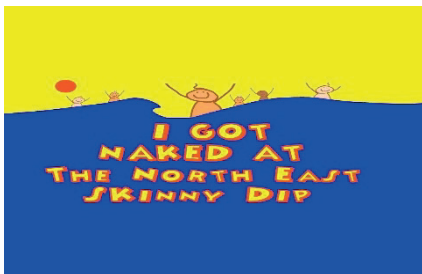
October 12th and 26th 11a.m.-4 p.m.

November 9th and 23rd 11a.m.-4 p.m.



A WW 2 reenactment day 'Went the Day (Cress) Well?' will be held at Cresswell Pele Tower on Sunday 14th September 11a.m.- 4 p.m. All welcome!

The annual Druridge Bay skinny dip will be held at 7 a.m. (sunrise) on Sunday 28th September . Tickets must be purchased from [northeastskinnydip.co.uk](http://northeastskinnydip.co.uk) and all proceeds go to support the Mental Health Charity MIND.



## KEEPING OUR VILLAGE BEAUTIFUL!

The newly erected No litter signs at the top of the stairs to the beach seem to be doing their job, as well as being much admired.

New 'No Parking' signs have been installed along southside near the ice cream shop to discourage parking on the pavements and we are ordering some additional signs for the Village green which is now a designated local green space.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We recently had a huge technical glitch with our Facebook page and have had to completely reboot it. As a result we have gone from 211 likes and 214 followers to 3 likes and 11 followers. Please follow and like our page and invite friends and family to do so. It's a great way of keeping up with what's going on in the parish!

We are still looking for an enthusiastic individual to take over editing the newsletter.

Contributions and suggestions for our next newsletter are warmly invited. [cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cresswellparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## THANKS!

As always we would like to thank the local businesses who continue to support the parish council, namely Golden Sands Caravan Park, Cresswell Towers Caravan Park (Parkdean) and Cresswell Ices ( Open 10:30am – 5pm, 7 Days a week throughout peak season), and hope that you can support them.

## USEFUL NUMBERS

**Emergency Services: Reporting an emergency, t: 999 Reporting a non-urgent crime t: 101, text: 07786 200814 .NHS help line 111**

**Emergency child/adult welfare concerns contact, OneCall**

**t: 01670 536400 - open 24/7, 365 days a year**

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**Samaritans**

**t: 116 123 (free), w: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org) (webchat)**

**Child Line**

**t: 0800 1111 (free), w: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)**

**Northumberland Community Response hub,**

**t:01670 620015 9am - 6pm 7 days a week. Support with financial issues, concerns about energy increases, feeling lonely or overwhelmed etc**

**Northumberland Communities Together,**

**t: 01670 620015 9am -6pm, 7 days per week, e: [NTC@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:NTC@northumberland.gov.uk). To keep you safe and well, connecting residents to their community.**

**Citizens Advice, t: 03444 111 444**

**Environment Agency 24hr emergency incident hotline t: 0800 807060**

**Northern Power Grid t:0800 0113332**

**Bacmans - community hub Lynemouth (including clothing and toy**

**hub),t: 01670 860060, w: [www.bacmans.co.uk](http://www.bacmans.co.uk)**

**Cresswell Village Hall <https://cresswellvillagehall.com>**

**Lynemouth Ward Councillor – Liz Dunn**

**t: 07779 983685 e: [liz.dunn@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:liz.dunn@northumberland.gov.uk)**

**St Bartholomews Church Phoebe( ChurchWarden) t.07960 250497 .**

**Rev. Julia Lacey e.[revjlacey@gmail.com](mailto:revjlacey@gmail.com) t. 07769988527**

**British Divers Marine Life Rescue Hotline: 01825 765546 (24hr) Seals on beach etc.**