



# Ulgham Newsletter November 2024

This is the time we gather ourselves together for the coming of Winter: the cold and dark nights! We are fortunate to have many regular cheering events in the village, run by a great group of volunteers. So do try some of them! You will find warmth, good company and maybe gain a new skill. Rendezvous is one of these: come and have a cuppa, home-made scone, biscuit and lots of chat every Wednesday morning.

The big Village event this month is Firework Night on the 5th November (details in Dates for the Diary). If you have time to make soup or help on the night, please contact Helen Shaw 790170, email [hshaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hshaw@hotmail.co.uk) or Lynne Scott, 790636, email [lynne.scott@hotmail.com](mailto:lynne.scott@hotmail.com) if you can help. This is a great Parish event and it funds next year's activities. Join us and support this great evening!

Can I remind you all that there is 20 minutes at the beginning of every Parish Council meeting in which questions can be asked and concerns voiced. Everyone is welcome to attend Parish Council on the 3rd Monday of the month (next meeting 18th November), except in August, when most of us are on holiday or caring for Grandchildren! The Parish Council agenda and minutes are online and the timing and agenda for the monthly meeting is on the Parish notice board.

## Alncom Broadband

A project to bring fibre broadband to the village. Alncom has funding allocated by BDUK (Building Digital UK), a project sponsored by the Government to supply fibre broadband to villages in Northumberland. It is a 'demand led' project and as such needs interest from our village to make it viable for Ulgham.

Alncom are currently working on flyers, but in the meantime if anyone is interested, they can gain more information and consider registering their interest at [www.alncom.co.uk](http://www.alncom.co.uk), tel: 01665 604816 or email [info@alncom.co.uk](mailto:info@alncom.co.uk)

## Woodlands and Meadows

We are hoping in the coming months to encourage everyone, but especially the young, to take a closer interest in nature and the environment by encouraging photographs with a natural theme from along the River Lyne's route to the coast. The Jubilee Oak in the Ulgham Woodland nature reserve, planted just a few years ago it is now over 7 metres tall (over 20ft) and already providing a habitat for the reserve's birds. It has some way to go before rivalling its cousins on Oak Bank at the entrance to the reserve which are a splendid size and a good place to sit and watch the many small birds using them for food and shelter. Why not have a walk through the woods with your camera and see what you can picture. Don't be shy - send any pictures you like of the woodlands to [dparkin@btinternet.com](mailto:dparkin@btinternet.com) so that we can build a portfolio of the woodlands over time.



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