



# Ulgham Newsletter

## December 2025

Let the December moments shine, warm you and brighten the Winter days ahead.

The Firework celebration certainly brightened the sky and challenged the volunteers! Again, an amazing turnout after a very wet few days; the evening was thankfully dry, if windy. A Very Big Thank you to everyone who attended with joy, care and patience. The Volunteer team: Soup makers, Pavilion crew, Firework/Field gang, Gareth Tate and cadets, Car parking duo and the Cricket Club did a marvellous job. It was a wonderful community effort which allows the UVA to plan free events for 2026, add to the village decor and donate to Children in Need. Also, Thanks to the people and businesses who support and donate to the event: Brian at Nature's Finest Fruits HG, Morrisons, Ann Petrie and Gary at Party Capital who selected great fireworks, as usual.

The Remembrance Service was at Holy Trinity Church this year. It was heartening to see so many there honouring all who served and are serving, to protect our freedoms.

The Rendezvous Christmas gathering is on Wednesday, 24th December, do take time out of your preparations to meet and greet neighbours. We will be open on Wednesday, 31st December to look forward to 2026 with fizz and shortbread. Good Wishes to you and your loved ones for the coming Seasonal Celebrations.



A Message from Sheila Turner: Sincere Thanks to you all for celebrating my 90th Birthday with me at the Rendezvous and at Lovat House. I was overwhelmed by all the cards and presents. I have no regrets about coming to live in Ulgham in 1966 and being a part of this community.

Thank you if you have taken time to respond to the Village survey. The Parish Council would really like as many residents as possible to respond so the completion date has been extended to Friday, 5th December. This survey will inform the Parish Council for future planning and is an opportunity for all residents to help them. Please contact Deb Wilson (Parish Clerk): [ulghamparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:ulghamparishcouncil@outlook.com) or 0775 4803703, if you need any assistance with the survey.

The Officers of the UVA will be elected for 2026 at the AGM on Tuesday, 20th January. Nominations should be received by Friday, 9th January.

## Women's Institute

December looms and after a very busy year things are a bit quieter with the WI, although there is still much to look forward to. Our December meeting is our party night where we celebrate the founding of Ulgham WI. It really is a privilege to be part of something that is 101 years young and still going strong. In addition to that some of our members will be attending St Nicholas' Cathedral in Newcastle for the Northumberland Federation of WI's Annual Carol Celebration which is always a wonderful event. We will have our final meet up for coffee of 2025 in Morpeth on Thursday, 18th December, mince pies might be involved.

If anyone is looking for a new activity for 2026 why not consider joining the WI? We are a friendly and supportive group of women and membership provides access to a wide range of activities locally and within the Northumberland Federation as well as on a national level. Ulgham WI meets at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month and new members are always welcome. For those who are unsure you can come along to three meetings for free before committing to becoming a member. For more information contact: [janreed.wi@gmail.com](mailto:janreed.wi@gmail.com)

## Woodlands and Meadows Local Nature Reserve

The regular work parties are being overtaken by the winter weather and will be suspended until March, although the volunteers will endeavour to respond to urgent issues (fallen trees, impassable footpaths etc). Any comments or suggestions about the Local Nature Reserve can be addressed to David: [dparkin@btinternet.com](mailto:dparkin@btinternet.com)

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