

'January is the month of new beginnings'. Happy New Year to you All, 2026!

Please look out for and support your neighbours during the Winter days, which can be cold, dark and difficult. The Village area is being victim to fly tipping at the moment. Residents, the Parish Council and the County Councillor (Ed Dungait) are all working to deal with this unpleasantness. Sadly, dog waste is evident on the Ulgham Park Road, in the Meadows and near the Playing field; if you are a dog owner, please support your dog and dispose of this in the bins provided!

Thank you to everybody who completed the Village survey, there was a 51% return. There will be a summary of the findings presented at the January Parish Council meeting. The full documentation will be available to all, (22 pages!), on request. All Parishioners are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, held on the 3rd Monday in the month, 7pm in the WI Hall. The Councillors are happy to answer any questions/thoughts in the survey. They endeavour to tackle the issues they can and talk regularly to the departments of the County Council and the Police.

The AGM of the Village Association is on Tuesday, 20th January at 7pm in the WI Hall. The Officers will be elected for 2026, nominations should be received by Friday, 9th January. All Parishioners are very welcome and all ideas/help are greatly appreciated!

(Pictures of Seasonal Festivities will appear in the February newsletter as January is formatted before Christmas!)

## Women's Institute

A busy December saw members celebrating Christmas with other Northumberland Federation members at Newcastle Cathedral. We also had our own party night celebrating 101 years of Ulgham WI. We were delighted that a Federation wide competition to create a Christmas Bauble was won by Jackie Loudon and Sarah Weaver, both members of Ulgham WI.

We are looking forward to a busy 2026 with many activities and visits in the pipeline. Ulgham WI would like to extend Season's Greetings to everyone in the village and remind you that new members are always welcomed. For more information contact: 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

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