



Ulgham Newsletter

February 2026

February is the bridge from Winter to Spring: a short month, getting lighter every day!

Thank you to everyone who joined together for the Christmas and New Year Rendezvous, always lovely to see you all. The January film/lunch day was very convivial with some good-humoured comment and singing, particularly with Abba!

The Village Resilience Team: There are a group of Villagers who are prepared to inform and help Parishioners in an **Emergency** situation (eg a power outage, storm damage, flooding, snow/ice days, shopping if you can't get out). This was advertised on the 2025 Information sheet, although in very small print! The first points of contact are Lynne Scott 0789 4077957, email: lynne.scott@hotmail.com and Helen Shaw 0779 0930103, email: hshaw@hotmail.co.uk They will ask the nearest member of the group to you to visit or organise an appropriate response.



The highlights from the Village Survey will be reported in the March newsletter. The UVA AGM at the end of January will guide the social activities for the year: Watch this space!

A message received on the Ulgham Village Together Facebook group about a telephone box that once stood in Ulgham Village:

ITS NUMBER 1986.
ITS ORIGINAL PLACE WAS
IN ULGHAM VILLAGE,
MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE TELEPHONE NUMBER
WAS 0670 790247

"Hello everyone, I'm writing you from Germany. As a big fan of British culture, and with a former aunt and uncle from Mansfield, I now own a red telephone box that originally stood in Ulgham Village near Morpeth, Northumberland. It was removed in November 1986 and now has a new home in my garden in Germany. I would absolutely love to learn more about its history. Does anyone happen to have old photographs showing where this telephone box once stood, or remember its exact location? Best regards from Germany, Arndt."

Women's Institute

WI members stayed busy in January. In addition to our monthly meeting members met up for coffee in Morpeth and had a lunch out at the Granby in Longframlington. When the snow kept people at home some of our members enjoyed an online watercolours class organised by National WI. We have lots of plans for February, including our popular Valentine's Dance on Saturday 7th, our monthly meeting on the 9th and our meet up in Morpeth on the 19th. Our walking group may be awaiting improved weather but February will see the launch of our WI book group.

WI membership also provides access to a wide range of classes and activities organised by our Regional Northumberland Federation across the county and a vast range of online classes and talks from national level. Many people think that WI is about "Jam and Jerusalem", well we no longer sing Jerusalem at our meetings and since joining WI I haven't had time to make jam!

New members are always warmly welcomed. For more information contact: janreed.wi@gmail.com

Woodlands and Meadows Local Nature Reserve

With Spring just around the corner, we are finalising our work plan for the coming year. We hope that with sufficient funding for the gravel we will be able to complete the new footpath through Meadow 2 beginning in April/May. Before then we are hoping to begin preparing tree planting sites in Meadow 1, more detail on this next month. In the meantime, we would welcome any thoughts from keen local fruit growers about which variety of Apples, Pears and Cherries might best suit the local environment. We still have enough timber for one more simple bench if anyone would like to suggest a favourite spot. Contact David with any thoughts or comments: dparkin@btinternet.com

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