



# Ulgham Newsletter

## June 2026

"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes...." The first month of Summer is here! This is the time of hanging baskets and tub planting. Thank you to Sheila and Caroline for sorting the baskets and Jim Scott for sourcing the plants for the tubs. There are 12 hanging baskets to water and nurture; if you could help to do this please contact Lynne or Helen. In past years the west end of the Village has had hanging baskets, unfortunately they have not been successful as it is very open and windy. However, if any residents want to care for 2 baskets at the west end they could contact Lynne or Helen and we will consider trying again!

After much research and application, the Parish/UVA decided not to wait for a blue plaque to celebrate Luke Clennell and so a very smart brass plaque has been installed near the old Cross. Janet and George Brown and Phil and Blanche (who live in Ulgham Hall, a building Luke would have known), have guided and encouraged the Village to commemorate Luke. He was a well-known 18th century engraver and water colour artist. He was apprentice to Thomas Bewick at the beginning of his career. Luke was born and brought up in Ulgham, on the farm, which is now the Croft Estate. It is good to remember a local luminary and recognise the cultural heritage of Ulgham.

Again, sadly, dog waste is evident on Ulgham Park Road, in the Meadows and in the Playing field. Can all dog owners support your dogs and dispose of their waste in the bins provided. Please consider the children and adults who use/work in these areas and have respect for the environment.

There are reports of illegal use of dogs for hunting in our area and a series of garage/shed burglaries around Widdrington Station. If you witness anything suspicious, please inform the Police on 101 or 999, at the very least your action is recorded!

The UVA meeting for the Summer is on Tuesday, 30th June in the WI Hall at 7pm. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas.

Some of the Sunflower seeds given out for the village competition have not germinated so there will be replacement seeds delivered with this Newsletter. If planted by the beginning of June they should reach full height by September. If original seeds have germinated and are doing well they may be at full height a little earlier and can be measured between mid August and mid September. Details of measuring will be in the August Newsletter.

### **Women's Institute**

Ulgham Women's Institute meets every second Monday in the month at 7.30pm. We are a friendly group and offer a warm welcome. Interesting topics each month. Come as a guest and give us a try!

Something different for you, a BINGO NIGHT! Saturday, 27th June in Ulgham WI - 7.30pm doors open @ 7pm. Tickets £5 (includes Bingo books). Cash Bar open till 11pm. Contact Pauline 07752 334 052, [pmartin0553@gmail.com](mailto:pmartin0553@gmail.com)

Widdrington Station Foodbank Summer Fair Saturday, 13th June 11am–2pm. Lots of stalls, Refreshments on sale including Bacon Butties! Come and support our local Foodbank at 'Widdy Welcomes' (near Doctor's Surgery), Grange Road Widdrington Station.

### **Woodlands & Meadows Local Nature Reserve**

A team of botanists from the Wildlife Trust visited the nature reserve in May, we are waiting for their written report but from conversation on the day we are confident that they were pleased with our progress and that there are more than sufficient plant species to justify the description of "Ancient Woodlands". They gave us some helpful tips to carry us forward. We are planning to install a bench at the river side of the Jubilee Clearing but would be delighted to hear from you if you have a better location, [dparkin@btinternet.com](mailto:dparkin@btinternet.com).

Incidentally there is currently a consultation aimed at people who live work or play in the catchment area of the River Coquet. If you work or play near the Coquet you can contribute your views by completing the questionnaire at [www.nicre.co.uk/coquetnature](http://www.nicre.co.uk/coquetnature) before the 7th June.