



Ulgham Newsletter

September 2026

September ushers in Autumn's best of cheer. There certainly was the best of cheer at the Community Picnic afternoon: lovely residents and families, grand weather and excellent music from the KEVI steel band. It was also very cheering that a great group of people helped prepare the field, arranged the activities and sorted the refreshments - a Big Thank you to all of You! A special word of thanks to Mrs Susan Tait for making the marvellous hedgehogs that featured in the Hedgehog Facts Trail. I think we all learnt that adult Hedgehogs have up to 7000 spines! Again, the Fire Service visited the event: Blue Watch spent the afternoon educating and socialising. An important contact to nurture understanding and respect.



The Cricket club had a convivial night with Derek Allen and Friends. Colin Tait, who manages the Cricket club, keeps the pitch and field in such good condition and opens the Pavilion to the Village wants to alert everyone to the possibility that the Cricket club is in jeopardy. This year it has been very difficult to field a team and impossible for the Sunday league.



It is very sad that after over 40 years of Cricket at Ulgham this could be lost. If you know of players who could join the Ulgham team or people who could support Colin, please contact Colin at tait-c@sky.com



This month a new traffic monitor will be in place at the west end of the Village and the new street lighting has been installed. The light on the path from the main street and the Croft needs to be adjusted and the light at the west end of the Village needs to be connected, so we are nearly there! Thanks to Ed Dungait (County Councillor), for his support on these projects.

Please, please dog owners can you put dog waste in the bins provided. Ulgham Park Road is littered with dog waste in bags, again! Sadly, the country lanes are prone to fly tipping. This is reported quickly and removed when the County vehicle is in this area. If you see fly tipping please contact: Fix My Street, pinpoint area/problem for the County Council.

Can you help our local hedgehogs by recycling your old newspapers? The Hedgehog Rescue Trust in Longframlington hedgehogs-northumbria.org.uk take in hedgehogs who need care, extra help or who has suffered an injury. Every hedgehog needs a warm bed of newspaper while they recover, could you help by donating your used newspapers to the Rescue? The WI have very kindly offered to have a plastic box in the Supper Room for the newspapers to be left in. Newspapers can be dropped off when the WI Hall is open for regular meetings and will be collected every week by local resident Debbie who volunteers for the Rescue Trust.



Just now hedgehogs are becoming dehydrated in the warm weather and also malnourished as they can't get the food out of the ground. If you can, put out plain kitten biscuits or meat-based wet dog or cat food. Don't forget a dish of fresh water! Watch out for hedgehogs out through the day who are looking lethargic or wobbly, it's not okay! Underweight, injured hedgehogs need help, take them along to the Hedgehog Rescue Trust (wear gloves to handle).

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!

Come and join the Autumn Fair, formerly Table Top Sale, at the WI Hall on Saturday, 26th September - 11am- 2pm. CASH only sorry no cards taken. Lots of stalls, crafts, cakes, Tombola, gifts, bottles, sweeties, knitted goods and preloved items. Refreshments on sale including bacon butties! Do you have things to sell? Book a table now, not many left! Contact Pauline 01670 790721, 07752 334052, pmartin0553@gmail.com

Woodlands & Meadows Local Nature Reserve

Work has started to prepare the ground for the first fruit trees, this may be phased depending on how much help we get. We will be clearing the vegetation and scrub and we will be pleased to see anyone with a chainsaw who can help with the removal of the bracken. After that, the planting sites need to be kept weed free. Once the planting sites are ready there will be an opportunity to sponsor individual trees - more detail next month. Anyone with any queries about the reserve or ideas for its improvement can contact David, dparkin@btinternet.com.