



Broomhaugh & Riding Parish Council

Caring about where you live

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3 July 2017

Parish Council Information

Your local parish councillors are:

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Andy Dunhill (Chair)
Peter Howe
David McKenzie MBE
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Parish Clerk

01434 682348 (office-hours
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*Dates for forthcoming Parish
Council Meetings held in Church
Cottage, Church Lane*
7.45 pm
(public questions from 7.15 pm)

11th September 2017
13th November 2017
11th December 2017
12th February 2018
12th March 2018
14th May 2018

Annual Parish Meeting
May 2018 – date to be
confirmed

Contact Details for County
Councillor Anne Dale,
01434 673326 or email
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Keep updated with village news
or check out the Minutes from
PC meetings

www.ridingmill.org

Chairman's Notes

The aim of our annual Newsletter is to provide a round up of Parish Council activities during the year and to give an outline of future plans.

The edible garden opposite the MUGA court is up and running and we are hoping for a reasonable crop this year. It has certainly tidied the area up.

Work on the football field is now finished, the grass has grown, pitch lines drawn and goal posts put in place. It is used regularly on Sunday mornings and there is more interest being shown.

The Cricket Club has secured planning consent for a refurbishment and extension of the existing pavilion so plans are being put together to generate funding.

Significant tree work has been completed but there is more to do following the arboriculturalist report we commissioned. Work has started to underpin and secure the eroded bank of the Burn adjacent to the double tennis courts. This is being done in conjunction with the Tyne Rivers Trust.

The refurbished WW1 Memorial Panel is shortly to return and we are looking for the best place to display it. The War Memorials Trust has agreed to a rededication ceremony in November 2018 as part of the village's commemoration weekend.

The new gateway has been completed at the east end of the village although much of the

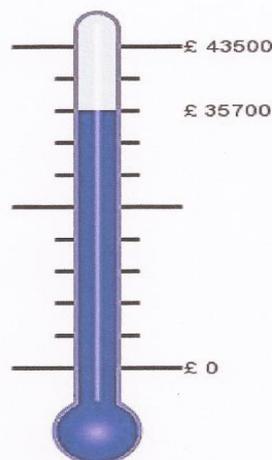
planting was eaten by rabbits! We hope to resolve this for next year. We are also working with Anne Dale, our County Councillor, to put in place a gateway at the west end of the village.

Two new bus shelters have been installed, one at the west end of the village on the north side of the road, and a better one opposite the Wellington pub.

The Play Park Regeneration Group has done a lot of hard work during the year and is a long way towards raising the money needed to add some additional facilities. Keep your eyes on the thermometer on the Play Park gate.

Have a good summer.
Andy Dunhill

Adventure Park is on target



The Riding Mill Play & Regeneration Group has been busy behind the scenes for the last year raising funds to help buy new play equipment for the Play Park.

As previously reported the aim is to make the Play Park more inclusive, improve access for those with disabilities and increase the scope of the equipment for older children.

The group is extremely grateful to those residents and local businesses that have supported the project, in particular, to Osbit Power for sponsoring the team swing and to the Riding Grange Fund for sponsoring part of the Adventure Trail. The Group has also been fortunate to receive funding from the Big Lottery Awards for All, the Postcode Local Trust, Tynedale Lions, the Sir James Knott Trust,

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Adventure Park cont.

Tesco Bags of Help, County Councillor Anne Dale and the Northumberland County Council Housing Developer Fund.

With over 80% of the funds raised, the Group feels confident that it will reach its target. Work to install the climbing boulder and other play equipment should hopefully commence in the autumn

whilst the group continues to raise funds to help pay for the improved paths and play surfaces to ensure all equipment is accessible for those with disabilities.

To follow the progress of the redevelopment, view the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ridingmillplay/>



Lest we forget ...

Before...



After six months conservation work in Edinburgh treating woodworm and recasting metal moulding, the restored World War One Memorial panel is shortly to return and be hung in the Parish Hall.

The restoration of the panel has been made possible by grants from the War Memorials Trust, the Community Chest Fund, St James' Church, the Parish Council and generous donors in the village.

We have had to comply with very strict conservation techniques stipulated by the War Memorials Trust but the end result looks excellent.

As the village is to hold a special commemoration event next year to mark the end of the First World War, we thought it fitting to delay holding the re-dedication ceremony, which will be conducted by Reverend Chapman, until this date.

If you are interested in

After ...



reading just what was involved in the restoration of the panel, a copy of the conservator's report can be found on our website.

Riding Mill sporting hub is flourishing

This time last year we were waiting for the grass seed to grow so that, after 30 years, a football pitch would once again be available for use by villagers. The seed duly flourished and we now have a pitch suitable for juniors and Sunday morning league teams. Football coaching for children commenced last October and has been very successful. The pitch has also been rented out for team training and we're hopeful of attracting a regular junior team this season. This all assists the Sports Club with their ambitious plans for a new pavilion which have recently gained planning approval.



Garden bears fruit

There are definitely some green-fingered residents amongst us. The gardens surrounding the Parish Hall look magnificent and we now have a new area adjoining this for edible plants which has transformed a once overgrown footpath.



This is a community garden and everyone is encouraged to pick the fruit as it ripens or to donate suitable plants. Please enjoy!



Pre-School coming to a Yurt near you!

Exciting announcement: from September 2017 Pre-School in Riding Mill will move to become part of Broomhaugh C of E First School and be provided for in its very own purpose-built Yurt. It's a fantastic opportunity for young children from the village and all the local communities to join a vibrant and inspiring learning environment. With a big emphasis on time outdoors, exploring nature and discovery through play, this will be a unique Pre-School experience.

For more information email: Admin@broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk

Pre-School is looking forward to sharing their amazing plans with you. Parents will be able to use the 30 hour funding at this setting and utilize our out of hours club.

Green engineering making our riverbanks stable

The March Burn, where it passes the double Tennis courts, is on a meander which has resulted in significant erosion and undercutting of the east bank along the section to the footbridge. This has affected PC land and that of the adjoining house.

There are a number of trees along this bank where the root systems have become exposed as a result of the erosion. At its most noticeable the undercut area is almost a metre. This is affecting the stability of the trees and hence the bank. The main concern of the PC is to ensure the stability of Millfield Road which runs adjacent to this section of



What is green engineering?

Traditional civil engineering approaches to revetment of eroding river banks is to use block stone (dumped or 'pitched' like a dry-stone wall), baskets of stone called gabions, piling or concrete. Despite the appearance of solid strength, this 'hard engineering' produces unforeseen consequences such as erosion downstream or collapse into scour holes produced in the adjacent river bed.

'Green engineering' uses natural materials, locally available if possible, and is tailored to the processes occurring at the eroding site. In the case where riparian trees are part of the

the Burn.

This section has been of concern to the PC for some time. Earlier this year we contacted Malcolm Newson of the Tyne Rivers Trust and asked him to carry out a survey.

The result confirmed our worries and he recommended a course of action advising that it should be done sooner rather than later. The Tyne Rivers Trust are specialist advisers on this kind of issue and recommend using environmentally friendly techniques to stabilise the bank.

Some of the trees were reduced in height with the plan that they will bulk out at the reduced height level. This was necessary because at least one was slowly but surely sliding down into the burn taking the bank with it.

problem, pollarding or felling of the trees can yield very effective materials for building imaginative revetment.

Joint tree management and 'river keeping' was traditional in England but lapsed with mechanisation. Security is generally achieved by using metal anchors or by steel cables tied back to a stable tree, building etc. Tyne Rivers Trust has been in the vanguard of this new approach.


Tyne Rivers Trust



The stabilisation work is to be completed during the early part of summer using some of the trees that have been felled in the area. The large tree trunks create a wall as such which is then backfilled with smaller branches woven together. We hope that this work will secure the burn for the foreseeable future.



We provide free, confidential advice and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives.

Contact us for advice on benefits, energy issues and debt management.
03444 111 444
Hexham Office
Drop in sessions 10am – 2pm Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Local Transport Plan

The Parish Council has until 30th September to submit ideas to the County Council of ways Riding Mill could be made safer e.g. footpaths widened, junction improvements etc.

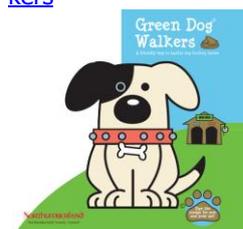
If you have a suggestion please contact the Clerk. We will then choose our top three for the County Council to consider.



Are you a responsible dog owner?

Join the Green Dog Walkers Scheme set up by the County Council.

For further details visit <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/greendogwalkers>



At the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council, Councillor Andy Dunhill was elected to continue as Chair of the Parish Council and Councillor Brian Singer as the Vice-Chair.

All Parish Councillors are happy to be contacted and their phone numbers can be found on the PC noticeboard or on the website: www.ridingmill.org



If you care about where you live and feel that you have something to contribute please consider joining the Parish Council. We currently have two vacancies. Perhaps come along to a future meeting of the Council and see what is discussed or contact the Chair or Clerk for an informal chat.

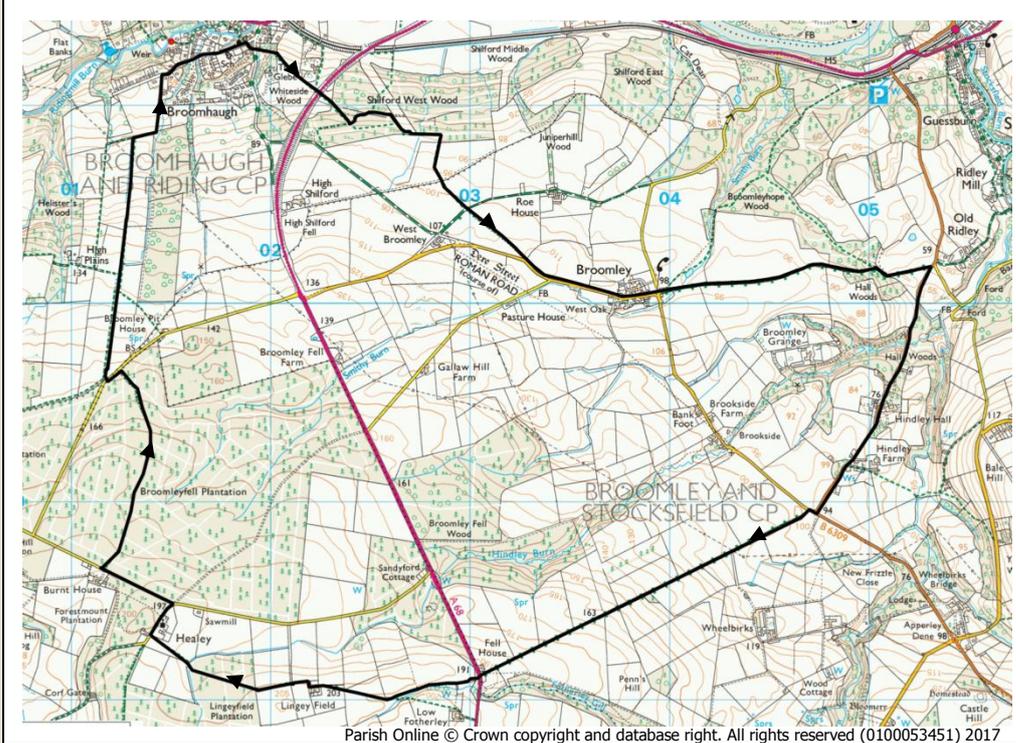
Local Walks: A circular walk via Broomley, Hindley and Healey

Starting from the Old Playground, cross Whiteside Bank and take the footpath that runs past Wentworth Grange to the A68. Cross the road, carrying on past the smallholding and through Shilford Wood. Passing two fields, crossing the Roe House Farm track, and then a third field, join the road towards Broomley.

At the far end of Broomley there is a cross roads with the main road turning to the right. Head straight along the unsurfaced byway, which passes open countryside before descending into woodland and reaching the Stocksfield to Ebchester road at Five Ways.

Turn right and follow the road through the hamlet of Hindley. At the end, turn right on to the road signposted Riding Mill and then immediately left at the sign for Wheelbirks Ice Cream Parlour. This minor road becomes a track between high hedges until it reaches the first of several gates. Continue in a straight line, with the field boundary a short distance to the right until the A68 is reached.

Crossing the A68, look for a finger post diagonally to the left. This permissive path bypasses the Low Fotherley farm and joins the public footpath shortly afterwards. Keep the fence to the right until its corner and then look for a ladder stile in the field ahead. Crossing the stile, head for the gate ahead. The track runs for a short distance between stone walls until a second gate. Carry on straight ahead, joining a farm track and passing a farm house. Follow the track as it turns right and then left. When the track turns right again, carry straight on through a gate and across the field, with a fence to the left. At the end, cross the stone wall.



Look for a ride through the woodland and follow this to the end. The path is indistinct and care is needed to dodge the gorse and find the plank bridge over the ditch. A step stile leads into a field. Cross this diagonally to the right to a gate into the next field. Carry straight on to another gate and on to the road at Healey.

Turn right, past the church, and then left at the T junction. Follow the road to Healey Barn and then go through the gate on the right at the finger post. Follow the path through the plantation until the next road is reached. Turn left and go a short distance to the High Plains road. Taking the first ladder stile on the right, proceed downhill with the hedge to the left. On reaching Church Lane (an unsurfaced track at this point) turn right. Turn right again at Long Rigg and then follow Church Lane at the bottom until the Old Playground is reached.

Length: 8 miles / 13 km
Time: 3½ hours

No more standing!

After much negotiation with the County Council, the Parish Council recently installed two new bus shelters. The shelter on the westbound carriageway opposite the Wellington, provided very little protection from the elements. Although limited by the width of the pavement, the new shelter has end panels and offers the benefit of a seat.



The new shelter at the Slaley Road Junction complements the shelter installed a few years ago on the opposite carriageway. The pavement is again very narrow at this stop and the shelter provides protection to passengers whilst waiting and alighting.

Do you want to know if your bus is on time? If you have a smart phone, Nexus now offers real-time route information. Visit:
<https://livemap.nexus.org.uk/#/liveDepartures>

To book the Parish Hall or Millennium Hall for a meeting or an event, please contact Mrs Pam Pryor on 01434 682927 or email pampryor@btinternet.com



Missed bin collection?
Street light not working?

Report these problems on the Northumberland County Council website with just a few clicks

Go to <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/> and click on REPORT on the header bar



In November 2015, Northumberland County Council announced a £1million scheme to slow down traffic outside schools by introducing 20 mph speed limits. Cllr. Dale has led the discussions in Riding Mill and after consulting widely with the community, parents at the school and with the church, the scheme has grown to cover not just Church Lane but the whole village. Residents who need to cross the main road have complained of lorries thundering past, narrow

pavements and drivers well-exceeding the speed limit. The resounding sentiment expressed has been "we want drivers to respect our village and slow down".

From considering a 20 mph speed limit on the A695 at school times, the proposal is now a permanent 20 mph limit throughout the village at all times.

The gateway to the east of the village has been helpful at reducing the speed of traffic entering Broomhaugh so our plan is to mirror this at the west end of the village. The Parish Council would also like to see some form of crossing established near the Wellington and will be including the suggestion to the County Council when it decides its Local Transport Plan Programme for 2018/19.



RIDING MILL SCOUT GROUP

After a considerable period of absence, Scouting has now been reintroduced into Riding Mill! Following two successful taster evenings, we will be launching the new group, initially for younger members, in September of this year. Scouting is open to both girls and boys and offers an exciting programme of Personal Development for the full age range of young people, from 6 – 25 years. Our intention is to develop activities and sections for 6-14 year olds in the near future, based here in the village. We have already established a team of leaders and administrators who are very keen to bring a new dimension to the

lives of our children and young people. New adults are always welcome to join our team: there is room for everyone! In fact, the more adults we can engage, the more exciting is the programme we can deliver.

Full training is given. We do however offer a warning – being involved in Scouting can seriously increase your enjoyment levels – and there is nothing more important than helping our children to develop to their full potential. Scouting is the world's largest, co-educational values-based organisation with over 40 million members across the globe – with over half a million in the UK alone. More and more young people and adults join every day. If you or your children would like to find out more – and joining couldn't be simpler – please contact us on ridingmillscouts@gmail.com

Parish Woodlands

The Parish Council owns woodland in Marchburn Lane and by the double tennis courts in Millfield Road. We now have a proactive management plan for the trees which requires the areas to be surveyed every five years (a recommendation of our insurers). Following a recent report, all trees identified as posing an element of risk were prioritised and those closest to public footpaths, roads and buildings were either felled or had deadwood removed. Other work deemed a lower priority will be carried out over the next few years. Where possible, the Parish Council ensures that wood is left for villagers to forage – if in any doubt please check with the Clerk.

All residents who own trees or hedges abutting roads and footpaths have a duty to ensure that they are safe. In particular, residents are asked to make sure hedges are regularly trimmed so that those passing by are not forced to walk on the road.

Fed up with a poor TV signal?

Virgin Media is looking to expand its fibre network coverage into Northumberland for the first time.

You can register your interest via www.virginmedia.com/cablemystreet which will help Virgin decide which communities to connect as part of their expansion plans.

Tyne Valley Youth Theatre is a youth theatre based in Riding Mill for young people aged 8 to 19 living in the Tyne Valley and surrounding area. In TVYT, young people work alongside professional theatre artists to create dynamic, thought-provoking, original theatre, with the young people's ideas at the heart. Their activities take place in community spaces, which they transform into fully-functioning theatre spaces for their productions.



This year, TVYT marked its five-year anniversary by putting on its biggest event to date in Riding Mill. The evening included four promenade performances - in the tennis courts, the Millennium Hall, The Spinney and the park – as well as a Mad Hatter's Tea Party outside the Parish Hall, an exhibition showcasing previous shows' props and video footage in the hall's foyer, and three ensemble performances inside the hall itself. As well as being devised and performed by TVYT members, the event was also planned, organised and funded by the TVYT Young Leaders group, who successfully fundraised £1000 from The Key!

Want to get involved?

During term time, TVYT run **weekly sessions** on the following days:

- TVYT.Tuesdays:** Tuesdays 18:00 – 20:00 in the Parish Hall Riding Mill, school years 7+
- TVYT.Thursdays:** Thursdays 17:00 – 18:30 in the Millennium Hall Riding Mill, school years 4-6
- TVYT.Young Leaders:** Fridays 18:00 – 20:30 in the Millennium Hall Riding Mill, school years 9+
- OMS After-school drama club:** Tuesdays 15:40-17:30 at Ovingham Middle School, all OMS pupils

Over the summer they will be running their **Play in a Week** projects, where participants (school years 4+) have 6 days to devise and perform a piece of original theatre based on their chosen theme:

- Monday 7th - Saturday 12th August**
- Monday 28th August - Saturday 2nd September**

Visit www.tvyt.org.uk to find out more about their upcoming events and how to get involved!

CHURCH COTTAGE is now available to book as a small, cosy meeting place. Contact Ena Clark on 682550 for details or email ena@enaclark.co.uk



Riding Mill is fortunate in having a lunch club which runs in the Supper Room at the Parish Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays giving people the chance to have a meal in company.

We provide a freshly cooked two-course meal at a reasonable cost and would love to cook for more people.

If you would like to try it, please contact Christine Andersen 682535 or Anne Lawrence 682351.

SMALL GRANTS:

The PC can on occasion offer small grants to clubs and organisations in the village. Further information can be obtained from the Clerk and applications should be submitted by 31st October.

Last year, the Preschool received a grant from the PC together with other local organisations such as Great North Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice Bureau, Age UK and Tynedale Hospice at Home.



Dementia can be isolating for both sufferers and carers alike. In Corbridge there is a successful Memory Café bringing people together once a month for an informal afternoon of music or film shows.

Is this idea something we could replicate in Riding Mill? Share your views and if you would be willing to get involved please contact the Clerk: ridingmillclerk@gmail.com.



CANCER ADVOCACY WE CAN HELP

We provide one-to-one support, help and advocacy for people over 50 affected by cancer.

What we can do to help

- Accompany you to meetings and appointments
- Identify benefits and allowances that you are entitled to
- Find information on housing options
- Provide support when dealing with community care services
- Find local support groups
- Help you express your views
- Support you in your caring role

We make home visits and are available to patients and carers in Northumberland

☎ 01670 784847

@ macmillan@ageuk-northumberland.org.uk

🖱 www.ageuk.org.uk/northumberland



Community Transport in Northumberland

Need help with transport to medical appointments, church, lunch clubs, shopping or social outings?

We can help you get transport whatever the occasion.



03333 441 740

Clubs & Societies

Riding Mill has so many things going on – the following guide gives a flavour of what you could do ...



Allotment Society

Please contact: Sally Rogers –
sallyrogers2306@gmail.com



Angling Association

Please contact Peter Howe – 01434
682946



Art Club

Art Club meets on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
in the Millennium Hall.
Please contact Janet Bennett –01434
682478



Baby Group

This friendly group meets on a
Thursday morning in Church Cottage
to share a coffee and a chat.
Please contact: Lynda – 01661 886
785



Badminton Club

Badminton Club meets on a
Thursday morning in the Parish Hall.
Please contact Evelyn Downs -01434
682536



Bridge Club

This club meets on a Friday
afternoon in the Parish Hall.
Please contact Pam Niven – 01434
682394



Carpet Bowls Club

This group meets on a Monday
afternoon.
Please contact Graham Walmsely –
01434 682046



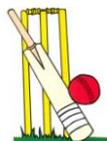
Choral Society

The Choral Society normally performs
two concerts a year. Please contact
Val Barnes – 01661 843787 or see the
society's website:
<http://ridingmillchoral.org.uk/>



Craft Class

Held on a Thursday afternoon in the
Parish Hall.
Please contact Linda Shepherd –
01434 682069



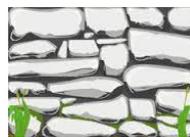
Cricket Club

Please contact Clive Page – 01434
682566.



Drama Club

Please contact Judy Wilthew –
01434 682590 or see the website:
<http://www.ridingmilldramaclub.com/>



Dry Stone Walling

Please contact Derek Blair - 01434
682434



Exercise Class for the over 50s to over 90s

This class is held on a Friday
morning.
Please contact Linda Shepherd –
01434 682069



Football

Please contact Paul Brown – 07748
234268



Golf

Meets once a month April – October.
Please contact Rob Archer – 01434
682689



Evolution Gymnastics Club

Sessions for boys and girls aged 4-8
held on Wednesday afternoons after
school.
Please contact Abbie & Lesley Rutter
– 01434 694649



Happy Hounds Dog Training Class

Classes held on Thursday evenings
in the Millennium Hall
Please contact Jenny Sandiford –
07808 218999



Karate Class

Held on a Monday evening in the
Parish Hall.
Please contact Sensei Peter Atkinson
– 07912 533164



Lunch Club

Please contact Christine Andersen –
01434 682535



Men's Breakfast

Meets on a Saturday four times a
year.
Please contact David McKenzie
01434 682771 / Stan Chapman
01434 682120



Mothers' Union

Please contact Anne Foster – 01434
682437



Nia Dance Class

Please contact Allison Austick –
07502 121617

Northumbria Healers

This group meets on the last Saturday of the month in the Parish Hall.
<http://northumbriahealers.co.uk/>



Photographic Society

This group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Please contact Rosie Cunningham – 01434 632515 or see the website:
<http://www.ridingmillphotographicsociety.co.uk/>



Pilates Class

Please contact Paula – 07990 774069.



Preschool

Preschool offers education and care to children from the age of two years until school age. From September 2017 it will become part of Broomhaugh First School. Please contact -
Admin@broomhaugh.northumberland.sch.uk



Scouts

For boys and girls aged 6 -14. Please contact ridingmillscouts@gmail.com



St James Church of England – Messy Church

Held four times a year. Please contact Revd. Lesley Chapman on 01434 682120



Table Tennis Club

This group meets at the Millennium Hall on a Monday evening or Tuesday afternoon at the Parish Hall. Please contact Linden Furness – 01434 682282



Tennis Club

For membership enquiries please contact Rob Archer – 01434 682689. Also see the website:
<http://ridingmilltennis.co.uk/>



Tynedale Chess Club

Meets at 7 pm on Thursdays (September – April) at Corbridge Parish Hall. Please contact Tim Wrigley – 01434 681487 or see the website:
<http://tynedalechess.wordpress.com>



Tyne Valley Youth Theatre

TVYT is a youth theatre group for young people aged 8 to 19 living in the Tyne Valley and surrounding area. Please contact 0191 580 1250 or see the website
<http://www.tvyt.org.uk/>



Women's Institute

This group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. Please contact Barbara Nelson – 01434 682739



Yoga Class

Held on a Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall. Please contact Rose on 0191 413 7653/07515 107774 or email Rose@yogawithRose.co.uk

Useful Contacts

Northumberland County Council

0345 600 6400
 01434 400388
 Remember you can report problems via the website
www.northumberland.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Mr Guy Opperman
 01670 789161 email:
teamoppy@gmail.com
 020 7219 7113 email:
guy.opperman.mp@parliament.uk

Hospitals/Doctors

Corbridge Medical Group
 01434 632011

Branch End Surgery
 01661 842626

Hexham General Hospital
 0344 811 8111
 Northumbria Specialist
 Emergency Care Hospital
 0344 811 8111
 Newcastle RVI /
 Newcastle General
 Hospital
 0191 233 6161

Emergency 999, Urgent
 111

Police – 999 or 101 for
 non emergency

Utility Services

Gas Emergency
 0800 111 999

Electricity – loss of power
 0800 66 88 77

Northumbrian Water –
 report a leak -
 0800 393 084
 report water and
 sewerage flooding-
 0800 328 7648

Environment Agency:
 Floodline –
 0345 988 1188
 Incident Hotline –
 0800 80 70 60

Schools

Broomhaugh First School
 01434 682374
 Corbridge Middle School
 01434 632191
 Queen Elizabeth High
 School, Hexham
 01434 610300

Squirrels Breakfast & After-
 School Club
 Yvonne Stokoe – 07933
 901732

Travel

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 0191 420 5050
 Northern Trains
 0800 200 6060
 National Rail Enquiries
 03457 48 49 50
 Newcastle Airport
 0871 882 1121