

The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Alnmouth Back on Screen

Film crews returned to Alnmouth in May as scenes were shot for a new BBC drama, The Northumbria Mysteries, starring North East actor Robson Green.

Residents and visitors were able to watch as the production moved between several locations in the village. Scenes were filmed on village streets and down by the shore, including the appearance of a staged "dead body" on the beach.

Alnmouth is no stranger to the cameras. In recent years the village, beach and estuary have featured in Vera, Villages by the Sea, Weekend Escapes, Great Coastal Railway Journeys and Coastal Britain.



Images Courtesy Helen Farrow

Solar Plans for Hindmarsh Hall

Plans have been submitted for 28 solar panels on the south-facing roof of Hindmarsh Hall, together with an external battery storage cabinet. The application has been lodged by Northumberland Community Energy Ltd, which is working with community buildings across the county to install solar power and battery storage.

If approved, the panels and battery would aim to make the Hall self-sufficient in electricity for around 10 months of the year, excluding November and December. The supporting papers suggest that surplus electricity, estimated at about 5,121kWh, could be used to heat water and reduce gas use, or be exported back to the grid.

As Hindmarsh Hall is Grade II listed, the proposal requires listed building consent as well as planning permission.

Steam Anniversary at Aln Valley Railway

The Aln Valley Railway will mark 60 years since steam-hauled British Railways passenger trains last ran on the Alnmouth to Alnwick branch line with a special weekend on 20th and 21st June.

Steam working ended on the branch in June 1966, although passenger trains continued for a little longer using diesel units before the line finally closed to passengers in January 1968. The branch itself had opened in 1850, linking Alnwick with the East Coast Main Line at Alnmouth.

Over the anniversary weekend there will be a frequent service of steam trains for passengers between Lionheart station and Greenrigg Halt.

Dune project under way by fifth green

Last month the Newsletter reported on the new sand fencing below the Village Golf Club, following the earlier groyne repairs on this vulnerable stretch of shoreline. The club has now explained that, after two years of discussions and multiple applications, Natural England has ruled out the use of hard materials at this site. Instead, the agreed approach is a softer coastal dune rehabilitation scheme using brushwood fencing in cells to help regenerate dunes and native grasses.

These fences act as “air groynes”, slowing the wind and trapping sand so that dune height can build up in front of the fifth green. The club says the early effect after only a few weeks has been encouraging. The build-up will be monitored over the coming weeks, with further soft measures possible if needed.



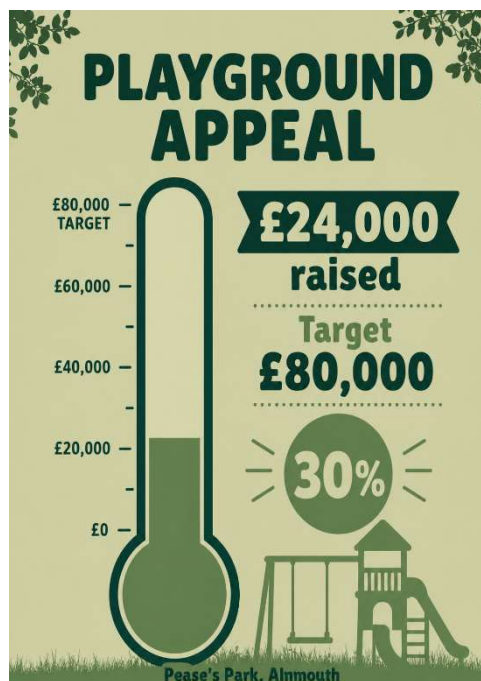
Image Courtesy Alnmouth Village Golf Club

Marine Road Toilets

The public toilets on Marine Road will close again on 1st June while Northumberland County Council carries out substantial repairs. Temporary toilets will be provided at the location until the work is completed.

The toilets reopened in March 2026 after the previous breakdown, following refurbishment work completed in 2025 at a cost of £220,000, but problems have continued. NCC has now decided that further work is needed to make the facilities fit for purpose.

A completion date was not available at time of publication.



Digital Support at Hindmarsh Hall (Alnmouth)

1 Northumberland Street, Alnmouth, NE66 2RX

Thursdays
21st May; 4th June; 18th June
2pm - 3:30pm

 Rural Digital Inclusion Project
Building Digitally Confident Communities

Bring your phone, tablet or laptop and get advice from our expert volunteers on any digital issue:

- ✓ How to install, use, update and delete apps
- ✓ Send emails or make video calls
- ✓ Manage and increase storage
- ✓ Transfer images or other files
- ✓ Staying safe online

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07477 961096 for more info

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Charity No. 1144604

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SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

The Hindmarsh Hall

Alnmouth Playground Refurbishment FUNDRAISER

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