

The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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Bins bring a crowd to Hindmarsh Hall

Few subjects fill a hall quite like bins. Hindmarsh Hall was busy on Tuesday 11 August when Jasmine Patterson of Northumberland County Council explained the £40m recycling scheme and what it will mean for Alnmouth.

The scheme is expected to reach the village in early 2027. Every household will receive a new black-bodied bin with a burgundy lid for paper, card and cardboard. The existing recycling bin will take a wider range of mixed recycling, including glass, plastic pots, tubs and trays, cartons, tin foil and foil trays.

General waste will continue to be collected fortnightly. On the intervening weeks, the two recycling bins will be emptied alternately, so each recycling bin will be collected every four weeks. Weekly food-waste collections are being introduced first for around 90,000 homes in south-east Northumberland; Alnmouth is not included for the time being.

The meeting was also told that contaminated bins would receive a red sticker; repeated problems could lead to a warning and temporary withdrawal of collections, although the detailed procedure has not yet been published.

Residents raised particular concerns about limited outdoor storage space and the village's many holiday lets. Visitors may not understand the system, while unsuitable material could be put into bins left on the street. The council has since said that residents in space-constrained roads may be able to share recycling bins, provided one property acts as the main contact if the depot needs to report a problem such as contamination. Larger commercial-sized communal bins will not be considered.

The Parish Council has been asked to compile a list of streets and addresses that may wish to share. Please contact Shaun Whyte if interested on 07717 448354.

Volcano Night 2026 cancelled

River Aln Boat Club has reluctantly cancelled this year's Volcano Night, planned for mid-September, after Natural England clarified that consent should be sought for holding the event on the foreshore.

Natural England aims to decide straightforward SSSI applications within 28 working days, but the process can take up to four months. With too little time remaining, RABC felt unable to proceed safely.

This is not a refusal of consent or a permanent ban. The club will clarify the position and, if formal consent is required, consider applying well in advance for 2027.

Volcano Night has been part of village life for many years. Forty-eight teams took part in 2019, raising nearly £1,000. A special Jubilee event in 2022 raised just over £1,000, more than 500 people gathered in 2024, and last year's event raised about £1,250 for the RNLI. RABC apologises to the families who look forward to the evening and hopes it can return next year.



Volunteers wanted to restore village signs

Alnmouth's original street signs need refurbishment, and volunteers are wanted to help remove, paint and replace them. No specialist experience is required, and people can give as much or as little time as they can manage, on any or all of the following days.

The signs come down on Saturday 17 October. Painting follows on Sunday 18, Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21, before they are put back up on Thursday 22. The first two painting sessions should be quick, with each sign taking about ten minutes. Wednesday is the main painting day, when the white faces need careful work. No artistic ability is needed, but a steady hand will help. Up to ten volunteers are sought. To help, contact Helen Holden: helenholden67@hotmail.co.uk



Community Arts Festival Meeting

Alnmouth Arts Festival's Community Interest Company meeting is at Hindmarsh Hall on Sunday 27 September, from 6–7pm. All villagers are welcome to join the discussion over a drink. The committee will discuss community funding of local arts-based projects and ideas for the 2027 Festival. Come along and contribute your views.

Free slow-cooker and home-energy workshop

Join a free, friendly session at Hindmarsh Hall on Thursday 24 September, 2-3pm. There will be slow-cooker tips and recipes, advice on home energy efficiency and carbon-monoxide safety, and information about additional support. Limited free slow cookers will be available to take home on the day.

Information: 01670 517178 energy@ca-north.org.uk

LIVE MUSIC @ HINDMARSH HALL, ALNMOUTH, NE66 2RX

JOHN ANGUS BLUES BAND



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026

The superb Manchester-based John Angus Blues Band return two years on from their last visit to Alnmouth, an area well frequented by John (Gus) as a teenager who grew up in the Alnmouth area and was a Duke's School boy.

"Certainly great to be back" said John who fronts his original 5-piece blues rock outfit. The show will feature songs from their new album 'Calling Time', reflecting on a life-times commitment to performing across the UK & Ireland, plus favourites from their back catalogue and popular covers from favourite artists like Paul Rodgers, The Rolling Stones, Rory Gallagher and Joe Walsh. A night of high energy, fun and foot-tapping tunes!

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 pm start
£16/head Limited to 70 places Guide dogs only
Accompanied Under 16s £8 Bring own drinks, glasses & nibbles
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HINDMARSH HALL

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Tickets available from the Post Office and the Aln Gift Shop as well as
www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/alnmouth/the-hindmarsh-hall

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Parish Council meetings occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Hindmarsh Hall at 7PM.
Send items for inclusion in October newsletter: alnmouthnews@hotmail.com by 21 September.