

The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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New Village Signs for Alnmouth

Visitors arriving in Alnmouth may have noticed a smart new addition. Two new village signs have now been installed, with a traditional design intended to fit naturally with the character of the village.

Inspired by old county and village signs, the curved design and crest complement Alnmouth's familiar street-name plates. The signs have been made by the county council and approved by National Landscapes. They replace the huge and ill-suited yellow-backed signs that preceded them.

The project also ties in with the wider removal of rusty and unnecessary signage clutter around the village.



Playground Appeal

The Charity Trustees have been delighted with the response to the appeal so far. When the appeal began in January, they hoped to raise at least £80,000. The total collected so far is around £70,000.

The money has come from locals and visitors as well as successful applications to various grant-giving bodies. Corporate donations have also boosted the total.

The Trustees are dusting down the original plans and, in consultation with a couple of equipment suppliers, are hoping to refine the designs and decide on the final choice later in the year. The Trustees will keep the village updated.

St John's marks 150 years

St John's Church in Alnmouth marked its 150th anniversary with a special Songs of Praise service. Organised by the Coastland Churches community, it was led by the Bishop of Berwick, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe.

The service celebrated the church's 150 years of faith and service and was followed by a reception. The Lord-Lieutenant of Northumberland, Dr Caroline Pryer, and the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, Ralph and Jane Percy, were among those attending.



New Street Lights

Northumberland County Council installed the new street lights in mid-September. At night they cast a warmer light and can be dimmed. In daylight, their traditional design sits more comfortably among the village's historic buildings.

The Parish Council thanks the Burgage Holders of Alnmouth, NCC Councillor Wendy Pattison, Northumberland County Council and Dark Skies for their financial support. It would like to extend the scheme to streets leading east and west off Northumberland Street and hopes to begin planning the next phase soon.



Church Hill Wall

Further erosion is visible on Church Hill, where the damaged retaining wall remains unrepaired. National Landscapes is surveying the hill to measure erosion and estimate repair costs.

Efforts to raise the project's priority are continuing, but funding and a repair timetable have yet to be confirmed.

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ALICE HOWE & FREEBO



SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2026

A duo since 2017, **Alice Howe & Freebo** have undeniable chemistry. Legendary rock bassist Freebo weaves his fretless stylings into Alice's soulful, impeccably-tuned vocals for a harmony-driven performance showcasing two uniquely compelling songwriters. Their 2025 album *Alice Howe & Freebo Live* debuted as the #1 Most Played Album on the National Folk Radio Charts and landed on it's Top 10 Albums.

Alice Howe was named **Best Female Artist** at the **International Acoustic Music Awards 2023**. Best known for his ten years as bassist with Bonnie Raitt, Freebo has toured and recorded with some of the greatest artists of his generation incl. John Mayall, Ringo Starr, Crosby Stills and Nash, Joe Walsh and Dr John . He is also a multi award-winner and finalist in numerous songwriting contests, and was recognized as **Best Folk Artist** by the **Los Angeles Music Awards**.

".....Powerful songwriting, mesmerizing vocals and outstanding musicianship make for an experience unsurpassed on the contemporary acoustic scene....."

"..... A beguiling blend of folk, rock, blues, and soul....."

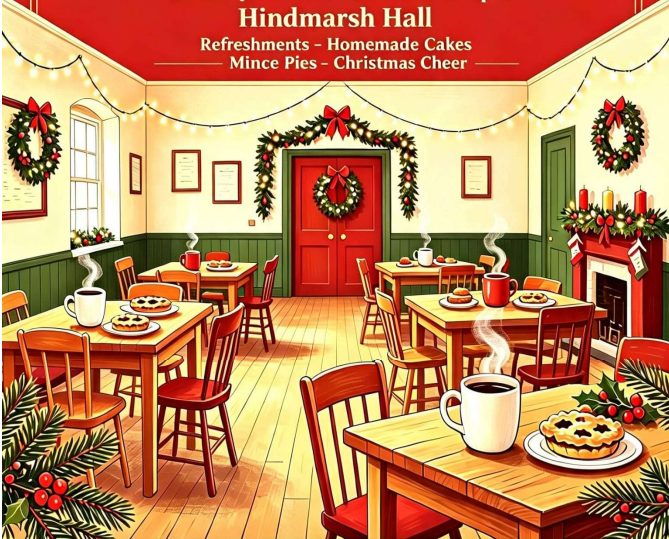
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30 PM START

£17/head Accompanied Under U16s £8 Guide Dogs Only
Limited to 70 places. Bring own drinks, glasses & nibbles
Entry strictly by pre-booking
Tickets at the Aln Gift Shop Alnmouth
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ALNMOUTH XMAS LIGHTS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14 November 10am – 12pm
Hindmarsh Hall
Refreshments – Homemade Cakes
Mince Pies – Christmas Cheer



Raising funds for Alnmouth Christmas Lights

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Parish Council meetings: second Tuesday of the month, 7pm at Hindmarsh Hall.

Send items for the November newsletter to alnmouthnews@hotmail.com by 21 October.