The Alnmouth Village Newsletter

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A Drier Walk Along the Estuary

Regular users of Lovers Walk will know the puddles that can stretch right across the path after heavy rain or high tides. Improvements are planned to tackle the drainage problems and repair the worn, uneven surface along this popular riverside route between Duchess' Bridge and Garden Terrace.

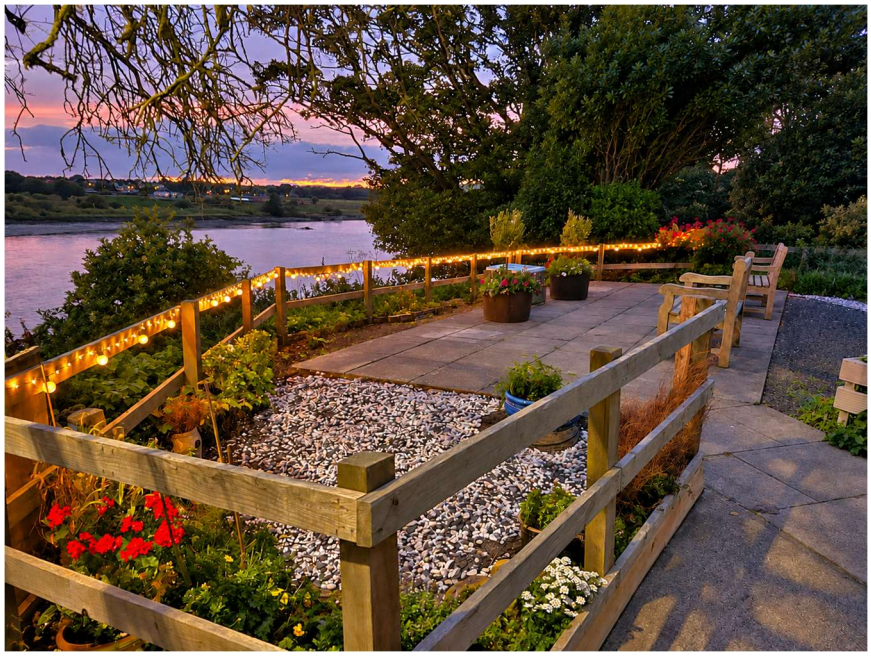
The scheme will reshape the path so water runs towards a new drain along its eastern edge, feeding three outlets into the estuary. These will have non-return valves to stop tidal water flowing back through the drainage system. The 25 existing drainage holes through the walls will be sealed.

The familiar stone surface will be retained, with materials chosen to suit the conservation area. Two new outlets will pass through the Grade II listed Old Harbour Wall, with careful excavation and restrictions on machinery to protect the eighteenth-century stonework. Access from Duchess' Bridge and Garden Terrace will remain unchanged.

Listed building consent for the drainage works through the Old Harbour Wall was granted in September. A start date for the improvements has yet to be confirmed.

A Splash of Colour by Duchess' Bridge

The viewing platform near Duchess' Bridge has been transformed over the summer. Overlooking the estuary, it is now a riot of colour, with new planting and pots thanks to the hard work of neighbours who live nearby. Our grateful thanks go to Jackie and Dee.



Guy Fawkes Night 2026

Thursday 5th November on Alnmouth Common. This year, there will not be a bonfire, so do not bring wood and rubbish. A brazier, generously donated by the Burgage Holders, will be lit with logs. The fireworks are funded by the Burgage Holders and Alnmouth Parish Council. Refreshments courtesy of The Village Golf Club, available by donation to Playground Fund. The Golf Club bar and club house will be open during the event.

Food and brazier lighting at 17:30. Parking closes 17:45. Fireworks 18:00 prompt.

Arts Festival Grants

Applications are now open for artists and creatives seeking up to £500 to support creative projects that benefit the local community. The grants can help with materials, workshop costs, venue hire, equipment, or other practical needs that enable inclusive, creative activity in the village.

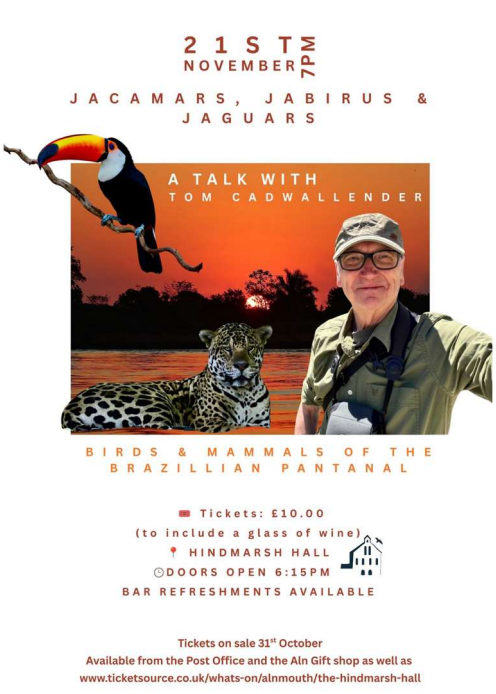
Example projects might include community murals, free or low-cost music or writing workshops, storytelling events, inter-generational art projects, temporary eco-installations, or the creation of a short film about Alnmouth.

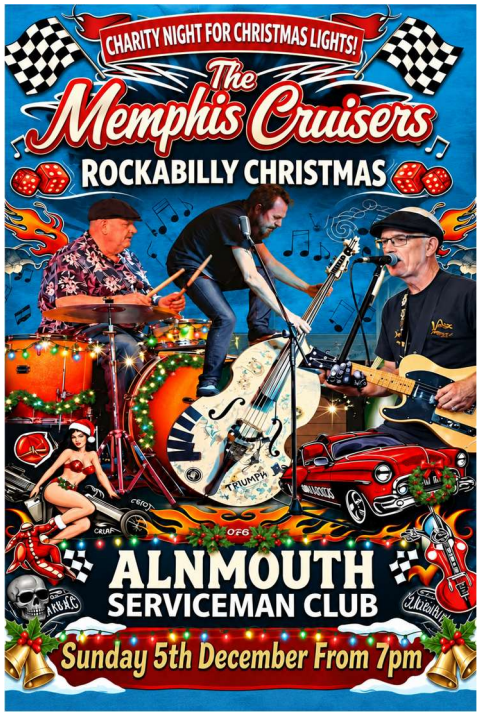
Full details and conditions are available on the Arts Festival website. If you have an idea that could bring people together or add something special to village life, do take a look — and let's get creative together. www.alnmouthartsfestival.org.uk





Please join us for the annual Christmas Lights Switch on in Alnmouth on Saturday 28 November from 3:45pm at the church. Join in the carol singing with a glass of mulled wine before the switch on at 4:30pm… followed by a very special visitor.







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