



Ulgham Newsletter

March 2024

The new seat has arrived! Thanks to the Community fund for helping with the funding and David Ogilvie of Kilmarnock for their great service. It will definitely be a feature in the village and a symbol of reflection on the past and the present in our community.

The seat will be 'unveiled' on the Day of Reflection - **Sunday, 3rd March** at 3pm. The UVA and the Parish Council invite you to attend a short ceremony and there will be refreshments afterwards in the WI Hall, Supper room.

Easter trail' - the UVA is organising an Easter trail on **Saturday, 30th March** - 11am -1pm. It will begin at Ulgham play park and end at the WI Hall, Supper room. All who have a go will get an Easter egg!



Ulgham WI Valentine's Dance, a great night's atmosphere, superb. 'Shaken not Stirred' were very entertaining with good music and a bit of wit with unlimited dancing. Super pie and peas, very tasty and great company. Thank you to everyone who made this happen, a fab night and to all of you who contribute to life in the community.

The Forge Inn

Ulgham Community Benefit Society (UCBS) were pleased to welcome our local MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan on the afternoon of the 16th February to the village. Her visit was to demonstrate her support for the "Save The Forge" campaign avoiding redevelopment of the plot. Anne-Marie Trevelyan described that she has seen first-hand, how successful community pubs/hubs can have such a positive impact on a rural community.



We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of our application to the government grant scheme - "Community Ownership Fund" which was submitted on 30th January and also a response from the owner of the Forge Inn to the offer to purchase that was submitted on the 2nd February.

Local support, both financially and volunteers has been truly amazing, with over £110k raised from over 250 members and over 70 volunteers. Our share offer has been extended to align with the outcome of the Community Ownership Fund, details can be found on the funding page of our website: <https://the-forge-at-ulgham.co.uk/funding>.

There is a Crowdfunder Page for anyone who wants to support us: www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-forge-at-ulgham. And our Facebook Page here: www.facebook.com/TheForgeatUlgham.

Woodlands and Meadows

The volunteers have begun work in the meadows clearing Blackthorn and this work will continue this month before moving back to working on the paths. Great news, there is now a picnic table in the Jubilee Oak Clearing courtesy of Northumberland Rivers Trust. Anyone interested in helping should contact David (dparkin@btinternet.com) and you can join one of our regular work mornings or be allocated a small area of clearance to carry out at your own pace. You will need tree loppers and robust gloves.

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February Draw

Winning Numbers:

1st Prize	£35	no. 38	H. Dunn
2nd	£25	no. 100	M. Carpenter
3rd	£15	no. 16	G. Brown
4th	£10	no. 56	P. Elliott

All winners have been contacted