



# Ulgham Newsletter

## April 2024

Thank you to everyone who came along to the unveiling of the new Village seat! We had a convivial event that certainly celebrated the Community and reflected past and present neighbours and friends. Many thanks to Jim and the two Johns' for siting it so well.



The Owl and Hedgehog seat brings colour and cheer to the centre of the Village! I hope it augurs well for a good Spring/Summer.



Age UK are developing a Friendship Line which is a weekly phone call to an older person who may feel lonely. They are looking for volunteers, who they will train and connect with someone. If you are interested call Susan Chrisp on 01670 784800.

The Leader of Northumberland County Council, Glen Sanderson confirmed that the road through the Village (and hopefully over the bridge) will be sorted as soon as the weather settles and is less wet!

The dog bins have been changed/re-sited on the advice of NCC to accommodate emptying of the bins. The Parish precept has paid for this service for many years so we are pleased that it has been taken over by the County team.

### **The Forge Inn**

The Asset of Community Value 6 month moratorium concluded on 5th March.

Ulgham Community Benefit Society submitted an above market value offer on 4th February, this was rejected by the owner on 4th March. An improved offer was submitted and rejected on the 4th March.

The owner is understood to be considering other offers.

Information on the Forge Inn can be found at <https://the-forge-at-ulgham.co.uk/news> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheForgeatUlgham>

### **Woodlands and Meadows**

With the help of some additional volunteers, we have been able to fell all the Blackthorn in the Meadow furthest from the road. The advent of Spring means we have to stop now so that we do not disturb the nesting season. The remaining Meadow will have to wait until much later in the summer.

After Easter we will return to the improvement of the paths and our first project will be to try and improve the very wet stretch between the steps and the Jubilee Oak clearing. Anyone eager to do some digging and gravel spreading please get in touch with David ([dparkin@btinternet.com](mailto:dparkin@btinternet.com)).

We are aware of the fly tipping behind the bench on the lane, this is inaccessible from within the Reserve because of the vegetation and steepness of the slopes, we will have to remove it through the hedge when the ground is dry enough to allow access. Please be on the lookout for fly tippers and try to collect their vehicle number so they can be reported.



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