



Chatton News

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Spotlight on: Northumberland Green



Northumberland Green is a small commercial market garden located at Shielhope near Chatton. They were established in early 2019 by Caroline and Ian Wood, a wife and husband growing team, who grow interesting varieties of salad and vegetables with a focus on seasonality, flavour, texture and colour. All their produce is grown naturally and following organic principles, without using chemical fertilisers, pesticides or herbicides. Their main focus is on growing tasty, crunchy, colourful salad leaves which are combined into seasonal mixes.

Ian has many years growing experience on a 1.7 acre organic mixed crop urban farm run by Growing Communities in East London. Caroline has had careers in the charity sector, nursing, administration and web design and

development, and brings her extensive organisational skills to running the business side of things.

Both originally from London, they fell in love with Northumberland when living here in 2017, and are over the moon that they're now living here permanently. They share their home with four rescue animals - two cats and two dogs.

They're very happy to becoming known as suppliers of quality, tasty, naturally grown produce to eateries and shops in and around Northumberland.

They also grow a variety of other seasonal produce, including:

Tomatoes

Kale and cavolo nero

Chard

Multicoloured "green" beans

Courgettes

Aubergines

Carrots

Red, orange and pink beetroot

Cucumbers



Protecting the environment is really important to them. As well as growing all their produce without the use of chemicals. Using the 'no dig' technique, which has



various benefits including preserving the soil's natural ecosystems and conserving carbon in the soil.

Planting flowers in the polytunnels encourages local bee and insect populations.

They have also installed a rainwater harvesting system. Rainwater is captured by guttering along the sides of our polytunnels, and then drains into a tank which is then pumped into storage tanks, from where we use it to irrigate the produce inside our polytunnels.

We supply our produce directly to pubs and restaurants in north Northumberland. Unfortunately we don't sell directly to the public, but our produce can be bought at the Chatton Village Store (thus supporting two local businesses).

To find out more visit the website at northumberlandgreen.co.uk,

follow on Instagram at
[@northumberlandgreen](https://www.instagram.com/northumberlandgreen)
or email

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Caroline Wood



Banner picture of Poppies on West End reproduced courtesy of Chatton In Pictures.
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Jim Nesbit Trophy Competition



We have held six annual competitions for this trophy, named in honour of our late Chairman. Up until this year we have had drought or torrential downpour conditions leading to poor catches. But on 2nd July this year we finally experienced good conditions to fish our stretch of the Till, and I am delighted to report that some great sea trout were caught. Longstanding member Algie Chapman (pictured) caught a cracking sea trout of nearly 6lb to win the competition and collect the Trophy plus a generously donated £300 voucher from Hardy of Alnwick (on their 150th anniversary). Gordon Carr caught another fantastic sea trout, and a regular associate member Dick Taylor also had a lovely cock fish. A great day was concluded with a buffet in the Percy Arms.

We have fishing rights on a unique stretch of the River Till which has diverse wildlife, and enjoys a run of sea trout and occasional salmon. My thanks go to all of the local farmers who continue to maintain the environment and allow access to our water.

*Richard Tebay
Chairman Chatton AA*

Crochet Poppies



Following admiring knitted & crocheted poppies celebrating Remembrance in other local towns and villages we would like to replicate on our Chatton memorial.

If anyone is interested in joining a group of friends in knitting or crocheting poppies, please contact Jane Lockyer (either directly or through Chatton News) and we will set-up a **Knit and Natter** session so we can bring a great show of poppies to Chatton for Remembrance.

No previous crocheting experience is necessary as instruction will be available.

Jane Lockyer

What's On

Quiz Night

Thursday 25th August 2022 7:30pm

Teams of up six

£2 per person entry

Bring your drinks and refreshments

Church Services

7th August 9:30 – Holy Cross, Chatton

21st August 9:30 – St Peter, Chillingham

4th September 9:30 – Holy Cross, Chatton

25th September 10am - Holy Cross Chatton
(Parish Harvest Festival)

Rev'd Tracey Usher

Harvest Supper

Saturday 24th September

This year's Chatton and Chillingham Harvest Supper will be held at The Village Hall on Saturday 24th September.

Northumbrian humour will be provided by celebrated comedian and raconteur Bob Bolam, and there will be a Charity Auction.

More details will follow, but do keep the date free for what should be a special evening.

CCC Race Night

Saturday 8th October

Chatton Cricket Club will again be running one of their ever popular Race Night fundraisers at The Percy Arms. These events have proven great fun in the past and a wonderful social event.

Come along to place a bet, sponsor a horse or just come for the craic.

Alistair Cochrane

Speaker Nights

Chatton Village Hall will be reintroducing Speaker Nights from September. These will be held on the last Thursday of each month, September to March (excluding December) and will begin at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm.

Details of future speakers will follow but the talk on **September 29th** will be by Nick Lewis from Lindisfarne. He will be talking about some of the history of Lindisfarne and the major refurbishments of the castle undertaken over the last few years. We hope to see you there.

Gill Rollings

Fire Safety in the Countryside

Annually, fires destroy thousands of acres of countryside in the UK. Some of these fires can become wildfires and can be significant in size. Wildfires can damage property and the environment, and they can pose a significant risk to people and vital infrastructure.

The risk of fires in the countryside is high, members of the Northumberland Fire Group will display extreme fire risk notices on footpaths and in car park areas.

If you see a notice, please exercise extreme caution and remain vigilant. If you see a fire, call 999 immediately and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service.

You can help us to reduce the likelihood of wildfires by following these simple precautions:

Remember to:

Always extinguish all campfires and barbecues properly

Always dispose of all smoking material properly, ensuring it is completely extinguished

Always take any litter home with you

Always clear away any bottles, glasses and any unbroken glass – magnification from sun rays could cause a fire

Always dispose of hot ash from campfires or barbecues as this can cause fires. Wait for ash to cool before disposal.

Never light a campfire or barbecue if you have seen an extreme fire risk notice

Never leave campfires or barbecues unattended and always extinguish them properly after use

Never use a flying lantern (also known as Chinese, wish or sky lantern)

If you see a fire in the countryside, call 999 immediately.

Remember to use **what3words** to identify your location or use a land mark

estimate the size of the area burning

describe the terrain

evacuate safely

Northumbria Police



Tillside Parish Council

Know your Councillors

Michael Strother has been re-elected as Chairman for a further year.

We have a new Vice-Chairman this year, namely Alistair MacDonald-Smith, who has taken over from Richard Tebay. Richard has decided to step down as Vice-Chair but still remains a very valued and active Parish Councillor.

The names of all the Parish Councillors can be found on our website www.tillside.uk.

BBQ area

Don't forget the wonderful new BBQ area at the Village Hall that is available for all parishioners to use. Please go to the village hall website for booking details - <http://villagehall.chatton.uk>.

Future Model of Schools

Northumberland Council has allocated nearly £40m to improve school buildings and facilities in the County.

Have your say to help shape the plans and ensure the funding creates a sustainable school system in the best interests of our young people. The consultation period opened back in May, and runs up until 12 August 2022. To find out more go to <https://nland.cc/8i2C>.

Local Transport Plan for Northumberland

Each year, every Parish Council in the County is asked if they would like to propose up to 3 sites for highways improvements in their area. This year, Tillside have put forward the following:

Passing places on the West Weetwood to Horton Road

Re-surfacing to the road at Fowberry Mains

Re-surfacing to the road at Knockwell Bank

The next meeting of the Parish Council is 8th September 2022 at Chatton Village Hall. Should you want a matter raising at this meeting either contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk before the end of August. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Helen Scrivens

Sunflowers for Ukraine



How are your sunflowers coming along? The date for measuring will be Saturday 10th September.

Two categories in the tallest sunflower - adults and children.

Please let me know before the 10th if you have a sunflower to be measured.

Mary Catchpole

Chatton Village Hall Theatre Nights

Saturday 17 September 2022

'**MACBETH**' by William Shakespeare, adapted by Chris Connaughton

"By the pricking of my thumbs, something wicked this way comes."

This all female, 3 hander version of the well-known (and very gruesome) Shakespeare classic will tour to theatres, community venues, village halls and schools this Autumn.

Adapted by writer and director Chris Connaughton and directed by NTC Artistic Director Louis Roberts, this will be a streamlined and very physical version of the original piece and performed in NTC's unique, fast paced and extremely physical style. The show will feature original music and will largely be told from the perspective of the witches. Exploring ideas of manipulation through the media and other external forces, the show will include all of the grim, gory and grisly elements that everyone loves and expects from the tale of Macbeth. Perfect for those not particularly familiar with Shakespeare's work and diehard fans alike.

Show runtime: 40 minutes each half with a 15 minute interval.

Curtain up 7:30pm, refreshments from 7pm.

Ticket sales:

£10 per ticket from Chatton Village Shop approximately five weeks before the performance.

Apology

In the last Jubilee Special issue printed copy we incorrectly reported that Frank & Olivia ran the bar during the Friday Night Gig. Although they were of great assistance during the weekend, they are clearly too young to be running a bar. The bar was actually expertly run by **Alan & Katherine Hardy** of Clavering.

Remember that you can download this & previous copies of Chatton News, listen to the podcast, and sign-up for email notification from our web site at **news.chatton.uk**.



Thanks again to Richard & Caroline Roberts of Elm Bank Coastal Park in their generous support for Chatton News. Thanks also to all who deliver copies, Ian Nixon and Andy Pigg in Chatton, Christine Lawson in Chillingham & Ruth Gibson at Hepburn.

Saturday 10 December 2022

'**The Wind in the Willows**' by Kenneth Grahame, adapted by Louis Roberts

"Beyond the Wild Wood comes the Wide World!"

In this classic tale we follow Mole, who ventures forth from the comfort of his underground home to explore the outside world. There he meets Ratty and their relationship blossoms into a heart-warming friendship as they embark on adventures together and meet other characters such as Badger and Toad! Suitable for children and families of all ages, this version will be adapted by NTC and performed in our usual fast paced, physical style with live music, song, plenty of laughs and uplifting and joyous moments.

Show runtime: 35 minutes each half with a 15/20 minute interval

Suitable for family audiences of all ages. Curtain up 6:00pm, refreshments from 5:30pm.

Ticket sales:

£10 per Adult, £5 per Child from Chatton Village Shop approximately five weeks before the performance.

Northumberland Theatre Company

Corny Corner

**I wore a slice of bread on my head to lose weight
It's the latest loaf hat diet**

*Scientists have invented an invisible plane.
I can't see it taking off*

**I asked a German if he knew the square root of 81
He said "Nein!"**

30% of owners let their pets sleep on the bed.
I tried, but my goldfish died.

**I bought a book on how to climb a ladder.
Well, it's more of a step-by-step guide**

If you would like to include something in the October / November newsletter please get in touch with us by email to **news@chatton.uk** or contact any of the editorial team **by Friday 23rd September 2022 please**