



Chatton Newsheet



The Newsletter for Chatton and Surrounding Areas

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Macmillan Cancer Support

Mighty BBQ

As the fine spring weather is now upon us thoughts turn to summer and BBQs. We are once again hosting a Mighty BBQ on **Saturday 6th June** from 6.30pm - 9.30pm at Chatton Village Hall to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Tickets cost £12.50 per person and include meat, salad, roll and desert. A vegetarian option is also available. There is a cash bar and raffle. Proceeds will go to Vicki and Trish's fundraiser as they walk their third Macmillan Mighty Hike full Marathon in the Peak District on the 18th July. Come along, have a fun evening with friends and neighbours and support a great cause! Tickets are available from Vicki (07944 456500) and Trish (07906 059015).



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A big shout out to the owners of The Percy Arms in Chatton who are once again hosting the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We really appreciate your support! Coffee, tea and bakes will be available on **Saturday 18th April** from 10.30. There is also a cake stall with delicious home made bakes and a raffle. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.

Tillside Parish Council

Thank you to County Councillor Mark Mather for organising the clearing of the drains at the Chatton Bridge area, which has been a success, however, Tillside Parish Councillors are still pushing for the other side of Chatton Bridge to be cleaned out which should totally resolve the flooding issue in that area.

Northumberland County Council have made the Northumberland County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order (which may also be referred to as "the Dog Control Order" or "the PSPO") in accordance with section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The order came in to affect on 31st January 2026.

Full details can be accessed by clicking on the following link: northumberland.gov.uk/notices.

Therefore, Tillside Parish Council are requesting that all dogs are kept on leads in open spaces and please can you pick up after your dog. Dog waste can be placed in any litter bin. Thank you.

Speed Awareness

Following the traffic survey conducted in Chatton last June (see CN82 December 2025), Northumberland County Council has agreed to take action. Normally, with such a low proportion of traffic exceeding the 30 mph speed limit in the village, action would not be recommended but, due to the pending introduction of a Rural Community Safety Grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, a pilot scheme will be trialled in Chatton.

Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras will be installed at the four road entrances to the village to measure the average speed of each vehicle (similar to average speed limit cameras seen on major roads) transitting through and recorded using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).



To minimise any negative tourism impact (a valuable source of income to the area) an extra 20% leniency (39mph) would be allowed for cars registered outside of Northumberland. Similarly, to encourage community participation, cars registered within 10 miles of Chatton would be expected to maintain an average speed 20% below the normal speed limit (e.g. 25mph). Agricultural vehicles (including quad bikes) would be exempt of speeds limits to ensure rapid free flow of traffic.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government scheme runs from **1st April 2026** and cameras will be installed as soon as available.

Banner picture of daffodils adorning the verges through the village planted by the Blooming Chatton team last autumn.

What's On - Village Hall

Coffee Morning

To be held on

Saturday 11th April 2026

at 10:30 am



Entrance £2.50

(inclusive of coffee/tea & a slice of cake)

Bacon Butties £3

Proceeds to

*Chatton AED Defibrillator
Maintenance Fund*

BYO Socials

Third Friday Get-Togethers resume on

Friday 17th April at 6:00pm

outside by the Village Hall BBQ area.

Then third Friday of the month throughout the summer.

6pm for a couple of hours chat and friendship.

The BBQ will be lit, bring yourselves, plus whatever you might want to eat or drink.

All welcome for a chatty catch-up session meeting friends, old and new.

Quiz Night

Thursday 23rd April

Start at 7:30pm. Teams up to six (just come along and meet new friends to make a team). Bring your own refreshments.

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Parish Church News

A Happy Easter to Everyone!

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and peaceful Easter. We hope that you will be able to enjoy precious time together with family and friends and that the sun shines over this most special time of the year.

Our Easter Sunday Service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Chatton at 10am on Sunday 5th April: please do think about joining us for this.

Regular Services

Reverend Tracey departed for pastures new (though thankfully local ones!) at the end of January. The Diocese is seeking to recruit a new vicar for The Benefice of Breamish and Till. In the meantime, our Sunday services are continuing as normal, thanks to a group of dedicated visiting clergy.

Holy Communion takes place at 10 am on the first Sunday of every month at Holy Cross Chatton and at 9.30 am on the third Sunday of every month at St Peter's, Chillingham. Do think about joining us at any of these services. You will be sure of a warm welcome.

Help Needed

We are so grateful for the help that our volunteers give, enabling our churches to function and stay open. In particular, we are indebted to Ann and Sue, our Churchwardens, as well as to the wonderful group who clean our churches and provide flowers. Thank you all so much!

We would love to hear from any others who might be able to give of their time and skills. Whether you worship regularly, occasionally, or not at all, we would really appreciate your help. This might range from cutting back undergrowth in the churchyard, assisting with a coffee morning, to preparing grant applications for building projects.

If you think you might be able to spare some time to help us, please contact our Parish Secretary, Alistair Cochrane, on alistair-cochrane@outlook.com

Corny Corner

A woman is selling big batteries in Chatton Play Park

She's selling C cells by the see saw.

Meanwhile a man collapsed on the merry go round

Paramedics say he's slowly coming round

Also a bald man had his toupe stolen

Police are combing the area for the culprit

Personal Note from Editor

This will be the seventh year I have edited Chatton News – my first edition being in 2020 when we took over the reigns from

Dorothy and Isabel (pen names Rupert & Murdoch). 2026 will, therefore, be my last year in the post so the last edition I shall be editing will be this year's Christmas edition in

December. To continue this newsletter will require someone (or group of people) to step up and continue the work. Could you be that person?