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River Esk: 'Action needed now'

Flood risk grows as council dithers over protection scheme

By Nick Brownlee

There are calls for urgent action to sort out the increasingly chaotic state of the river Esk in Langholm.

Fears have already been raised about a build-up of gravel and weeds on one bank, and as far back as 2007 a strategic flood risk appraisal, carried out by Dumfries and Galloway Council, highlighted Langholm as one of the top five towns in the region at risk of flooding.

In 2020, the council published its proposed flood protection scheme, which included the installation of 2m-high glass-panelled defences along George Street and Elizabeth Street and a 50m wide shallow channel through Buccleuch Park.

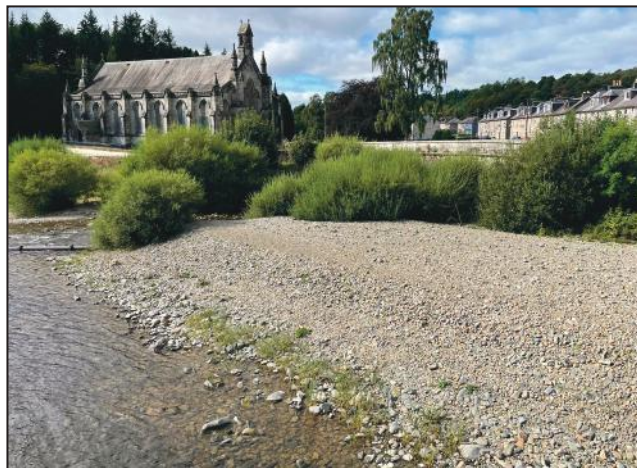
The plans met with an angry response, with residents claiming they had not been consulted.

Meanwhile the state of the river has worsened, leading to one local councillor demanding this week that separate maintenance work be carried out immediately.

As well as the gravel build-up, Denis Male is also concerned about a tangle of utilities pipes, connecting the old and new towns, which have been exposed on the riverbed during the recent dry spell.

He is now calling for an urgent meeting to be held between Buccleuch Estates, the owners of the river, SEPA, Scottish Water and the council to work out a proper river management scheme.

"I have been informed that Scottish Power no longer use



GRAVEL CONCERNS: The build up of gravel and bushes at the confluence of the River Esk and Wauchope Water is a potential flood risk, it is claimed.

one of the pipes across the river, but I am still very concerned that as well as being exposed on the riverbed it now has a large clump of Japanese Knotweed growing into the bank through which it enters the river," he said.

"As we all know this plant can damage foundations, walls, paths and all things it comes into contact with.

"At the same time the left bank of the Esk is creeping further and further across the river and pushing the flow ever nearer the wall on the George Street side. Every time the river is in spate this gravel bank gets higher and more bedded in with plant growth."

Cllr Male also has concerns about gravel build-ups further upstream, which have resulted in the River Ewes changing its course where it flows into the Esk.

"This adds to the flow of the river downstream, slowing on the left-hand bank, with the re-

sultant build up of gravel there," he said.

Cllr Male is also demanding answers from the council about the progress of the proposed flood defence scheme itself.

A council report in January revealed that since projects at the Whitesands, Langholm and Newton Stewart received initial approval they had been subject to "significant change in terms of project scope, timescales and costings".

In a letter to officials, Cllr Male says concerns over the estimated cost are just one of several raised by Langholm residents.

Others include clarity over the next round of consultation, whether the council can afford the 20 per cent of the costs it is obliged to find for the scheme, and how much has been spent on the Langholm scheme so far.

"We need answers, but more importantly we need action," he said.



Do I get a biscuit now?

ROSETTE DAY: A dog's life doesn't get much better than this! Hugo, the long-haired dachshund, was one of the many prize pooches on display at last weekend's Langholm Show, alongside a variety of superb championship livestock. It was the first time the Show had been staged since Covid, and hundreds of competitors and visitors were blessed with a day of glorious late-summer sun.

For a report, photos and full results turn to pages 7, 8, 9 and 10

Family Announcements

Deaths

GRANT, Ian

Suddenly but peacefully on 21st September 2022 in Cumberland Infirmary, Ian Grant, Prior Avenue, Canonbie, formerly of Claygate.

Dearly loved husband of the late Nessie and a much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Funeral to be announced later David Erskine. F.D 01387381251

PARK, Lilian

Suddenly but peacefully on 24th September in Dumfries Infirmary, Lilian Margaret Park, née Copeland, 50 Caroline Street, Langholm, beloved wife of Roy and a dear mam and granny.

Funeral from 50 Caroline Street on Tuesday 4th October at 11am thereafter interment in Langholm Cemetery, all friends invited.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Langholm Ambulance Station.

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Rich set to save oodles!

Oh well! The UK Chancellor of the Exchequer had the opportunity to reinstate the cancelled triple-lock for pensioners and give us a rise that might have come near to meeting the inflation in food and energy prices that we're all – working folk and pensioners alike – now suffering.

But I guess there might be some folk in receipt of the state pension who also have private/company

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Time to get rid of the gravel

Visitors to Langholm can be excused for being baffled. What exactly is that huge mound of gravel on one side of the River Esk? An artistic installation? A picnic area?

It is, of course, a natural build-up of upstream rubble. And there are some old enough to remember when builders used to fill their lorries with what amounted to tons of free hardcore.

Not anymore. Since it fell under the protection of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, the great Langholm gravel bank is now a permanent fixture – and many in the town fear it is also a recipe for flooding disaster.

Environmental protection or residential catastrophe? It's surely a no-brainer.

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Picket line posties

Mail workers set to strike again over pay

By Max McVittie

Postal strikes in our patch are set to continue at the end of the month following the postponement of industrial action due to the death of the Queen.

Royal Mail workers, represented by the Communication Workers Union (CWU), are demanding better pay and conditions to combat the rising cost of living crisis.

Two days of industrial action were set to take place on September 8 and 9, but the second day was cancelled as a mark of respect after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Two more days of action are now scheduled for September 30 and October 1.

A CWU spokesperson said: "Our Royal Mail members have had an unagreed two per cent pay deal imposed on them.

"This is at a time when RPI inflation is currently running at 11.8 per cent and when Royal Mail has announced group profits of £758million, and when the company is paying out many millions to private shareholders.

Majority

"In a national strike ballot over pay, our Royal Mail members voted by a 97.6 per cent majority to take action.

"The pay dispute is not complicated. Our members are striking for a pay rise that fully addresses

the current cost of living. Our members need it, our members deserve it – the company can afford it."

The upcoming strike action comes after more than 115,000 UK postal workers participated in the largest walkout of the summer, which involved 14,500 people in Scotland, in order to demand a "dignified, proper pay rise".

On previous strikes days, picket lines have been set up at Royal Mail offices across the region, including Dumfries and Lockerbie.

Royal Mail bosses have condemned the proposed continuation of the dispute.

A company spokesman said: "The CWU's decision to announce further strike action is placing jobs at risk. Royal Mail is losing £1 million a day.

"Strike action has weakened our financial position and is threatening the long-term job security of our postmen and women.

Apologise

"We apologise to our customers for the inconvenience the CWU's continued strike action will cause. We are doing all we can to minimise any delays and keep people, businesses and the country connected. We remain ready to talk with the CWU, but any talks must be about both change and pay."



Name and address supplied, Dumfries





Pictures at an exhibition

A Ukrainian woman, who early this year sought refuge in Langholm from the war in her homeland, has had her wildlife photographs showcased at a major exhibition.

Veronika Zolotoverkha, an experienced theatre director, was asked by the University of Cumbria's Institute of the Arts to submit images to the exhibition for the Wildlife Trust "Big Buzz" Conference held at the university.

The event, which took place in Carlisle last week, was the UK's biggest gathering of pollinator enthusiasts and professionals. Organised by Cumbria Local Nature Partnership project, and coordinated and led by Cumbria Wildlife Trust, it aimed to highlight projects and communities that are making a tangible impact on the ground.

Veronika has a particular passion for the landscape and nature, and has visited The Wildlife Trust's nature reserve on several occasions to enjoy the experience of the site and its wild lands.

Immersed

"The space reminds me of the landscape of home, especially the cornflowers," she said. "The pictures I submitted to the exhibition were that of bees, butterflies, and insects – and it's good to be immersed in my photography, taking images of the insects in this natural habitat.

"I was so happy to see my photos displayed alongside professional photographers' work, and for the encouraging com-

ments from visitors to the conference.

"I was also amazed at the comments about my work from wildlife media experts at the university and to have my work exhibited with other professional wildlife photographers was fantastic."

Veronika fled her homeland with her mother following the Russian invasion in March, and is now living with a host family in Langholm. She has since become a much-valued member of the town's artistic community, performing at a special concert for Ukraine at the Buccleuch Centre earlier this year.

She was encouraged to exhibit her work by her friend Chris Jones, who has introduced her to many people involved in the arts and theatre in the town.

"Langholm and the surrounding countryside is beautiful," she said. "They provide me with a sense of safety and belonging given the situation in the Ukraine I have left behind and the uncertainty for the future of my country and my family that remain there."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wrong kids

In last week's E&L, we referred to the children who entertained the Armstrong family at Langholm Day Centre as coming from Langholm Playcare. In fact, they came from Langholm Nursery. We are happy to set the record straight.

Light fantastic

Langholm Christmas Lights committee would like to thank everyone for their support for the baking pop-up shop. They raised £390.

MSP: Upgrade roads

MSP Colin Smyth is calling for an upgrade to the A75 and A77 roads. "For far too long, the south west of Scotland's roads have been neglected and for the safety of roads users, and to support the local economy" he said.

BELONGING: Veronika has immersed herself in her photography since arriving in Langholm
Photos by Chris Jones

Tea tribute for true blue Tory activist Doreen

THE LIFE of a well-known Langholm personality, with a passionate interest in politics, will be celebrated at a special event in the town this month.

Friends of the late Doreen Bell, who passed away two years ago aged 88, will gather in the Eskdale Hotel to enjoy afternoon tea and share memories and anecdotes.

The event on Sunday afternoon, October 16, has been organised by Dumfriesshire MP David Mundell and constituency MSP Oliver Mundell with the help of a friend of Doreen's, Sheena Dunlop from Dumfries.

"We always planned to have a special celebration for Doreen's life but that had to be postponed because of Covid and now we are delivering on the idea, which I know will be appreciated by her many friends," explained David Mundell.

"Doreen was a life-long Conservative and for many years campaigned for and assisted as a volunteer the party's long-serving former local MP Hector Monro, who had strong Langholm connections.

"She later went on the help myself and my son Oliver at elections and at other times and was a very active member of the Conservative Women's Group, both at local and national level.

"Doreen was a forthright but very kind lady with a strong sense of humour. I recall many happy times and laughs we had with her, particularly at events such as Langholm Common Riding and the Agricultural Show."



PERSONALITY: The late Doreen Bell is to be remembered a tea party in the Eskdale Hotel

Oliver Mundell predicted a good turnout for the event with some friends travelling a long distance to attend, including former Scottish Conservatives' leader Jackson Carlaw.

He said: "Doreen hosted and attended many fund-raising events and was a regular at Scottish and UK Conservative conferences.

"She was a party stalwart and activist — part of the often unsung army of volunteers who help make our democracy work."

Tickets for the event can be obtained by phoning Sheena Dunlop on 07885-747177.



A tribute to Doreen Bell Afternoon Tea at the Eskdale Hotel, Langholm

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Homeless teens on the rise

Report reveals shocking figures in D&G area

A new report has revealed the extent of homelessness among teenagers in Dumfries and Galloway.

In the first three months of this year, 15 youngsters sought emergency help from the council's homelessness team.

Aged just 16 or 17, some were still in full-time education when they found themselves without a roof over their head. There has also been an increase in children ending up homeless with their parents.

The figures are revealed in a report titled Homelessness and Housing Pressures, which claims there has been a rise in all household make-up types and age groups presenting to homeless.

The report also reveals that at the end of June 2022 there were 123 children included

on homeless applications, compared to 89 pre-pandemic.

It was revealed last month that homelessness figures overall are climbing high in Dumfries and Galloway amid an increase in evictions – and private landlords cashing in on the booming housing market.

The number of homeless applications this summer jumped by a third compared to last year, primarily due to relationship break-ups.

However, a return to pre-Covid eviction rules and more private landlords selling their houses are also factors in more families being left without a roof over their head.

A spokesman said: "When a homeless application is received, the service must make an assessment as to

whether the applicant is homeless or threatened with homelessness.

"If an applicant is assessed as unintentionally homeless, the local authority then has a duty to source a permanent housing solution."

Meanwhile registered social landlords are reporting a record low in tenancies ending, which is resulting in households having their homeless application open for longer and spending longer periods in temporary accommodation.

There have been 325 applications to Dumfries and Galloway Council for temporary homeless accommodation between April and June this year.

This is 82 more than the same period last year – and an increase of 33.7 percent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

We want your storm memories

Storm Arwen hit Eskdale and Liddesdale on November 26 last year very hard – but fortunately, as far as we know, there were no injuries.

Do you have a story about your experience of that evening? We are looking to write a piece for one of the papers in November and would like to hear your story.

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Langholm police station is a shining example

Housing development a blueprint for new project

A housing redevelopment in Langholm has been praised as a shining example of how to tackle the blight of empty homes across the Borders.

Last year work began to transform the town's derelict police station into four affordable flats.

The project was carried out by the Eskdale Foundation, with the help of a £92,000 grant from South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE).

Now a new partnership has been launched which aims to take Langholm's example and use it to regenerate empty properties across the area and turn them into much-needed housing.

South of Scotland Housing (SOSCH) and the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership (SEHP) aim to increase community housing in the south of Scotland, with particular focus on the Borders, through the conversion of residential, retail and industrial buildings.

The two-year project is centred on the hiring of a new empty homes co-ordinator who will identify and drive new community-led conversions of empty buildings. Candidates are currently being considered with an appointment expected by early October.

SOSCH chief executive Mike Staples said: "The revitalisation of empty buildings can have a significantly positive impact on communities in a number of different ways.

"SOSCH has been successful in carrying out conversions previously in Dumfries and Galloway, including the transformation of a hotel which had stood empty for 30 years into community-led homes and the restoration of the former Langholm Police Station into four homes.

"Now we are excited to be partnering with SEHP as we expand our operations into south-east Scotland, and we are on a mission to transform more buildings that have been sitting empty even for decades into housing that communities can make use of and be proud of."

According to Scottish Government figures published in December 2021, there were 1,339 empty homes in the region.

Typical reasons for homes becoming empty for several years include the death of the owner, inherited properties where the new owners are unsure of what to do, property owners not being able to afford restorations to make the home habitable and owners being in care, leading to the deterioration of the property.



IN BRIEF

Wreath offer

Langholm Social Club is planning to mark this year's Remembrance Sunday on November 13.

In previous years they have ordered wreaths on behalf of other organisations, and are offering to do so again.

Anyone interested should contact David Patterson at davep1723@hotmail.co.uk or leave a phone message on 07518 891795. Payment should be made at the earliest opportunity by cheque to Langholm Social Club for £45.50. The order will be submitted on October 14.

Alternatively, wreaths can be ordered directly from the Lady Haig Poppy Factory at ladyhaigpoppyfactory.org.uk and follow the link to the Wreath Shop. The wreaths (with crest) are priced at £39.50 and delivery is a further £6.



Donation in Scott's memory



Stevie Barker, Greg Hanson, Melvyn Hair, Tommy and Diane Morrison, Ian and Sheila Scott and Luke Tolson

The Scottish Ambulance Service - Langholm Station were the recipients of a generous donation recently from the family of the late Scott Morrison of Langholm.

The sum of £1,377.05 was raised at a memorial bowling tournament held in June. £602.05 was raised on the day and after publication of the event in the E&L, further donations flooded in doubling the original sum.

The decision to give the money to the ambulance team was an easy one given their valued place in the community and the dedicated service they provide.

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Farewell to the Mart

Demolition marks the end of 140 years of trading in Copshaw

By Gilly Fraser

Newcastleton witnessed the end of an era this week with the demolition of the Auction Mart.

Operated by Harrison and Hetherington, the Mart – which had done a roaring trade ever since it was first built in the 1880s – was the venue for the oldest suckler sale in the UK and the biggest sale of Blue-Grey calves.

In its heyday, buyers came from as far afield as Cornwall and the Isle of Skye as hundreds of sheep and cattle went through the ring, many fetching record prices.

A diary entry from a sale of Blue-Greys in 2009 recorded that: “The Sale, renowned nationwide for the quality of its stock, did not disappoint. The recently refurbished mart looked at its best, with pens full and a ringside packed with regular customers outnumbered by new faces.

Right from the start on Tuesday the ringside was buzzing, prices terrific, the £1000 barrier being broken not once but 56 times. Seasoned onlookers commented that never before had such prices been attained. All cattle were a joy to sell.”

Alan Atkinson’s links with the Mart stretch right back to his schooldays when, as he admits with a smile, he would happily ditch lessons for the day to work there instead.

History

Then around 15 years ago he succeeded John Robertson in looking after the running of the Mart. He says it has played a huge part in the history of the village.

“Before it was built, farmers sold their stock on the hillside and would walk them down to Cumberland,” he says.

“Somebody told me the story that there were good Dukes and bad Dukes and it was a good Duke that was in charge at that time and he thought there was a lot of good stock in the Eskdale and Liddesdale area, so he built a mart here and also one at Langholm.

“The first sheep sale would



CENTRAL: Newcastleton Auction Mart was a big part of village life for 140 years

be the last week in July or first few days in August, then they went every fortnight.

“Local farmers used to walk their sheep to the village and then up the main street to get to the mart. We had some rodeos, but they always managed to get them here.

“Whole generations have come to the mart. Before the last sales we were told to knock down the old tin shed toilets down and this chap came up to me and said, ‘Where’s the toilet gone?’

“I said we’d been instructed that they had to be demolished and he was really disappointed. “My grandfather took me for a pee there, and I have my grandson with me today and I was going to take him for a pee there as well!”

Alan says the Mart had an excellent reputation in farming circles, not least because of its layout.

Tapered

“It was very well designed. It was said to be the best ring for showing stock because of its size. Also, it was tapered up in the middle so stock always looked that bit bigger when they were being sold.

“It had an atmosphere all of its own. When you had the pens



PROGRESS: “It’s sad to see it go and it wasn’t nice seeing it all come

full of cattle and the ring full of buyers, there was standing room only. The wagons would be queuing right down the main street.”

In its last years the demands of modern sales and sellers meant the Mart was no longer fit for purpose. The last few sales were actually held at Lockerbie, though still held under the Newcastleton name.

“It’s sad to see it go and it wasn’t nice seeing it all come down, but it was necessary,” Alan says. “It wasn’t falling down but bits were starting to fall off. The beams were still sound and one builder said the roof was a work of art but it would take thousands to strip it all down and put it back the way it was.”

Among his countless memories, the story of an escapee cow still makes Alan chuckle.

Escapee

“Oh yes, we’ve had them get out. One jumped right into the school playground. Then it jumped out over the school fence, then it jumped the railway fence, jumped the next railway fence and disappeared on to the Holm Hill.

“It stayed there till nearly the end of November. When they eventually brought it in, they said it was the quietest animal they’d ever handled. The man who had bought it was a farmer from Yorkshire, and he was quite happy because he got six weeks free keep.”

Industry lobbies for more training

The training needs of Scotland’s agricultural workforce were put under the spotlight in a special meeting held in Dumfriesshire.

Members of NFU Scotland met with Jamie Hepburn MSP, the Minister for Higher and Further Education, to lobby for more training opportunities especially for those coming into the industry.

The Union used the meeting to urge the Scottish Government to continue to work with the agricultural sector on measures which allow the farming community to attract workers by supporting training and skills development, the adoption of new technologies and positively promoting career opportunities.

They specifically requested more formal Continual Professional Development

(CPD) programmes; greater recognition at school level of opportunities for employment in the agri-food sector; further development of apprenticeship schemes and recognition that training within the agricultural workforce can present specific issues around remoteness, transport and connectivity.

Speaking after the meeting, Chair of NFU Scotland’s Education and Skills Committee, Jamie Smart said: “A skilled workforce is central to maintaining the capacity for farm businesses to produce food in the months and years ahead and that must be a priority for governments and the supply chain. Agriculture provides many attractive career opportunities, but the farming sector is facing serious labour issues on several fronts.”

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**Welcome
back...**

The Langholm Show returns

Gran' day, gran' show, gran' to be back!

Langholm Agricultural Society Show returns with style after a two-year hiatus

Show summary by Gilly Fraser

What are the must-have ingredients for a top-rate country show? Good weather is right at the top of the list, with blue skies and warm sunshine a definite bonus. Add in a wide range of classes covering everything from baking to floral art to livestock to horses and dogs, plus Cumberland Wrestling, and you'll be well on the way to success. If you can guarantee a high standard of entrants and top it all off with the chance to meet up with friends and family, then you must be on to a sure-fire winner.

Happily, Langholm Show had the lot. Making a hugely welcome return after the bleak Covid years, it provided the perfect finale to the region's agricultural show season, bringing down the curtain in style.

Show Chairperson Michelle Jardine summed up the day perfectly.

"A great day was had by all," she said. "The sun shone from dawn to dusk with judging starting at 8.30 of the horses, sheep, cattle, dogs and the industrial section. Entries were down a little but that didn't stop spectators coming through the gate to enjoy what was on show. All the exhibitors did a tremendous job and their entries were a credit to them all.

"A massive well done to Jim and Sharon Robertson for winning the Overall Supreme Champion with a South Country Cheviot tup called Hit and Run and shown by Fred Little.

"I would like to say a massive thank you to my Vice-Chair Robin Vevers who has been a great help to me over the last couple of years in my role as Chairperson, and also to the Secretaries for a lot of work behind the scenes and to the committee in general.

"Without a committee there would be no show at all. It takes a lot of organising, setting up, putting everything together, then having to take it all down and tidy it all away at the end of the day.

"So a huge Thank You to you all, we hope everyone enjoyed the show as much as we did - Roll on 2023!"

And so say all of us.



BEST: Ailidh Scott won the Eskdale & Liddesdale Trophy for the best exhibit in the baking section



FAMILY AFFAIR: Four generations of the Cavers family, Elliot, Grandpa Elliot, Great-grandpa Tom and Dad Sandy



SHEEP SHAKE: South Country Cheviot tup called Hit and Run and shown by Fred Little.



WHAT'S GOING ON?: This cheeky sheep can't wait for the judging



DECISION TIME: The judges mull over who will be champion at this year's Show



KING RAT: Summer Harvey shows off Betsie the prize-winning rat



PONY PARADE: From little to large - the coloured ponies and horses make a stunning display



TACTICS: These exhibitors are working out the best way to win



GRAPPLING: These youngsters are learning Cumberland Wrestling



TASTY: In the pink with a stylish industrial tent entry



BEAUTIFUL MOOSIC: Exhibitors bring their prize cattle to the show ring to impress the Langholm Show judges one more time

Castleholm from home!



SAFE LANDING: One of the magnificent Birds of Prey in the Falconry display returns to its proud handler



ON THE RUN: Showing off their paces in the canine classes



EXPECTANT: The skills of sheep handling are clearly safe in the hands of a whole new generation

Show Results

Sheep Trophy Winners

South Country Cheviot
The Thomson, Roddick & Laurie Perpetual Challenge Cup J. Hume, Sandhope

Best female CC on the show field bred by exhibitor The Cooper Challenge Cup J. Robertson, Becks

Best male group
The Arkleton Perpetual Challenge Cup J. Robertson, Becks

Best male cheviot on the show field
JW Patterson Challenge Cup L. Luescher, Megdale

Best cheviot sheep in the untouched class
The Henderson Challenge Cup J. Robertson, Becks

Champion cheviot The Scotpen Cup
J. Robertson, Becks

Champion of Champion SCC

Blackface
The James Murray Perpetual Challenge Salver S. Anderson, Penchrise

Best blackface sheep on the show field
The Megdale Perpetual Challenge Cup S. Lambie, Ashcraig Farm

Best black faced sheep opposite the champion William Corrie Memorial Trophy S. Lambie, Ashcraig Farm

Best black faced sheep in the untouched classes The Winterhope Cup/ RB Hope Special Trophy J. Robertson, Becks

Most points in untouched class

Black Sheep The Bibby Tankard K. Turnbull, Larkhall

Prime Lambs
Cumberland & Dumfriesshire Farmers Mart PLC L & A Williamson, Dykehead

Best pen of prime lambs

Bluefaced Leicester
Cumberland & Dumfriesshire Farmers Mart Perpetual Trophy A. Brown, Castle Douglas Best blue faced Leicester

Zwarbles Jobsons Farm Health Cup A.J. Thornburn, Homlea North

Any Other Breed The Crowdieknowe Cup J. Elliot, Selkirk

Best sheep in any other breed
Eskdale Agricultural Society L. Barns

Best Jacob sheep Dick Johnston Trophy I. Clarke, Paddick Hall

Any continental Breed

Young Handler
Mr & Mrs G McGimpsey Perpetual Cup A. Clark, Meikle Glengyre

Best in young handler class
Carrs Billington Agriculture Trophy K. Turnbull, Larkhall

South of Scotland young handler champion

Suffolk The Roger & Fountain Trophy R. Arthur, The Snab

Best Suffolk on the show field

The Tithebarn Salver R. Arthur, The Snab

Best group of 3 in Suffolk section

The Tom Barbour Cup P & D Reid, Calveport

Best Suffolk opposite sex to the champion Texel

Cumberland & Dumfriesshire Farmers Mart Trophy M. Craig, Glenhowan Farm

Best Texel ACC

Jimmy Johnston Perpetual Trophy S. Robertson, Becks

Best opposite sex to champion in Texel section non ACC

The Kirkpatrick Challenge Cup S. Robertson, Becks

Best animal in non ACC Texel classes Overall Sheep

The Garwald Perpetual Challenge Cup J. Robertson, Becks

Best sheep on the show field irrespective of breed

Special Prize from British Wool Board J. Robertson, Becks

Best woolled sheep on the showfield

Thomas Hyslop Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup J. Robertson, Becks

Most points in sheep sections

Cattle Trophy Winners

Galloway

The Harrison & Hetherington Perpetual Challenge Cup D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill Best Galloway on the show field

Commercial

The Sarkside Cup D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill

Best pen of 4 cows & calves

The BOCM Pauls Rose Bowl D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill

Best in Class 86 cow & calf

Calves

The Chapel of Logan Perpetual Trophy C & K Wright, Parkgate

Best exhibit in homebred classes

The Harrison & Hetherington Perpetual Challenge Cup C & K Wright, Parkgate

Best continental calf

The Dalgety Spillers Perpetual Trophy JDM Thomson, Newlands Farm

Best traditional bred calf

The Lobol Cup C & K Wright, Parkgate

Best calf

The Dick Johnson Trophy Ramsay McKinnon

Best Young Handler

Overall Cattle

The RHM Trophy D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill

Overall cattle

The Ivomec Trophy D & R Cornthwaite, Balgray Hill

Competitor with most points in cattle

Dog Trophy Winners

Collies

E & L Pastoral Society Challenge Cup J. Hogg, Boatford Cottage

Best Collie in show

All Other Dogs

The Turnbull Salver L. Kyrke, Kirtle Bridge

Best Jack Russell Terrier

The Barntaloch Perpetual Trophy K. O'Sullivan, Shealia Hill Farm

Best Veteran

The Perpetual Challenge Cup K. O'Sullivan, Shealia Hill Farm

Best dog or bitch in show (exc collies)

Horse Trophy Winners

Horse

Ridden Hunters

The Wild ARO Perpetual Challenge Cup H. McTaggart, Hawick

Best small Hunter

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Challenge Cup S. Cloy, Dumfries

Best large Hunter

The Flighty Cuckoo Perpetual Challenge Cup H. McTaggart, Hawick

Best animal in Hunter classes

Other Horses

The RC Dalgliesh Cup C. Storey, Yetholm

Best in riding horse class

The Solway Racehorses Trophy I. Gibson, Melrose

Best in ex racehorse

Ponies

In Hand Ponies

The Meikledale Cup R. Lane, Kirkpatrick Fleming

Best pony in hand

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Trophy R. Lane, Kirkpatrick Fleming

Best native pony in hand

Ridden Ponies

The Jackson Armstrong Perpetual Challenge Trophy O. Stewart, Lochmaben

Champion pony in hand/ridden

The Ritchie Memorial Cup G. Young, Tundergarth

Best hill (native) pony ridden

Pony Club / Young Rider

I. Carruthers, Waterbeck

Best pony club / young rider

Overall Horse

The George Aitchison Memorial Trophy O. Stewart, Lochmaben

Best overall horse

Industrial Winners

Pet show

1st - Summer Harvey & Betsie, Rat
2nd - Rebecca Storey & Starry, Guinea Pig
3rd - Josh Storey & Spotty, Guinea Pig
4th - Molly & Daisy Barlow & Speedy, Hen
5th - Blake Divers & Indie, Dog
6th= Alfie & Oliver Denton & DJ, Dog
6th= Imogen Reid & Brodie, Dog

The Late D Grant Memorial Trophy, best Novice Stick - Ian W Forsyth

The Bell Perpetual Challenge Cup for best dressed stick on show - Alistair Warwick

AA Leith Cup for most points in vegetable classes - Richard Bray

Cumberland Building Society Trophy for best exhibit in flower section - Jock Grant

Langholm Floral Art Club Trophy for best exhibit in Floral Art - Jane Bloxham

Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser Trophy for best exhibit in baking section - Ailidh Scott

Mr & Mrs J Wood Perpetual Challenge Trophy for most points in plain baking - Mary Irving

Mrs Annie Hutcheon Perpetual Challenge Trophy for most points in cake section - Mary Irving

Kirtleton Trophy for best exhibit in Preserves - Hazel Johnstone

Potholm Perpetual Challenge Cup for best exhibit in Handcraft section - Lyndsay Campbell

Eskdale Camera Club Trophy for Most points in photography section - David McVittie

Eskdale Group WRI Challenge Cup for member with most points in SWI section - Liz Walters

Eskdale Group Salver for winners of SWI Team Test - Canonbie

Langholm Rural Trophy for outstanding exhibit in SWI section - Hazel Johnstone

The Georgefield Trophy for best exhibit in Children A section - Ava Cubbon

Tom's Bakery Shield for best exhibit in Children B section - Lucy Barker

The James Telford Trophy for best exhibit in Childrens artwork - Cooper Littlejohn

Trophy and framed copy of poster for winning designer - Abbie Laidlaw

Trophy and framed copy of catalogue cover for winning designed - Luca Skelton

‘If you see a single person, then it’s crowded.’

On his latest walk, GAVIN GRAHAM explores the remote beauty of Coll



FAVOURITE: Crossapol Bay and in my humble opinion the nicest beach on Coll.

Almost a year ago I received a message from Rev Bob Milne, who was minister at Langholm parish for about 10 years up to about 2010.

He had heard that, in my quest to walk on all of Scotland’s inhabited islands, I have still one major island to do on the Inner Hebrides. I had been booked to visit Coll with my friend John Irving for a day trip flying from Oban a good number of years ago but missed the trip due to illness, so another friend Ken took my place.

Bob was due to preach on Coll for two Sundays in 2022, and because of this was able to use the Manse in the village of Arinagour; so he invited Gaye and myself to stay with them for a few days.

This was originally booked for June 2022, but due to unforeseen circumstances it was changed to early September.

We headed to Oban to catch an almost three-hour ferry to Coll, and the crossing was flat calm on a glorious early autumn day.

The island of Coll has a population of 150 and is 13 miles long by about three miles wide. We arrived on Tuesday evening and then had two full days on Coll before our return on Friday morning.

The manse was old and in need of a bit of TLC, but it was comfortable enough and our hosts Bob and Sheila were just perfect in looking after us.

This is a great island for walking and our main walk on the Wednesday was on the northwest coast of the island.

The walk was called Cliad Bay and the northwest coast. It

was about six miles in length and the height gain was about 350 ft.

The first half of the walk followed the coast and took in several beautiful bays and stretches of sand dunes. This part of the walk took much longer than the second half, and we walked a lot of the time on sand dunes and along the beaches making it slower walking – but at the same time captivated by the beauty of our surroundings.

In the two hours it took us to do this half of the walk we never saw another person. On the second half of the walk, we followed the very winding single-track road from the northernmost part of the island and in the hour we walked back along it we saw a few cars.

Feall Bay

On our second day on Coll, we headed to the southwest of the island at Crossapol Bay on the south and Feall Bay on the west side.

The part in-between is almost a tombola made up of huge sand dunes. This is perhaps the nicest of all the beaches on Coll, but to be honest they are all spectacular and if you see another person on them then they are crowded.

Our Thursday walk was only along the sandy road to the beach and back again but the wildflowers we saw were beautiful and if you were there in May or June the wildflowers would be even more spectacular.

Coll is an ideal island for a short stay break although a longer stay would just mean you may repeat some of the

walks, which is not too much of an ordeal.

We were very fortunate with good weather, although the wind always blows and on our second day it was from the north so a bit colder.

On Thursday evening we dined at the Coll Island Café, and this was exceptional and one of the nicest meals we have ever had anywhere.

To find out more about these walks visit the following website. <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/islands/cliad-bay.shtml>



AQUAMARINE: The first of our Wednesday Walk beaches



BEAUTIFULLY REMOTE: The village of Arinagour on Coll. The Church of Scotland Manse is the white building on the extreme right



HEBRIDES: Looking north from Cliad with The Isle of Rum on the left and Eigg on the right



WHITE SANDS: The last of several beaches before we headed slightly inland to walk back on the minor road.

IN BRIEF

Hackers threat to council

Council bosses are to boost their cyber security after warnings that Russian hackers may be targeting their systems.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has pulled together an action plans in the wake of other UK councils being targeted and their systems being badly affected.

And they have warned that a successful breach could result in a “complete loss or interruption to service delivery, affecting our ability to support the most vulnerable and the council failing to discharge statutory functions across a range of services.”

The move comes after Gloucester Council’s security was breached in December last year, resulting in benefit payments, planning applications and house sales all being delayed due to compromised IT systems. The council’s services still hadn’t returned to normal six months later.

Meanwhile, Redcar and Cleveland Council was subject to a “catastrophic” cyber attack by cybercriminals in February 2020, with a single dodgy email taking down the entire computer system in a matter of minutes.

This summer, following increased concerns about hacking, the former head of the National Cyber Security Centre, Ciaran Martin, said that public services are facing “really serious problems that need national level policy attention”.

It is being proposed that D&G council takes several measures to increase digital security, including developing a data protection incident contingency plan, regular scrutiny of its information asset register, and providing guidance for staff and managers in areas such as the acceptable use policy and home working security assessment.

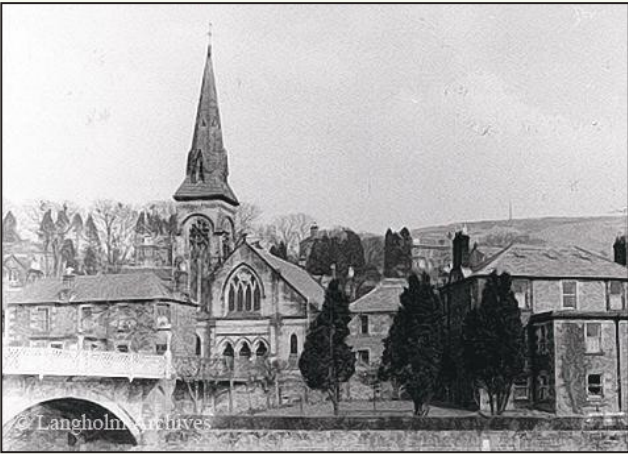
Meet the buyer

Small and medium sized businesses are invited to join the South of Scotland ‘Meet the Buyer’ event in Selkirk on October 4.

It’s a chance to meet procurement teams from local authorities in the area, and is aimed at trying to help local businesses find out what contract opportunities are available across a range of sectors.

25 New cinema for Langholm?

1997



A £1m plan for Langholm's Erskine Church could bring a cinema back into the town.

For included in the plans to turn the former church into a museum is a lecture theatre and cinema to provide tourist and historical information.

But the planned 44-seater cinema on the gallery of the building could also be put to community use providing up-to-the-minute films for the townsfolk and bringing in further revenue.

The Executive Committee of Langholm Initiative heard that the plans were now ready for submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund, from where it hoped the bulk of the money will be obtained.

At the annual general meeting in Langholm recently the Clan Armstrong Society gave the green light to the project which was the brainchild of its chairman Alan Armstrong and has now been further developed by

Carlisle architect Richard Jacques and the Initiative.

The church is now owned by Solway Heritage, who have been taking a back seat during the planning stage and who will now, says an Initiative spokesman become more involved in its development.

The next step is to form a business company in order to put forward the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and for grants from the European Rural Development Fund for £5b funding.

The Initiative will be looking for support from Dumfries & Galloway Council, MP Russell Brown, but most importantly from the community itself.

With several plans in the pipeline to turn the Border Reivers into the Robin Hood of the North, the Langholm venture will become not only a museum and Clan Armstrong Centre, but a Border Reiver Centre.

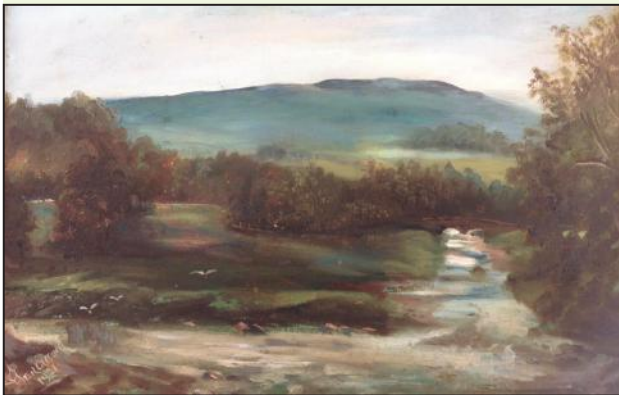
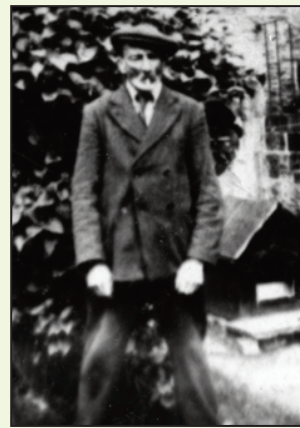
50 'Fitba' paintings

1972

Since our Common Riding "jotting" regarding two oil-paintings by David Ferguson, which we saw occupying pride of place on the wall of a New Town house to which we were invited on the Simmer Fair Nicht, we have been told of many other "Fitba" pictures still to the fore, not only in Langholm but practically all over the country.

For instance, we had a letter from one of our readers who now resided away up North wherein she tells us had a painting by David Ferguson, and to use her own words "It's the Skippers Bridge taken from the underside. The three arches are there. Looking through them you can see the Distillery. On the right is a nice tree and the other side a smaller one. The shades are dark and light brown with large stones on the right; the water shaded and one seagull." Quite a good description.

Seagulls were one of Dave Ferguson's "trade-marks" on his Skippers Bridge paintings, using them to give a bit of perspective and a third-dimensional effect to the finished article. Sometimes when painting the Skippers Bridge from the Distillery bank he added a fisher on the Murtholm side in addition to the seagulls, and for the same purpose.



75 Gift from The Duke of Buccleuch

1947

LANGHOLM TOWN COUNCIL

The announcement of the gift, by His Grace The Duke of Buccleuch, of Buccleuch Square, to the Town of Langholm, was announced by Provost Ewart at the monthly meeting of Langholm Town Council, held in the Town Hall, Langholm, on Thursday evening.

The Provost, after conveying the thanks of the community to His Grace for his handsome gift, stated that while no conditions were attached, His Grace had expressed the wish that the Square would be maintained as an open space rather than used for a building site. The Town Clerk announced that the County Council requisition this year amounted to £8169 0s 11d, an increase of £1478 12s 3d as compared with the previous year which, in itself, meant an addition of 1/8 or 1/9 in the £ on the rates.

Interesting questions in regard to the Kilngreen and the Suspension Bridge were also discussed.

In regard to the former it was decided to contact the Scottish Home Department with a view to securing an immediate grant to put the Kilngreen into the condition it was before it was requisitioned by the Military authorities.

Several recommendations regarding the Suspension Bridge which will mean a considerable improvement, were agreed to. Principal of these were the introduction of a ramp to the pier on the Eastern end of the bridge instead of the steps as formerly, and the incorporation of part of the garden at Boatford Cottage on the roadway with a circular concrete kerb round the gable.



C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report Thursday 22nd September 2022

C&D Auction Marts Limited had forward 11,400 sheep comprising of 5,198 prime lambs and 6,202 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown on Thursday 22nd September 2022.

A larger show of cast cows were forward with more quality on offer. Trade continues at recent high rates with many more numbers required on a weekly basis here at Longtown. The sale topped at £1,840 for a tremendous Charollais cow shown by Messrs Baxter, Moss Side, Hethersgill, who also sold others at £1,713. Limousin cows sold to £1,331 from PJ & L Dixon, Upperburnmouth, Newcastleton. Holsteins topped at £1,131 from Hewson Bros., Jerriestown, Blackford with Galloways to £1,003 from A Murray & Son, Sewing Shields, Hexham. Top price per kilo of 214p and 209p for Charolais from Moss Side.

A much larger show of 5,198 prime lambs were forward.

Top price per kilo of 327p for Beltex lambs shown by J Halliday & Son, Linnhead, Tundergarth and from G & W Halliday, Crawthart, Waterbeck. Texel lambs sold to a top of £162 from HG Woodmass, Harene, Linstock.

Overall average 233.1p (SQQ 229.9p)

PRINCIPAL PRICES (PER KILO)

Beltex 327p Linnhead & Crawthart, 318p Whitstonehill, 311p Crawthart, 307p Penpeugh, 305p High Mossthorn.

Suffolk 293p Dodgsonstown, 277p Burnside, 255p Burgh Head.

Dutch Texel 290p Burn House.

Texel 288p Low Dunashery, 283p High Mossthorn, 280p Waterside & Lennox Plunton, 278p Tercrosset.

Charollais 263p Staffler, 252p Low Dunashery.

Blackface 251p Fenton.

Blue du Maine 250p Bower-shield.

Cheviot Mule 242p, 239p Dodg-

sonstown, 239p Waterside, 236p Gospel Hall & Skernish.

Dutch Spotted 242p Low Dunashery.

North Country Cheviot 239p, 234p North House, 233p Earlside.

Easycare 237p Eland Hall, 231p East Fortissat.

Berrichon 236p Kimmeter Green.

Mule 234p Pitland Hills, 232p Low Dunashery & Pitland Hills, 231p Baitlaws, 230p Dodgsonstown.

Cheviot 232p Castle Crawford, 229p Lyneholm House, 228p Castle Crawford.

PRINCIPAL PRICE (PER HEAD)

Texel £162 Harene, £156 Smeral, £155 Tone Hall, £154 Waterside, £146 Tone Hall & Smeral.

Beltex £158 High Mossthorn, £148, £144 Linnhead, £144, £143 Crawthart, £140 Whitstonehill.

Suffolk £150 Burgh Head, £141 Flex, £140 Whitechapel, £138 Haregills.

Dutch Texel £148 Burn House.

Blue du Maine £146 Waterside.

Cheviot Mule £138 Dodgsonstown.

Charollais £134 Nether Stenries.

Mule £124 Pitland Hills.

A huge entry of 6,202 cast ewes nad rams was forward.

Heavy ewes sold to £250 per head for Texel ewes from J & J Campbell, Dinnans, Wigtownshire.

Hill ewes topped at £108 for Hill Cheviots from New Kelso.

Rams sold to £222 for Texels from Beckfoot.

Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers, who will be pleased to take your calls for all further enquiries or entries.

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HEAVY EWES

Texel £250 Dinnans, £228

Gilside, £212 Cleughbrae, £200

Watch Currock, £198 Crailloch, £195 Waltonwoodhead.

Beltex £178, £168 Whitstonehill.

Suffolk £148 Tarrasfoot, £146

Viewley & Whitstonehill, £144

Beckfoot, £138 Viewley & Burn-

side.

Cheviot Mule £148 Relief.

Charollais £137 Beckfoot.

North Country Cheviot £128

Purdomstone, £126 Marchbank.

Mule £123 Staffler, £120 Oak-

lands & Dyke, £118 Beckhall,

£114 Airyhassen.

LIGHT EWES

Hill Cheviot £108 New Kelso,

£102 Tarrasfoot, £94 Carterton,

£90 Drycleuchlea.

Lleyn £93 Sharpplaw, £90 Town-

head Cottage.

Easycare £90 Cleongart, £80

East Fortissat.

Blackface £86 Whitechapel, £85

High Cattadale & Collin Bank, £84

Dranigower.

Swaledale £86 Whitton.

RAMS

Texel £222 Beckfoot, £190

Sharpplaw.

Charollais £175 Viewley.

Beltex £170 Nether Stenries.

North Country Cheviot £155

Achvaich.

Oxford £148 Beckfoot.

Bluefaced Leicester £146 Whit-

ton.

Blue Texel £138 Viewley.

Cheviot £132 Cossarhill.

Suffolk £132 Galadean.

Averages:

Lambs

Light to 243.0p (193.5p)

Standard to 278.0p (226.3p)

Medium to 327.0p (233.5p)

Heavy to 311.0p (239.9p)

Overweight to 280.0p (233.1p)

Ewes

Light to £108.00 (£52.50)

Heavy to £250.00 (£92.64)

Rams to £222.00 (£106.61)



The E&L Gallery



Prolific Langholm photographer, Stan Wilson, provides us with another cracking shot. This time of the sheep-judging at Langholm Show

Camera: Sony AX

Firefighters make a splash



ELBOW GREASE: Newcastleton firefighters Shaun Turnbull and Ian Nichol buffing up a storm on Car Washing Day

By Gilly Fraser

Newcastleton's hardworking firefighters found themselves tackling a totally different challenge at the weekend.

They may be more accustomed to putting out blazes – but they proved they've got a fine set of washing, buffing and polishing skills as well.

The crew worked as a team on their marathon car wash day to raise funds for the Fire Fighters Charity. In a three-hour stint they made a whopping £535.50.

Local people supported the lads and lasses by bringing along their mucky jalopies – and also by buying the tasty home baking treats on offer.

Winter is coming!

Arctic snap in Eskdalemuir heralds change



Folk in Eskdalemuir shivered in sub-zero temperatures this week, as an Arctic cold front well and truly heralded the end of summer.

And it took temperatures across our patch to well below average for the time of year, with the Met Office warning that the mercury could dip as low as -2C by the end of the week.

It's only three months since Eskdalemuir sweltered in 32C heat, making it one of hottest places in Scotland during July's heatwave.

But at the weekend the temperature was

recorded at -0.3C as the cold front from the north began to bite.

According to weather experts, temperature highs will be in the mid-teens while some areas won't break above single-digit weather this week. Rain and strong winds are on the cards, with heavy showers to batter parts of Scotland and Northern England.

"Temperatures will be a little below average

for the time of year with

highs for most in the mid-teens Celsius, although some chillier spots in the north may stay in single figures," said Alexander Burkill, senior operational meteorologist at the Met Office.

"There's a cold front pushing in from the north, and behind it we will have cold, northerly air moving in which is why the weather will feel more autumnal this week."

Temperatures will slowly rise towards the weekend, but it will still feel more like autumn than of late due to brisk winds and some showers too."

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Fri 30th	The Simon & Garfunkel Story	The Buccleuch Centre, Langholm 7.30pm
Sat 1st	Love Langholm Local Market	Langholm Market Place 9am - 1pm
3rd-29th	Jane Gifford Langholm Landscapes Exhibition	Welcome to Langholm Market Place Mon - Sat 10am - 2pm
Fri 7th	Border Reiver Dances	Longtown Memorial Hall 7.30pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

PLANNING

The applications, associated plans and documents can be viewed on-line by following the ePlanning link on the Council's website at www.dumgal.gov.uk/planning. Written comments may be made to Head of Economy and Development by email to Planning@dumgal.gov.uk or via the Council's website, as noted above, by 13/10/2022 (Type A).

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Mattinson treble settles it

Nine-man Langholm hang on for costly win

Football

**Langholm Legion 6
Newtown 4**

By Ali Little

Langholm got their season back on track on Saturday, after having had two weekends without fixtures due to the Queen's death and also a late call off from the referee the following week.

The side were still without injured captain, Lee Irving, and also missing regular keeper Derek Johnson, so Cuthbert stepped into the captain's position while 16-year-old Cain Maxwell made his first appearance for the club between the sticks.

Langholm started brightly, finding lots of joy on the wings and with Cuthbert and Reid handling Newtown midfield. And they were soon in front, when a through-ball from Little allowed Mattinson to break away from his marker and find the back of the net.

Newtown's long ball game was proving increasingly dangerous, however, and Langholm's defensive frailty in

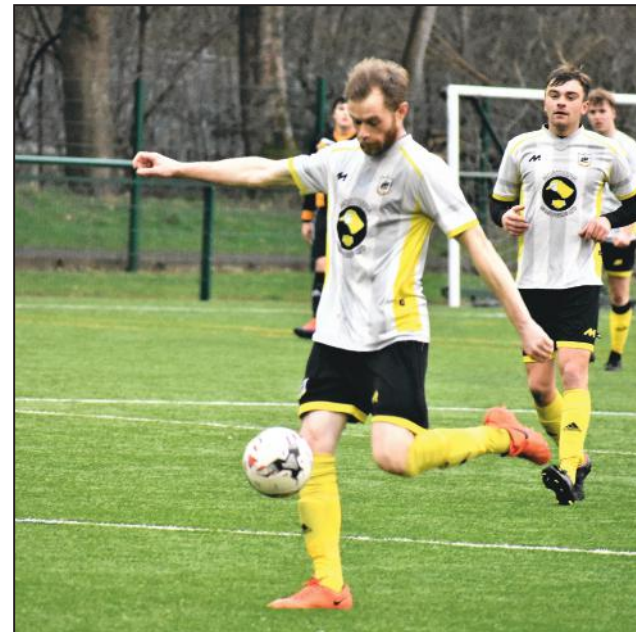
the box enabled the visitors to score twice in quick succession to stun the home side.

But in a game of yo-yoing fortunes, Langholm levelled just before the break when Hamilton latched on to a cross and steered it back across the six-yard box for Winter to coolly despatch it into the net.

With Langholm playing expansive football after the break, it looked like it was only a matter of time before they broke the deadlock. But then Ali Little's frustration at being denied a freekick resulted in him being red carded for dissent.

Fired up by the decision, 10-man Langholm continued to push forward and were rewarded when Ian Little scored from a free-kick. But, in an increasingly crazy game, Newtown equalised only for Mattinson to restore the home side's lead before Little became the second Langholm player to see red for dissent.

With Langholm now down to nine men it looked as though this could have been the turning point in the match – but remarkably the fifth goal came when Mattinson was sent clear and unselfishly fed the veteran Borthwick, who slotted the ball into the net.



SHARPSHOOTER: Brian Mattinson's hat trick against Newtown secured victory for Langholm despite the team losing two players to red cards

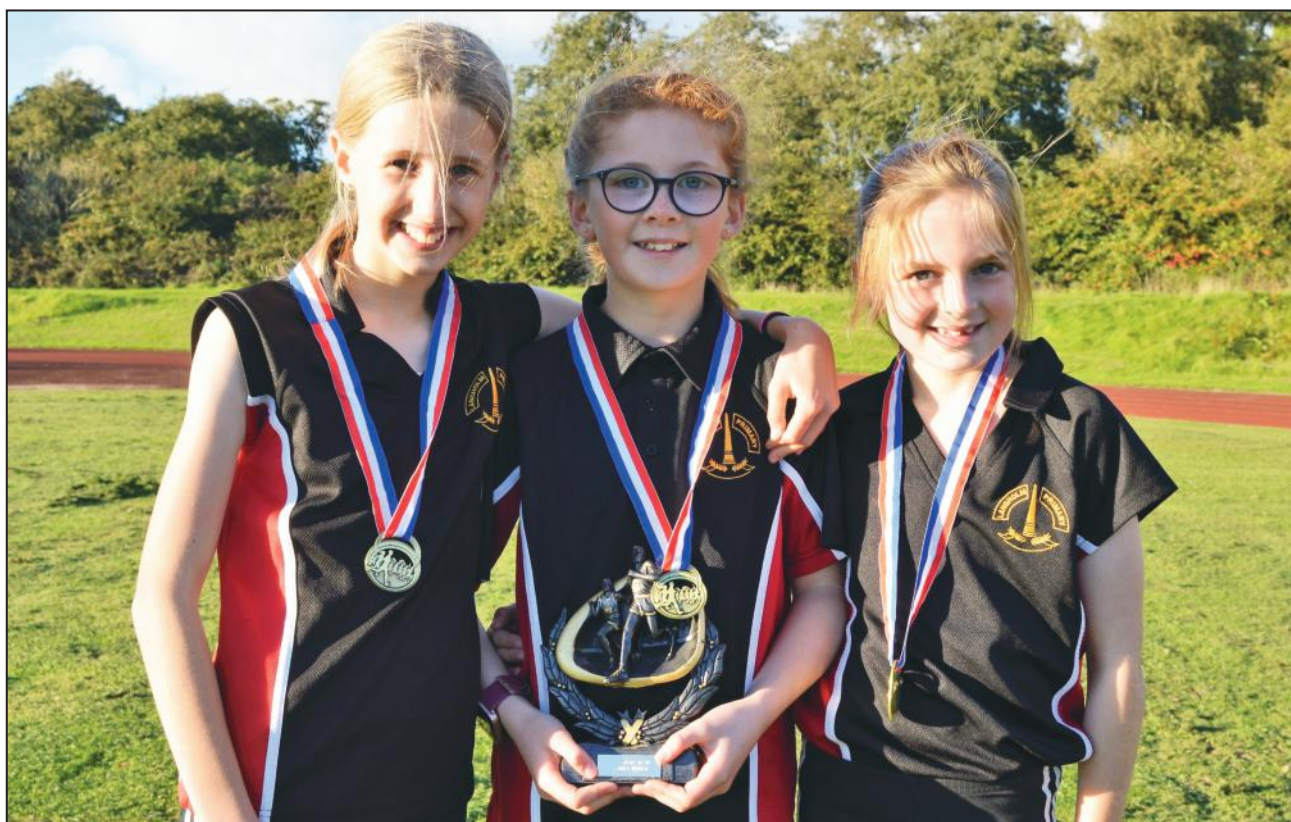
Newtown weren't done, however. A fourth goal resulted in a nervy last five minutes, but any doubts were erased when the prolific Mattinson fired home his hat trick to the delight of the home supporters and bench.

Langholm will be grateful for the three points, and their resilience in adversity is to be commended. But they may live

to regret the two sending offs, as the hot-tempered Little cousins now face bans for the upcoming fixtures.

Team: C Maxwell, C Pool, C Ireland, I Little, R Johnstone, A Little, C Cuthbert, K Reid, C Hamilton, D Winter, B Mattinson

Subs used: T Henderson, C Johnstone, D Borthwick



JUST CHAMPION: It was all smiles for these three girls from Langholm Primary. Mollie Phillips, Lauren Davidson and Ava Cubbon came first in the Annandale and Eskdale Primary Schools Road Race, pipping youngsters from Greta and Moffat to the medals. And their success capped a memorable athletics

season for the budding stars of the Muckle Toon. Matilda Brockley, jumped straight into No2 rank in Scotland and eighth in the UK for the U15 pentathlon after a series of superb displays in the discipline, while 17-year-old Conan Harper won the U20 5,000m at the Scottish 4J Studios Senior/U17 athletics championship. It

was his first year of competing at this level, and he is already Scotland's No1 at the event.

Both Matilda and Conan are funded by the Welcome To Langholm Future Champions Award, which deserves every credit for encouraging talent to shine at this crucial level.



Magnificent 7 for Milntown men

Try blitz maintains unbeaten run with game in hand

Rugby

Langholm 39-26 Dunbar

By Kenneth Pool

Langholm's first home game of the season proved to be a 12-try bonanza in the sunshine at Milntown.

And the 39-26 win over a dogged Dunbar side maintained an unbeaten start to the new campaign which augurs well for some tough matches ahead.

Prior to kick-off there was a minute's silence in memory of two great stalwarts of the club: former president Tom Scott and John Copeland, a member of the 1959 championship winning squad.

But it was the visitors who were first out of the traps as the match kicked off, repeatedly attacking the Langholm line and starving the hosts of any meaningful ball for much of the first quarter.

The opening try, when it finally came, was nothing more than

Dunbar deserved for their sustained pressure – but it also served to galvanise Langholm, and two minutes later Calum Henderson crossed for the equaliser.

Confidence

Suddenly Langholm were full of confidence, moving the ball smoothly and dangerously through the hands, and a knifing break by Smith almost saw him over the line. And when Dunbar fluffed a line-out, the ball was scooped to Jamie Gormley whose side-step saw him clear for a 50m run to the line.

Two rapid-fire tries by Eddie Turner seemed to have turned the match decisively and also secured the vital bonus point. But Dunbar were having none of it, and two equally quick tries narrowed the difference to just a single point at half time, with everything suddenly to play for.

Dunbar started the second half as they'd ended the first, and the Milntown faithful were

stunned when the visitors fashioned a fine try on the wing to take the lead once again.

It was confirmation that Langholm really had a game on their hands, and, with the forwards leading the charge and the backa looking dangerous again, the home side began to turn the screw.

A try by Steve Nicol restored Langholm's lead, and the Dunbar defence was now at breaking point. A well-executed try by Ben Jardine ended the resistance, and Calum Bell delivered the coup de grace to make it 39-26.

Langholm will be pleased by the way they won the match but frustrated that they let the visitors come back and take the lead early in the second half. However seven tries was a good day's work and the Milntown men are now joint second in East League 2 on nine points, with a game in hand and the next two matches both being at home.



RAPID: Double try scorer Eddie Turner about to go on the attack

Langholm triple triumph

Bowling

Ian Scott, Stevie Barker and Duncan Ritchie won the Open Triples competition at Hawick Bowling Club on Saturday.

In the event, sponsored by Teviot Taxis, they qualified for the quarter finals after winning all three games in their section.

At this stage they beat Rob Johnstone's triple from Hawick, in the semi-final they beat Andy Lowrie's triple from Peebles.

It was a very close final when they played Scottish champion Bill Anderson's triple with a score of 4-3. The win marks a great end to the season for the Langholm Bowlers.



Border Reigns supreme as Inspect takes a tumble

Hounds

Sunday's meet at Caret Rig was held in aid of Cancer Research, and once again members and friends of the BHTA dug deep and raised the sum of £530 on the day.

While emptying their pockets they were treated to three races at one of the best viewing trails of the year.

The First race saw six hounds slipped, and Jazzle set off at a cracking pace going away all the time from the pack. By halfway she was down and across the road before the others came into sight.

She appeared on the finish on her own for an easy win. Delta Script and Fire Lady had a good race down the hill with Delta Script holding on for second. Fire Lass was a bit back in fourth with Delta Style and Lucky Charm fifth and sixth. There were five runners in the

Senior Graded with Mr Finnegan and Castle Clansman racing away in front.

By the road crossing Mr Finnegan was still to the fore with Matilda second. The other three were in close contact in single file. After the last climb on to the finish Mr Finnegan was still in front but Fire Belle had moved up to second place. Matilda ran well for third with Clansman a bit back in fourth. Delta Spiral finished for fifth.

The last race was the Pups and four set off down into the bottom and soon came back into sight climbing through the bracken in close file.

This was the same all the way round and after the final climb on to the finish it was hard to pick a winner.

Border Reign and Inspect were neck and neck till about thirty yards from the line when Inspect took a tumble and put paid to his chance of winning.



IN THE PINK: BHTA supporters and friends raising money for Cancer Research

Border Reign ran on well to take the win with Inspect second. Blackthorn was not far behind in third and Tallulah came on gamely for fourth.

Caret Rigg Sunday 25th September

Seniors
1. Jazzle 2. Delta Script 3. Fire Lady 4. Fire Lass 5. Delta Style

6. Lucky Charm
6 Ran Time 25.36

Senior Graded

1. Mr Finnegan 2. Fire Belle 3. Matilda 4. Castle Clansman 5. Delta Spiral
5 Ran Time 27.50

Pups

1. Border Reign 2. Inspect 3. Blackthorn 4. Tallulah
4 Ran Time 18.59

Cumrew Thursday 22nd Sept

Seniors

1. Fire Lass 2. Jazzle 3. Delta Script 4. Fire Belle 5. Mr Finnegan 6. Delta Style
8 Ran Time 31.18

Pups cancelled due to poor visibility

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