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Scottish Power Energy Networks addresses LEWCC concerns

At a lengthy Langholm Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council meeting held on Monday evening, the opening slot had been given over to Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) so that they could address concerns brought by the council.

The main thrust of these concerns was the lack of response and communication from SPEN during and after the last major storms in the area including, most recently, Eowyn and Darragh. Residents in Langholm and the surrounding valley experienced great difficulty in reaching anyone to get an update as to when the power might be restored. This was of particular concern for vulnerable people who depend greatly on medical machinery to alleviate their conditions. It was stated by members that on calling the 105 number, all they could get was a recorded message and they were unable to actually 'talk' to anyone.

The three representatives from SPEN spent some time explaining their priorities for re-connecting properties and their responsibility is to support the Council by getting the power back on and that the

Council's responsibility, under the Contingency Act, is to support the community and the community resilience to withstand and deal with the storms. This led to discussion on the suitability of current internet services, especially in the valleys of Ewes and Westerkirk. The removal of analogue landline phones in favour of digital would only exacerbate this problem.

Among suggestions as to how things could be improved, it was suggested that SPEN could set up a more localised information base so that calls to 105 could be directed to a 'person' more locally rather than a national call centre. SPEN said that they would take into account all the points raised at this meeting and make a concerted effort to improve communication and response in the inevitable future storms. They agreed to return to meet again with the Community Council's Resilience Team to progress this.

Other points raised at the meeting included:

- The police report included information on road traffic incidents, dangerous driving near the Co-op, a dog biting a delivery driver and

another dog dangerously out of control, an arrest made after a domestic violence incident and the robbery at the Co-operative where several thousand pounds in cash were stolen from the premises. There is no date for the next police surgery.

- LEWCC will produce a report on the public meeting held on 2nd June and further discussion took place about the bus services both the X95 and local services and the lack of public transport access to Dumfries hospital.

Feedback from Border Buses essentially said that the service will remain as is for the short term, but they are considering the overcrowding and the late bus issues raised.

One suggestion was the creation of a travel hub at Gretna, where a service between Langholm and Gretna would allow people to then travel easily to Carlisle or Dumfries using the bus or train.

- The council intend to look into the flood risk issue and pursue an independent review of the existing flood maps from an independent company. It was felt that SEPA's contribution to the public meeting left a lot to be desired.

Engaging with Ewan



Cornet Patterson, Right-Hand Man Bailey Donaldson and Left-Hand Man Christopher Tait with from left, Primary Head Teacher Lauren McLean, 1514 Club President Ross Aitken and Primary school Depute Head Karen Vidler at the Langholm Primary School Concert held last week

Beware the horrible hazards of hogweed

Increase in toxic plant instances in the area

There appears to be a proliferation of Giant Hogweed in the area this summer. The plant, if it comes in contact with skin, human or animal, can cause severe dermatitis-like rashes and blisters and can even cause blindness if the sap gets into the eyes.

The photos show a plant growing on the gravel bed beside the Kirk and Suspension bridges in Langholm, a popular spot for dog-walkers and children but there are numerous other plants growing in the area.

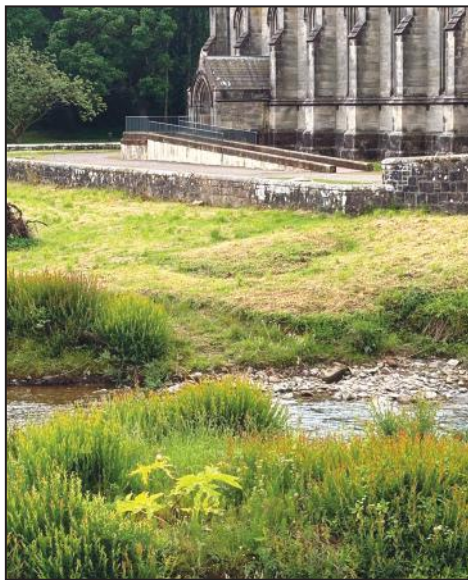
The advice is to keep yourself and your dogs well away from these toxic plants.

Giant Hogweed can grow over 14 feet (4 meters) tall, with thick, hollow stems covered in purple blotches and coarse white hairs. Its large, umbrella-shaped flower clusters can span up to 2.5 feet (80 cm) across, producing thousands of seeds that spread easily via wind and water.

Giant hogweed poses a significant risk to human health. Its sap contains toxic chemicals called furanocoumarins, which cause severe skin inflammation when exposed to sunlight—a condition known as phytophotodermatitis. Contact can result in painful blisters, long-lasting scars, and even temporary or permanent blindness if sap gets into the eyes.

Ecologically, giant hogweed out competes native vegetation by forming dense stands that block sunlight and alter soil composition. Its presence along riverbanks can also increase erosion, as its shallow roots fail to stabilize the soil once the plant dies back in winter.

Efforts to control giant hogweed include mechanical removal, herbicide application, and public awareness campaigns. However, due to its resilience and prolific seed production, eradication is challenging and requires long-term management strategies.



TOXIC: Giant Hogweed can cause severe skin problems

D&G call special meeting of Full Council



BIT OF A MESS: D&G have called a full council meeting for

Further to the E&L's report, last week of seven Dumfries and Galloway councillors who have quit the Scottish Conservative group to set up new parties, the following announcement was received from the council's press office.

"Dumfries and Galloway Council has received and validated a requisition – supported by a sufficient number of councillors from across political parties – for a special meeting of Full Council.

"The purpose of the meeting is to consider a potential change in political leadership (the ad-

ministration) of Dumfries and Galloway Council.

"The special meeting will take place on Monday 16 June at 2pm at council headquarters on English Street, Dumfries. You can watch it live at dgccouncil - YouTube. "The agenda and full papers for the meeting will be published, in accordance with statutory requirements, on the council's website.

"Dumfries and Galloway Council will be making no further comment at this time. All media requests of a political nature should be directed to political group leaders."

Search for @dgccouncil on YouTube to watch meeting.

Canonbie Community Enterprise

Canonbie Community Enterprise (CCE) is holding its annual general meeting and public meeting on Thursday 19th June at 7pm in Canonbie village hall.

This will give people the opportunity to hear updates on the progress and challenges related to the potential takeover of the village shop and post office. There will be opportunities to ask questions, share views and help shape the future of community services in Canonbie.

CCE is hoping there will be a good turnout for the meeting and say that everyone's voice matters.

S6 coffee raises funds

Langholm Academy's outgoing S6 held a coffee morning last week to raise money for the school fund (including their senior prom!).

Everyone was delighted with the sum of £200 raised.

Pride of Britain winner Hari to visit Academy

Langholm Academy is delighted to share that they will welcome Pride of Britain 2024 winner, 43-year-old Hari Budha Magar, the first double amputee to conquer Everest, to Langholm Academy, for an inspirational talk with their P7-S6 pupils on Thursday 19th June at 11am.

Hari is a former corporal in the British Army Gurkha regiment, who stepped on an Improvised Explosive Device in Afghanistan in 2010, losing both legs. Determined to change perceptions of what is possible for people with a disability, Hari victoriously stood atop the world's highest peak, Mount Everest at 8,849m on 19th May 2023.

In accomplishing this challenge, Hari has created history and become the world's first double above-knee amputee to conquer Everest, raised awareness of disability globally

changing the narrative surrounding and is proof that having a disability does not have to be life limiting. He hopes to inspire people to conquer their own dreams and to lead more fulfilling lives. As well as Everest Hari has also summited Denali, Ben Nevis, Mont Blanc, Mera Peak, Mount Toubkal and Chulu Far East.

Resilient

"This is an exciting opportunity for our pupils to learn about overcoming adversity, being resilient and using determination to accomplish what may seem like an impossible goal. There may be spaces for a small number of parents to join the talk in the school hall for the event. Please contact the school office if you are interested." gw08officelangholm@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

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“A reason to love old places”

How true your antique and design columnist Stuart Bruce-Gormley's article "There's a reason you love antique things and old places" (E&L Advertiser, June 5).

The most quiet and peaceful part of any busy city or town is invariably its cathedral or parish church precincts, often a thousand years old, - Langholm's offering, a beautiful garden retreat of magnificent copper beech and sequoia trees, oblivious to the noise of the close by trunk road through the town.

When horse riders traverse the town bridge we are given an insight of how pleasant and stress-free life must have been before the advent of the internal combustion engine.

Richard Lennox
Langholm



Many hard-working groups

I agree with Emma Duncan that this negativity does not help Langholm. Certainly I feel that SEPA should agree to dredging, that the Erskine Church steeple should be removed, public transport problems resolved and that parking issues should be looked at.

There are so many hard-working groups and volunteers trying to get people to come to Langholm that we should be publicising their efforts. We have an excellent hospitality sector, a fantastic Buccleuch Centre, our High Street has well stocked shops and Information Hub is kept open by volunteers.



The community-owned newspaper keeps us informed, young people are encouraged to keep active by playing football, bowls and cricket as well as doing athletics, running and karate. Thomas Hope hospital offers excellent care and we also have the Hub at Eskdalemuir and Westerkirk Library slightly further away.

The walking group also publicises very good walks and we should be proud of what Langholm and Eskdale offers residents and visitors alike. Let's shout it from the rooftops that we are 'The Muckle Toon'.

Margaret Sanderson

Langholm event encourages wellness in men



As it's Men's Health Week, The Langholm Alliance is hosting a dedicated session in partnership with ESK Yoga – aiming to promote physical and mental wellbeing among local men.

The event will take place on Friday, 13th June, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Langholm Rugby Club, and forms part of the ongoing Man2Man: Men's Health Sessions – a campaign tailored to help men take proactive steps towards improving their health in a supportive environment.

Organisers are encouraging men of all ages and abilities to come along and try something new. Yoga has been shown to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and boost mental clarity – all key components of good health, particularly in a time where men are being urged to prioritise self-care.

“This is more than just a yoga class,” says a spokesperson from The Langholm Alliance. “It's about creating a space where men feel comfortable exploring positive lifestyle choices, especially during Men's Health Week, when the focus is firmly on raising awareness around men's physical and mental health.”

Whether you're a complete beginner or have tried yoga before, this is a relaxed, no-pressure session designed to be accessible to everyone. Attendees are advised to wear comfortable clothing and bring a bottle of water; yoga mats will be provided.

For more information email admin@langholm-alliance.co.uk.

Join the movement. Take a breath. Take a step. Your health matters.

Carers week at The Hub

It's carers week and there are lots of carer focused activities on at Eskdalemuir community hub on Friday 13th June. If you're a carer, work with carers or know carers book a space by visiting www.tsdg.org.uk/events

At 1pm there will be a 'Think Carers' awareness session – helping people to identify and support unpaid carers within your community. Unpaid carers often go unrecognised despite their vital role within our communities. The session is designed to raise awareness of carers' needs and equip professionals with the skills to identify and support them. This is followed by a 'Carer Positive' session for people to find out how to create carer-friendly workplaces and achieve accreditation and the practical benefits it brings.

The day ends with a showing of 'The Diving Bell and the Butterfly' a critically acclaimed film telling the poignant story of a stroke survivor and his carer's journey. It explores themes of resilience, compassion and the emotional impact of caregiving.



Changes to childhood vaccination programme

Following a detailed review by the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the UK's independent expert group on vaccines, Public Health Scotland (PHS) is working with the Scottish Government and colleagues across NHS Boards to make some changes to Scotland's childhood vaccination programme. The changes, which will begin from July 2025, are based on the latest scientific evidence and are designed to maintain high levels of protection for our children.

Dr Sam Ghebrehewet, Head of Vaccination and Immunisation at PHS, said:

“Getting babies and children vaccinated is the safest and most effective way to protect them from vaccine-preventable diseases that could, otherwise, lead to serious illness and complications. Scotland has a relatively high uptake in childhood vaccinations and the free childhood vaccination programme has

been helping to prevent suffering and save lives for decades. The new changes will help to optimise Scotland's childhood vaccination programme, ensuring that children continue to be protected from vaccine-preventable diseases.”

Parents and carers will receive appointment invitations from local NHS immunisation teams and are encouraged to look out for them and bring their children for vaccination as scheduled.



Lockerbie artist exhibits in Eskdalemuir Hub

A new exhibition has just opened at Eskdalemuir community hub and old school café. Wilma Johnson will be showing her paintings for the next month and visitors can pop along and visit the artist on Thursday 12 June 2pm – 4pm or Saturday 28th June 1pm – 2pm to find out about her work.

The artist is originally from Ayrshire but lived most of her adult life in Cornwall. She now works from her studio in Lockerbie. She has been an avid artist/maker all her life and did art at school and at college and got a BA from the University of Central Lancashire. She has an eclectic style and takes inspiration from the human form, nature and the sea. She creates glass sculptures, gel prints and also works in acrylics.



ARTISTIC EXPRESSION: Wilma Johnson at The Hub

Health Matters

Extensive engagement will lead to high quality GP services in the future

A major effort to shape the future of general medical services in Dumfries and Galloway has taken a significant step forward, following extensive engagement with healthcare professionals and the public.

Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (IJB) has endorsed a detailed analysis of stakeholder feedback and supporting evidence, clearing the way for the next phase of a review that aims to secure high-quality, sustainable GP services for the region.

Speaking after the meeting, IJB Chair Kim Dams said:

“This isn’t just a refresh — it’s a fundamental rethink of how we deliver care. The pressures on general practice are immense, but this review puts us on a path toward a model that is modern, resilient, and person-centred.”

At the heart of the review is a focus on making the best use of the current workforce to provide assessment, treatment, and care planning, while also



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developing a future workforce plan that’s designed to meet expected needs and support new ways of working.

The project has been shaped by engagement with over 300 individuals, including GPs, multidisciplinary staff, and the public, and has been backed by national and international evidence on what makes primary care systems work. Key findings from the engagement revealed frustration with access models like the ‘8am phone line’, and a desire for more human, continuous care — especially in rural communities. Stakeholders also identified digital tools as a valuable part of modern practice. However, they stressed that they must enhance,

not replace, the personal connection between patient and clinician.

Workforce concerns dominated the feedback, with many professionals reporting burnout and calling for better role clarity, team-based working, and flexible career options. The review will explore how practices could work together more in the future — sharing skills, experience, expertise and resources to better meet the needs of their patients. The initiative also highlights the need for improved premises, IT infrastructure and smarter use of data to support planning and quality improvement. The review’s next phase, currently in development, will focus on developing options for change.

DGHSC in serious financial situation

Health and social care services in Dumfries and Galloway continue to face severe financial pressure - with a savings target of £30.7 million set for the current financial year. At a recent meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board (IJB), members approved the latest version of the 2025/26 financial plan which confirms that more than half of the potential savings have so far been identified. However, significant further work is needed to meet the total required.

Chief Finance Officer Katy Kerr described the target as ‘ambitious but essential’ and warned that the scale of the challenge will require ‘difficult decisions and transformation’ across both NHS and council-delivered services.

Mrs Kerr said: “We’ve made substantial progress in identifying savings schemes, with over half of the target now scoped. But we are under no illusion about the challenge ahead. The pressures we are dealing with — particularly around pay, prescribing, and care delivery — are systemic and unprecedented.”

Of the £30.7 million savings target for 2025/26, £18.2 million relates to services delegated to NHS Dumfries and Galloway by the IJB, while £12.5 million is to be delivered from adult social care services delegated to Dumfries and Galloway Council.

The Integration Joint Board also noted that no additional financial support will be available from the Scottish Government this year, and that IJB reserves are now almost entirely depleted. The IJB has directed its NHS and council partners to operate within updated budgets of £428 million and £118 million respectively, with ongoing financial performance monitoring and quarterly reporting in place.

Serious

Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board Chair Kim Dams said: “This is a very serious financial position and we must be realistic about the scale of the challenge ahead. Our responsibility is to protect vital services while making sure they are financially sustainable. That will require tough decisions, but also real collaboration across our health and care system.”

K-F bridge renewal

The community of Kirkpatrick Fleming lost a footbridge in 2022 after the bad floods. At the same time the townspeople of Annan lost their bridges.

The Kirkpatrick Fleming community held a consultation last Wednesday with Amey Highways and Dumfries and Galloway Council. The meeting had a fantastic support of over 150 people with people wanting the bridge replaced. Those attending also voiced their opinions over the bridge closure for the last 3 and a bit years.

The consultation was looking at different bridge options or routes. An online survey will run for two weeks, and the information will be gathered to feedback to the council to start looking at plans for the replacement.

Bridge results

N/S - 1, George & Brenda Bullamore, 2, Bob Francombe & Lorraine Morton, 3, Nancy McLure & Jim Muir.

E/W - 1, Tom Stothart & Anne Hislop, 2, Lesley McCartney & Doreen Taylor, 3, Andrew Tyler & Janet Ivison.

Area Committee considers priorities for grant funding

Annandale and Eskdale Area Committee met on 28th May to consider priorities for use of its discretionary grant fund. The total budget available to the committee for 2025/26 is £80,215. The Committee also had £7,054.81 remaining from the elected members individual capital awards and sports grants from the 2024/25 budget making the total £87,269. A seminar for councillors helped members consider their priorities.

The councillors for Annandale and Eskdale identified the following nine areas as priorities for their discretionary budget: Christmas festivities, signature events/riding of the marches, community resilience, key local facilities and projects promoting heritage, culture and community spirit, music and creative arts including



Common Ridings remain a priority for the committee's discretionary budget

community bands, public environment and infrastructure, remembrance/armed forces/commemoration and sport. Councillors individual capital awards are still a priority.

The allocation for Christmas lights for Langholm has been agreed at £8,054 while a grant of £572 has been agreed to support Langholm

Common Riding civic receptions.

The Area Committee also heard about a delivery plan for the regional parking strategy. The draft delivery plan for Annandale and Eskdale consists of an area overview, consultation feedback, delivery of measures and actions and a delivery plan timetable.



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Drop-in Events

CWP Energy would like to **welcome the community** to attend **drop-in events** for Caple Rig Wind Farm. This is an opportunity to **meet** the development team, **make representations**, and **ask** any questions that you may have about the proposals.

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Most listened to farming podcast

This month's podcast special takes a short trip across the sea to Ireland to dip into The Farming Week, which lays claim to being the country's most listened-to farming, rural affairs and agriculture focused podcast.

It's produced by a company called Agriland, which was established in 2013 and has grown to be the largest digital news publisher in the country's agricultural sector.

Clearly determined never to undersell itself, Agriland says it has not only become the number one resource for all things agriculture but has revolutionised the way farmers and agricultural professionals keep up-to-date with what's happening in the sector – both at a domestic and international level.

Its weekly podcast throws its net wide, taking in a really wide range of issues affecting farmers in Ireland. A recent episode swung from the future for CAP, to Trump tariffs, to calls for tractors to be banned from motorways.



It also looks in depth at a current hot topic in the country – namely proposals to ban fox hunting. A Bill has been introduced into the Dail by TD Ruth Coppinger, who told fellow parliamentarians Ireland is now an outlier as the sport is banned in Scotland, England and Wales.

Previous episodes have looked at ways to reuse old tyres, meets a farmer in Kerry who grows the iconic plant Shamrock and has supplied it to US Presidents for the past 30 years, and meets a Galway family who upped sticks and headed to France which they describe as a paradise for farming.

Suckler cow numbers are in decline UK-wide

Soaring beef production disguises the problem

Sucklers cows are crucial to the UK livestock industry yet they're sliding into decline while global beef production is soaring.

That was the message Harrison and Hetherington Group Director Scott Donaldson had for a packed audience of farmers and stakeholders at the BeefTech 2025 conference.

"Nobody outside agriculture seems to care that numbers of suckler cows in the UK's herds are in free fall," he said.

"But I don't need to tell you how crucial the suckler cow is to the livestock industry, the environment, and to the production of the highest quality food in our supermarkets.

"British Beef and more especially Scottish Beef has, without doubt, the best environmental credentials in the world. British Beef could and maybe should be the Gold Standard? And if it is, does that



FREE FALL: Suckler cows are crucial to the livestock industry

make Scottish Beef the Platinum Standard?"

Mr Donaldson told the audience that suckler herds play a key part in maintaining the bio-

diversity of hill ground ecosystems and there needs to be far wider recognition that beef cattle do far more to enhance the environment than to harm it.

Yet British beef is losing out to cheaper imports largely from Southern Hemisphere countries whose environmental practices and carbon footprints would scandalise UK consumers if they were committed by British beef producers.

"It's bizarre considering the climate challenges the Southern Hemisphere is faced with - drought, flood, disease, whereas here in the UK we have a climate suited to growing grass, we have water in abundance, and we have no need to cut down rain forests to grow the soybeans and maize beef cattle are raised on in many of those countries."

Figures released for last year show the demise of the British suckler herd has been dramatic. Since 2000 the suckler herd in the UK has fallen from 1.8 million to 825,000 and the abattoirs have been fighting for volume.

Record figures set in peatland restoration

Forestry and Land Scotland has achieved record figures in its peatland restoration programmes for 2024-25.

FLS teams working in the west of Scotland have set 500 hectares of peatland on the road to recovery in the last year, a significant increase on previous years.

And overall in Scotland, FLS delivered 1744ha of peatland restoration surpassing its yearly target of 1500ha.

Restoring peatland provides many environmental benefits including carbon storage, flood prevention improved water quality and increased biodiversity.

FLS Peatland Restoration Forester Dave Salmon says work has really stepped up in the past few years.

"Surveys were done to identify areas where the restoration work was needed, plans to manage the work were developed before work on the ground – involving excavators and specialised techniques – is carried out," he said.

"Damaged peatlands emit carbon dioxide but once restored with the removal of trees and stumps, smoothing out ridges and furrows along with blocking drains with peat dams, peatlands can return to their normal hydrological condition where they play a crucial role in capturing carbon from the atmosphere."

FLS Environment Adviser Callum Strong says preparation for the work has been underway for several years.



Peatbog restoration by Forestry and Land Scotland

"Last year we really increased our pace of operational delivery and it is hugely satisfying to see years of planning begin to be realised on the ground, delivering tangible benefits for climate and biodiversity. We still have a lot of work to do, but the local team alongside our excellent pool of contractors should rightly be proud of their efforts so far."

New SRUC school

This year's Royal Highland Show will see the official opening of the SRUC's School of Natural and Social Sciences.

The College, which also recently opened Scotland's first new Vet School in 150 years, says the new multidisciplinary school will seek to enhance productivity, food security, environmental management, mitigation and adaptation within the local and international economy.

Their stand promises to feature innovative research, hands-on learning and a range of fun activities from animal CPR to Lego building and butter churning.

Visitors will be given the chance to try out their skills in a variety of games including SRUC's own version of the popular fairground game 'hook a duck.'

On a more serious level they will also be able to learn about the SRUC Cool Cows project to breed cattle with a lower methane-output.

The produce of past SRUC stu-



School of Natural and Social Sciences will be officially opened at this year's RHS

dents will be showcased in the first ever Alumni Farmers Market, with products on sale including Brose Oatdrink, as well as items from the Skye Seaweed Company and Craigies Farm.

SRUC Principal and Chief Executive Professor Wayne Powell, says the Royal Highland is one of the most important dates in the rural calendar and a great place to show off the College's achievements.

"It will again serve as a fantastic showcase to demonstrate SRUC's exceptional growth over the past couple of years," he said.

"With educational and fascinating displays for all ages, the SRUC stand is an unmissable stop for visitors to Ingliston. We look forward to welcoming everyone to join us for a unique insight into SRUC's education, research and consultancy offerings."

They're re-wilding the Thomas Hope!

Things ain't what they used to be at the hospital

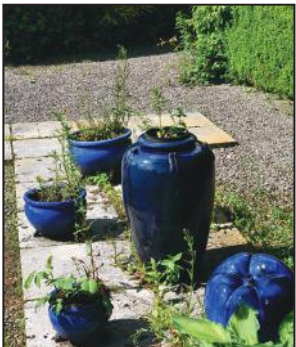
A reader came in to the E&L office to express their concern about the state of the gardens and grounds of the Thomas Hope Hospital. Formerly a jewel in Langholm's crown, the 'Hospital gruns' were beautifully kept indeed, manicured.

...but not now. The grass is a foot long and there are no flowers whatsoever, the pots are displaying some grand weeds and you can't see the stone steps to the patio for overgrown bushes. These steps were the backdrop to many a wedding photo over the years.

We have asked NHS D&G to comment on this



The front garden at the Hope Hospital used to be lined with cherry blossom trees



Masons' gift to Pipe Band



Langholm Pipe Band received a generous donation recently from the Freemasons of Provincial Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Dumfriesshire.

The sum of £300 was given to the band to help out with their upcoming trip to the Braemar Gathering in August.

The photograph above shows Grand Superintendent Colin Johnstone and Provincial Treasurer Douglas Byers presenting Langholm Pipe Band's Ricky Henderson with the cheque.

The band stated that they were extremely grateful for the donation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cash strapped High Street

The new owners of Londis are proposing to remove the cash machine from the store. This presents a further cash-availability dilemma for the town.

The Cash Hub that has been in Holmspun is closing its doors on Friday 13th and this will leave only the Post Office and the Cumberland Building Society for access to cash on the High Street, but the Post Office cannot take Cumberland or Barclaycard cards.

The Cumberland Building Society is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday and this is available for cash withdrawals.

The Co-op has an ATM machine so cash is available there, but it is frequently out of cash.

It is believed that the Post Office is looking in to the possibility of installing an ATM machine, but this has not been confirmed.

Londis however intend to offer a cash-back service when their new card machine is installed.

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love from Mum & Dad

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love from all the family

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- Graduations
- Anniversaries
- Passing your Driving Test
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It's up wi' Auld Hawick

Langholm was well represented at neighbour's Big Day

A long-time favourite with Common Riding enthusiasts, Hawick's event again proved a big draw for Langholm folk, either riding, or on foot.

Langholm was represented by new Cornet Ewan Patterson and his Right and Left-Hand Men, Bailey Donaldson and Christopher Tait. The boys were as smart as ever and, once more represented the Muckle Toon in an exemplary fashion.

A number of Langholm riders joined the cavalcade including Langholm Cornet candidates Tommy Hope and Callum Henderson who smiled their way round too.

Congratulations to Hawick Cornet Jack Scott and RHM Ryan Nichol and LHM Euan Robson for their lead on Friday. They looked very smart in their top hats and green tail-coats.

After the morning's procession, a great afternoon's racing took place at The Mair, between the showers!

Hawick Common Riding is one of the most significant and oldest equestrian traditions in Scotland, marking the beginning of the Border Common Ridings. The event commemorates two key historical moments: the capture of the English flag in 1514 by the youth of Hawick and the ancient practice of riding the boundaries of the common land.

The tradition of Common Riding dates back to the 13th and 14th centuries when border towns frequently faced raids from the Anglo-Scottish conflicts. To protect their land, local leaders appointed riders to patrol the town's boundaries, ensuring no encroachment from neighbouring settlements. Over time, this practice evolved into an annual celebration, blending history, pageantry, and equestrian skill.

Hawick's Common Riding is particularly special because it honours the bravery of young men who, following the devastating Battle of Flodden in 1513, defended their town and captured an English banner at Hornshole. This victory is symbolised in the event's traditions, including the Cornet's ride, where a young man is chosen to lead the celebrations.

The first recorded Cornet dates back to 1703, and since then, the tradition has continued uninterrupted except during the World Wars. The event spans several weeks, with rideouts to surrounding villages and farms, culminating in the main Common Riding weekend in June. The Cornet and his supporters partake in ceremonial chases, school visits, and the Kirkin' o' the Cornet, marking the beginning of the festivities!

Today, Hawick Common Riding remains a vibrant celebration of local heritage, bringing together the community in a spectacular display of horsemanship, tradition, and pride. It stands as a testament to the resilience and spirit of Hawick's people.



SMERT: Langholm Cornet Ewan Patterson



Hawick Cornet Jack Scott with RHM Ryan Nichol and LHM Euan Robson



Langholm Front Three Ewan Patterson, Bailey Donaldson and Christopher Tait



OLD PALS: Ronnie Hudson, Martin Law (Coldstream), Margaret Hudson and Edith Scott (Selkir)



LONG DAY AHEAD: Lee Earsman, Ronnie Hudson, Josh Duffy and Graeme Murray



OLD TIMERS: Kenny Dickson, Stephen Rae, Billy Young and Alan Donaldson



YOUNG TIMERS: Ryan Johnstone, Aidan Wilson, Kerr Gordon, Will Donaldson, Ben Jardine and Neil Fletcher keekin' in at the back

Songs and Sunflowers

Playcare pays a visit to Langholm Day Centre



Children from Langholm Playcare enjoyed a lovely lunch at Langholm Day Centre last week. The children played games and sang some of their favourite songs to the members and staff of the Day Centre and they received a big round of applause. Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their lunch.

The children have also been planting sunflower seeds at the day centre with the help of Ian and John. The children were shown around the greenhouse and looked at all the different plants that are growing and learned about the life cycle of a flower. This gave the staff and children inspiration to grow flowers and vegetables in the garden at Playcare and the children are enjoying taking turns caring for and watering the plants. Each child now has their own sunflower plant to take home to look after and watch it grow. It's very helpful that Playcare and the day centre are just across the car park from one another.

Staff and children have also been discussing the people who help us in the community, and staff have planned lots of learning experiences within our community. Some parents have come into Playcare to tell the children about their work, and they've brought in resources for the children to explore.



PRICKING OUT: Serious stuff this gardening!



LA, LA, LA: Singing songs for the Day Centre members



LITTLE REEN FINGERS: Sandra Graham checks how the sunflower planting is going



TUCK IN: Lunch at the Day Centre was delicious



DOMINO-HO-HO: Concentration is the name of the game

...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

New recruits needed for life-saving community service

Village's First Responders a critical resource

When someone suffers a serious medical emergency, survival can be a race against the clock. Treatment provided in the first few minutes can literally mean the difference between life and death for that patient.

But what if they live in a remote area, miles from the nearest hospital? What if sheer distance means an ambulance can't get to them straight away?

That's when First Responders prove their worth.

Newcastleton has been extremely fortunate in having a hardworking team of First Responders for nearly twenty years. Many villagers have had cause to be extremely grateful for that fact. But now falling numbers means they need new people to join them.

Katrina Skelton and Susan Armstrong have been with the group since it began and are well accustomed to being first on the scene when they're called out.

"We are alerted by the ambulance service to attend a number of different life-threatening situations

– such as chest pain, breathing difficulties, cardiac arrest, choking, anaphylactic, seizures and stroke. We are not asked to attend children," Katrina says.

The idea to set up a group of trained volunteers originally came from the LLAGS group after an ambulance base was withdrawn from the village.

LLAGS President Sandy Richardson says it took a great deal of work and a lot of help from the Scottish Ambulance Service to get the group up and running. She has personal reasons to be glad of the service.

Remote

"Having had first-hand experience from First Responders long ago, it gives you real reassurance, just knowing they are monitoring you till the

ambulance comes," she says.

"After my first heart attack which was mild, I did CPR training with them when they held a course. They are a necessity in this village, because we're so remote."

Training is obviously a vital part of becoming a First Responder.

"Initially new members start off with me and do ten hours of training over the course of three or four evenings and I go through basic things such as CPR, First Aid and putting patients in the recovery position," Susan says.

"Then they have to do four full days, which is usually split into two weekends with the Ambulance Service. And we do a monthly training session here in the village."

"It's voluntary but you need to make a commitment," Katrina says. "You must be able to drive and have a vehicle. And be prepared to give between ten to twenty hours every month."

"It is a very rewarding

role, especially if you know you have helped to save someone's life," Susan adds.

Earlier this year Katrina,



First Responders being presented with Coronation medals

Susan and fellow founder members Pauline Elliot and Pam Cetoloni were presented with King Charles III Coronation medals in recognition of the contribution they've made to the community.

Anyone interested in becoming a First Responder should contact the team for more details.

Training session underway

NEWCASTLETON COMMUNITY RESPONDERS NEED NEW RECRUITS!

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Community First Responder, and want to find out more about what the role involves, please send us a message.



Scottish Ambulance Service
FIRST RESPONDERS
NEWCASTLETON

We look forward to hearing from you



Oli the Tub's school visit

Copshaw Tub Downey II performed his first official duties in his role as the village's main man when he paid a visit to the Primary School to meet with all the children.

Oli, who leads a busy life in his day job as Theatre Technician and volunteer with the village Fire Service, was delighted to take time out from his schedule to talk to the youngsters.

The possible Tubs of the future had plenty of questions to ask about Copshaw's legendary Common Riding, its origins, its ancient modern traditions and the many characters who have made the event so special over the years.

Oli also took the opportunity to brush up on his counting skills, to ensure he always remembers how many Hip Hips there should be in any CCR-related event. (Hint – the answer isn't 3).



Copshaw Tub Oli Downey meets with budding young Tubs of the future

No8 Club crisis meeting

Anyone interested in the future of Newcastleton's No8 Club is urged to attend the committee's Annual General Meeting to have their say.

The building is currently under threat of closure as part of a radical cost-cutting exercise by Live Borders, the charitable trust which runs sport, leisure and cultural activities for Scottish Borders Council.

The building is home to a number of community groups in the village, including church groups, the NDCT and the Innov8 Youth Club.

An online consultation is underway until August 31, looking at a range of options for the building.

The AGM is being held in the No8 Club building on Monday June 16 at 7.30pm.

LOCAL NOTICEBOARD

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
W/C 16th June 2025

Day	What	Time	Where
Tues	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Canonbie Hall DG14 0UX
	After School Club	4-5:30	Xcel Youth Club
Wed	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall DG11 3AU
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-3	Social Club DG13 0DN
	BIG MOVING OUT SALE!	10-3	Old CM Space
Sat	BIG MOVING OUT SALE!	10-1	Old CM Space

Forgotten Fleece Tales Exhibition
The Old Post Office, DG13 0JH
Monday - Friday 10-3
Saturday & Sunday 10-1

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH
Please note - we have put a pause on our weekly sessions in our current space and we are not currently accepting donations until July to allow us to prepare for our big move! Thank you.

Langholm Theatre Group
formerly (LAODS)

AGM

in the Telford Room, Langholm Town Hall
on Monday 16th June at 7pm
A large turnout of members is requested
New members will be made very welcome

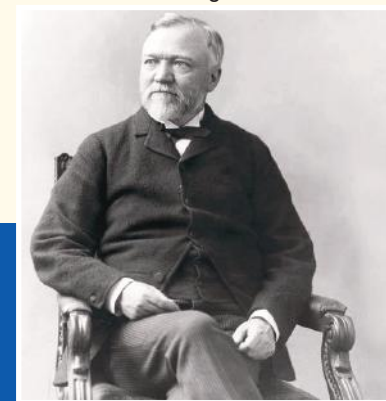
WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Fri 13th	Carers Week Celebration Afternoon	Eskdalemuir Hub from 1pm
	MAN2MAN Sessions Yoga for Men with Esk Yoga	Langholm Rugby Club from 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Sat 14th	Whisky Tasting for Father's Day	Gilnockie Tower
Mon 16th	Dementia Café	Langholm Day Centre 1.30 - 3.30pm
Wed 18th	Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Aid Clinic	Langholm Day Centre 1pm - 3pm
Sat 21st	Westerkirk SWI Summer Trip to Durham	Contact Diana Stewart 07884 352056
	Cornet's Day David Michaels International Entertainer	Langholm Cricket Club from 2pm
	Langholm Rugby Club Pub Quiz and Karaoke Night	Langholm Rugby Club Bar Opens 7pm Quiz 7.30pm
Sun 22nd	LEEW Parish Churches Church Fête	Langholm Parish Church from 2pm
Sat 28th	Langholm Producers' Market	The Buccleuch Centre 9am - 1pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2522 answers next week

- Who founded Sweetheart Abbey?
- To the nearest five miles, how long is the West Highland Way?
- What hobby might you pursue at Barns Ness, near Dunbar?
- Who painted The Village Politicians in 1806?
- A memorial to the writer Gavin Maxwell stands in Monreith Bay near Port William. What form does this memorial take?
- In which village in Strathclyde are four of the daughters of Robert Burns buried?
- Name the industrialist and philanthropist who wrote *The Gospel of Wealth*.
- What comedy part is Gregor Fisher best known for?
- Where did John Dewar first set up shop?
- In which Angus seaside town is there a bell called Big Peter?
- Where is the Marymass Fair held?
- Where is the oldest example of a mercat cross still in its original site?
- Beneath which hills are King Arthur and his knights said to rest?
- Name the loch by which stands Tibbie Shiel's Inn.
- Which family of industrialists is associated with the town of Paisley?
- Where in Lothian was a children's village created by Mrs Stirling Boyd?
- Which cathedral in Strathclyde claims to be the smallest cathedral in Europe?
- In which decade did drilling for oil begin in the North Sea?
- Who was the last Scottish king to speak Gaelic?
- What do Crieff, Dunblane and Peebles have in common?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2521

- Nottinghamshire
- Margaret Mitchell
- Trampled King George V's horse
- The Orient Express
- Magna Carta
- Nineteen Eighty-four
- American Civil War
- a) 1829
- 13
- Pierre de Coubertin
- Redeemer
- Hello
- Swimming
- Mad Men
- Counting out his money
- Earring
- Ante Meridien
- Carly Rae Jepsen
- Afghanistan
- Lisa Riley

Crossword 2521

Across: 1 Absurd, 4 Rioja, 8 Vanilla, 9 Sonic, 10 Roam, 11 Israeli, 13 Impracticable, 15 Emperor, 17 Writ, 19 Extra, 20 Ant bear, 21 Total, 22 Shekel.

Down: 1 Advertisement, 2 Sunlamp, 3 Rely, 4 Restrict, 5 Ounce, 6 Architectural, 7 Sagittarian, 12 Hairball, 14 Berserk, 16 Petit, 18 Utah.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

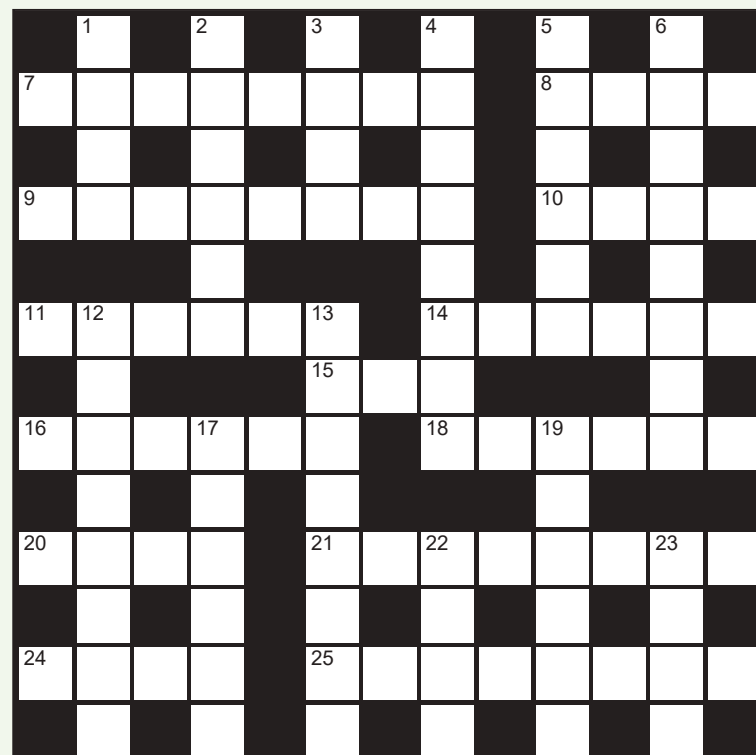
No. 2522 answers next week

Across

- Broad-brimmed straw hat (8)
- Tiered shelves (4)
- Forced high notes (8)
- Helps (4)
- Midday nap (6)
- Polar top layer (3,3)
- Chatter (3)
- Third sign of the zodiac (6)
- Flexible pipework (6)
- Scheme (4)
- Kind of soup (8)
- Autocratic ruler (4)
- Exceptionally tense (8)

Down

- Roster (4)
- Mistreats (6)
- Baby's bottle feature (4)
- Driver (8)
- Lubricant (6)
- Polluted precipitation (4,4)
- Put on a pedestal (8)
- Excited (8)
- Discount (6)
- Explosions (6)
- Secret look (4)
- Way out (4)



Lang Syne in Eskdale

...we continue the serialisation of David J. Beattie's book

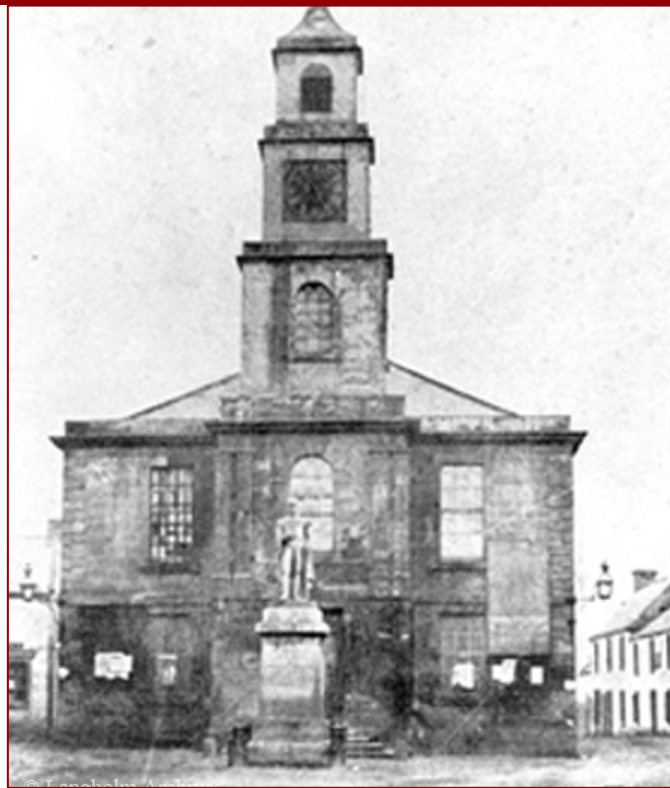
Looking back...

Most of the materials used, such as timber, slates and lime, the tenant performing the haulage and paying for the labour: such expenses being considered at the end of the lease, the tenant was thus enabled to effect desirable improvements to the property without employing too much of his own capital.

So primitive was Eskdale at the time of which we write, that it is said there were then only two teapots in the parish of Westerkirk - one at Westerhall, the mansion-house of Sir James Johnstone, and the other at the Burn, the residence of James Pasley, father of Admiral Sir Thomas Pasley.

It would be about this period that the one-time familiar white-washed but-and-ben cottages in the New Town of Langholm made their appearance. Some of us will recall the last of those quaint dwellings, in Caroline Street (or "Wauchope Raw" as we knew it best), where each house had its "dowie stane" at the side of the door; for in those days of ease and contentment the worthy occupants of those dwellings ever found time to bask in the sunshine of a summer afternoon; to lounge complacently against the door-cheek, ready for a friendly crack with the first passer-by, or for a quiet "draw" at the pipe.

The idea conceived and brought into operation by Duke Henry, in



LANGHOLM TOWN HALL: a "gloomy, gaol-like appearance"

the laying out of the New Town on the broad pastureland formerly occupied by a farmstead of considerable dimensions (known as Meikleholm farm), marked a noteworthy epoch in the history of Langholm.

The New Town folk were not long in adapting themselves to the

changed circumstances afforded them. These included the pleasing conditions which provided that a house of one storey had a field of two acres, whilst a house of two storeys had four acres allotted to it; and also, that each cottage carried the right of grazing for a cow on Warbla, Meikleholm Hill

and Castle Hill, for the annual payment of eighteen shillings.

Hill grazing, instituted in 1778, must have continued up to a recent generation, as I have a clear recollection of nearly sixty years ago, when as boys we would sit on the Meikleholm Mill steps watching the kye coming home from the hill for the milking. Some of the cows we knew by name, especially Jane Millar's, for one or two of us got our milk at Jane's and were privileged to hang about the byre or hold a refractory tail when the cows were being milked. To us it was always a matter of wonder to see the various animals on their way into the town, demurely leave the herd and make for their own byre without even a word from Jock Elliot, the herdsman.

Sentorian

Across from the old mill near the hedge of the present garden of Alex Johnstone, there was a drinking place for cattle, fed from the mill dam nearby. Here, some of the more drouthy members of the herd would make a prolonged halt; but Jack saw to it that none of them delayed his supper by lingering at the water, and his sentorian voice - accompanied by a flourish of the inevitable "nibbie" - urging the stragglers back to the ranks, could be heard far down Wauchope Raw.

In the days of reiving and freebooting, Langholm, lying near the Border, was exposed to frequent and destructive inroads, and thus partook of the poverty of adjacent districts.

Gaol-like

In his autobiography, Thomas Telford, after giving a general description of the poorness of the buildings in the neighbourhood over a century ago, singles out the Town Hall for special remark. It was built on the site of the Old Tolbooth in 1811, with stone from Whita Quarry. Telford would then be in his early fifties and would doubtless have had occasion, not only for seeing the building in course of construction, but for observing this notable landmark during the many visits he paid to his native Eskdale.

His comments some years afterwards when he had, in the course of his professional duties, visited the shrines of many large cities in this country and on the Continent, are not very elevating. "The Tolbooth" he writes, "is partly a prison and partly a justice hall, with outside stairs for ascent. There is a sort of bell tower, which of the late years has been furnished with a clock. It occupies the middle of the edifice, and its narrow, iron-grated windows and vault-like entrances gives it a gloomy, gaol-like appearance".

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 5th June 2025

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 6,688 sheep comprising of 1,399 Spring Lambs, 2,547 hogs and 2,742 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 5th June 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A much larger show of spring lambs saw trade less on the week because of outlets killing ewes and hogs for the festival. All purchasers set to return full of orders this week.

Top price per head was £178 for a pair of Texels from T.C. Jackson, Langdyke Cottage.

Top price per kilo was 432p for a single Texel from D.W. Musgrave, Sowerby Wood
Overall average of 336.02p (SQQ 343.03p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Texel - 432p & 380p Sowerby Wood, 377.30p Langdyke Cottage, 371p Braehead, 370.70p The Knock, 370p Braehead
Blue Texel - 395p 28 Briery Square
Suffolk - 380p, 365.8p & 363.4p Chesterhall Parks, 358.5p Grindon Hill, 355p Cambridgehill, 354.8p Carsegowan, 354p & 353.7p Drumburn, 352p Carsegowan
Rouge - 377p Briery Square
Charollais - 362.8p Culquhasen
Dutch Spot - 356.8p Briery Square
Zwartbles - 313p Briery Square

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel - £178 Langdyke Cottage, £176 Cleughbrae, £174 Braehead, £170 Westerhouse Cottages
Suffolk - £164 Rowan Garth, £164 Drumburn, £164 Carsegowan, £164 Guardsmill, £163 Carsegowan, £162 Grindon Hill
Beltex - £160 Ellerslea
Charollais - £156 Culquhasen

Blue Texel - £154 & £150 Briery Square
Rouge - £147 Briery Square
Zwartbles - £144 Briery Square
Dutch Spotted - £139 & £132 Briery Square

PRIME HOGGS

A very mixed show of hogs saw finished hogs meet realisation whilst good meated hogs regardless of weight proved to be as dear as we've seen them. More required next week.

Top price per head of £196 for a pair of Texel hogs from A. & W.J. Taylor & Son, Dashwell Green.

Top price per kilo of 371.4p for Beltex hogs from M.J. Lawson, Pasture House
Overall average of 281.3p (SQQ 284.0p)

Principal prices (Per kilo)

Beltex - 371.4p Pasture House, 358.5p Inamay, 356.5p Burnhouse, 350p Belvedere
Blackface - 365p Drumreach, 321p Pasture House, 314.6p Galleywreay, 310p Pasture House, 308p Aultgrishan
Texel - 361p Belvedere, 346.5p Blamagelester, 333p The Hagg, 329.5p Blamagelester, 328.6p Pasture House
Hill Cheviot - 350p, 339.5p Balmaglester, 334.8p Rowanburnfoot, 326p Balmaglester, 318p Glendoe
Suffolk - 324.5p Dashwell Green, 319p Newfield, 317.8p Dunbeath, 317p Tomore, 314.9p Cross Rigg
Dutch Spotted - 323p Hudspeth, 315p Maidenbots
Cross - 322p Cross Rigg, 317.1p Cassington, 309.3p Belvedere, 309p Plumpe, 308.3p Newfield
North Country Cheviot - 313p Glendoe, 312.5p Longburgh Fauld, 308p Belvedere, 300p, 295.7p Longburgh Fauld

Badger Face - 309.5p Newfield
Blue Texel - 306p Great Bidlake
Cheviot Mule - 295.7p Clatequoy, 283.3p Synton Park Head, 281p Cassington
Easycare - 294.7p, 293p High Trewitt, 286p Castle Farm
Herdwick - 294.6p Pasture House, 269.2p Ashley Park, 268.3p Mid Harriestfield, 259.1p Newfield, 258.8p Causey View
Swaledale - 288.9p Batey Shield, 278p Easterbeck House, 270.3p Pasture House, 269.6p Batey Shield, 267.4p Easterbeck House
Border Leicester - 286p Woodlands Hall
Charollais - 280p Beckfoot, 273.7p Drumreach, 264.2p, 260p Belvedere
Shetland - 272.2p Pasture House
Jacob - 261.2p Newfield
Bleu d'Maine - 259p Beckfoot
Kerry Hill 257p Newfield
Millenium Blue - 247.8p Belvedere
Dartmoor - 245p Hilton of Aldie
Dorset - 243p South Street
Bluefaced Leicester - 232.6p South Street

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel - £196 Dashwell Green, £182 West Houses, £178 Drumcairn, £175 Balmaglester, £172 Kirkland of Longcastle and Nottylees
Beltex - £182 Back Newton, £178 Kirkland of Longcastle, £176, £170 Dashwell Green, £170 Drumcairn
Suffolk - £180 Culquhasen, £178 West Houses, £172 Dashwell Green and Beckfoot, £168, £166 South Bogbain
North Country Cheviot - £174 Dormansteads, £160 Oswie, £156 Kirkland of Longcastle, £152 Longburgh Fauld, £150 Oswie, Belvedere and Longburgh Fauld
Charollais - £174 Belvedere, £168 Beckfoot and South Bogbain, £164 Drumreach
Cross - £168 Belvedere, £164 West Houses, £148 Hudspeth, Cross Rigg and

Newfield, £143 Mallsgate Hall
Millenium Blue - £166 Belvedere
Bluefaced Leicester - £162 Chesterhall Parks
Bleu d'Maine - £158 Beckfoot
Hill Cheviot - £158 South Bogbain, £154 Patties Hill, £152 Rhigolta and Drumreach, £150 Balmaglester and Rhigolta, £149 Rowanburnfoot
Blackface - £157 South Bogbain, £146 Drumreach, £142 Galleywreay, £140 Drumgrange and Chesterhall Parks, £136 South Street
Dutch Spotted - £148 Maidenbots, £144 Pasture House
Blue Texel - £144 Great Bidlake
Dartmoor - £142 Hilton of Aldie
Swaledale - £139 Easterbeck House, £130, £124 Batey Shield, £115 Easterbeck House, £112 Pasture House
Cheviot Mule - £136 Clatequoy, £132 South Bogbain
Herdwick - £132 Causey View, £114 Newfield, £110 Mid Harriestfield, £109 Pasture House, £105 Ashley Park
Easycare - £132 High Trewitt, £126 Castle Farm, £120 High Trewitt
Badgerface - £130 Newfield
Jacob - £128 Newfield
Border Leicester - £126 Woodlands Hall
Dorset - £112 South Street
Shetland - £98 Pasture House
Kerry Hill - £95 Newfield
Soya - £72 Underheugh

CAST EWES AND RAMS

All classes of ewes met a flying trade, more required for next Thursday as trade is set to remain firm.

Heavy ewes topped at £306 for Texels ewes from three vendors - C.J. Roots, Kilnford Croft, Messrs Smith, Beckfoot and A. & C. Watson of Rowan Garth.

Lightweight ewes topped at £175 for a pen of Cheviots from D. Coghill, Tofts of Tain.

Rams to £300 for a Texel from A.C. Clark, Fine View.

Heavy ewes

Texel - £305 Kilnford Croft, £305 Beckfoot, £305 Rowan Garth, £300 Beckfoot, £285 Rowan Garth, £280 Thackwood
Suffolk - £242 Kilnford Croft, £235 The Snab, £225, £218, £205 Beckfoot, £200 Moorhills
Charollais - £230, £225 Thackwood, £220, £214 Beckfoot, £210 Nookclose, £200 Thackwood
Blue Leicester - £202 Beckfoot
Cross - £195 Shethin, £184 Smallholms, £182 Brawliemuir
Cheviot Mule - £188 Shethin, £182 Kilnford Croft, £180 Whitfield
Beltex - £185 Nookclose
North Country Cheviot - £185 Seaview Cottages, £182 Dormansteads, £182 Beckfoot
Zwartbles - £180 Wormerlaw
Badgerface - £178 Rowan Garth
Half Bred - £174 Pilmuir
Dutch Spotted - £162 Solway Bank Cottage, £148 Newfield
Dorset - £156, £150 Trevemper
Valais Blacknose - £148 The Snab
Romney - £138 Hilton of Aldie

Light ewes

Cheviot - £175 Tofts of Tain, £164, £155 Courstein, £150 Hall and South Street
Blackface - £168 The Snab, £154 Shethin
Kerry - £162 Wormerlaw, £125 Morwood
Easycare - £160 Castle Farm, £150 Shethin, £148 Castle Farm
Swaledale - £142 Newbiggin, £142 & £140 Drapers Town
Lley - £108, £104 Trevemper

Jacob - £98 Newfield, £96 Trevemper
Herdwick - £90 Thorngrifton House
Woodland - £90 Trevemper
Badgerface - £65 The Snab
Shetland - £40 Gorthleck Mains
Goats - £165 East Mains, £125 Maidenbots

Rams

Texel - £300 Fineview, £170 Shethin, £170 Castle Farm
Charollais - £245 Beckfoot
Suffolk - £215 Smallmuir, £185 Beckfoot
Bluefaced Leicester - £210 Todsyehead
North Country Cheviot - £195 Seaview Cottage, £190 Clatequoy
Beltex - £175 Braehead
Cheviot - £160 Cottage, £152 Achavar Croft
Dutch Spotted - £155 Maidenbots, £146 Trevemper
Dorset - £148 Beckfoot, £135 Newbiggin
Easycare - £148, £145 Castle Farm
Blackface - £142 Silloans, £140 Newfield
Woodland - £125 Trevemper

Averages:

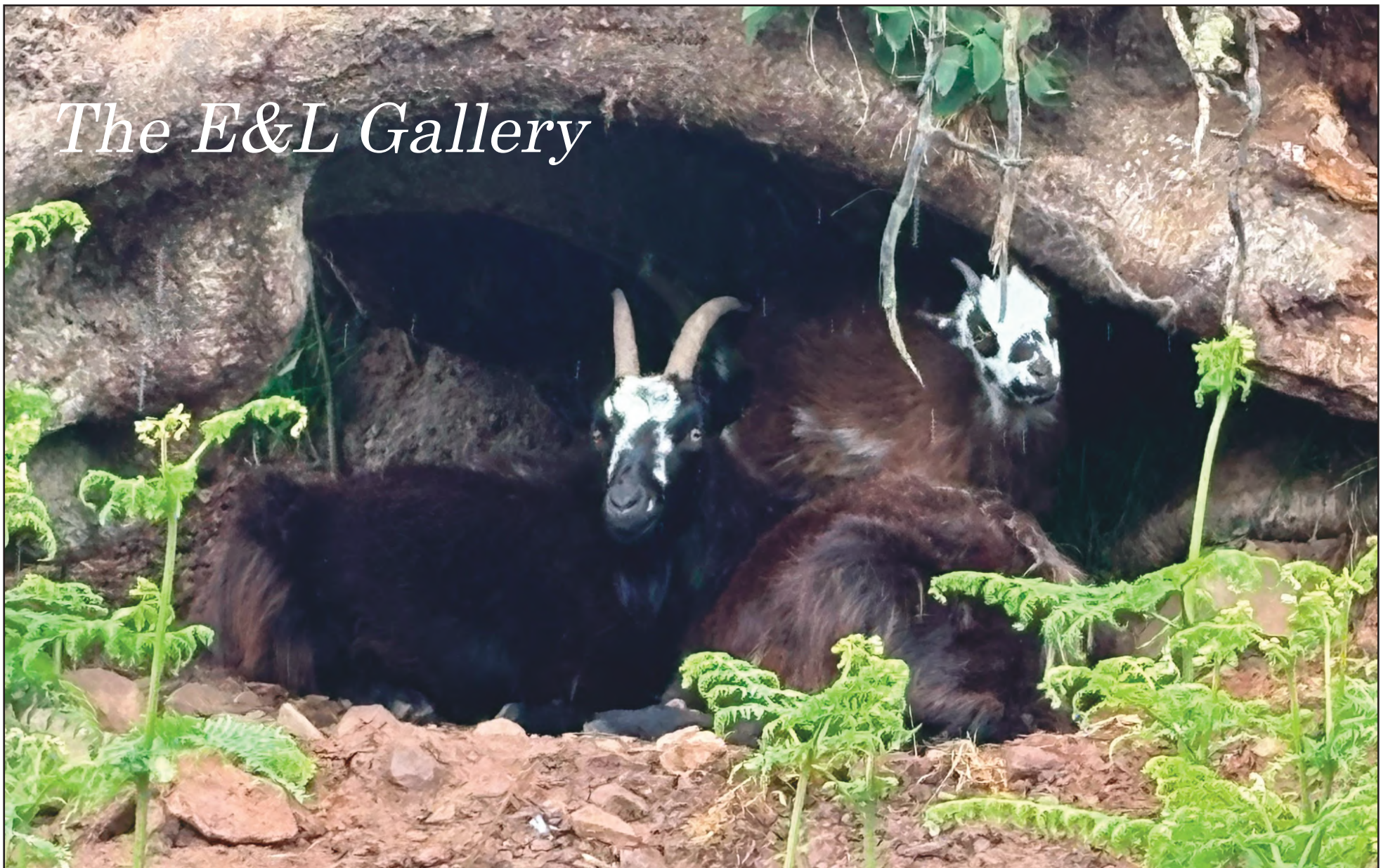
Lambs
Light to 350.0p (334.8p)
Standard to 432.0p (343.8p)
Medium to 390.2p (343.0p)
Heavy to 370.0p (327.2p)
Over Weight 314.8p (297.4p)

Hoggs

Light to 313.0p (249.1p)
Standard to 371.4p (277.6p)
Medium to 365.0p (297.7p)
Heavy to 356.5p (278.9p)

Ewes

Light to £175 (£107.10)
Heavy to £305 (£157.81)
Rams to £300 (£133.47)



It's been a while since we had a goaty photy! This one was taken by Alan Weatherstone at Tarras Bridge. The goats were sheltering from the pouring rain in a tree stump.

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Scottish Opera's 'Lauder' on tour

Revival of show to mark 155th birthday of Harry

To mark the 155th birthday of legendary Scottish entertainer Sir Harry Lauder, tenor and broadcaster, Jamie MacDougall is reviving the much-loved Scottish Opera show "Lauder" for four performances this summer, in London, Derbyshire and Edinburgh. Jamie takes the one-man show to Hoxton Hall on 22 June, Buxton International Festival on 17 July, and the Town Hall in Portobello (where Sir Harry was born) on 4 and 5 August.

Ticket sales from the London and Edinburgh performances will go to the charity Erskine Veterans Charity, for which Jamie is an ambassador. Sir Harry, who was an international music

star and at one point the highest-paid performer in the world, was greatly affected by his son John's death at the Battle of the Somme in 1916. He raised huge sums of money for injured servicemen, donating his music royalties to veterans supported by Erskine Veterans Charity.

An exploration into the public and private personas of Sir Harry, Lauder was originally presented by Scottish Opera in 2017 as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of Theatre Royal Glasgow. This production of the musical play has been adapted by director Kally Lloyd-Jones and Jamie from the original script by comedian, actor and impresario Jimmy Logan.

Sir Harry premiered his classic song 'I Love a Lassie'

onstage at the Theatre Royal in 1905 when he appeared in his first pantomime, Aladdin, and in Red Riding Hood in 1910 he performed 'Roamin' in the Gloamin'. Featuring these well-known songs as well as 'Keep Right on to the End of the Road' and other familiar favourites, "Lauder" includes news footage of Sir Harry's funeral and film reel from the trenches.

Jamie MacDougall is well-known to Langholm audiences for his performances during the Langholm and Eskdale Music & Arts Festival with Scottish Tenor Trio, 'Caledon' and also as guest tenor with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra

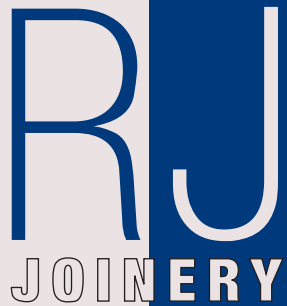


'I love a lassie'
Jamie MacDougall is reviving the much-loved Scottish Opera show 'Lauder'
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Take a seat and watch the bowling



Bowling

There are six new seats down at the Langholm Old Town Bowling Club and they look fabulous.

These are made of recycled plastic so hopefully they should last a while. The youth section donated three seats, and the club bought the other two and a local businessman has sponsored the sixth.

If anybody or any business is interested in donating a seat with their company name on then the club would love to hear from you.



Niblicks and knickerbockers



In 1992, Langholm Golf Club celebrated its centenary where the players took to the course in authentic Victorian costumes, the gentlemen in plus-fours, caps and bowlers and the ladies in long flowing skirts and pantaloons!

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Golf Nostalgia



School sprint silver for Langholm pupils

Speedy youngsters impress in Grangemouth

School athletics

The Scottish Primary Schools 4 x 100m Sprint Relay Championships for boys and girls was held in Grangemouth at the weekend. Following impressive performances at the Annandale and Eskdale Sprint Relay Finals in May which the girls from Langholm won, while the boys finished first equal, a boys and a girls team were both entered into the national relay championships from Langholm Primary School.

The boys ran two great races in the heats and semi-finals against some very fast 4 x 100m relay teams but unfortunately missed out on a place in the final by only 0.31 seconds. The winners of the boys' final was regular attendees George Watson's from Edinburgh in a fantastic time of 55.63 seconds.



The girl's team from Langholm won their heat with an impressive time of 59.10 seconds, the second fastest time in qualifying. In the semi-final the girls again won their race with a time of 59.47 seconds, the third fastest team to qualify for the final. However, the

girls saved their best performance of the day for the final when they ran a magnificent time of 58.34 from lane six to cross the finish line in second place just behind the winners from George Watson's.

Both teams performed exceptionally well on the day

The eight Langholm Primary pupils who took part in the Scottish Primary Schools 4 x 100m Sprint

and from the eight young people that were representing the school, only one boy and one girl attend an athletics club, which makes their achievements even more impressive.

Marathon magic for local lassies



Running

Four local women, Macy Cropper, Ellie Smith, Lucy Ash and Molly Bell took part in the recent Edinburgh Half Marathon.

They raised a fantastic £2,355 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

The 11,000 participants started on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh City Centre, meandering their way to finish in Musselburgh where they were greeted by friends and family. An amazing achievement by all.

Ladies take over at Old Town Bowling Club

Bowling

Sunday 1st June saw Langholm Old Town Bowling Club Ladies Section take over the green to play their Ladies Club Pairs.

The winners were Lauren Scott and Julie Loydon beating Ann Wilkinson and Evelyn Coombes in a good final.

Afterwards, the ladies held a small tea party in the clubroom to celebrate lifelong member Elma Aitken's birthday.

Saturday 7th June saw the first open competition of the year with an Open American Triples with a healthy 20 entries.

The winners were R Brady, C McDougall and A Taylor from Hawick Wilton beating local lads K Irving, W Irving and R Johnstone.



Winners and runners-up for both competitions

Eaglesfield Friendly

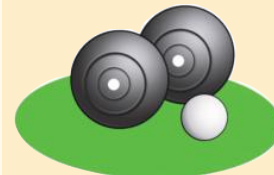
Langholm Old played their friendly match against Eaglesfield last Thursday and ran out winners by 41 shots to 17.

M. Phillips, S. Bell, R. Phillips 13
W Graham, J Mattinson, D Cartner 2

R Dunn, T Henderson, C Grant - 9
A Tait, R Eddison, J Johnstone - 5

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M Karr, G Hannah, J Sawyers - 10

M Devlin, S Devlin, B Jardine - 10
A Purdie, S McLauclan, A Johnstone - 10



E&L scores own goal

In Last week's E&L our story hailing the end of season success for Langholm Legion Football Club somewhat back-fired on us.

We reported in the headline that Legion had an 8-4 win against Duns when, in fact, the win was against Stow and the game was PLAYED in Duns.

Please accept this as a correction of the fact!



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