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Amy, first of the season, causes Townfoot chaos

Resident Mark Hallam reports on the damage done by the storm along with some crazy drivers and a helpful BEAR team



A car ploughs through floodwater on the A7 at the foot of Hallpath causing a large wave

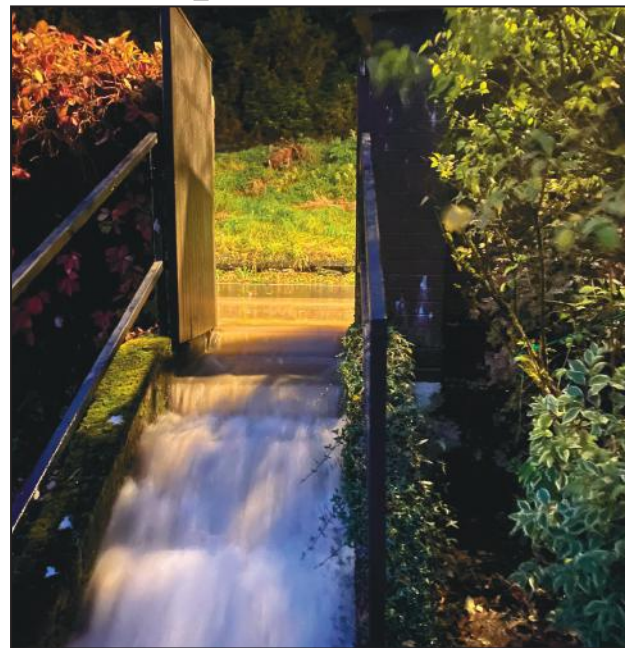
Storm Amy's 1 inch (25.9mm) of rain falling in just a few hours (as evidenced by Langholm's weather-watcher data) resulted in a deluge of water and debris cascading down Hallpath and causing a very dangerous flood on A7, with traffic struggling to get through, narrowly missing head on collisions and often setting up a bow-wave, threatening the safety of any pedestrians as well as integrity of adjacent wall (which had been knocked down in similar circumstances some years previously and had to be re-built).

Thankfully potential disaster was averted by a resident being able to clear a blocked storm drain right up at the top and BEAR Scotland on site for several hours clearing blocked drains on the A7 down below. With this being a recurring issue

it cries out for regular scheduled maintenance preventive work on part of D&G Council and BEAR Scotland working in co-operation. Councillor Denis Male has made on-site inspections over the weekend, after the event, and is in communi-

cation with both sides, to seek a sustained and meaningful solution, to this highly dangerous scenario. It has cropped up several times in the 4 years my wife and I have lived right next to it. Albeit, not to quite such a severe extent as this latest incident, associated with first named storm of 2025 storm season.

The rainfall as well as local river levels data reflects that this storm was fairly mild compared to most others we have experienced (such as Storm Aurora in 2022, Storm Gerrit in 2023 and Storms Ischa/Joselyn 2024, which boasted higher rain-



The entrance to Mark's property was like a waterfall illustrating the sheer volume of water that had fallen and poured down from Hallpath

fall and over a longer period.

As of Monday 6th October, the 3rd day after the storm, the same cheery BEAR Scotland team arrived to do more work on drains as well more clearing up of gravel and debris still on paths and road surface. I was pleased to thank them for their hard graft on Friday night and again on Saturday.

Councillor Male reported: "Following discussions with council officers today I have been told that the Flood drain was inspected on the 19th of September and with the coming storm it was inspected again on

the 1st of September.

"If that is the case, then this makes an urgent on-site meeting necessary. Because we have had heavier storms without the sort of damage that occurred to private property and the A7.

"There has to be a root and branch review of the water system that feeds into the 'flood drain as the amount of gravel that quickly filled the drain to cause the overflow is unprecedented.

"I have asked council officials for that urgent on-site meeting. There was also another water problem on Arkinholm Terrace that has been reported."

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Family Announcements

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Deaths

ELLIOT, Walter (Wattie)

Peacefully on 17th September with his family by his side.
Beloved Husband of the late Carol, loving Dad to Valerie, Alastair, Carolyn and Jackie, much loved Grandad and Great-Grandad and friend to many. Funeral service to be held in Liddesdale Parish Church on Friday 10th October at 11.30am followed by interment into Ettleton Cemetery. Refreshments thereafter in Legends. All friends and Family respectfully invited.

Info at Shaun Turnbull Funeral Directors
07896 557941

HOWARD, Alison

Peacefully on the 24th of September at Dunvegan Lodge Care Home, Alison aged 87 years. Devoted wife of the late Don, beloved mum of David and Donna, adored granny of Adam, Ethan and Arya also a special friend to many. A graveside service will be held at Langholm Cemetery on Monday 13th October at 11:00am. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

All enquires to
Nicholson's Funeral Directors

Thanks for Sympathy

LITTLE, Sylvia Fergusson

Tony, Ally, Helen, and family wish to thank everyone for their kind messages, cards, and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of Sylvia. Your support has been a great comfort.

Special thanks to the NHS staff, ambulance service, and all at Thomas Hope Hospital for their care, to Rev. Morag Crossan for a warm and comforting service, and to those who made donations in Sylvia's memory to the Friends of the Thomas Hope Hospital. Thanks are also extended to the Eskdale Hotel for refreshments, and to Shaun and Robbie Turnbull funeral directors for their thoughtful care and support.

MURRAY, Alexander (Alex)

Ethel, Fiona, Caroline and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and message's they recieved following their recent sad loss of Alex.

Thank you to Morag Crossan for her comforting service, Eskdale Hotel for the refreshments and to Nicholson's Funeral Directors for their help, guidance and support.

In Memoriam



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ARMSTRONG**
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Noel and Neil

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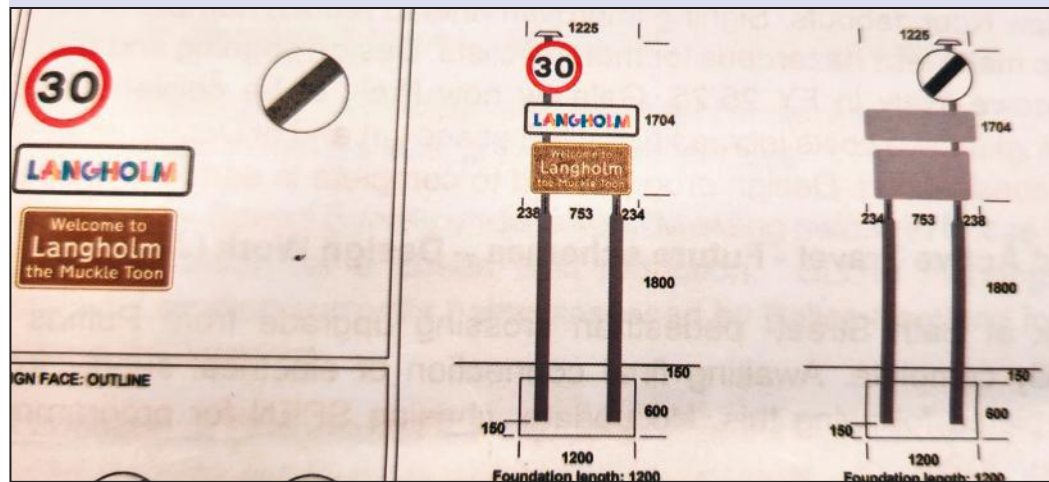
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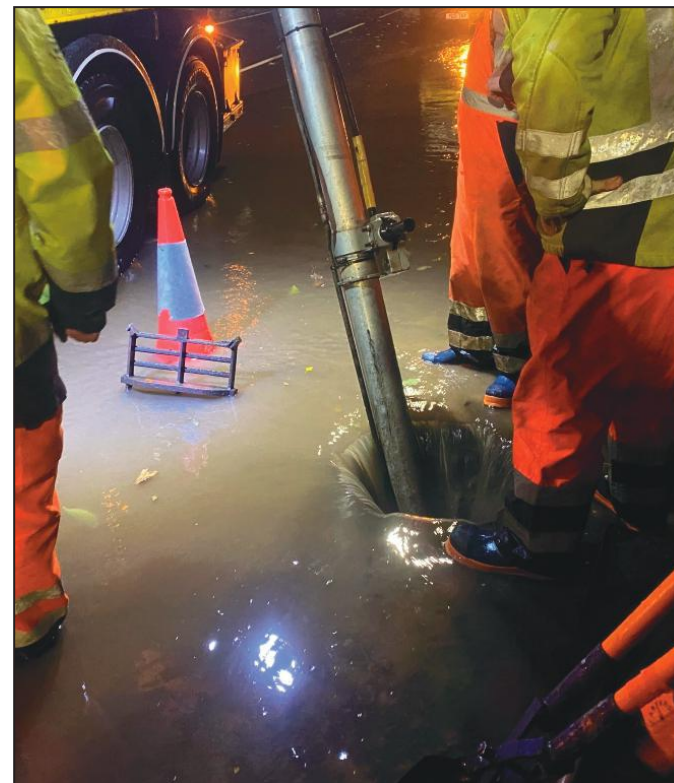
BEAR Scotland announced at a meeting of the A7 action group at the end of September that they now have a budget to rationalise the signage in Langholm. They are looking for a steer from the community about the design for 'gateway' signs.

Pictures of examples of signs were shown to those at the meeting. If people have any comments about the proposals or suggestions about designs, we can pass them on to BEAR if they email newsdesk@eladvertiser.co.uk

More from Storm Amy



16.47pm: Debris and water coming down Hallpath



20.33pm: BEAR staff still had another hour and half of work until a critical storm drain was unblocked

Perturbing disappearance of Langholm's Golden Eagles

Police are concerned that Tarras and Wren have come to harm

Representatives for a groundbreaking conservation initiative, which attributes its success to overwhelming support from the public, raptor workers and land managers, have expressed their shock, sadness and disappointment at the disappearance of Tarras and Wren, a golden eagle pair settled on territory in the Langholm area. Police Scotland confirmed they believe Tarras may have come to harm and concerns are also now growing for his mate Wren's welfare.

The South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project has helped to restore the previously fragile population of golden eagles in southern Scotland to over 50 – the highest number of golden eagles seen in the area for three centuries. This is the second time one of the translocated eagles has disappeared under suspicious circumstances.

Responding to the news of the eagles' disappearance Chair of Restoring Upland Nature (the new home of the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project), farmer Michael Clarke said:

"Everyone at Restoring Upland Nature is utterly heartbroken and frustrated that Tarras appears to have come to harm, and that concerns are now also growing for his mate Wren's welfare. To lose one eagle is bad enough, but to lose a settled pair is particularly upsetting. This incident, alongside Merrick's disappearance, further re-

inforces the vital importance of our work to monitor and protect the record numbers of golden eagles now soaring in southern skies, and the continued support from everyone that cares about our natural environment."

"We're grateful to Police Scotland for their support and using all the resources at their disposal to establish the full circumstances. To ensure due process is followed, we cannot comment further at this stage. We will do so when Police Scotland shares more detail. We thank everyone for their support at this tough time and urge anyone with information to assist Police Scotland by contacting them on 101, quoting incident number 1987 of 26th Sep."

Cat Barlow, Chief Executive of Restoring Upland Nature and who has been lead for the south of Scotland golden eagle project from its outset said



Female Golden Eagle, Wren and partner Tarras

"Throughout the delivery of the South of Scotland Golden Eagle Project, we have purposely been very open and transparent when an eagle has died of natural causes or tag has failed. We only publish details that we are confident are firmly backed by sound scientific evidence and expertise. We did this for Sparky (turbine collision), Thistle (killed by another eagle), Fergus and Rowan (tag failure), Clyde (shed tag), and Sula (unknown cause).

"Similarly, we're incredibly sad to say that we now have

sufficient evidence from Tarras' tag to be confident that he is dead. I can't give details at this time, but we will release the location of final tag data in time (as we have committed to do in any case). Tarras and Wren have been settled on territory for two years now and have predictable movements within that territory. If Wren was alive, we know from our many years of working with raptors, that we would be able to confirm that fairly easily - there has been no sign of her in 6 weeks now. We have ruled

out other possible scenarios and sadly believe that both eagles have been killed. I called Langholm home for ten years and it remains a very special place to me. I know many Langholm locals will be equally horrified and devastated that illegal persecution of these wonderful birds of prey is taking place in the hills around their homes."

For Police Scotland's statement see: <https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2025/september/appeal-for-missing-golden-eagle/>

Get ready for Langholm's 'Big Bang'

Langholm's big bang bonfire night will take place on Sunday 2nd November this year with Optimum Fireworks once again providing the musical display.

The event has attracted people to the Kilngreen for several years now from far and wide and has proved a colourful and fantastical event with oohs and aahs all round. The display kicks off at 6pm with the lighting of the big bonfire.

The event relies on fundraising and volunteers to make it happen and is something the town can be justly proud of. On the night buckets will be going around so please give generously. For those with animals make sure they are safe and unable to be terrified by the loud noises from the display.

Bridge results

N/S - 1, Brenda and George Bullamore, 2, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 3, Bob Francombe & Anne Hislop.

E/W - 1, Alison Mullock & Jim Muir, 2, Louise Grierson & John Packer, 3, Lesley McCartney & Doreen Taylor.

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Please note the above funding is not associated with the Funders Forum.

We Look Forward To Receiving Your Applications.

Local groups and not-for-profit organisations within Langholm, Ewes, and Westerkirk are being invited to apply for funding as the Community Council launches its second big round of financial support from windfarms.

The community funding programme is designed to support local organisations and groups that make a tangible difference in the lives of residents.

Stuart Clement, Chair of the Community Council, said

"I urge as many community groups and not-for-profit organisations as possible to apply. The Community Council has

seen first-hand how this funding can transform local services and make a real difference to communities and the people who depend on them."

The deadline for submission is noon on Friday 31 October 2025, and successful applicants will be notified by mid-December. To receive an application form and guidance notes, please email lewccgrants@outlook.com

Failure to submit the required email to request a form will result in any received application being refused for consideration. Please note the above funding is not associated with the Funders Forum.

Crackin' Creation Mill Macmillan Coffee Morning



Creation Mill had a great turnout for their Macmillan coffee morning last Friday. Their new premises was the perfect setting for the event, and a selection of cakes and tasty bites were on offer. The raffle had a huge number of prizes, and a sales table of crafted goods offered a variety of goods to buy.

The total raised for this charity which supports people with cancer and their families was £1144. Creation Mill thanked everyone for the support as well as Tracey at the Buccleuch Centre and people who loaned tea sets and Ewes Hall for the chairs. Also, to everyone who baked, donated prizes and gifts for the craft table and to those who helped with the set up.

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D&G Tourist levy would be “disastrous” says local hotelier

Dumfries and Galloway Council has officially launched its early engagement process to explore the potential introduction of a visitor levy scheme.

This follows a decision by a Council Committee on 2 September and marks the beginning of conversation about how tourism could be sustainably supported and enhanced in Dumfries and Galloway. Through this engagement, the council hopes to receive enough information to allow councillors to decide whether to introduce a local visitor levy scheme or not. The Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 empowers local authorities to apply a charge to overnight stays, with all revenue reinvested locally in the services and infrastructure used by visitors. The council's engagement programme will run until 21 November 2025 and includes online surveys, webinars, and in-person



John Galloway of Langholm's Eskdale Hotel

sessions targeting residents, visitors, tourism businesses and community groups.

The proposed levy would support the Responsible Tourism Strategy 2024–2034, which aims to grow the visitor economy to £1.76 billion and support 20,000 full-time equivalent jobs by 2034. To learn more and take part in the consultation visit the council's Visitor Levy Engagement page <https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/visitorlevy>

John Galloway owner of the Eskdale Hotel said

“Adding such a levy in our region at this time would be disastrous for local business and attractions, who are already in survival mode as they grapple with increased operating costs and visitors who are dealing with a cost-of-living crisis which is not going away. If a levy were to be added in the coming years it would set the visitor economy back by years, as our region still struggles to achieve the occupancy in accommodation that our neighbouring regions achieve. Our high streets struggle to maintain footfall. In addition to this adding more burden on small businesses to collect such a tax would be a step too far when businesses have been failed to be provided with any financial support in recent years from Scottish Government. For example, business rates relief has been extended for 2 years to businesses in the rest of the UK.”

Talks explore Eskdale spin-off from Center Parcs

Talks have taken place to assess if there are employment and economic benefits for the Langholm and Canonbie areas from a major tourism development in the Scottish Borders. The main focus of the on-line discussion is on Center Parcs' proposals for a 700-lodge holiday park at Huntlaw, near Hawick, which, subject to approval, is estimated could eventually create up to 1200 permanent jobs.

Although the location is 28 miles from Langholm, there are suggestions the development could create job opportunities and a tourism boost for the Eskdale area whilst increasing traffic on the A7 trunk route and other local roads.

Hopes of a spin-off for the Langholm and Canonbie areas prompted Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale MP David Mundell and local



councillor Denis Male to arrange the virtual discussions amongst elected representatives, community groups in the Langholm area and senior executives from Center Parcs.

Potential

“The Centre Parcs project has potential to have a significant impact across a wide area of southern Scotland and I think it is prudent at this early stage to examine the opportunities and any issues there might be for the Langholm and Canonbie ar-

reas.” said MP David Mundell.

“I'm equally aware of the proposals by Buccleuch Estates for more than 140 lodges as part of a holiday park envisaged at Irvine House, Canonbie, which could also create jobs and economic growth.”

Cllr Denis Male said: “It is important with both these projects that we seize what opportunities are available to see if we can use them to advance the much-needed regeneration of the valley.”

Letters to the Editor

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Council's thanks to Grace

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Grace Brown for her remarkable service of over 60 years in organising the Common Riding breakfast.

Grace's dedication has been central to the success of this cherished tradition. The breakfast has long been a highlight of the Common Riding celebrations and Grace's stewardship played no small part in that. Rumours suggesting that Grace was forced to resign are entirely unfounded and should be treated as such. Grace expressed her wish to step down from this role, and this has now been actioned. It is unacceptable that certain community councillors have been publicly subjected to verbal scorn in shops and on the street, stemming from this unfounded falsehood. It is regrettable that such claims are being circulated by an individual or individuals' intent on stirring up unnecessary trouble, and we trust that the community will recognise them for what they are: baseless and disruptive.

Yours sincerely
on behalf of Langholm, Ewes and
Westerkirk Community Council
Stuart Clement

Poppy wreath reminder

Any organisation that would like to lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday, just order directly from the Lady Haig Poppy Factory website.

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Balance of nature cited as need for goat cull announced

Goat population of 800-900 has reached a concerning level

The Langholm Initiative announced on 22nd September their intention to manage the goat population in the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve. Their position statement said:

“The 10,500 acres of the Langholm and Newcastleton hills owned by the Langholm Initiative charity are inhabited by a free roaming population of feral goats, which move frequently across multiple landholdings. As with any wild or feral grazing herbivore population in the UK – for example, deer or feral goats – in the absence of natural predation, it falls to people to manage their numbers to ensure things are kept in balance. There has always historically been population management of feral goats and deer on the moor to keep numbers at sustainable levels. Prior to our community buy-out in 2021 the 2014 records show the goat population was reduced to a target of 100 individuals. Post buy-out population management was put on hold to allow us to learn more about the land and the goats to assess their impacts, whether positive or negative, and to avoid unnecessary culling. Our approach is to only use lethal control of animals as a last resort.



“We estimate the feral goat population on the Tarras Valley has now reached 800 to 900 individuals – a population increase of up to 800% in just over 10 years. Our aim is to keep a healthy, smaller, sustainable population of feral goats on the land. To achieve this – while recognising there are no easy answers – we aim to reduce the population of feral goats on Tarras Valley by an initial 20% over the next two years”.

The full statement and supporting

FAQ’s document providing further information can be found on the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve website. www.tarrasvalleynaturereserve.org

Public comments

Public comments on social media regarding the statement have been mixed although many have been supportive of the proposed approach to managing the goat population. One person said they didn’t agree with this decision and one



or two suggested using contraception as an alternative to a cull.

As previously reported in the E&L Advertiser, the recently formed Wild Goat Conservation Trust recently presented a petition to the Scottish parliament which will now work its way through the Scottish Parliament’s Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee. The Chairman of this group has made a comment on the Langholm Initiative’s statement which is on page 10.

Auld Langholm returns

The well-known duo that is Billy Young and David McVittie, popularly known as ‘Big Deev’ will once again be entertaining an audience and talking about ‘Auld Langholm’.

The pair will take us on a heartwarming journey around the places, people and happenings of Langholm, lang syne and it should be full of laughter and tears. They will show photos and tell tales of yore and not so long ago, which they have spent many hours researching. The show is in aid of the Buccleuch Centre funds and is running over two nights – 10th and 11th October from 7.30pm. Book your tickets now!

Free food!

A huge burger van turned up on the Kilgreen on Saturday offering free food courtesy of Scottish Power. This was to support people whose power was off. We’ve not yet heard of anyone in the area whose power was knocked out by Stormy Amy but we might not be in the know.

Lodges and life-members for Ladies Burns Club

The opening meeting of Langholm Ladies Burns Club found 14 members having the honour of being shown round the Lodge Eskdale Kilwinning. This followed on from the excellent talk in March by Anne Barnfather who spent her childhood living in the lodge.

We were warmly welcomed by David Yarrow, Bill Braithwaite and Brian Porteous who kindly answered many questions and spoke of the benevolent philosophy of the Masonic movement and explained many of the find items put on view for our benefit. The Lodge is a feast for the eye with a beautiful panted blue ceiling with gold stars painted by the Reverend Cameron Dinwoodie in 1915 to reflect the sky as it was that night when the then new building came into use. We saw a fine wooden casket with Thomas Telford’s mason’s mark atop containing a scroll of all his works. Among the photographs of many local worthies of the past was that of Right Worshipful Master W B



Bill Braithwaite and David Yarrow show Alison Aston around

McVittie, the father of Elaine Anderson. There were many fascinating items to see. The lodge has supported various groups in the town including the Parish Church, Langholm day centre, girl’s football and Langholm pipe band to attend Braemar gathering.

President Nancy McLure warmly thanked the hosts for making the occasion so special. We then joined the remaining members at the Buccleuch Centre for coffee, scones and chat and were delighted to be joined by Elaine Anderson’s



Janice and Elaine Anderson with Ladies Burns President Nancy McLure

daughter Janice from Australia.

The Club made Elaine the first Langholm Ladies Burns Club life member and she was delighted. Nancy shared with us Burns involvement as a mason. His first Kilmarnock edition and other works would not have been published without their financial support. She read two verses of ‘A man’s a man or a that’.

The next meeting is on Thursday 30th October at 2.30pm where we will hear about the Castleholm Community Trust.

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

The funniest man in farming?

Is Jim Smith the funniest man in farming? Audiences in the Borders will have the chance to decide for themselves when he takes his #Keep Talking Tour to Kelso later this month.

The Perthshire-born farmer and comedian is doing the tour in partnership with Scottish agricultural support charity RSABI and has already had rave reviews in Skye, Orkney, Wick and Stornoway. 10% of ticket sales go to the charity.

Jim says he's been blown away by the support and energy of the crowds he's played to so far.

"We have sold out at each of the venues to date and it is great to be able to share a powerful message to help promote good mental health in the farming community and remind everyone that no matter how busy we are, it is vital to find time to check in on others, especially if we think someone might be feeling low or lonely," he said.

Jim was inspired to head to the Borders after hearing about the 100 for One initiative led



by the family and friends of the late Neil Stewart, a well-known local farmer. They staged a major fundraising and awareness raising walking challenge earlier this year.

RSABI Chief Executive Carol McLaren says the momentum building behind the #Keep Talking Tour is hugely encouraging.

"It's more than just a night out, it's a chance to pause, connect and support each other as we head into the winter months," she said.

"We're so grateful to Jim for his continued support, and to the local performers and communities who are helping make each event special."

The show's on at Kelso's Tait Hall on October 25th.

Acrehead selection process chooses Jordan

New contract farmer for Barony campus business

SRUC have chosen 23-year-old Jordan Duddy from Carlisle as contract farmer at their Acrehead Farm near the Barony campus following a competitive selection process.

Jordan, who has more than six years of hands-on experience in all aspects of dairy farming, already has great plans for the business.

"Acrehead Farm has huge potential to become a thriving dairy business – it just needs someone to care for it," she said. "The land is ideal for grazing, and I plan to make the most of its ability to grow quality grass.

"Long-term, I aim to transition to a smaller, grazing-suited breed and establish an autumn block-calving herd. While that develops, I'll continue looking after the existing cows, which the Barony, Acrehead, and Crichton teams have worked hard to develop.



Jordan Duddy

Jordan will contract manage the day-to-day operations of Acrehead, receiving a share of

the milk cheque dependent on farm performance. SRUC will retain responsibility for the

land and legal compliance and will provide the dairy herd and farm machinery.

The position includes access to a nearby farmhouse and is offered as a five to ten-year opportunity.

Unique

SRUC Principal and Chief Executive Professor Wayne Powell says it's a unique opportunity and one the College is proud to offer.

"By making SRUC land available in this way, we are investing in the future of farming and creating meaningful ways for young people to step into leadership roles in agriculture," he said.

"It also supports our broader mission to support the dairy industry's future by embracing innovation, reducing emissions, enhancing biodiversity, and fostering economic growth."

Concerns over major milk price reductions

NFU Scotland leaders say they're deeply concerned to hear that many Scottish dairy farmers have received notifications of significant milk price reduction.

The union says that with input costs continuing to rise and farm margins under intense pressure, the cuts risk severely undermining confidence across the entire dairy sector.

Bruce Mackie, Chair of NFU Scotland's Milk Committee, says the cuts could pose serious financial challenges for some farmers.

"For some, those cuts are at a time when many had been expecting a long-overdue increase, based on recent contractual changes," he said.

"These farmers had legitimate and well-founded expectations of a price uplift this autumn. Instead, they now face serious financial challenges and disruption to their business plans."

The Union points out that while processors and retailers have enjoyed a sustained period of price stability, enabling investment and planning, dairy farmers have had to navigate volatility, rising costs, and regulatory change.

"The dairy supply chain depends on farmers being able to plan and invest with confidence. Sudden, unjustified price drops damage that confidence and threaten not just individual businesses, but the resilience of Scotland's rural economy



Bruce Mackie, Chair of NFU Scotland's Milk Committee

and food security," Mr Mackie said.

NFU Scotland is urging all milk buyers to avoid knee-jerk pricing decisions and to fully reflect the true cost of production in their pricing models. The Union continues to press for fairness and transparency across the entire dairy supply chain.

PETA v Wallace Hall

A Dumfriesshire school has fallen foul of the animal rights organisation PETA for its plans to introduce a new Higher course in agricultural skills. The course has been developed by two teachers at Thornhill's Wallace Hall Academy, one of whom is also a farmer. It's believed to be the first of its kind and will complement the rural skills course which pupils can already study at National Five level.

It has four main units of study, with topics including rural affairs, communications and business planning.

The section which has angered PETA is the so-called 'meatbox challenge' in which pupils will buy a lamb at market and then work with a local butcher to find out what cuts to use. They will be taught everything from negotiating a price to advertising the meat and producing invoices.

Peta is challenging Wallace



Wallace Hall Academy in Thornhill

Hall Academy in Thornhill to instead create a 'plantbox challenge' championing sustainable plant farming.

Indoctrinate

Peta's Dawn Carr says this course will indoctrinate children into a violent farming system.

"PETA is urging the school to take cruelty off the curriculum and inspire the next generation of farmers to grow sustainable Scottish plants like oats and fava

beans that are kind to animals, the planet and our health," she said.

The course has been co-written by local farmer Aileen Marchant who hopes it could eventually be rolled out to other secondary schools in Scotland.

"We're having many more youngsters realising there's so much opportunity within agriculture, it's not just on the farm, so in turn it benefits everybody."

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Notice is hereby given that Renewable Energy Systems Limited, (“the Company”) with company registration number 1589961, having its registered office at Beaufort Court, Egg Farm Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 8LR has applied to the Scottish Ministers for consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 to construct and operate a generating station comprising of a wind farm and battery energy storage system, known as Bloch Wind Farm, in Dumfries and Galloway near Langholm, east of the operational Solwaybank Wind Farm (Central Grid Reference E 333000, N 580000). The combined installed capacity of the proposed generating station would be approximately 171MW (126MW wind farm and 45MW battery energy storage system) comprising up to 21 wind turbines with a maximum ground to blade tip height of 230 metres. The proposed development has been subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). An EIA Report has been produced to accompany the application for consent.

The Company has also requested a direction under section 57(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

The Company has now submitted additional information to Scottish Ministers, which includes information relating to the reduction of the proposed development from a 21-wind turbine development to a 18-wind turbine development.

Copies of the additional information, the application and the EIA Report (‘the information’) are available for public inspection in person, free of charge, during normal office hours at:

Location	Opening Hours	Address
Langholm Town Hall	Mon : 9am – 12pm & 12:30pm – 4pm; Thur : 9am – 12pm & 12:30pm – 4pm; Fri : 10am – 12pm & 12:30pm – 4pm	Market Place, High St, Langholm DG13 0JQ

The information can also be viewed on the application website at www.bloch-windfarm.co.uk; or at www.energyconsents.scot under application reference ECU00003463.

Copies of the information may be obtained from Carey Green (telephone: +44 1872 226 931 or email carey.green@res-group.com) at a charge of £200 per hard copy and free of charge on CD, DVD or USB.

All previous representations received by Scottish Ministers in relation to the application remain valid.

Any new representations on the application may be submitted by email to the Scottish Government via representations@gov.scot; or by post to the Scottish Government, Energy Consents Unit, 4th Floor, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU, identifying the proposal and specifying the grounds for representation.

Written or emailed representations should be dated, clearly stating the name (in block capitals) and full postal address of those making representations. Emailed representations should also include the full return email address of those making representations. Only representations sent by email to representations@gov.scot will receive acknowledgement. All representations should be received not later than **10th November 2025**, although Ministers may consider representations received after this date.

Any subsequent additional information which is submitted by the developer will be subject to further public notice in this manner, and representations to such information will be accepted as per this notice.

Where Scottish Ministers are required to, or decide to exercise their discretion to do so, they can cause a public inquiry to be held.

Following examination of the environmental information and all views and representations received, Scottish Ministers will determine this application for consent in one of two ways:

- Consent the proposal, with or without conditions attached; or
- Reject the proposal

General Data Protection Regulations

The Scottish Government processes representations under the Electricity Act 1989. To support transparency in decision making, the Scottish Government publishes online at www.energyconsents.scot.

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200 walkers hit the trail for the Umbrella Walk

Storm Amy behaved to allow the Rotary Club of Langholm's annual mega-fundraiser to take place



Canonbie human and canine group near Hollows Bridge

Photo by Peter Forsyth

Thanks to all who participated in the 2025 Rotary Club of Langholm Umbrella Walk last Saturday. In contrast to the summery conditions of 2024, this year the walk took place hot on the heels of Storm Amy, which battered Langholm and Canonbie with winds gusting to 65mph and a swift inch of rain, just a few hours before the walk was due to begin!

A blocked storm drain resulted in a cataract of water and debris coming down part of the Langholm walk. It was thankfully cleared through actions of a resident up at the top and a Rotarian calling out BEAR Scotland. They took several hours to unblock drains and clear the big flood on A7, down below. Several parts of both Langholm and Canonbie walks were known to be

very vulnerable to falling branches and trees so starting in the wee small hours Team Rotary was able to communicate and arrange checks of all these areas – and luckily, just a small part of the Canonbie route needed intervention to clear debris from a path.

Thus a slightly tired Rotary Team were happy to announce that both walks would go ahead and were

in place ready to receive walkers at Langholm Day Centre and Canonbie Community Centre, with Marshals hi-viz jacketed and on station, for both walks to start promptly at 9am. Conditions were breezy but dry now and above all safe for a record turnout of around 200 walkers, from some 40 local groups and organisations, in a fitting tribute to late Rotarian Alastair Davies, who had the foresight and vision to introduce the walk in 1998.

Record numbers

With the numbers up a whopping 29% on the previous year, we are delighted to say that the total sponsorship pledged is looking like a record £20,600. As in previous years, this total will rise substantially through generosity of top-ups from local Trusts, namely 'The Jock and Mary Elliot Memorial Trust; The Arthur Bell Trust; The Ainslie Charitable Trust; The Bowman Little Trust; the Stoneypath Trust and the Stevenson Trust' - and along with Gift Aid, the total raised should be significantly above last year's £30,000.

For the 2nd year the Rotary Club has had to ask for help

marshalling the walks and a big thank-you to Duncan Elliot, Jill Barker, Kim Foster, Ellen Rae, Brian and Lorraine Jardine, Dorothy and Jim Watson for their support. A big thank-you also to Di Badham and Team Canonbie Community Enterprise who, also for 2nd year running, provided a Soup kitchen plus Games and Tombola This raised a staggering £572 in addition to supporting a highly successful community event. A big thank-you to John Scott, who was able to coordinate a smooth transition from Community to Day Centre, which turned out to be ideal for receiving the even greater numbers of walkers in Langholm.

Participating groups and organisations will be contacted again soon with reminders on how to process funds raised and where to send crucial Sponsorship Forms and Summary Sheet, required to help our Treasurer, Rotarian John Elliot, process the Gift Aid and Trust top up contributions. Organisers will also be sent an invite to attend the Eskdale Hotel on Thursday 27th of November, as guests of the Rotary Club, to receive cheques for their funds.

Lastly a very special thanks to the organisers of the participating groups and organisations for their hard work and effort in administering the walk, to the members of the Rotary Club of Langholm - especially to George Cairns for his excellent UW 'admin tool' and (as always) Treasurer John Elliot, without whom this event would not succeed. Also to the non-Rotarian marshals, and to the many walkers, all of whom pulled together to make this another highly enjoyable, successful and rewarding community event.

Mark Hallam, Langholm Rotary Community Convenor



SQUAD: Aidan and Brady Wilson, Tommy Hope, Christopher Tait and Ben White take up the challenge in aid of Langholm Rugby Club

Photo by KennethPool



Kirsty, Freya and Erin set off on the walk

Photo by KennethPool



Walkers gather at the starting point at Langholm Day Centre

All other photos by Mark Hallam



More four-legged walkers and their humans at the Skippers Bridge

Rotary Club of Langholm

Umbrella Walk

Annual sponsored walk raising funds for multiple local causes and charities. As recorded OS mapping by Mark Hallam on Thursday 17th October 2024

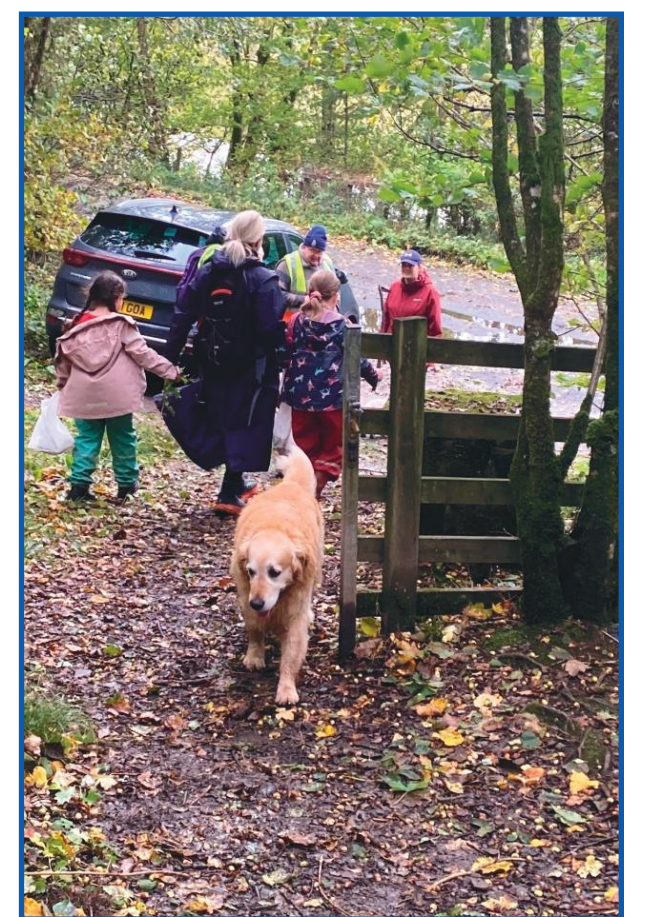
Start & finish:
Canonbie Public Hall
Canonbie DG14 0UX
Grid Ref: NY394765

Total Distance 4.3 miles
Total Ascent 537ft

Canonbie



Ann Halliday and Jacqueline Elliot check-in before starting the walk



Walkers and marshal at Auld Stane Brig, Langholm

The 174th Langholm Show

An E&L Eight-page Supplement



*Brought up in the faith...young
handlers await the judges decision*



Winner of the Pet Section - a MUCKLE rabbit!



The Pool Family, Donna, Jack and Harris enjoy a day at the show



Jackie Henderson visits Lynne Aitken at the Fire Service stall

All photos Mairi Telford Jammeh

Finest show ground around

Langholm show went off well on 27th September and although rain was predicted it held off until later in the day. Entries for sheep covered a wide range of breeds with a good turnout. Cattle seemed to have fewer entries, but it was nice to see the horse classes well represented. The show is spread over a wide area and there is plenty of room for everything on the Castleholm with something for everyone.

The industrial tent held a range of produce with some very high-quality knitting and craft work. The entries by the women's institutes were as usual very competitive and huge efforts had been made to present a team test display with the theme of oranges and lemons. The children's paintings and crafts were of a very high standard. It's always good to see the vegetable animals and the poodle made of cauliflower stood out. There are some wonderfully creative people in the community and it's always good to see the entries of walking sticks and the variety of types of stick that have been produced. The biggest docken leaf competition and the longest nettle are two classes that produce a smile. One to sting and one to take the sting away! The craft sales tent had some interesting wares on display as well as some tasty ice cream.

As well as the competitions there was a display by horse loggers who demonstrated how their small stocky horses could remove logs from tight areas in forests that are inaccessible by machinery. The Teviotdale Steel Bonnets from Hawick were there to demonstrate to visitors how the border reivers lived and fought. There were

stands displaying tractors and quad bikes and Langholm fire engine was in attendance to talk to people about what their work in the community involves. Langholm pipe band, not long back from the Braemar Gathering provided musical accompaniment of a Royal standard. Cumberland wrestling took place in the ring and was once again of interest to many and pulled in the Cumbrian crowd.

Once again, the show proved a great social occasion for the rural community with people from 'a' the airts' catching up and renewing friendships. The organisers must have been delighted with the turn out, the level of entries and how well everything went on the day.

Aileen Cavers

Chairman Aileen Cavers said "After a week of perfect, dry frosty weather, the threat of rain on Show day didn't materialise and the warmer temperature meant no drippy tent in the morning. Entries were good in all sections. Working Hunter classes took place for the first time in many years and there was a good entry. Sheep and cattle sections were strong and the South of Scotland Young Handlers finals were hotly contested, the winner from Stranraer also entered marmalade, nettles and docken leaf in the show. Like other shows this year there was a large entry in the dog section, and whilst there were only a couple of entries in the pet show, the winner was impressive and did not look out of place in the final champion of champions lineup.

The Industrial Tent was impressive, we are always grateful to the Primary School, Langholm Playcare and Mums

and Toddlers who entre so even children whose parents are not into the show are given the opportunity to take part. We expected the Vintage Section to be down this year but on the day there was an impressive display of standing engines, tractors and cars. We would very much like to develop this further in the future.

Many highlights

The variety of Trade Stands was excellent, information sharing and fund raising by local organisations and charities and a lovely variety of items were available to buy in the busy Craft Tent. I had many highlights on the day, accompanying the wool marketing board judge in his deliberations over the best fleece on the hoof, judging crop and trade stands, welcoming folks from near and far. I had the pleasure of meeting up with the families who exhibit year after year, some of them travelling a long way with their exhibits to support the Show, the competition and camaraderie is always a great pleasure. Having support from my family (older and younger generations) in their enthusiasm for the show, building staging, stewarding and helping with all the unseen little jobs makes me optimistic for the future of the Show which has always held a special place in my heart.

The committee and helpers who set up, work tirelessly on the day then dismantle everything afterwards do a tremendous job. The Show could not take place without their unstinting generosity of time, talents and tractors and I would like to extend a huge thanks to every one of them."



SERIOUS STUFF: Animal experts Ian Cuthbert, Gordon Jackson and Neil Manning



BONNIE: Some of the Cattle on show



Very smart competitors in the Equine Section

All types of country skills on display at Langholm

All photos by Stan Wilson

Encouragingly large entries in the industrial and livestock sections



Politicians pursue issues raised at show surgery

SOUTH of Scotland MSP Craig Hoy recently attended Langholm Show alongside a Scottish Conservative team which included constituency MSP Oliver Mundell, MP David Mundell and the deputy leader Rachael Hamilton MSP.

Mr Hoy said: "It was a fantastic opportunity to meet with local farmers and businesses, to hear about the issues facing the rural economy and to support one of the region's most important agricultural and community events.

"Many residents in Langholm feel the town has been overlooked and representatives of the community raised very real concerns about the downgrading of bus services. I will engage key stakeholders and bus operators to ensure their views are heard and acted upon."

The politicians met with representatives from the Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council, NFUS, the Save Warblaw campaign and many local business operators and farmers and are following-up local issues raised with them.

They held an outdoor surgery during the popular event.

Mr Hoy, who is Dumfriesshire Conservative candidate at the forthcoming Scottish election, said: "Shows like Langholm are a real highlight of the year for the community and elected representatives who serve them.

"I was grateful to everyone who took the time to speak with me at the Scottish Conservatives' tent. If you didn't get the chance to have a chat then please do get in touch to arrange a private surgery appointment.

"I will continue to champion rural communities both locally here in Dumfriesshire and in the Scottish Parliament."

Huge credit to the event's organisers



Last minute adjustments for the sheep judging



Iain Bannatyne of the Save Warblaw Action Group discussed the Warblaw issues with Oliver Mundell, Craig Hoy and David Mundell



Linda Bell - Keeper of the silverware



The rough and tumble of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling has been part of Langholm Show since the start

Results and trophy winners



SHEEP

South Country Cheviot (Judge: T Elliot)

J Common and Son swept the board with their outstanding three-shear South Country Cheviot tup, securing:

- Overall Cheviot Champion
- Inter-breed Champion
- Reserve Supreme of Show
- Points Cup Winner

Bought for £6000 from Castle Crawford and is by Rob Roy. His mother is by Langdale Dimond

Overall Reserve went to J Common with a home-bred gimmer by Crossdykes Senator, out of a home-bred dam.

In the **Dressed Cheviot** classes, J Common and Son claimed top honours in:

- Tup over two years - Tup lamb - Ewe - Gimmer - Ewe lamb - Group of three

Dinmont Tup:

- WN Douglas, Catslackburn - JT Fleming and Son, Hislop

Natural Cheviot:

- Tup over two years, tup lamb, gimmer, group of three – J Common
- Ewe – N Manning, Tweedshaws
- Ewe lamb – S Richardson, The Shaw

Blackface (Judge: A Renwick)

S Anderson, Penchrise, Hawick, claimed both Champion and Reserve titles with:

- Champion: A two-crop ewe by a £2000 Borthwickshiels, out of a £3500 Pole-sired ewe. She's a seasoned winner—three-time Townhead champion, twice at Holm, and once at Robertson.
- Reserve: A shearling by a £2800 Ashcraig, out of a home-bred ewe.

All classes – S Anderson.

Blackface (Direct from Hill, Untouched) (Judge: A Renwick)

Champion and Reserve – S Anderson with:

- Champion: Home-bred gimmer - Reserve: Home-bred ewe

Class winners:

- Shearling tup – N Manning, Earlishaugh, Biggar
- Tup lamb – R Cavers, Westerhall, Langholm
- Ewe, gimmer, ewe lamb, group of three – S Anderson

Black Sheep – Any Variety (Judge: B Radley)

Champion – M Clark and E Pollock, Glenhowan, Glencaple with Bondes Gracie, a Badgerface Texel ewe lamb.

This homebred debutante is by Strathview Eric and out of a Sunnbybank ewe.

Prime Lamb (Judge: J Walton)

Champion and Reserve – H Murray with:

- Champion: Pen of two Beltex cross lambs under 79kg
- Reserve: Pen of two Beltex cross lambs over 80kg

Bluefaced Leicester (Judge: S Anderson)

Champion – Eildon Warden with a three-crop ewe sired by an Ashes tup
Reserve – Lisa Fleming, Falnash, Hawick, with shearling Madrissa 007, purchased for £12,000 at Kelso.

He's by a £1000 Kirkstead son of a £5200 Leadburnlea, out of a Kirkstead gimmer from the Blue Belles sale.

Peebles Show BFL traditional-type champion.

Class winners:

- Tup over two years, tup lamb – Lisa Fleming
- Ewe, gimmer, ewe lamb – Eildon Warden

Zwartbles (Judge: Clare Ann Anderson)

Champion – C Rae, Wallacetown, Dumfries with a shearling tup by Prestige Hazel Legend, out of a Greystone ewe from Ali Baird.

This tup has only been beaten once this season, with accolades including:

- Reserve Male at Royal Highland Show
- Reserve Overall at Northumberland and Dumfries

Reserve – I Boyes, Stapleton, Annan with ewe lamb Stapleton Nell (by Statesman Luther, out of Bridgelands Lark)

Class winners:

- Shearling tup, gimmer – C Rae
- Ewe, ewe lamb – I Boyes

Any Other Breed – Non-MV Accredited (Judge: S Anderson)

Champion – Isla Dempster, Hayfield, Kirkpatrick Fleming with a North Country

Cheviot Park-type ewe by Gilston Bonnie Lad, out of a Carruthers ewe. First show outing.

Reserve – S Dempster, Hayfield with a Suffolk cross gimmer.

Class winners:

- Tup lamb – G & A Anderson, Newton, Hightae
- Ewe, ewe lamb – Isla Dempster
- Gimmer – S Dempster

Continental – MV Accredited (Judge: B Radley)

Champion – M Clark and E Pollock with a Badgerface Texel gimmer, bought at Dumfries market. Show debut.

Class winners:

- Tup over two years – C Rae
- Shearling, ewe – R Sutherland
- Tup lamb, gimmer – M Clark and E Pollock
- Ewe lamb – A Clark and Son

Continental – Non-MV Accredited (Judge: S Renwick)

Champion – H Murray with a Beltex tup

Class winners:

- Tup over two years, ewe – H Murray
- Tup lamb – H Robb

Suffolk – MV Accredited (Judge: S Renwick)

Champion and Reserve – A Redpath with:

- Champion: Home-bred ewe lamb by Rowalston Ronald, out of a Skelhill ewe. Reserve at Dalkeith Show.
- Reserve: Tup lamb by Sitlow Olympian, bought privately from the Black family, Collessie.

All classes – A Redpath

Suffolk – Non-MV Accredited (Judge: S Renwick)

Champion – D Douglas, Catslackburn, Selkirk with a ewe lamb by a £5500 Skelhill, out of a home-bred ewe.

She was Any Other Breed champion at Yarrow Show.

Reserve – D Robertson, Shawhead, Easton with a tup lamb.

Class winners:

- Ewe lamb – D Douglas
- Tup lamb – D Robertson

Texel – MV Accredited (Judge: S Renwick)

Champion – J Clark, Meikle Glengyre, Stranraer with a Logie Durmo-sired gimmer out of a home-bred ewe

Reserve – A Briggs with a tup lamb by Clanfield Golden, out of an Uppermill ewe

Class winners:

- Tup lamb – A Briggs
- Gimmer – J Clark

Texel – Non-MV Accredited (Judge: S Renwick)

Champion and Reserve – S Robertson, Becks, Langholm with:

- Champion: Home-bred four-crop ewe by a Strawfrank tup
- Reserve: Elmscleuch two-shear tup, bought as a shearling at Kelso

Class winners:

- Tup over two years, shearling, ewe, gimmer, group of three – Sharon Robertson
- Tup lamb – E Little
- Ewe lamb – M Phillips

Young Handler – Sheep (Judge: P Walton)

Under 10 years – Douglas Nichol

Aged 11–16 years – Ewan Clark

CATTLE

Galloway (Judge: P Jackson)

Champion and Reserve – D & Lynne Watret with:

- Champion: Three-year-old cow Blackcraig Rose with her September-born calf Criffelview Rosie (by Nucamp of Balgay). Rose is by Barlas Rivellino and out of Rose 29 of Auchenhay. Reserve at Biggar Show.

- Reserve: Kirkstead Quirk, sired by Buggy Malone, bought privately from Alan McClymont, Yarrow. Reserve Any Other Native Breed at Ayr Show.

All classes – D & Lynne Watret

Any Breed – Cow with Calf (Judge: P Jackson)

- Cow with calf born on or after Jan 1, 2024 – G Rome, Nivenhill, Gretna

Continental (Judge: R Spence)

Champion and Reserve – H Murray with:

- Champion: 16-month-old red Limousin cross heifer, bought from Stuart Icelton at Middleton-in-Teesdale calf sale

- Reserve: 17-month-old British Blue cross heifer, bought from David Mallon at the same sale

Class winner:

- Any Continental up to 18 months – H Murray

Young Handler – Cattle (Judge: G Irving)

Champion – Thomas Salt

Reserve – Ash Hislop

INDUSTRIAL

Late D Grant Memorial Trophy – Novice Stick – Stephen Marshall

Bell Challenge Trophy – best dressed stick on show – Barry Frizell

A A Leitch Trophy – most points vegetables – Richard Bray

Cumberland Building Society Trophy – best exhibit flowers – Louise Walker

Langholm Floral Art Club Trophy – best exhibit floral art – Olive Robison

Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser Trophy – outstanding exhibit in baking – Morag Mitchell

Mr & Mrs J Wood Trophy – Most points in plain baking – Mary Irving

Perpetual Challenge trophy presented by Mrs Annie Hutcheon –

most points in baking – Mary Irving

Kirtleton Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit in Preserves – Marj Pringle

Eskdale Camera Club Trophy – Most points in photography – Nichola Paul

Potholm Trophy – Outstanding Exhibit in Handcraft – Morag Mitchell

Eskdale Young Farmers Trophy – Most points in Handcraft – Joan Cubbon

Eskdale Group SWI Trophy – most points in SWI section – Tessa Lumley

Eskdale Group Salver – SWI Team Test – Canonbie Institute

Langholm Rural Trophy Outstanding Exhibit in SWI section – Tessa Lumley

Georgefield Trophy – Children Section A – Abbie Laidlaw

Tom's Bakery Shield – Children Section B – Abbie Laidlaw

J Telford Trophy – Children Artwork – Summer Harvey

Pet Show Winner – Kiri Pawle with her Belgian Hare

Catalogue Cover Design – Harley Scott

Poster Design – Quinn Thomson Matilda Maxwell

HORSES

Mountain & Moorland

Meikledale cup for best in hand pony – Camilla Lane & Merkisayre Sir Dougal

Special rosette for best pony 3ys and under – Nina McDonnell & Kered Dancing in Dreams

EWM cup for best ridden M&M – Harry Crichton & Waxwing Ragamuffin

Ritchie Memorial trophy for best Hill pony – Kirsty Butler & Oscar

Championship for M&M – Harry Crichton & Waxwing Ragamuffin

Ridden ponies & young handlers

Championship ridden ponies

Championship – Finn Reilly & Rhesfair Me Julie

Reserve – Tumaini Crichton & Moose on the Loose

Championship young handlers

Championship – Quinn Collins & Atinas Rosina

Reserve – Harry Crichton & Waxwing Ragamuffin

Perpetual challenge trophy for best overall pony – Finn Reilly & Rhesfair Me Julie

Reserve Tumaini Crichton & Moose on the Loose

Hunters & Other Horses

T Ward trophy for best in-hand horse

Champion - Lucy Brown and Barney Bear

Reserve - Louise Angelini & Holmtown Paparazzi

The 'wild aro- challenge trophy for best hunter

Hilary McTaggart & Casablanca

The EWM trophy for best large hunter

Richard Nichol & Avalon V

Solway Racehorse Trophy for best ex racehorse – Rory Gibson & Call Zac

Dalgleish trophy for best riding horse – Alex Garven & Bocasien Desbois

Reserve – Clive storey & Zihuatanejo

Trophy for best ridden coloured – Evie Richardson & Hurworth Honey

The 'flighty cuckoo' perpetual challenge cup for best animal in the hunter

classes – Hilary McTaggart & Casablanca

The George Aitchison memorial cup for best overall horse/pony –

Hilary McTaggart Casablanca

Working Hunter

Champion – Caitlin Jolly

Reserve – Evie Richardson & Hurworth Honey





...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

Goat Trust realise herd must be managed

Organisation responds to Tarras Valley announcement

The Wild Goat Conservation Trust say they recognise the animals currently running free on Langholm Moor do need to be managed, in a manner that is science-based, comprehensive and sympathetically undertaken.

The Trust's comments come in response to Tarras Valley Nature Reserve's recent announcement that they have estimated wild goat numbers to be between 800 and 900 on their landholding and intend to cull 20% over the next two years in autumn shootings.

The Trust say they wish to see a self-sustaining, robust and resilient population of wild goats allowed to continue to roam freely across this 30,000 acre area.

They also point out that the wild goats make a positive contribution to the ecology of this upland area by helping to maintain an 'open hill' relatively free from rank vegetation and scrubland. This helps moorland breeding birds such as the Curlew, which is now a red listed bird of conservation concern. In Harriers, which are among the rarest

of the UK's birds of prey, also benefit.

However the Trust say they accept that TVNR is acting responsibly and with due diligence. They say a careful approach is particularly important while all landowners and stakeholders work out exactly how best the wild goats can contribute to maintaining the protected biodiversity of this important wildlife area.

Insensitive

David Braithwaite, Chairman of TWGCT said, "Whilst we feel that the timing of this announcement is rather insensitive, given the events of this year in connection with goat culling and public petitions in support of the goats, we respect the TVNR action to carefully manage wild goat numbers on their land.

"However, this continues to emphasise the need for an overarching plan to properly conserve the goats and the granting of their protected status so that these fabulous wild animals can enjoy a secure future in the rugged hills that stretch between Langholm and Newcastleton."



The number of feral goats on Langholm Moor has reached 800-900

InPost Lockers for Copshaw

Copshaw residents have welcomed the announcement that the village is to have a new post facility.

Work is beginning this week on the installation of InPost Lockers, with initial groundworks being carried out first. The Lockers are basically postal deposit boxes, which can be used to collect and deposit packages at any time 24/7.

They are to be installed at the village's popular PolySport at the south end of the village. They'll be on the left-hand side of the building against the wall. It's hoped the new facility will make parcel collections and returns easier for everyone in the village.

There are currently InPost lockers in Longtown, Hawick and Carlisle.

One resident who described it as a great idea, said it would save people having to travel miles and cut down on fuel use.



A modern twist to some older skills

The skills of an earlier generation brought right up to date with a modern twist – that's what teenage Copshaw seamstress Amber Foster promises to bring to the village's Craft Fayre later this month.

17-year-old Amber learned the techniques of hand and machine sewing thanks to her Granny and says she will be forever grateful for all the hours they spent together, going over everything from zips and seams to delicate embroidery stitches.

That early passion has grown stronger over the years. Amber is now in sixth year at Hawick High School and planning to go to university next year to further her career in fashion and textiles.

Meanwhile she's been hard at work creating a range of items for the Craft Fayre including Japanese Knotbags, cushions, scrunchies, make-up bags and coasters, all bearing her unique stamp and the label "Amber's Creations."

Many of the items have been



Amber hard at work in her sewing room

made from charity shop finds because Amber's a great believer in rescuing old clothes from the scrapheap and repurposing them to give them a whole new lease of life. And nothing goes to waste, because even tiny scraps of material will be saved for use as draught excluders and doorstep fillers.

She has also been putting her skills to great use by helping

fellow villager Marilyn Rowan to create drainage bags for breast cancer patients.

Amber's Mum is renowned wildlife artist and children's author Wendy Patterson, so it's not surprising that she has a deep love of nature and animals which also inspires much of her work.

The Craft Fayre is on in the Village Hall from October 23-26.

Gilly's walk finds a Peregrine in peril

A peaceful stroll along the old railway line in Newcastleton with her dog Nika turned out to more of an adventure than expected for E&L contributor Gilly Fraser, when Nika suddenly stopped in her tracks and refused to budge. "She's a very bright and inquisitive youngster and nothing ever passes her by, so I thought she had perhaps spotted a rabbit or a deer in the distance," Gilly says.

Nika's attention hadn't been caught by another animal however – but by a large bird sitting motionless at the bottom of a tree.

"It was clearly a bird of prey, but not one I had ever seen before. I was sure it would fly away as soon as I reached for my phone to take a picture, but it stayed completely still, just staring at me."

It was all too obvious that the bird needed help as it was in real danger of becoming prey itself if left where it was.

Facebook friends were able



to identify the bird as none other than a Peregrine Falcon. Some suggested contacting the SSPCA, but thankfully help was closer to hand.

"I really wasn't sure what to do for the best," Gilly says, "but my friend Caroline Blackie who

is very knowledgeable about wildlife, came to the rescue."

The bird, which was found to be very underweight, is probably a youngster. Caroline hopes that with the right care, it can recover and ultimately be released back into the wild.

Benty fashionistas visit La ♥ Bel

SWI starts season with a trip out

By Beverley Eyre

In the blink of an eye it was September and time for the Westerkirk SWI to begin our regular monthly meetings once again. After a busy summer it was a chance to catch up with friends.

It was decided that we would begin by doing something a little different. So as many ladies as were able went on a visit to

LaBel at The Old Brewery in Brampton. LaBel is a pre-loved clothing and dress agency owned by Charlotte Tyson. It is a surprisingly large shop on one level with plenty of parking right outside, meaning that it is easily accessible.

We were greeted with the offer of a choice of drinks and once we had all arrived were treated to a fashion show. Three of the SWI ladies, Pauline, Hazel and Carol, agreed to be models for the evening. As you can see they did an excellent job!

Afterwards we all had a look through the many beautiful dresses, bags, shoes and hats. It wasn't difficult to find something to treat ourselves with from the large selection available and many of us left clutching treasures we had found.

We all agreed it had been a lovely evening and very informative after a talk on the shop's origins.

Our next meeting will be at the Benty Hall on Tuesday 7 October at 7:30 pm. Our speaker is Sally Martin on Korean Cookery. There will be tea,



coffee and biscuits served and a raffle. Visitors are always welcome, come along to see what we are about.

Paulene, Hazel and Carol were the models for the evening

The ladies of Westerkirk SWI enjoyed their Brampton outing



“500 Words” writing competition

500 Words, the story writing competition for young people is open for entries! Young writers are being asked to submit their stories before 9pm, Friday 7 November.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked, it's all about the writers' brilliant creativity. There are prizes to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand finale at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty the Queen. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their

story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.

The official panel of celebrity judges includes Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson and Frank Cottrell-Boyce will return to crown our next winners.

Teachers

If you are a teacher, teaching assistant, librarian or SEND staff, and love to read and mark the work of 5-11-year-olds, you can sign up to be one of thousands of volunteer judges.

For full details check out www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

Local artisan on tour

Langholm based cabinet maker Daniel Lacey will be on the road to show his wares this month and next. On 18th and 19th October he'll be at Peebles Woodmarket in Peebles drill hall from 10am - 4pm which features the Scottish Conkers championship outside the hall.

On 1st and 2nd November, Daniel will be at Easterbrook Hall in Dumfries at 'Upland Made' which brings together many of the talents from the region featured in Spring Fling.

Later in November from 14th - 16th he will be in the Lake District at the arts and crafts house at Blackwell.

At all of these events Daniel will be showing furniture as well as some smaller pieces such as his 'eaglet' vases created from offcuts from his Beaky and Skan golden eagle sculpture. Also featured will be charcuterie boards created using storm downed timbers from the Tarras valley nature reserve.

Primary 7 takes the Initiative



By Margaret Pool

Earlier today, with assistance from P7 pupils, class teacher Jamie Robinson and his classroom assistant Louise Tait, we conducted a litter clean of Galaside woods. You will find pictures of the results attached to the following forwarded email.

The pupils were really enthusiastic about their "finds"! We hope that this exercise marks the re-establishment of a Langholm Initiative relationship with Academy Primary pupils, taking pride in the appearance of their surroundings and caring for their community.



Help make a giant lantern

The Tarras Valley Nature Reserve team is delighted to have been chosen as one of 6 community groups across D&G to work with an artist to create some impressive giant lanterns to be part of the Dumfries Carnival Parade - the Big Burns Supper on Saturday 17th January 2026. We will be hosting 5 free artist workshops until the festival to create Langholm's carnival piece! This year's theme is SPACE.

If you'd like to join, sessions are open to all ages and families with children are welcome. You don't have to be an artist, just be willing to get stuck in and get creative. At the end of the project the six giant lanterns from across the region to be paraded through the town of Dumfries in the Carnival celebrations.

If you'd like to join in, the workshops will be held at the Langholm Initiative offices on: Sat 18th Oct, 9am; Wed 26th Nov, 3pm; Sat 6th Dec, 9am; Wed 10th Dec, 3pm Sat 10th Jan, 9am

Please email us at hello@tarrasvalleynaturereserve.co.uk or call 01387 380914 to register your place at the workshops.



Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie: Stray Notes from an Exile's Letter

Looking back...

Some stray notes from a somewhat lengthy letter dated July, 1843 and addressed to "The Town Bailie of Langholm" provides some illuminating reading. The letter is from a 90-year-old exile native, named Walter Miller, who, as he says, "will endeavour to give an account of what I have heard by tradition, and what has happened in my time". Born at Langholm in 1753, he gives an insight into the every-day life and the primitive development in the struggling town about 180 years ago.

There was at that time no habitation - other than one or two farm steadings - on what is now the New Town. The Esk at Langholm was not yet spanned by a bridge, the crossing of the river having to be made by two fords, one near where the Suspension Bridge now is, and the other at Ewes Water foot. At that period the Eskdale Road led up the left bank of the Esk along the Castleholm.

On reaching the bend opposite Brackenwray, it crossed the river, going towards Peden's View, joining the present thoroughfare up the Esk valley. The place where the river was forded was known as Dowey's Pool Head. The Edinburgh Road, which will be described more fully hereafter, went by way of the Chapel Path.

Between the ruins of Langholm

Castle and the river, there once stood what is described as a pleasant little cottage with orchard and garden, partly enclosed by fir trees, and tenanted by Wattie Scott, wood forester to the Duke.

It was some years later that new roads leading from the town were constructed. One of them, for which Langholm Bridge was built, is the present thoroughfare to Eskdale a step towards the extension and improvement of the town and it should be by way of the Galaside; it thus eliminated the Castleholm road which ceased to be used, leaving little or no evidence of its olden-time existence. This new road was certainly an outstanding advancement and proved a great benefit to both town and country.

Our amiable letter-writer gives no further information regarding this not remarked here that the cost of the construction of the Langholm Bridge, which was built in 1775, was met by public subscription.

Immeasurable

Eskdale farmers and landowners were quick to observe the immeasurable advantage that would be derived from the bridging of the Esk at the towhead and they gave liberal support in the scheme from the time of its inception, and its successful completion was in no small measure due to their un-



A very old, picture of Langholm Bridge with stone parapet. Thomas Telford was an apprentice on this bridge. Built by Langholm firm J Hotson - Photo Langholm Archive

stinted aid. Like most bridges of that period, it was of narrow gauge with stone parapets but in order to facilitate the needs of a growing community the bridge was widened in 1880.

Turning again to the exile's letter, we read "I can well remember where the New Town now stands was an extensive cornfield and pastureland, farmed by Charlie Little and his son Christy. Little Meikleholm, which stood near the foot of the Galaside, was farmed by John Hyslop, who was also a carrier between Carlisle and Edinburgh."

The first house to be set up in the New Town was built by James

Graham, a joiner from the country, who had come to live in Langholm. It stood opposite Charlie's Pool and Ewes Water foot. It is said that the pool took its name from a fatal accident to a young man named Charlie Houndman (or Hounam) who was drowned while bathing.

In former years the shoemakers in the town tanned their leather on the Souter Stane, farther down the river, their tan pits at the foot of the yards near the Esk. Here they used to sling the raw hides over into the river by means of a strong hair rope fastened to a ring sunk in the "Stane". The hides lay steeping for a week or ten days before they un-

derwent any further process.

Among local shoemakers and tanners pursuing the operations of their craft by the riverside, whose names have been left on record, are John and Thomas Brown, and old Jamie Paisley, with his two sons, Wattie and Andrew. There may still be seen the stunted remains of the Souter Stane, which was broken up and swept away during the big flood of November 1898. From time immemorial this notable mass of whin rock at the riverside along George Street has been the gauge by which every known flood had been measured: its destruction was definitely a local sensation.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 2nd October 2025

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 10,677 sheep comprising of 5,105 lambs and 5,572 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 2nd October 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

A much larger show of 5,105 prime lambs and under finished lambs are still better sold to vendor benefit.

Well finished lambs were in demand and under finished lambs are still better sold here on a Tuesday in the store.

Topping the sale was a Texel lambs consigned by M/s P Foster, Grange farm realising 415ppk

Topping per head was a heavy weight Texel lambs consigned by M/s Sutherland, Carran, Caithness realising £255 per head.

Many more well finished lambs can be sold to vendor advantage here at Longtown where numbers are handled with ease in the most consistent market in the country.

Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Texel - 415p Grange farm, 370p High Stennies

Beltex - 410p East House, 405.4p Heathery Knowe

Suffolk - 343p, 322p Catslackburn
Dutch Texel - 336.4p, 328p Rowanburnfoot

Cheviot - 331p, 320.5p Castle Crawford

Blue Texel - 330p Simonside, 326p Catslackburn, 301.1p Wormerlaw

Roussin - 325p Cubbyhill
Mule - 324.3p Arnicle

Cheviot Mule - 319p Falnash
Charollais - 312.6p Tinnishall, 310.6p Shethin

Dutch Spotted - 310.6p Cubbyhill
Blackface - 308p Burnfoot, 304p

Cowden Burn, 303p Gibblaston, 302.3p Falnash

Hampshire - 307p Steel Hall
Lley - 305p Field Head

Border Leicester - 304p Laverockbank

North Country Cheviot - 302p Northway

Ryeland - 302p Steel Hall
Zwartable - 292.2p Chesters Brae

Dorset - 290.2p Donerentin
Oxford - 289p Guards

Kerry - 276.2p Wormerlaw
Half-Bred - 276p Northway

Jacob - 238.1p The Snab

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel - £255 Carran, £250 Marygate

Charollais - £200 Craigend
Dutch Spotted - £192 The Snab

Suffolk - £188 Guardsmill
Beltex - £176 Burnside, £175

Crawthat, £174 Shethin, £172 Brieredge, £172 Crawthat, £170 The Land, Burnside and Low Northsceugh

Ryeland - £168 Steel Hall
Blue Texel - £165 22 Simonside

Cheviot - £150 Grindon Hill
Jacob - £150 The Snab

Zwartable - £149 Chesters Brae
Mule - £148 Rowanburnfoot, £146.50 Simonside

Dutch Texel - £148 Rowanburnfoot
Blackface - £146.50 Cowden Burn

Border Leicester - £140 Laverockbank
Cheviot Mule - £137 Braehead, £132 Newbank

Oxford - £130 Guards
Roussin - £130 Cubbyhill

Hampshire - £129 Steel Hall, £121 Shethin

North Country Cheviot - £128, £127 Northway

Lley - £122 Field Head
Dorset - £119 Donerentin Camp-house

Kerry - £116 Wormerlaw
Half-Bred - £113 Northway

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A huge show of 5,572 ewes sold to a competitive ringside of 17 purchasers

ensuring all classes were well bid for meeting another buoyant trade throughout. Numbers handled again with ease and are actively sought after on a weekly basis to satisfy demand.

Topping the heavy ewes sold to £340 for a pure bred humdinger consigned by M/s Thompson, Howburn, Alston

Lightweight ewes sold to £150 for a pen of Easycare ewes consigned from Messrs Sutherland, Hill House, Lauder.

Heavy ewes

Texel - £340 Howburn, £335, £330 Hill Side, £320 Crumhaughhill, £315 Beckfoot, £310 Hill Side, £300 Crumhaughhill

Charollais - £280, £255 & £250 Beckfoot

Blue Texel - £240 Rigghead, £215 Kinnelside, £200 Meikle Dykes

Suffolk - £235 Oldfield, £218 The Land, £215 North House, £208 Keil, £200 Beckfoot

Beltex - £230 Langhill Corssing Cottage, £195 Galleywreay

Cheviot Mule - £228 Keil, £212 Justenlees

Dutch Spotted - £215 Kinnelside
Dorset - £210 Justenlees

North Country Cheviot - £192 Beckfoot, £188 Oldfield

Zwartable - £190 Sheepfields
Border Leicester - £185 Justenlees

Romney - £185 Crosslee, £172 Marygate

Cross - £182 Howcleugh, £180 Faugh Beeches

Blue Leicester - £170 Southdean
Lodge, £160 Middletown, £150 Arnicle

Lley - £128 Middletown, £1007 Dolphinston

Welsh Mule - £82 North Lanrigg

Light ewes

Easycare - £150 Hillhouse, £138 Harwood on Teviot, £130 Hillhouse

Blackface - £142 Firth View, £135 Anfield, £130 North Lanrigg, £130 Elfhills, £130 Muirfield

Herdwick - £142 Powheads, £60 Peart, £50 Clements

Cheviot - £140 Pilmuir, £140 Commonsie, £138 Parkhill, £136 North House, £130 Tarrasfoot, £130 Tulip Villa

Swaledale - £102 Southdean Lodge, £102 Lords Lot, £90 Westernhopeburn

Shetland - £72 Westernhopeburn, £66 Beardon

Kerryhill - £70 Wormerlaw
Badgerface - £58 Clements

Rams

Charollais - £335 Craigend, £270 Lanehead, £235, £200 Beckfoot

Dutch Spotted - £275 Rigghead

Texel - £265 Cambeckhill, £255 Elfhills, £250 Swinside Townfoot

Suffolk - £255 Crumhaughhill, £210 Beckfoot

Dorset - £205 Carran
Hampshire - £190 Newton

Beltex - £185 Westerhall
North Country Cheviot - £175 Buchtrig

Blue Leicester - £172 Southdean Lodge, £150 Middletown

Romney - £170 Holme
Blackface - £165 Parkhill, £152 Riverside, £150 Arnicle

Badgerface - £150 Bridgestone
Herdwick - £132 Longrow

Cheviot - £128 Westerhall, £120 Brackley

Cross - £85 Howcleugh

Averages:

Lambs

Light to 337.5p (289.44p)

Standard to 405.4p (317.32p)

Medium to 410p (313.24p)

Heavy to 373.9p (312.73p)

Overweight 415p (308.48p)

Ewes

Light to £160 (£78.86)

Heavy to £340 (£136.18)

Rams to £335 (£144.67)

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
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Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Mending Monday	1-3	
Tues	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Langholm Holiday Club	10-2	
	Langholm Evening In Stitches	6-8	
Wed	Canonbie Holiday Club	10-2	Village Hall, DG14 oUX
	Scrap Store & Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Sewing Machines for Beginners	2-3:30	
	Thurs	Scrap Store	10-3
Fri	Scrap Store	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	
Sat	Weekend Creation Club: Age 3-7	10-11:30	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
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WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

11th & 12th	Auld Langholm '...for the last and final time'	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 11th	Event Horizon, classic rock	ESMP Hall, Eskdalemuir 8pm
Wed 15th	Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Aid Care	Langholm Day Centre 1pm-3pm
Thu 16th	Divergence Flute, Whistles and Clarinet	Eskdalemuir Hub 7pm
Wed 15th	Hard of Hearing Group Hearing Aid Care	Langholm Day Centre 1pm-3pm
Mon 20th	Langholm Dementia Café	Langholm Day Centre 1.30pm -3.30pm
Fri 24th	Community Land Festival Tarras Valley Ceilidh	The Eskdale Hotel 7pm - 11pm
Thu 30th	Calum MacPhail Live in Concert	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Fri 31st	Hard of Hearing Group Brew and a Blether	Langholm Day Centre 10.30am - 12noon

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2537 answers next week

- 1 What should you do with guga?
- 2 What is the name for the feral sheep which live on St Kilda?
- 3 Whom did Jane Beaufort marry?
- 4 What do we know the festival of Samhain as?
- 5 In which year did the Scottish football team first win a game in the World Cup?
- 6 For how many years did the Stone of Destiny remain at Westminster?
- 7 What was the proper title of Black Agnes?
- 8 Which King James of Scotland lived the longest?
- 9 Where are the highest cliffs in Great Britain?
- 10 Where would you go to visit the Crannog Centre?
- 11 Which football club was founded in 1888?
- 12 In which battle in 1545 was Lord Dacre victorious over the Scots?
- 13 Of which other literary Robert was Robert Burns an admirer?
- 14 Which Scottish actor became a UN Ambassador in 2004?
- 15 Which former Scottish rugby international player was known as "the white shark"?
- 16 What is a but and ben?
- 17 In which month is Hawick Common Riding held?
- 18 Which Scottish King was killed at the Battle of Flodden?
- 19 Who was the first Scot to represent Britain in the Eurovision Song Contest?
- 20 What is Scapa Flow famous for?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2536

- 1 The Battle of Tippermuir
- 2 The Highlands and Islands Alliance (a political party)
- 3 Ian Vallance
- 4 Barlinnie
- 5 High Road
- 6 The 19th century
- 7 Lord Gordon of Strathblane
- 8 The Gorbals, Glasgow
- 9 The Kelvin Hall, Glasgow
- 10 A record shop (in Edinburgh)
- 11 The 1790s
- 12 Edinburgh
- 13 The weavers
- 14 John Maclean
- 15 John Buchan
- 16 Holy Island, Arran
- 17 30th November
- 18 Not proven
- 19 The age at which marriage was legal without consent was later in Scotland (16) then it was in England
- 20 The Sunday Post

Crossword 2536

Across: 1 Broth, 4 Helped, 10 Outflow, 11 Stuff, 12 Laid, 13 Reversed, 14 Assassinate, 18 Abnormal, 20 Uses, 22 Lilac, 23 Emotive, 24 Tenant, 25 Satyr.

Down: 2 Retains, 3 Tile, 5 Eastern, 6 Paul's, 7 Dyfed, 8 Pools, 9 Sweepstakes, 15 African, 16 Testify, 17 Islet, 18 Allot, 19 Nylon, 21 Sofa.

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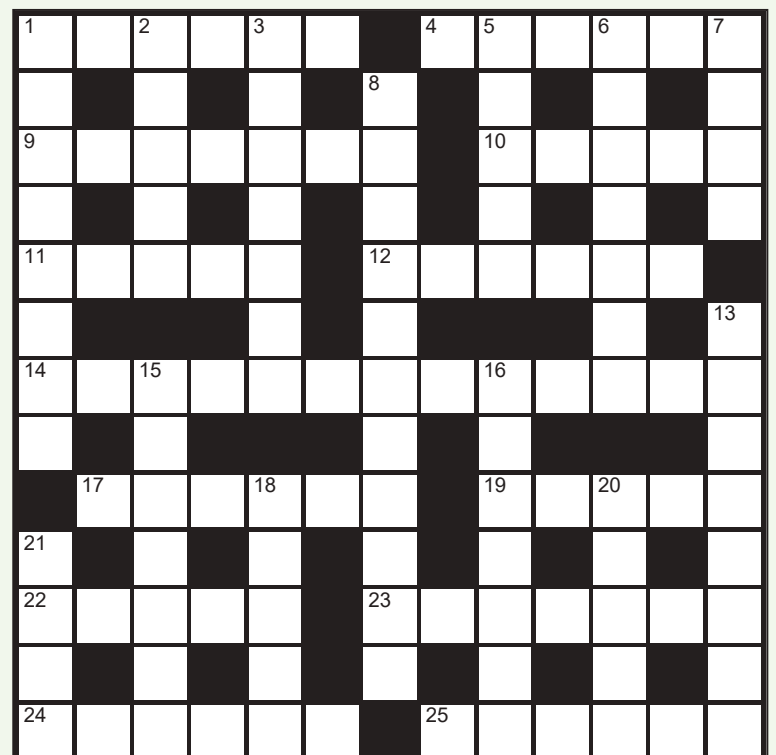
No. 2537 answers next week

Across

- 1 Abilities (6)
- 4 Attractive object (6)
- 9 Quickly (7)
- 10 Many times (5)
- 11 Punctuation mark (5)
- 12 Sweet (6)
- 14 Vertical (13)
- 17 Cream cake (6)
- 19 Derby venue (5)
- 22 Native New Zealander (5)
- 23 White ant (7)
- 24 Proverb (6)
- 25 Simon of ---, who carried the cross for Jesus (6)

Down

- 1 Marine picture (8)
- 2 Religion of the Muslims (5)
- 3 Suitcases (7)
- 5 Surrounded by (5)
- 6 Not man-made (7)
- 7 Large marine food fish (4)
- 8 Thoughtful (11)
- 13 First public performance (8)
- 15 Parsonage (7)
- 16 Decidedly (7)
- 18 Extraterrestrial (5)
- 20 Look happy (5)
- 21 Yuletide (4)



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Langholm's '100' Club

Two consistent sportsmen



ACE FOOTBALLER: Andrew Paisley on his 100th appearance for Langholm Legion FC

Two Langholm men, Callum Helling and Andrew Paisley, have joined the 100 club. Callum played his 100th game for Langholm rugby football club against North Berwick on 27th September and marked the occasion by scoring two tries. He was also named 'Man of the Match'.

Callum has shown great commitment to rugby over the years and he will no doubt go on to play many more matches in the crimson jersey. Andrew Paisley played his 100th game for Langholm Legion against Highfields at Berwick on Tweed at the weekend.



100 GAMES: Callum Helling has made his 100th appearance for LRFC



Callum is congratulated by his Langholm teammates at the North Berwick game

Primary footballers don Legion strip



A young Langholm primary school football team wearing the Langholm legion football club colours took part in the new primary school's football league at the end of September.

They were sponsored by RJW Electrical Services. 8 teams played in a round robin competition. The tournament was played at Raydale Park at Gretna

with future tournaments to be held each term at Galabank Stadium in Annan, at Mid Annandale Football Club's 3G pitch in Lockerbie and, on the 3G pitch in Langholm.

The young team from Langholm, many playing in their first tournament, were fantastic across all seven games, only losing one game to a slick

Lochmaben Spiders team. In their six other games, they never conceded a goal, keeping clean sheets throughout with some outstanding saves by the goalkeeper. The defence was solid, time and again denying the opponents from scoring, a midfield that worked extremely hard and forwards who put defences under pressure.

Three young runners

Three pupils from local schools took part in the Scottish schools Athletics Association Road Race in Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline on 2nd October. Nearly 1400 pupils from across Scotland took part. Ruaridh Philips was running the P6 race, Mollie Philips ran in the under 15 race and Jessica Cuthbert ran in the under 13 race. Jessica was the schools top placed finisher placed 26th out of a field of 143 runners in her race.

Ruaridh and Mollie both ran in the Great Cumbrian Run on 5th October with Ruaridh coming 4th in the 1.1-mile race and Mollie was fourth female in the 5k.



SPEEDY: Mollie, Ruaridh and Jessica represented Langholm in Pittencrieff Park in Dunfermline

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Langholm Karate Club celebrates 35 years

Rokudan Phil Gunn has trained many successful students

Karate

On Saturday 27th September, Langholm Karate Club celebrated its 35th anniversary. Langholm karate club started in 1990 with a handful of members. Very soon the membership grew resulting in many successful competition results. The club has had Scottish international competitors from the club and national champions.

Club students have travelled to many countries competing and training: Japan, USA, Canada, Portugal, Sweden, Holland to name a few a few. The club is currently planning to attend a training camp in Japan next year. A competition was held prior to the celebration. Many students, past and present, attended the event which was held in The Studio and reminisced on their experiences of competitions, training and friendships gained.

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Philip Gunn was given a lifetime achievement award by Annandale and Eskdale Sports Awards in 2018. Philip Gunn started his Karate journey in 1976 aged 25 years old. He moved to Langholm in 1988 where he set up Langholm Karate Club.



DEDICATED: Some of the many current students of Langholm Karate Club

He has competed at European and World Level and in 2018 aged 68 was awarded his Rokudan or 6th Dan.

The club is welcoming to new members of any age and meets in the Studio in Maxwell Place every week.



Philip Gunn presenting painting to sensei Jonathan Huddleston celebrating the opening of his dojo in Edinburgh



Junior Kumite 1st Neive (r) ; 2nd Eden;

Looking Splendid did just that at Kelso

Horseracing



Looking Splendid (l) lost his maiden tag in the Join Racing TV Now Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

By Gordon Brown

Training combination Lucinda Russell and Michael Scudamore enjoyed a double with Conman John and Caballo De Guerra on a cracking Family Day card at Kelso.

Well-regarded Conman John, a heavily-backed 4/11 favourite, set the ball rolling under Derek Fox when reeling in front-running stablemate Timefortom in the Welcome To Family Day Novices' Hurdle.

Scudamore said: "He was entitled to be a little bit 'novicey' but it's a long season and that's a good start. He'll come on for the run and his future is as a chaser and over further."

Caballo De Guerra led home a 1-2-3 for his yard with an

impressive success for Jack Power in the Justin & Susan Greig Novices' Hurdle.

There was another Scottish success when Gary Rutherford-trained Looking Splendid lost his maiden tag in the Join Racing TV Now Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle.

The feature race, the NSPCC School Service Handicap Chase, went to Shakeytailfeather, who supplied Tristan Durrell with his first Kelso victory.

"It's only my seventh ride here so I'm not here that often," he said. "She's handled conditions very well and she's shown decent form on the last few runs in the spring and summer."

Kerr's hat-trick seals Langholm win

Rugby

Following Storm Amy's deluge and high winds last Friday, the pitch at Milntown was thankfully playable for Saturday's East League 1 match against Portobello RFC.

Before the kick off a minute's silence was observed in memory of two former players who had recently passed away, Tom Kennedy and Sandy Butler.

Playing with the strong wind Langholm were keen to make the most of the conditions in the first half. They started well and were soon on the scoreboard with a good try from winger Jay Gordon. With

quarter of an hour played, the Langholm forwards took the ball into the opposition 22 and popped the ball up to prop Brady Wilson who stormed over for Langholm's second try. Langholm were well in control of proceedings by now and both forwards and backs were making good ground and keeping the visitors well inside their own half. A well worked try for Ru Forbes was followed by another for centre Callum Jeffrey which got the try bonus point. With the first half almost over Will Donaldson crashed over for Langholm 5th try. All the first half tries were converted by Bailey Donaldson.

Half time score 35-0.

The second half started as the first had finished with Langholm again in control. Within the first 15 minutes of this half Langholm had scored a further 2 tries from Ellis Dirom and winger Owain Gray. Donaldson was again on target with both conversions. With the score now 49-0, Portobello finally started to get some ball and managed to run in 2 tries on 63 minutes (converted) and 69 minutes to make the score 49-12. This galvanised the home side and it wasn't long before Jay Gordon went in for his second try of the match. The difficult conversion was

missed. With the match into its final two minutes Jay scored another try to make it a personal hat trick for the match.

Final Score Langholm RFC 59 Portobello RFC 12.

Another convincing win for the Milntown men and a great display of running rugby and excellent defence which was much enjoyed by the Langholm supporters.

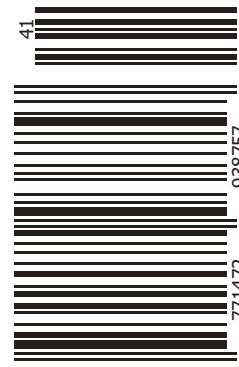
Langholm are sitting second in East League 1 on 19 points just 1 point behind league leaders Harrington RFC. The next match is away to Haddington on Saturday.

It will be an interesting top of the table encounter.



TOP MAN: Kerr Gordon

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