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Wind farms versus the Eskdalemuir seismic array

Local MP calls for extra protections for Eskdalemuir monitoring station

New planning rules being considered by the UK Government must protect vital defence infrastructure such as the seismic monitoring system at Eskdalemuir. That was the demand this week from Dumfriesshire MP David Mundell, who spoke out on the issue during a debate in Parliament on the government's Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

The Eskdalemuir seismic array has been operating since 1962 and is a seismological monitoring station established to detect seismic signals from nuclear explosions. Current rules require specific consultation on any developments within a 50km consultation zone around the array, and a 10km exclusion zone is in place to protect the station's operation. However, the local MP shared with Parliament his concerns that continual large-scale windfarm developments in the area could undermine the operation of the array and called for measures to strengthen protections around it.

David Mundell said: "The Eskdalemuir array is a vital asset in global monitoring, in scientific research, and, crucially, in helping to keep the United Kingdom compliant with its international obligations under the comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty. Over recent years, its seismometers have picked up the sonic boom from Russian jets in UK airspace and have detected



Eskdalemuir Seismological Station

underground nuclear tests in North Korea. On one occasion, it was able to detect signals generated by the detonation of around 100 tonnes of conventional explosives in Kazakhstan. All that is clear evidence of the unique nature of the site and its capabilities.

"The concern however is that the location of windfarm developments around the array run the risk of affecting its operations, since it needs a seismically quiet environment and wind turbines cause vibrations that can travel underground for many kilometres."

He went on to say that when the government is considering the Planning and Infrastructure Bill it must be willing to take measures to protect that where national de-

fence issues area at stake.

"In a dangerous and difficult world, we must not water down our defence systems or let down our allies to squeeze out what, in a national context, is a small amount of extra electricity. The UK Government should robustly refuse to entertain novel technologies within the 15 km exclusion zone proposed by the Eskdalemuir Working Group, which would replace the existing 10 km zone.

Defence

"That should also apply to those applications already in the planning system that were submitted by developers who continued to pursue their projects aggressively, with full knowledge that work was ongoing to

review the exclusion zone. Our national defence must come first. I am sure that most people would agree that this is an area where an abundance of caution is well justified. It would be concerning if Ministers and the Ministry of Defence were pressured into going too far in the name of Net Zero.

"Any loosening of the rules on infrastructure developments around facilities like the Eskdalemuir seismic array, or passing up the opportunity to reinforce existing rules, would send entirely the wrong message, both to potential developers eager to exploit new opportunities to construct even more wind farms, and to our international partners, who rely on our ability to contribute to our own defence"

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School Days Catch-up

PPrimary kids help Pudsey's Children in Need campaign whilst the secondary pupils go on school trips all over the place!

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Family Announcements

Deaths

ARMSTRONG, Elizabeth

Peacefully at Hawick Community Hospital on 16th November aged 84.
Loving wife of Kersh, treasured Mum to the late Steven, Emma and Richard.
Proud Grandmother of Ava, Leon, Max and Rose
A funeral service will take place in Borders Crematorium on Thursday 27th November at 1pm
Family flowers only, donations if desired will go to the Alzheimer's Society.
Refreshment to be served thereafter in Legends, all friends and family respectfully invited.

Shaun Turnbull Funeral Directors 07896 557941

HAYLETT, David Kenneth

Passed away on 27th October aged 76
The celebration of David's life is to take place at West Lothian Golf Club, Airngarth Hill, Linlithgow EH49 7RH , on Friday 21st November at 11.30am.
A graveside service will be held in Langholm Cemetery on Thursday 4th December at 12 noon
Any donations collected will go to Langholm Young Riders.

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TELFORD, Shirley

Peacefully at Goldielea Care Home, Dumfries on Sunday 9th of November aged 90. Cherished wife of the late Herbert Telford. Beloved grandmother of Sarah, Nicola, Lisa and Alex.A graveside service will be held in Langholm Cemetery at 12 noon on Monday 24th November. Refreshments served thereafter at the Eskdale Hotel.Family flowers only, donations, if desired ,will go to friends of the Thomas Hope and Goldielea Care Home.

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Mountain rescue training in Tarras Valley

Moffat Mountain Rescue held a team training exercise on Saturday evening on the Tarras Valley Nature Reserve. The training was run along the hillside and woodland at Longwood and Hallpath with the aim of working on night navigation, GPS location and information gathering.

The Scottish Mountain Rescue represents 26 Mountain Rescue teams made up of highly trained volunteers. They are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to emergencies and carry out a specialist search and rescue service in the mountains and remote communities in Scotland to keep people safe and help people if and when they get into difficulty. There are over 850 dedicated volunteers making up the Mountain Rescue across Scotland, who are on hand to help anyone that needs it in our great outdoors.

Pete Brown, Hallpath resident



and part of Moffat Mountain Rescue team said “With winter evenings drawing in, we often find ourselves working into the darkness during a callout. We train twice a month to make sure we are prepared for any situation, and we like to vary where we train across the region. The team really enjoyed this one!”

Jenny Barlow, Reserve Manager said ‘It was great to see a training exercise like this happening on Tarras Valley. The mountain rescue do such amazing work to help save lives in the outdoors, being able

Festive Spirit shines at Buccleuch Centre Fayre



By Michele Lowe

From the moment the doors opened, the Buccleuch Centre was buzzing with excitement. Stalls lined the hall offering a selection of handmade crafts, unique gifts, ladies clothing and bags, candles, wax melts and skincare. It was lovely to see customers supporting local stallholders, the coffee shop and the centre. There were gorgeous bespoke Christmas wreaths as well as the ever-popular home-baking stall from Castlevue Catering with a selection of Christmas food goodies. The Buccleuch Centre Tombola was full of surprises for the lucky winners

We were treated to Christmas carols from The Langholm Town Band who helped everyone get into the Christmas spirit. We welcomed customers old and new enjoying the day and catching up with friends and family over coffee and cakes. The hot turkey and beef rolls went down a treat and the ladies in the coffee shop and in the kitchen worked hard as a team to ensure the refreshments were flowing.

Huge thanks to all the stallholders, staff and volunteers who helped put the event together and contributed to this year's fayre, making a joyful start to the festive season.

Poles not pylons for Calisterhall power transfer



SP Energy Networks is proposing to create a new 132kV overhead line to carry power from the Calisterhall wind farm, if approved into the electricity network. SP Energy Networks is legally obliged to keep its network up to date and is duty bound to provide a connection for new power generation to the wider transmission network.

A public exhibition about the line will be held in Chapelknowe village hall on Tuesday 2nd December from 2-7pm. The proposed line will be supported by trident

wooden poles with galvanised cross arms supporting aluminium conductors (wires) on insulators. The poles will be at approximately 65 to 100 metre intervals. The company is seeking views on the preferred route for the project and on any other issues the public would like the company to consider. More information about the project can be found on SP Energy Networks' website.

https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/callisterhall_wind_farm_connection.aspx

Men's health initiative is first for the area

Over 80 men took part in testing breakthrough

The Langholm Alliance recently welcomed The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust to the Langholm Rugby Club for the area's first-ever Prostate Cancer Blood Testing clinic. All 80 available appointments were booked and attended, demonstrating strong community support and a clear need for accessible PSA testing. The Langholm Alliance Board extends sincere thanks to everyone who took part and helped make this vital health initiative possible.

This event was generously funded by the Langholm, Ewes and Westerkirk Community Council and Muirhall Energy, with additional encouragement and advocacy from the Man2Man Men's Health programme, whose members have consistently highlighted the importance of improving men's health services locally.

On the day, volunteers from Prostate Buddies were on hand to speak with attendees, offering reassurance,



The 'PSA Team' welcomed 80+ men to Milntown testing site

explaining available support for men and their families, and reminding participants that unexpected PSA results do not automatically indicate a serious condition. They encouraged anyone with concerns to speak to their GP and make use of the Prostate Buddies support line (07856 899411 /12/13/14).

The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust provided an exceptional service, delivering test results within 24 hours. Special thanks also go to local phlebotomist Morag

McGill, whose familiar presence was warmly welcomed by attendees and praised by the Trust's team.

Encouraged by the success of this first clinic - and by the fact that all appointments were filled within just two weeks - the Langholm Alliance plans to host a second Prostate Cancer Blood Testing event in June 2026. We remain committed to supporting community health initiatives which play a critical role in early detection and prevention, ultimately saving lives.

Calls for urgent attention to the A7

Following the fatal accident on the A7 two weeks ago the E&L Advertiser has asked Councillor Male, who is on the A7 action group, to raise this at the next meeting and this has been agreed.

Many people commented about the part of the road where the accident happened, saying that water often runs across it at that point. When heading south drivers come to this narrow and twisty section of road after a straight and wide piece of road.

If the Center Parcs holiday site near Hawick gets the go ahead there is likely to be more traffic using the road in the future.

Bridge results

1, Nancy McLure & Anne Ferguson, 2, Lorraine Morton & Jim Muir, 3 = Derek Scott & Judy Pitchford and Bob Francombe & George Graham, 5, Louise Grierson & Christine Burton, 6, Lesley McCartney & Janet Ivison.

Eco-partnership to be formed between SOSE and D&G Council

As world leaders meet this week at COP30 to discuss taking action on climate change, South of Scotland Enterprise (SOSE) and Dumfries & Galloway College (DGC) have announced a new purpose-driven partnership. The partnership aims to create practical and tangible solutions that will drive economic and environmental success for the region by utilising the strengths and assets of Scotland's Natural Capital Innovation Zone.

Both SOSE and DGC will work together to identify growth areas which can benefit the college's students and wider economy of Dumfries & Galloway. The organisations will also share expertise and skills in an effort to position the region as one with huge but realistic aspirations.

SOSE Chief Executive Jane



Dumfries and Galloway College will play a leading role in this project

Morrison-Ross, said: "Our businesses, communities, partners and people need to work together to achieve the sustainable economic future we all want for the South of Scotland. By strengthening our relationship with Dumfries & Galloway College through this new partnership, we will work towards our shared vision for

economic and environmental successes, using the expertise both organisations have."

Douglas Dickson, Principal and CEO at Dumfries and Galloway College, added "This partnership represents a powerful step forward for our region. By working closely with South of Scotland Enterprise, we can connect our students, staff, and com-

munities directly to opportunities that drive innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth. Dumfries and Galloway College is proud to play a leading role in developing the skills, technologies, and collaborations that will help unlock the South's full potential as a hub for green energy, digital innovation, and natural capital."

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Canonbie's Poppy Appeal

Once more the residents of Canonbie, Chapelknowe, Glenzier, Harelaw, Claygate and Rowanburn demonstrated their kindness contributing to the 2025 Poppy Appeal total of £1119.73. Poppy Scotland provide support to military veterans suffering debilitating physical and mental injuries as a consequence of their service, and help to re-build lives and support families in need. Achieving this sum is only possible through the hard work and dedication of the volunteer door-to-door collectors giving their time and effort, and the support of venues hosting collections. The local community's support and generosity is outstanding.

Many thanks also to all those people who attended the Community Remembrance Service despite the weather conditions. British Legion Scotland, Dumfries & Galloway Council, Canonbie Community Council and the Probus Club laid wreaths, accompanied by a number of personal memorials remembering those who gave their lives for our country. Grateful thanks to Jenni and Paul Williams for helping lead the event, and to musicians Eric Laidlaw and Iain Bell for their invaluable contributions enabling us to mark this occasion with the respect it deserves. The efforts of those erecting safety railings and calming traffic so that the event proceeded smoothly are also greatly appreciated.

Chris Jagger
Poppy Scotland Area
Organiser
(Canonbie & District)

Invasion of the wind turbines

In the paper recently three mentions of wind farms. We are being overrun, invaded with these monstrosities. Enough is enough. If we must have more locally, then a reset on how we are compensated. Community ownership of some of the windmills for local funds and cheaper electricity in the area no matter who supplies each house. Also, better contracts on them when they are working or not working, no money.

D M Graham
Langholm



Bright future for UK's rural life

One of the UK's leading alternative network broadband providers, Fibrus, has released a report which challenges long-held assumptions about rural decline and highlights the extraordinary potential of the UK's rural communities as engines of growth. 'The Future of Rural' report, authored by applied futurist, Tom Cheesewright, looks ahead to 2050 and uses scenario planning and data projections to explore how rural areas can lead the way in economic, environmental, and social transformation.



Tom Cheesewright

Contrary to commonly held misconceptions, today's rural communities are not shrinking but already thriving, with higher employment rates than urban areas and nearly a quarter of all UK businesses already headquartered in rural locations.

The report outlines three predictions for how the UK's rural areas might look in 2050:

1 The Remote Revolution: While 2025 has seen reports of bosses demanding workers back to the office, the Future of Rural report has this as a temporary blip. By 2050, workers will have pushed

for much greater flexibility to working from home. Advances in the digital infrastructure, AI and modern management techniques coupled with full fibre broadband will enable the shift back to remote working and a resurgence of rural lifestyles.

2 High Tech Harvest: By 2050, the UK countryside could become 'Silicon Valleys', driven by a wave of new start-ups and clusters, spinning out of technology-focused agricultural educational institutions at the intersection of bio-science, robotics, energy and agriculture. Farming will become

increasingly high-tech, with the use of human-scale androids, laser weeders and robot farm assistants piloted by smart glasses. 3 Destination UK: As climate change alters global tourism patterns, the UK's rural and coastal communities become sought-after destinations for visitors across Europe and America.

The report concludes that with targeted investment the UK's rural communities can help address some of the nation's biggest challenges, from demographic change to climate resilience.

Rise of grooming crimes in Scotland of huge concern

More than 3,000 online grooming crimes have been recorded by Police Scotland during the past five years, new data compiled by the NSPCC reveals. The figures published by the Scottish Government show that 3,158 'Communicating Indecently' with a child offences have been recorded since 2020. The charity points out that while these are the offences recorded by police the real number of crimes is likely to be much higher due to abuse happening in private spaces where harms can be harder to detect.

The NSPCC is highlighting these offences as it publishes new research to tackle this issue - it sets out solutions that can be used to prevent, detect and disrupt grooming in private messaging spaces. Online child sexual abuse crimes can have a long-term impact on a child, leaving them with feelings of guilt, shame, depression, con-

fusion, anxiety and fear.

One 14-year-old who contacted Childline said: "I feel so insecure all the time, so, when this guy I've met online, who's a few years older, started flirting with me, that made me feel so special. He seemed to care, but now he's insisting I send him nudes, and I don't know if he just gave me attention, so I'd send him nudes. I feel like I've been tricked but I'm afraid what he might do if I just block him. I can't control how anxious this makes me feel."

The charity's new research identifies cycles of behaviours that perpetrators use, such as creating multiple different profiles and manipulating young users to engage with them across different platforms. In response, the NSPCC is urging Ofcom and tech companies to take swift action on the recommendations set out in the report, so that they can better identify and prevent online grooming.

Acts looking for Volunteer drivers



Annandale Community Transport Services (ACTS) is seeking volunteer drivers. If you have a clean driving licence, a few spare hours, and a desire to make a real difference in your community you might be able to help.

The organisation is looking for friendly, reliable volunteer drivers to help local residents stay connected to essential services and social activities. What you'll help with is such things as drive passengers to medical appointments, shopping trips, social groups, and community events, provide a safe, supportive, and friendly transport experience, help reduce isolation and improve quality of life for people across Annandale and Eskdale. ACTS offers volunteers full training, including MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) where required, a supportive team environment, flexible opportunities to suit your availability — even a few hours a week makes a huge difference and the satisfaction of knowing you're helping your community thrive.

Anyone with a full, clean driving licence (car or minibus licence — we can advise) can volunteer and should be friendly, patient, and community-minded individuals. ACTS is looking for retirees, part-timers, and all new volunteers are welcome to contact the organisation for a chat.

Contact ACTS: 01576 203053 or by email admin@actsbus.org.uk www.actsbus.org.uk

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Almost £500,000 awarded to organisations across region

Three Eskdale recipients among those receiving CLLD grants

Thirty-five community projects across Dumfries and Galloway are sharing almost £500,000 in the latest round of a Scottish Government funding programme. The organisations successfully applied to Round Four of the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Fund. A total investment of £414,409 in capital and £83,537 in revenue was provided by the fund.

Three Eskdale based organisations were awarded grants. Creation Mill was awarded £29,262 to purchase wool processing equipment, including a mini-scourer, a drying cabinet and a semi-industrial carder and to offer training and community workshops.

The Langholm Initiative was awarded £14,034.65 to improve Cronksbank Water Supply. This will help the organisation to provide a reliable water supply for residential, tourism and eco-learning facilities, supporting sustainable development and rural resilience.

The Upper Eskdale Development Group was awarded £20,248.69 to develop the Eskdalemuir Active Travel Hub. This will be to promote walking, cycling and wheeling with loan bikes, guided rides and walks. It will also provide volunteer training and route maps to enhance wellbeing, inclusion and climate action.

Newstart Recycle in Annan was awarded £5,000 for a Free Baby and Toddler Project to provide essential baby items at no cost, supporting families with dignity. A further £1,550 will go to the organisation's Free Mo-



Langholm Initiative received funding for improvements to the water supply at Cronksbank

bility Equipment project offering free mobility equipment to older and vulnerable people, supporting independence and confidence.

The priorities for the Dumfries and Galloway CLLD grant funding for 2025-2026 were:

- Supporting community facilities and eligible organisa-

tions to help achieve net zero.

- Sustaining, improving and adding initiatives in rural communities that are most isolated, disconnected, in need of investment or most likely to experience inequalities.

- Helping communities address the cost-of-living crisis and eradicate poverty for individuals and families.

- Enabling communities to carry out research, needs assessments, and feasibility studies for local place plan development

The fund is administered by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway. More on the fund and the remaining grant recipients is available here: www.tsdg.org.uk/clld/

Another fatal A7 accident

A serious accident on the A7 on Saturday resulted in the death of a popular local man, Tommy Edgar. He was returning from a motorbike ride for the charity Cash4Kids in Carlisle. The E&L wishes to convey sympathies to the family. All of the blue light services attended the scene including an air ambulance. The road was closed for the rest of the day for accident investigation work. Road closures on the A7 are challenging in the Langholm area because of the nature of the alternative routes. At one point an HGV got stuck on the Tarras bridge blocking that road for a while.

Weather warnings

Weather warnings are in place for the whole of the south of Scotland with temperatures expected to be as low as -6° on Friday morning.

Please drive extra carefully in these conditions and be wary of ice underfoot if you are walking.

Short-term let licences are due for renewal

Dumfries and Galloway Council is working with short-term let owners as the time is approaching to renew licences. This affects around 1700 license holders across the region, with the majority of renewals required in early 2026.

The council has started issuing reminders to notify owners in advance of their renewal date. Owners are asked to check their inboxes for emails from shorttermlets@dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk and act promptly to ensure their licence remains valid.

Renewal applications must be submitted three years from the date the original licence came into effect. Renewing on time will ensure your property can continue to be let and reduce any potential downtime while waiting to be relicensed. Anyone planning to operate a new short-term let, or currently doing so without a licence, is required to apply via the Short-Term Lets section of the council's website.

Chair of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee, Coun-



"We know how important short term lets are to our local economy and tourism sector. The renewal process is vital to ensure high standards"

cillor Andy Ferguson, said:

"We know how important short term lets are to our local economy and tourism sector. The renewal process is vital to ensure high standards and safety for visitors and residents alike. We encourage all owners to look out for their renewal reminders and get their paperwork in order as soon as possible."

For more information, visit <https://www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/housing/land->

lords/property-licensing/short-term-lets or contact the Housing Standards team at shorttermlets@dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk or 01387 273164.



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Haggis for Burns, lamb for St Andrew

That's the belief of Quality Meat Scotland anyway, which is setting out once again to prove its point with community lunches at livestock marts, educational events in schools, engagement with government representatives, media and influencer campaigns, plus special promotions in restaurants and retailers.

The campaign Lamb for St Andrews Day was originally launched in 2010, growing from small beginnings to a nationwide celebration.

Neil Wilson, Executive Director of the Institute of Auctioneers and Appraisers in Scotland (IAAS), says it's excellent to see the positive impact the initiative has had for the sector.

"This success is down to the generous support from farmers, the marts, QMS, schools and local communities," he says. "We look forward to the buzz of lunches around the country this year and seeing farmers and marts coming together as they have done so successfully over the years."



This year at Holyrood, the canteen will feature lamb-focused lunches, giving MSPs and stakeholders the chance to experience Scotch Lamb and learn more about the initiative.

Over the weekend of 28-30 November, QMS will sponsor a special Lamb for St Andrew's Day dinner at the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs (SAYFC) Agri & Rural Affairs Weekend, with insights from Scotch Ambassador Anna MacKinnon, highlighting her dual role as shepherdess and chef.

Across Scotland's livestock marts, community lunches will bring together retired farmers, local youth members, and RSABI representatives to celebrate the day and promote the sector.

Dairy farmers will soon be producing milk at a loss.

Almost every milk buyer has announced a cut to prices due to record milk volumes in the UK, and growing production across Europe.

Even though they were anticipated, the size and speed of the cuts has taken some farmers by surprise.

NFU Scotland Milk Committee Chair Bruce Mackie says farmers are having to look hard at feed costs, at yield and even at herd size, with some forced to consider culling unprofitable cows.

"What continues to anger and frustrate many is the huge gap between the highest and lowest farmgate prices being paid in Scotland," he said.

Standards

"It's very hard to explain to a hardworking dairy farmer why their milk is worth 5 or 6 pence less per litre than their neighbour's, when both are



Bruce Mackie, NFU Scotland Milk Committee Chair

producing the same high-quality product to the same standards."

Union President Andrew Connon has initiated discussions with key milk processors to discuss the impact of these price cuts, and officials were

due to be meeting this week with the Agricultural Supply Chain Adjudicator to raise the question of whether some of the steepest cuts were made in the spirit of the new legislation.

Bruce Mackie says difficult times are ahead, but the indus-

try can survive.

"The next few months are going to be tough. There's no getting away from that. But our sector is resilient. We've been through ups and downs before, and we'll get through this too."

Dairy farmer, Bryce, is refusing to be cowed

Ayrshire's award-winning organic dairy Mossgiel is refusing to be cowed by the difficult days facing the industry and is turning to its customers to ask what they want to see in the future.

Mossgiel is owned by farmer Bryce Cunningham who admits his business could be facing big changes, but says before any decisions, are made he wants to hear from the people who matter most.

Turning to social media, the dairy outlined the current state of play.

"Family farms are collapsing under falling milk prices, sustainability targets are being rolled back and the UK government seems determined to kill what's left with glass bottle taxes, and policies that fall more in favour with big dairy than small scale farms," the post read.

The questionnaire asked consumers if they loved the fact that Mossgiel is organic and that their cows are grass fed. It went on to ask whether the glass bottles it favours for its products are "an expired fad" and finally wondered if small scale dairy is simply too expensive.

And apparently its customers were listening – within just a couple of days, more than nine hundred had responded to the questionnaire.

The dairy said they were stunned by the response.

"The top things you love are happy cows, organic farming and cows eating real grass outside, like



Bryce Cunningham of Mossgiel Farm

cows should.

"You hate the fact that you can't find us in enough shops, our delivery areas aren't big enough, and you want us to be in supermarkets."

Mossgiel say the answers will help to shape what the dairy becomes next, so watch this space for future news.

Suicide prevention student

Scotland's foremost agricultural charity RSABI has appointed a researcher to spearhead a three-year long study focused on suicide prevention in the industry.

PhD student Katie Bryan was brought up on a farm in south Ayrshire, so she's completely at home in the agricultural world. She also brings a wealth of mental health academic expertise to the role. She says she's really excited to take on the project.

"My undergraduate dissertation explored wellbeing, stress and coping in farming families, and my master's research examined how farmers and stakeholders perceive mental health and wellbeing initiatives in agriculture," she says.

"Continuing this area of work as part of my PhD at the University of Glasgow feels like a natural next step and a deeply important one. Suicide rates in farming remain far too high, and I'm looking forward to supporting



Katie Bryan

change that comes from within the farming community, ensuring that any solutions are shaped by farmers, not just for them."

The £85,000 research project sees a collaboration between RSABI and the University of Glasgow. Professor Rory O'Connor, Director of the Suicidal Behaviour Research Lab at the University says it's high time the topic was brought into the

spotlight. "For far too long, improving the understanding of suicide risk in agricultural communities has not received the attention it needs," he says. "Over the next three years, we hope to gain a better understanding of the specific factors associated with suicide risk, which will, in turn, inform suicide prevention efforts nationally and internationally."

The Ghost Hunt is afoot: Restless spirits at Gilnockie

Join 'Mostly Ghostly' at the Tower for an atmospheric evening

This Saturday, 22nd November, from 8pm to 2am, award-winning storytellers Mostly Ghostly will host A Good Old-Fashioned Ghost Hunt at Gilnockie Tower, home of the Clan Armstrong Centre. The event offers a rare opportunity for the public to take part in an after-hours investigation at one of the Borders' most atmospheric historic sites.

Dating from around 1520, Gilnockie Tower is a striking 16th-century stronghold associated with legendary Border Reiver Johnnie Armstrong. Today, the restored Tower preserves Armstrong heritage while showcasing dramatic features including a vaulted basement, spiral stair, parapet walk, beacon-stance, and even a prehistoric carved stone set into its doorway.

Intertwined with the Tower's history are curious tales of apparitions and unexplained phenomena. Local lore recalls a family of three, their loyal hunt-

ing dog, and the mysterious 'yin leggit' ghost — a one-legged figure said to haunt the site. Visitors have reported footsteps on empty stairs, faint voices, and the unsettling sense of being watched.

Guests will join the Mostly Ghostly team in small-group investigative sessions using traditional techniques such as dowsing rods, pendulums, mirror work, trigger objects, and audio recording.

Kathleen Cronie, Team Founder, said: "Gilnockie Tower has a powerful sense of history. From its Border Reiver connections to its centuries-old walls, it lends itself perfectly to investigation. We're delighted to welcome guests to explore with us."

Ian Martin, Tower Manager, added: "We're thrilled to team up with Mostly Ghostly. Gilnockie is steeped in history and mystery, making it the perfect setting for a memorable experience."

With limited places available,



this distinctive after-hours event promises an unforgettable encounter with Gilnockie Tower's legends and lingering mysteries.

There are only a few tickets left for this event: A Good Old-Fashioned Ghost Hunt at Gilnockie Tower takes place on Saturday 22nd November, 8pm-2am. Tickets are £57 per person, available through Ticketsource. Age 16+ (u18s must be accompanied by an adult).



Warm Hubs

The Council's Education, Skills and Community Wellbeing Committee met last week and agreed to adopt a new warmth and wellbeing contingency plan, which was trialled during the recent storm Amy.

This new plan, in conjunction with key partners Scottish Power Energy Network and local communities, will work to ensure communities have 'warm hubs' that they can visit during power outages.

Darkness to Light

A service of reflection and remembrance will be held in Langholm parish church on Thursday 4th December at 6.30pm. The Reverend Morag Crossan says that as the nights grow longer and we journey through Advent people will gather in quiet remembrance to honour loved ones they miss, to bring our sadness and our hope before God and to find light in the midst of darkness. The service will be candlelit and will include reflective music, readings and time for personal prayer and remembrance. All are warmly welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Shona's canapés



President Tessa Lumley welcomed members and visitors to the November meeting. Matters of business were dealt with first before she welcomed Shona Armstrong Wilson who demonstrated how to make Parmesan Wafers, Smoked Salmon Blinis, Courgette and Hummus Roulades, Beef Wellington with fresh horseradish cream as well as a variety of ways with tomatoes.

Shona introduced members to pink peppercorns and using a pastry tamer as well as dispensing invaluable hints and tips for turning out delicious canapés and displaying them to advantage. Aileen Cavers was co-opted as invaluable assistant, and the finished canapés were much admired. Marjorie Pringle thanked Shona for her excellent demonstration and then members were able to sample the delicious canapés.



Shona judged the competitions as follows - Decorative Bowl - 1, Anne Hannah, 2, Marjorie Pringle, 3, Lorraine Morton.

Cold Starter - 1, Morag Mitchell, 2, Marjorie Pringle, 3, Lorraine Morton.

The evening was concluded by a hilarious blindfold potato peeling competition organised by Aileen. This was won by Morag Mitchell and Leila Hallam.



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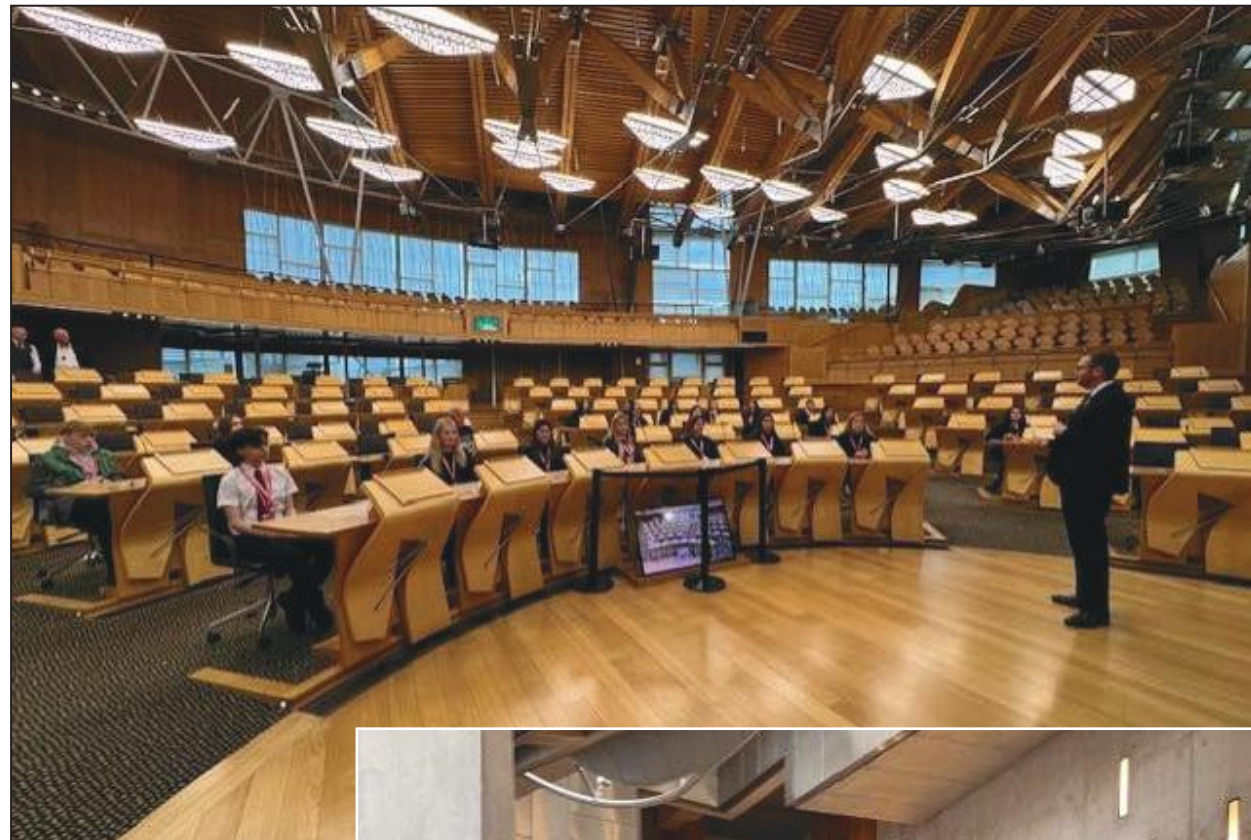
SCHOOL DAYS: From Playground to Playhouse and Pudsey too!

Parliamentary matters for pupils

It seems to be the time to take school trips. The pupils studying modern studies at national and higher level took a trip to the Scottish Parliament.

They were able to take a tour of the parliament, visit the Chamber, see the MSP offices, have lunch in a committee room and watch First Minister's questions live.

The school wishes to thank MSP Oliver Mundell for giving the pupils such an insightful and memorable day. Also, thanks to the Bowman Little Trust who donated the paid for transport.



School holiday dates 2025/26

Monday 22nd December –
Monday 5th January 2026
Thursday 19th February –
Friday 20th February
Monday 30th March –
Friday 10th April
Monday 4th May
Friday 29th May
2nd July – 19th August



Dynamic Earth



S3 pupils enjoyed a geography trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh in early November where they watched a 3D film about the evolution of life on earth and how human activities have impacted on it. They also enjoyed taking part in a super volcano workshop where they found out if they'd survive an eruption as well as experience what it feels like to be in an earthquake. They also took a virtual journey across the world's biomes and find out about different rainforest animals. Once again, the Bowman Little Trust helped pay for the trip.

'Hamilton' the musical

S2 pupils had a trip to see 'Hamilton' the musical in Glasgow. The production was on at the Theatre Royal.



Pudsey's Primary pals



Langholm Primary School supported children in need last week and raised £300. Connie Laidlaw (above left) completed a sponsor walk and sold stickers for children in need and raised £159.



...Liddesdale Lineup...

By Gilly Fraser

First ever cemetery strategy by Borders

Council is “extremely aware” of the role they must play

Scottish Borders Council wants to know what you think about the way cemeteries and graveyards are looked after in the region.

As part of its first ever cemetery strategy, a survey has been drawn up to help shape how spaces are managed across the region.

The council says the survey will help them to gain insight that will ensure the services offered reflect the needs and values of local communities.

Newcastleton has two cemeteries, with Ettleton to the south of the village and Old Castleton to the north. Both have a mix of old and new graves.

Areas covered in the survey include grass cutting, the potential for the extension of cemeteries, burial fees and limits for the number of ornaments allowed on graves.

Councillor John Greenwell, SBC's executive member for roads and public space development says it's an extremely emotive subject.

“As a council we are extremely aware of the role we must play as caretakers in helping look after these spaces,” he said.

“That is why we have committed to developing the council's first ever cemetery strategy which will incorporate feedback and insight gathered



Old Castleton cemetery

from this survey and prioritise their continued improvement and maintenance.

“I would therefore encourage as many Borderers as possible to submit their views via the public survey to ensure as many views as possible can be incorporated and considered.”

SBC is responsible for the manage-

ment and upkeep of 155 cemeteries and burial grounds across the region.

Once the survey closes, a report will be produced on the findings and then be used to inform the development of the strategy.

The survey will remain open until December 15.

No 8 Club saved?

It looks as though the fight to save Newcastleton's No8 Club from closure has been successful. The building serves as a base for a number of community groups, including church groups, the NDCT and the very active Innov8 Youth Club which uses it for a variety of activities from craftmaking to cookery and games.

Young people feared losing the building would have a huge impact on them but it was one of many facilities in the region under threat due to a radical shake-up by Live Borders.

The charitable trust runs sport, leisure and cultural facilities throughout the region on behalf of Scottish Borders Council.

Last year it needed a bailout of £2.5m from the local authority - on top of a £4.8m management fee - to keep services operating.

Scottish Borders Council meets today to consider the way forward and a few councillors have indicated in advance that the outcome is looking good for Newcastleton.

If those reports are correct, the No.8 Club will be retained, with a move toward a new operating model and a potential full community asset transfer by March 2029, depending on a strong business case.

Teviotdale Leisure Centre and Hawick Library are also believed to be on the saved list.

Kielder trails open for feet, hooves and wheels

A new series of routes for horse riders, walkers and cyclists running from Hadrian's Wall through Kielder Forest and on to Newcastleton has been officially opened.

The project has ten way-marked trails, varying between six and fifty-seven miles in length - all of which are suitable for horse riders.

The project, which has been brought together by Forestry England, Northumberland National Park Authority and Kielder Trust, has repurposed existing rights of way and forest roads.

Future phases will focus on accessibility, with routes for wheelchairs, buggies and balance bikes.

The trails were officially opened by British Horse Society Access Field Officer Reanne Benson and representatives of Northumberland National Park.

Work is now underway to attract more equestrians to the area, from establishing overnight accommodation for both horses



and riders, creating mounting blocks and parking.

The BHS say top of the list is to fill in gaps in circular and long-distance routes - such as an equestrian trail following Hadrian's wall - and creating trails through the forest for carriage drivers.

The organisation wants to hear from local riders and horse owners who may be able to help. They're particularly keen to hear from people with knowledge of local routes, local busi-

nesses who could benefit from the trails, such as pubs, cafes and shops, and carriage drivers who could help develop access.

The BHS would also love to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the project.

Next year the BHS is planning several events to mark Kielder Forest's 100th birthday next year, including a cross-border ride and attending the reopening of Kielder Castle.

Defibrillator for Kirkandrews



Newcastleton First Responders have been swift to congratulate nearby Kirkandrews Moat Village which has been successful in its campaign for a lifesaving defibrillator.

Up till now the nearest Automated External Defibrillators (AED) were several miles away in either Nicholforest or Longtown.

Now, thanks to a successful collaboration between the North West Ambulance Service and the hall committee,

an AED has been installed at the village hall. Members of the village's now defunct First Responders Group also played a big part.

Campaigners say their primary goal is to assist those in need, and with this installation, they are one step closer to achieving that mission.

A special CPR/AED awareness session is being held in Kirkandrews Moat Village Hall on Friday December 12th at 7pm to show everyone how the device works.

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Many 'Treats' in store in Langholm's new Emporium

Popular local businessman expands his horizons with new venture

John Reid, locally known as Treats, has opened an emporium on Drove Road, Langholm. John still has a store for his second-hand furniture down on Waverley Road but has now opened this one as a 'shop window'.

The emporium is located at the southern end of Drove Road opposite the old church which was at one point Julie Dumbarton's art gallery. John is selling all kinds of furniture, pictures,

ornaments and bric-a-brac. The shop will be open in the afternoons, and John will carry on doing removals and taking things to the 'tip' for people, but the emporium will be his base. Last Saturday John invited folk to pop in and see what was on offer and was offering refreshments to visitors. He was delighted by the number of people who came along. It is fascinating to see the range of items he has to sell and everything is selling for very reasonable prices too.



John 'Treats' Reid and his new Langholm Emporium



Canonbie's cookin'!

Canonbie hall has a new cooker and the committee says thanks to Canonbie Community Council for facilitating grants from Minsca and Solwaybank funds and to the Ewe Hill 16 fund.

They managed to raise the money to replace the slightly tired cooker in the hall with a brand new one. The new cooker has an efficient induction hob which should also be safer to use and as only certain pans will work with an induction hob a set of new pans was also purchased.

The cooker and pans are available to everyone who hires the hall and the committee hopes that users will be as happy as Anne with their cooking there.



Anne Wightman is all smiles with Canonbie Hall's new cooker

Tracy does seven times 7-Stanes

Former world champion mountain biker Tracy Moseley has completed an unforgettable family adventure — riding all the 7stanes in 7 days with her husband James, and seven-year-old son, Toby, to inspire other families to get outdoors, explore, and create adventures of their own.

The journey wasn't just about ticking off trail centres — it was about showing that the South of Scotland's forests, landscapes, and communities offer endless opportunities for families to connect, discover, and have fun together.

Supported by Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland (DMBinS), the Moseley family visited all seven 7stanes trail centres — Mabie, Dalbeattie, Kirroughtree, Glentworth, Ae, Glentworth, and Innerleithen — before finishing at Newcastleton. Along the way, they mixed biking with stargazing, forest and beach walks, wild exploring, celebrating the simple joys of being outside together. Reflecting on the adventure, which will be captured in a short documentary film to be released next Spring.

Tracy, a former Downhill and Enduro World Champion, has a deep connection with the 7stanes — the very trails that helped shape her racing career and love for Scottish riding. Three decades later, she's back to share that same sense of discovery with her son, and to inspire families to make their own memories among the forests.

David Hope-Jones, Chief Executive of the South of Scotland Destination Alliance, added:



Tracy Moseley completes '7stanes in 7 days' with her 7-year-old son

"This journey beautifully showcases the South of Scotland as a world-class destination for families and riders alike. The 7stanes are the heart of our cycling story, offering everything from fun green trails to breathtaking views and local experiences you'll never forget."

A short film documenting the Moseley family's adventure — produced with support from DMBinS, OS Maps, Hope Academy, SSDA, Osprey Packs, Trek Bikes UK, Dometic, Roadsurfer, Scottish Cycling Foundation, Go Tweed Valley and Forestry and Land Scotland — will be released Spring 2026. Whether it's one trail, one day, or one new adventure — Tracy's message is simple: "Get out there, explore, and make it your own."

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Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie on Langholm Castle and Johnnie Armstrong

Less than a mile from the moss-covered remains of the ancient fortress of the Lindsays, the grey ruins of another stronghold of later period silently beckon to the passer-by, through the sheltering trees from beyond the Esk.

The site of Langholm Castle is one of charming natural beauty, at the confluence of the Esk and Ewes rivers, commanding the passes into Eskdale, Ewesdale and Wauchopedale. All that now remains of this Border stronghold gives but an imperfect idea of what it once was in the days of its strength.

Langholm Castle, built early in the 16th century, was first brought into prominent note in 1544 when Lord Wharton made his notorious raid into Dumfriesshire, laying waste the dales of Nith, Annan and Esk. Towards the end of that year the castle fell into his hands.

In 1547 the Scottish Government determined on an attempt to retake it by force of arms. An army was assembled at Peebles on July 20th and, marching to Langholm, it besieged the castle for three or four days. The garrison destroyed the lower portion of the tower, and from the highest floor stubbornly defended the place until the besiegers, bringing artillery into action, fired seven shots, on which the garrison capit-

ulated, and Langholm Castle was once again in Scottish hands.

In 1562 we find Christie Armstrong, son of Johnnie of Gilnockie, appointed Keeper of the castle for Lord Maxwell, at a salary of £40 a year. The various duties pertaining to the office, however, Christie deputed to his sons, Robert and Archie.

Thirty-four years later the bold Buccleuch, on his way to the rescue of Kinmount Willie, stayed, overnight at Langholm Castle. When he left in the morning Robert Armstrong accompanied him: and, as we shall learn in a subsequent chapter, our historic castle gave shelter to Graham of Claverhouse after the killing of Andrew Hislop, the young covenantanter, at Craighaugh, on that fateful day in May, 1685.

“It was in Langholm” says an old chronicle “that Johnnie Armstrong and his gallant companie of 36 men, when going to meet King James the Fifth, ran their horse and brak their spears, when the ladies lookit frae their loft windows, saying ‘God send our men well back again’” The story of the King’s treachery has often been told. The massacre, for such it was, had been carefully planned by him and his counsellors. Those chiefs such as the Maxwells and the Scotts, who might have thwarted the King’s purpose, were by a trick enticed from their strongholds and put in ward in



Edinburgh.

James set out for the Borders, travelling by way of St Mary’s Loch, and pitched his camp at Caerlanrig, halfway between Langholm and Hawick, on June 5th, 1530. The king was accompanied by 8000 men, barons and lords, all well-armed and provisioned for a month. His purpose was a double one - “to hunt the game, and to hunt those who were responsible for the unrest on the Scottish Border”.

According to the well-known ballad, it seems that the King had invited Armstrong to meet him - the letter being couched in terms of friendship. Trusting implicitly in the royal good faith, he ac-

cepted the invitation. The discussion between them was of brief duration. Neither to reason nor pleading would the King hearken. And ryding as I wot to be;

Armstrong and most of his company were hanged, the trees upon Caerlanrig serving as the gallows. Probably nothing in the history of that century created more consternation and indignation on the Borders than this. Much of the bloodshed that happened in the years following was owing to this “judicial murder”.

There is a traditional story that Gilnockie’s brother, Archie of Mangerton, managed to escape from the brutal hanging at Caer-

lanrig and immediately apprised the womenfolk and retainers of the dreadful fare of Johnnie and his chosen men. They at once fled to the fastnesses of Tarras, and on the arrival of the King’s troopers at Gilnockie they found only the bare walls. One of the royal party seized Johnnie’s horse and it made off at lightning speed towards Tarras Moss. The frenzied animal didn’t stop until it reached the hiding place of Archie and his friends. It is said that that worthy was engaged cleaving wood when the unwelcome intruder galloped into the midst of the freebooter’s retreat and, lifting his axe, Archie smote the soldier to the ground by a single blow.

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 13th November 2025



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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 8,523 sheep comprising of 5,326 lambs and 3,197 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 13th November 2025.

PRIME LAMBS

Another great entry of 5,326 prime lambs were forward to a full ringside of purchasers. Well finished lambs, 33-44kg, sold at increased rates of return; yet again being in big demand and way short of purchaser requirements. Many more are required for the next 4 weeks when lightweight lambs will be in big demand and sold to advantage. Heavy lambs maintained and again, in some cases, surpassed recent good rates of return. Many more fed lambs can be sold to vendor advantage at Longtown Auction.

Numbers are handled with ease if they are well finished, and are keenly sought after. Leaner lambs are better sold on a Tuesday in Longtown.

Top Price per Head was a pair of Texel lambs from M/s K & M Jameison, Woodhead reaching £220

Top Price per Kilo went to a pen of Beltex Lambs from M/s Roots, Kilnford Croft realising 460ppkp/kg.

Overall Average 317.87ppk (SQQ 320.56ppk)

Principal prices (Per head)

Texel - £220 Woodhead, £192, £191 Guardsmill, £180 Roxburgh Mains, £179 Braehead, £178 Tinwald Shaw, £175 Uras Farm, £174 Ballinloan, £170 Hightown, £170 Kilnford Croft, £170 Thackwood, £170 The Land , £170 Crumhaughhill
Charollais - £210, £180 Thackwood, £167 Tinnishall, £164, £154 Righead
Suffolk - £190 Braehead, £189 Chesters Brae, £188 Steel Hall, £181 Langdyke,

£176 Dykenook, £174 Guardsmill, £174 Kilnford Croft, £165 High Town, £165 Whins Farm
North Country Cheviot- £187, £186, £170, £153 Humbleheugh, £146 Sundhope
Dorset- £185 Greenrigg
Beltex - £184 Tinnishall, £181 Whiteside, £176 Roughet Hill, £175 Mid Derry, £174 Lingey Field, £174 Ballinloan, £173 Roughet Hill, £170 Kilnfordcroft, £166 Cambeckhill, £166 Kilnford Croft, £166 Langdyke, £166 Ballinloan, £164 Tercrossset Farm, £164 Roughet Hill
Cheviot Mule - £173, £172 South Bogbain, £161 Uras Farm, £145 Marwhim, £143 Townhead Cottage
Zwartble- £179 South Bogbain
Mule - £173, £153.5, £152.5 Fininness Farm, £152 Whitcastles, £151 Pittland Hills , £151 Croft House, £150 Archerbeck
Cheviot - £170 Northway, £166 Mainside, £151 Whitcastles, £141 Northway, £140 Sundhope, £139.50 Earlside, £139 Lawesknowe, £138 Townhead Cottage, £133 Coursteine, £131 Carruthers Farm
Hampshire - £157 South Bogbain
Border Leicester- £154 Whiteside
Blue Faced Leicester- £154 Lawesknowe, £144 Howahill
Dutch Spotted- £149, £144 Kilry Lodge
Blackface - £146, £142 Craig Douglas, £141 Sorbie, £139 Whiteside, £137 Pittland Hills, £135 Craig Douglas, £133 Low Knocknooch, £132 Craig Douglas, £127 Townhead Cottage , £125 Tone Hall
Herdwick - £144, £127 Todsykehead, £125 Moss Knowe, £124 Mickley Moor
Romney - £138.5 Townhead Cottage, £128 Castletown, £123 Corriehills
Swaledale- £135 Orthwaite Hall, £119 Westerhopeburn
Easycare- £134, £133 High Trewhitt
Roussin- £133 Cubbyhil
Jacob- £130 Hightown

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

Beltex -£40p Barrogill, 414p Lingey Field, 410.5p Barrogill, 397.7p Mid derry, 395p 386.4p, 385p Kilnford Croft, 378.4p East House Farm, 375p Whiteside, 373.7p Kilnford Croft
North Country Cheviot- 319p Humbleheugh, 304p Sundhope, 303.6p Humbleheugh
Texel - 387p Hill Side, 376.3p Hemplands, 363.4p Corneyside, 363p Ballinloan, 359p St Margarets, 358p Rowanburnfoot, 357.9p Hemplands, 356p Crumhaughhill, 352.5p Whitegate, 350p Rowanburnfoot, 350p St Johns Kirk
Hill Cheviot - 355.9p Byers Farm, 351p Ettrickshaws, 347p Northsceugh, 344.4p 91 Achvaich, 344p Ettrickshaws, 326.9p Caruthers , 325p 91 Achvaich, 323.3p Lawesknowe, 321p Townhead Cottage
Suffolk - 350p 91 Achvaich, 340.9p Howahill, £338.9p Foulshiels, 337.8p St Johns Kirk, 336p, 334p Tecket
Mule - 347.1p, 341.3p Arncliffe, 323.5p Northway, 320p Whiteside, 319.2p Cranberry Brow, 317.5p Foulshiels, 316p Ettrickshaws
Blackface - 343p Burnfoot, 326.8p Arncliffe, 313p Foulshiels, 310p Burnfoot, 309.8p Cleughhead, 309p Craig Douglas, 309p Low Knocknooch, 307p Craig Douglas, 306.8p Craig Douglas
Roussin- 336.7p Cubbyhill
Charollais -330p Foulshiels, 323p Steel Hall, 316p Hallburn, 310p Tinnishall
Romney- 328p Castletown
Hampshire- 323.7p Castletown
Cheviot Mule - 322p Corriehills, 316p Marwhim, 311p Townhead Cottage, 310p Littlelig
Herdwick- 320.5p Moss Knowe, 318p Mickley Moor, 313p Todsykehead
Easycare- 319p, 309.3p High Trewhitt

Jacob- 317.1p Hightown
Dutch Spotted- 313p, 287p Kilry Lodge
Blue Faced Leicester- 306.4p Howahill, 285.2p Lawesknowe
Swaledale- 298p Westerhopeburn, 293.5p, 285p Orthwaite Hall
Ryeland- 293.5p Mansefield Cottage
Dorset- 291.8p Greenrigg
Zwartble- 288.7p South Bogbain, 268p Holmlea
Border Leicester - 285p Whiteside Farm

CAST EWES AND RAMS

A reduced entry and a very mixed show of 3,197 cast ewes and rams were forward. All classes of cast ewes and rams took a substantial lift on the week. They're a big trade for the time of year, so keep them coming for premium returns. Numbers of all grades of cast ewes and rams are keenly sought after on a weekly basis to satisfy an ever-growing demand here at Longtown.

Heavy ewes topped at £335 for a pen of Texel ewes from M/s Fox, St Johnskirk

Light ewes topped at £155 for a pen of Blackface ewes from M/s Longlands, Tonehall

Rams topped at £272 for a Suffolk Ram from Hillside Farms

Heavy ewes

Texel - £335 St Johns Kirk, £315 Glenview, £305 Fallside, £295 Moss House, £295 Woodhead, £275 St Johns Kirk, £275 Crumhaughhill, £265 St Johns Kirk, £265 Dunnabie, £250 Cubbyhill
Beltex - £240 East House, £220 St Johns Kirk, £195 Hillside
Suffolk - £232 Tone Hall, £225 Crumhaughhill, £220 High Croft, £208 East Mill Hills, £208 Tone Hall, £205 Drumreach, £201 Little Swinburne
Mule - £198 Drumreach, £182 Thackwood,

£176 High Croft, £172 Coldchapel, £170 Nether Ardrosdale
Charollais - £185 Drumreach, £165 Swan-son, £162 Thackwood, £165 Hall Farm
Cheviot Mule - £185 East Mill Hills, £180 St Margarets, £178 Tister, £178 Drumreach, £172 Dykenook, £172 Wauchope, £166 Relief Farm, £165 Dunnabie
Zwartbles - £178 Holmlea
North Country Cheviot - £178 Uras Farm, £172 Tister, £168 91 Achvaich, £158 Kirkhouse Farm, £150 Field Croft, £150 Cressfield, £145 Gillesbie House, £144 Roughet Hill, £142 91 Achvaich, £140 Northway
Hampshire- £165 Dykenook
Blue Faced Leicester - £150 Terrona
Border Leicester- £150 Field Croft
Half-Bred- £150 Justenlees
Romney - £138, £132 Castlemilk Estate, £128 Northway, £126 Castlemilk Estate, £120 Castletown
Dorset- £120 Donerentin

Light ewes

Hill Cheviot - £150 Falnash, £140 North House, £138 Achalone Farm, £138 St Margarets, £132 Falnash, £128 Dunnabie, £124 North House, £124 High Croft, £124 Crosscleugh, £118 Sorbie, £116 Terrona, £116 Falnash, £116 Dunnabie
Blackface - £155 Tone Hall, £150 Northway, £140 Tone Hall, £130 Stewartshiels, £125 Todsykehead, £124 Tullochallum, £124 Hillside, £122 Greensburn, £122 Rigfoot, £122 Toftthouse
Easycare - £138 Peddar Hill, £130 West Mains, £120 Corsua, £120 Peddar Hill, £118 West Mains, £108 Syke Head
Lleyn - £130 Hall Farm
Swaledale - £120 Northway, £114 Devonport, £110 Fininness, £108 Todsykehead, £104 West Newlands, £103 Syke Head, £100 St Johns Kirk

Herdwick - £118 Todsykehead, £118 Syke Head,
Jacob- £118 Edendales
Welsh- £108, £95 Hall Farm
Beulah- £90 Hall Farm
Shetland- £70 St Margarets

Rams

Suffolk - £272 Hillside, £270 Longrow, £245 Crumhaughhill
Texel - £240 Sharplaw, £230 Relief Farm, £227 Hillside, £225 Greenacres, £220 Crumhaughhill, £220 Thackwood
Beltex - £240 South Farm (Colwell), £225 Tercrossset Farm, £200, £190 South Farm (Colwell)
Charollais- £252 Hillside, £250 Tister
North Country Cheviot - £215 Lawesknowe
Easycare- £165 Burnside
Cheviot - £165 Sundhope, £150 Rigfoot
Blackface - £165 Pittland Hills, £145 High Croch, £130 Mains of Mause
Blue Faced Leicester- £162 Hillside, £160 Northway
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Border Leicester- £145, £130 Justenlees
Swaledale- £120 St Johns Kirk
Welsh- £110 Hall Farm
Shetland- £70 Field Croft

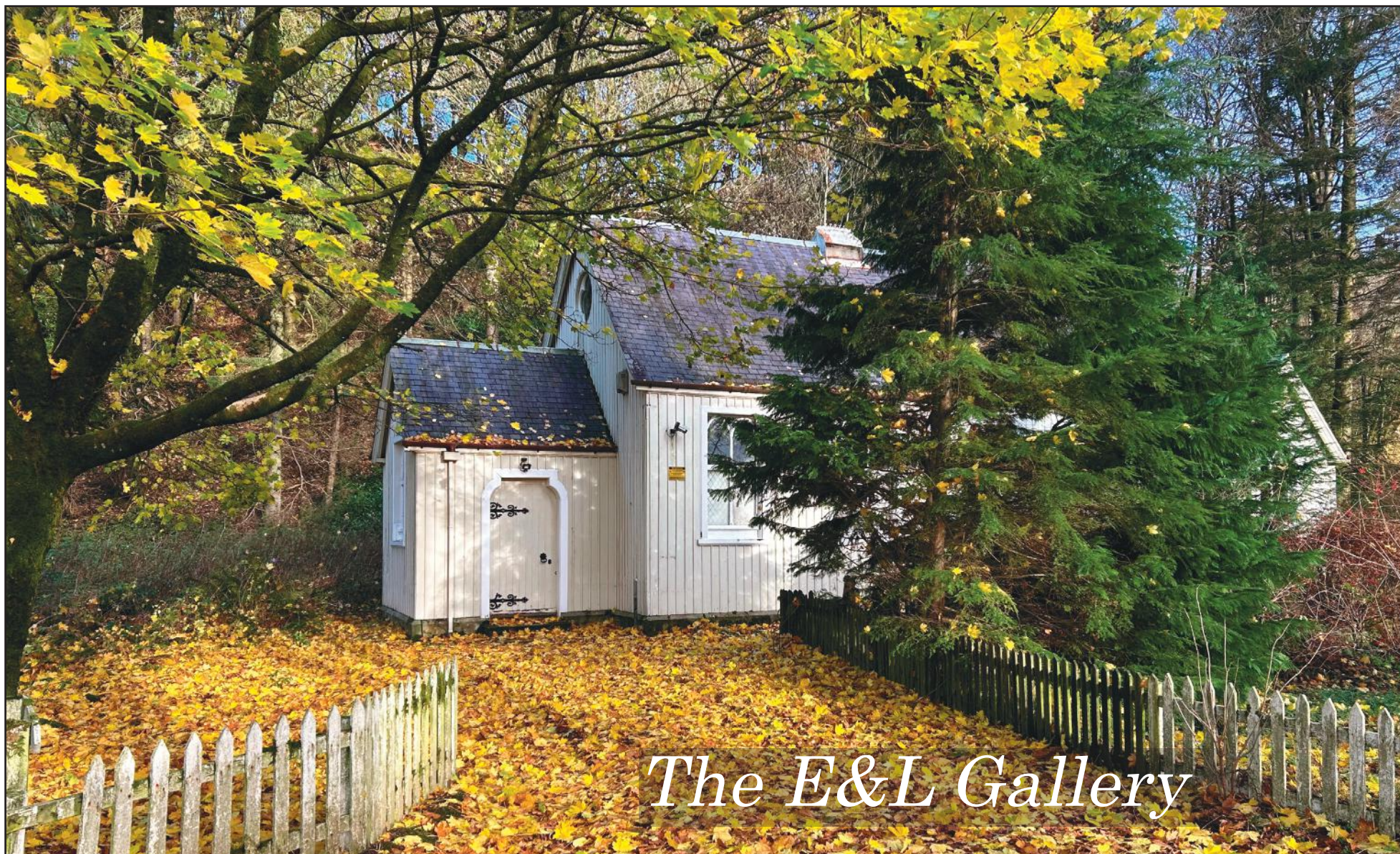
Averages:

Lambs

Light to 460p (306.4p)
Standard to 410.5p (337.8p)
Medium to 414p (322.7p)
Heavy to 370.2p (311.1p)
Overweight 349.2p (299.8p)

Ewes

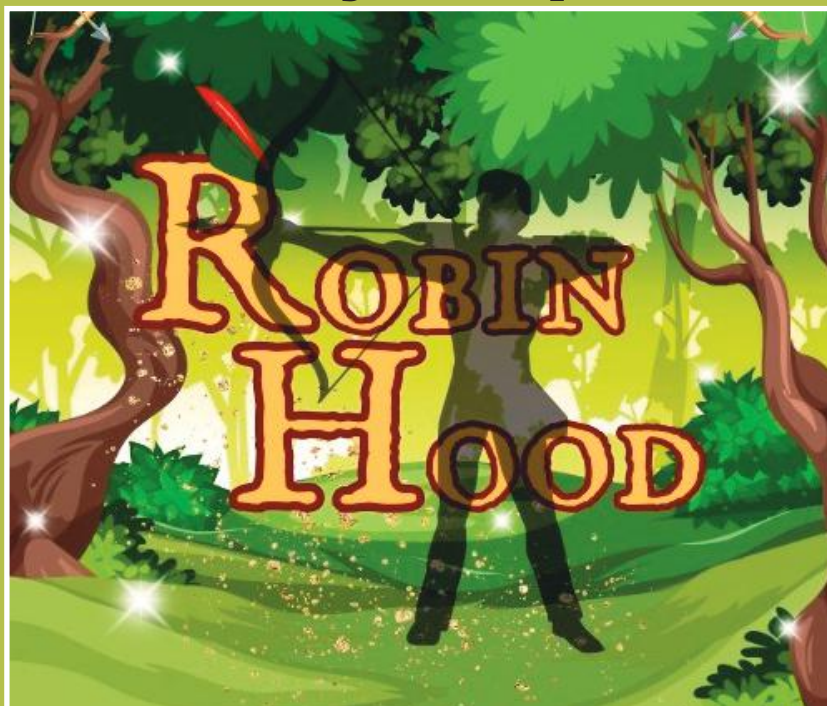
Light to £155 (£91.56)
Heavy to £335 (£132.57)
Rams to £272 (£160.14)



The 'English Kirk' in Autumn. Captured by Gavin Graham

Camera: iPhone 14

Only the waiting list left for this year's panto!



The Muckle Toon Panto is already a sell-out. This year's production is Robin Hood and is on for four days. If you're keen to go but don't have a ticket you could put your name down on the Buccleuch Centre waiting list and hope for the best. In this panto Robin Hood is back from the crusades hoping to ride through the glen to his beloved Sherwood, but the cost-of-living crisis has hit Nottingham hard. A band of rebels led by Marion have united to take down the villainous Sheriff of Nottingham. Panto dame Mother Hood, Robin's mother, has been hired to look after the Sheriff's niece and nephew, while Guy of Gisbourne the Sheriff's incompetent right-hand-man bumbles about chaotically.... But will Fairy Fern guide the gang to victory?

The Brothers Gillespie

The Brothers Gillespie are coming to the Eskdalemuir Hub on Saturday 20th December and it's likely to be a sell out. Described by Folk Radio UK as 'weaving an especially compelling magic', and 'showing off British acoustic music in its best possible light', this Northumbrian duo sing songs of great lyrical power, animated by the sound of soaring sibling harmony, inspired guitar playing and a rich array of acoustic instruments. Their songs and performances have a rare, intimate energy that is both earthy and ethereal, romantic and radical.

James and Sam Gillespie found their sound growing up in the fells and valleys of Northumberland, their songs often describing relationships with wild places and the experience of finding oneself in a world alive with soul. The music comes to them most strongly when walking in the borderlands with their packs and instruments which remains a regular practice for them. Since that time, the brothers have travelled widely and sung their songs at campfires, concert halls, Parisian circuses, folk clubs and a host of UK festivals including Sidmouth and Cambridge Folk Fests.

'Anyone who has seen the brothers live will surely attest that it is an experience that will stay with you. There is a feeling of warmth that exudes from them and affects everyone in the room.' Folk London.

Tickets for the gig are on sale at Ticket Source and only 35 tickets are available. The concert starts at 7.30pm.



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Day	What	Time	Where
Mon	Quilters group	10-12	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Mending Monday	1-3	
Tues	After School Club	4-5:30	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Langholm Evening In Stitches	6-8	
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
Thurs	Volunteer welcome day	10-12	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Pom pom Wreaths	6-8	
	LATE NIGHT SHOPPING	OPEN UNTIL 8PM	
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
	Fashion Reimagined	6-9	
Sat	East Neuk Knit	10-4	BOWHOUSE, FIFE
Sun	East Neuk Knit	10-4	BOWHOUSE, FIFE

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Fri 21st	Police Scotland Rural Surgery	Langholm Co-Op Store 11am - 1pm
Sat 22nd	Portrait Tutorial by Trish Parry BA(Hons)	The Studio, Maxwell Place 10am - 3pm. £20 session.
22nd & 23rd	Christmas Themed Willow Workshop with Trevor Leat	Eskdalemuir Community Hub 10am - 4.30pm
Sat 22nd	Western End from Hawick	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Mon 24th	Langholm Dementia Café	Langholm Day Centre 1.30 - 3.30pm
Sun 23rd	Christmas Craft Fair	Eskdalemuir Community Hub 11am - 3pm
Fri 28th	Hard of Hearing Group Brew 'n' Blether	Langholm Day Centre 10.30am - 12pm
Sat 29th	Canonbie United Church Soup Kitchen & Table Top	Canonbie Public Hall 11.30pm - 1pm

The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2541 answers next week

- 1 Which English poet was mistakenly arrested as a spy at Fort Augustus during a visit to Scotland?

2 In which country did explorer Hugh Clapperton die?

3 What sport were "crampits" once used for?

4 Around which industry did the town of Lerwick grow up?

5 In which part of Scotland is Loch Quoich?

6 Name the eminent politician who was born in Holytown in 1856.

7 What are Scotland's two native conifers?

8 Who was defeated at the Battle of Dalry?

9 Who donated money to Iona to establish a library?

10 Where is the island of Inch Kenneth?
- 11 In which century was the Scottish Grand Lodge of Freemasons formed?

12 What was the name of Charles I's older brother?

13 Where was the first teacher training institution in Scotland (and Britain)?

14 Who lived at 9 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir?

15 About whom was "Will Ye No Come Back Again?" written?

16 Where is the Devil's Staircase?

17 Which Scottish actor co-starred with Pauline Collins in "Shirley Valentine"?

18 In which Harry Potter film were Glen Coe and Glenfirran used as film locations?

19 With which local club was former rugby international Craig Chalmers associated?

20 What is a puddock?



Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

Quiz 2542

1 The Treaty of London

2 The Clan MacGregor

3 The 19th Century

4 The Dundee Shipbuilding Company

5 Loch Lomond

6 Edinburgh, Holyrood Park

7 (c) 67

8 Paper making

9 Publishing, bookselling

10 Oban

11 Mary Campbell

12 1666

13 Thomas Carlyle

14 The 1880s

15 The midge

16 Three

17 Wellies

18 Boom-Bang-a-Bang

19 It is triangular in shape

20 9th October 2004

Crossword 2542

Across: 7 Serve, 8 Aseptic, 9 Easiest, 10 Supra, 11 Primer, 13 Enrol, 16 Agape, 18 Fiddle, 21 Until, 23 Advance, 24 Selects, 25 Darts.

Down: 1 Dressing, 2 Recede, 3 Oast, 4 Person, 5 Step, 6 Scram, 7 Sleepy, 12 Rue, 13 Elf, 14 Ordinary, 15 Renews, 17 Palace, 19 Invade, 20 Curse, 22 Talk, 23 Also.

NEVER A CROSSWORD!

No. 2541 answers next week

Across

1 Flowers (6)

4 Look high and low (5)

8 Set upon (6)

9 Stormy Red Sea blotted out (6)

10 US President with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame (6)

11 Went through (6)

12 Kind of reaction (3)

13 That group (5)

15 Deputised group (5)

17 Centre of activity (3)

19 "Hey ---!" (6)

21 Ascend (4,2)

23 Sandbanks (6)

24 Recognition at the end of a film (6)

25 "---, ---, why has thou forsaken me?" (2,3)

26 Quivering trees (6)

Down

1 Wash (5)

2 Nell Gwyn sold them (7)

3 Whipping up (6)

5 Badinage (5)

6 How a submariner might view a parachute (7)

7 Cruelly rapacious person (5)

14 Without mercy (7)

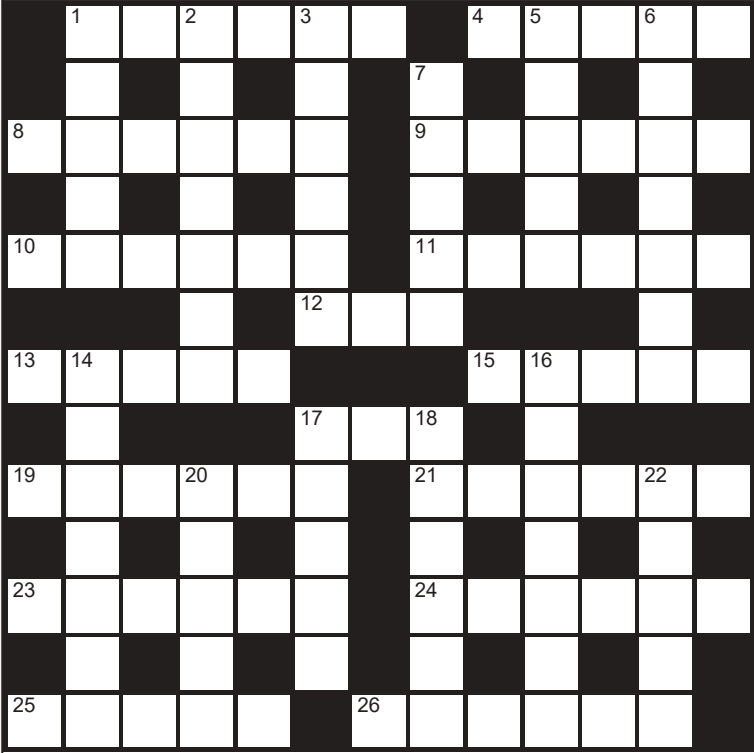
16 Too blue? (7)

17 Lifting device (5)

18 Good-hearted people (6)

20 1954-77 Far Eastern alliance (2,1,1,1)

22 Squads (5)





Marchmount Bowling Club thanks Langholm

Bowling



Marchmount Bowling Club, Dumfries, held its Annual Prize-Giving Night at the club on Saturday 19 October 2025. This year, in addition to the prize-giving they drew a charity raffle in aid of MND Scotland and CHAS, which followed on from their 24 hour charity Bowlathon that took place earlier in the season.

The charities this year had

Langholm bowlers took part in Marchmount's 24-hour Charity Bowlathon

a special meaning to the club and were in memory of David Fraser a long serving member and valued member of our club for over 40 years.

Langholm bowlers took part in the bowlathon and the President thanked them. He was delighted to announce that as a result of all the efforts from it and

the raffle, the club raised an amazing total of £8940.50 for the named charities.

He said "We have been overwhelmed by the huge level of support there has been for our fundraising efforts. The generosity of businesses and individuals in donating prizes for our raffle, giving donations for our

24 hour sponsored Bowlathon and to everyone who bought raffle tickets has all contributed to amazing amount raised. Lastly to everyone who participated in the Bowlathon for a few hours both day and night or for the whole 24 hours, a huge thank you. Thanks also goes to members of other clubs who visited us through the 24 hours to support us or to take part".

Kelso draw puts score on the board for Legion

Football

By David Borthwick

First point on the board! Yesterday we travelled to face Kelso in the league and after the rain across the borders we expected some heavy ground and some tired legs after a tough 90 minutes.

The game was fairly evenly matched until Daniel Winter found the back of the net giving us a lead after 20 minutes, assisted by Callum Summerbee.

We created a lot of good chances and looked solid at the back throughout the first half.

The home side were awarded a free kick on the edge of our area and converted. Our response to that was almost instant, restoring our lead when Callum Summerbee again caused havoc for the Kelso defence and his shot was saved and Dan Winter was quick to react. 2-1 Langholm.

In the second half we didn't create as many chances as the first, there was a real fighting spirit throughout the team every player working hard and backing each other up all over the pitch. Sadly, with around 15 mins to play it was the home side that got the next goal and the game ended 2-2.

Whilst it was good to secure a point on the road it felt like 2 points dropped, we go again next week when we take on Jed in the cup.

Thanks to Kevin Home for officiating and to all those who came to support the lads yesterday.



End of an era for Langholm Girls FC

Girls Football

The 13th of November saw the end of an era at Langholm Girls Football Club when many of the current U14 team played their last game for the club. Four years ago to the night, many of the girls were part of the very first 'come and try' coaching session and they have grown along with the club, with other players joining along the way.

Last Thursday the team hosted Queen of the South Ladies and Girls FC in a friendly for their final game. The coaches asked the girls to make them not just us proud, but themselves proud with a strong performance, and they delivered just that. Joined by four members of the under 12 team for these 11 a-side fixtures, the girls took a two-goal lead in the first half with goals from Tia and Ronnie. However, Queen of the South who have a large squad, displayed why they are

top of the table in Tier 1 of the South West U14 League. They reduced the lead before half time and brought the scores level with a second goal just after the break. The score ended 2-2 which was a fair reflection of the game and a positive way for many of the girls to bow out from the club.

Langholm will not have enough players for their own U16 team next year, but the majority of the players are heading off in different directions to new clubs to continue their footballing journey. From everyone at the club, especially their team coaches, Calum, Robert and Kayleigh, some who have worked with them for four years and are moving on themselves, they will be missed they wish them the very best of luck and best wishes in their next football chapter. They will be keeping tabs on their progress diligently. Many thanks to Queen of the South for travelling over and to Stephen Muir for refereeing the game.



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