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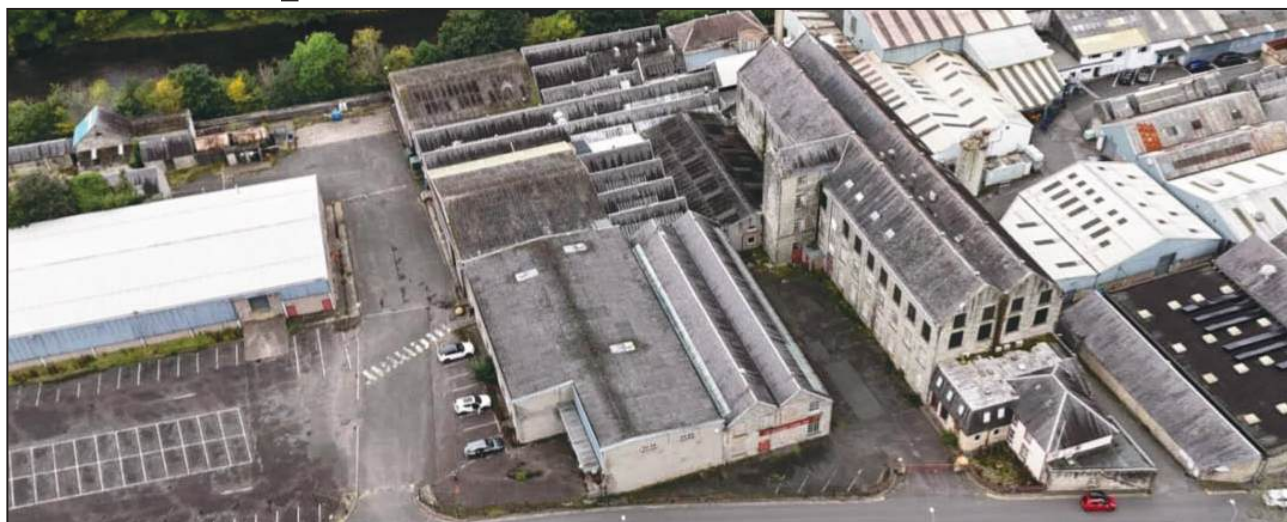
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## Promise of Heritage Centre that never materialised

End of the road as Langholm's Waverley Mill  
and area put on the market for £390k



The former EWM and Waverley Mill building on Glenesk Road Langholm has been put up for sale by estate agent Edwin Thompson. This three-storey category B listed mill building was vacated by Edinburgh Woollen Mill when it moved to Carlisle eight years ago saying it was unsuitable for their fast-growing retail development. Edwin Thompson's website states the asking price as offers over £390,000.

This large building will be challenging to develop because of its location in what has been designated as a flood plain by SEPA so it's like to be on the market for quite some time. From the external perspective it does not appear to be in good condition.

Waverley Mills, also historically

known as Scott's Mill, extends over a 1.47-hectare site and was originally founded by Alexander Scott in 1865 and designed by architect Thomas Aimers of Galashiels. The principal mill block is of three storeys with loft accommodation and dates from 1865-66, extended in 1871 to its current 17-bay form.

### 'Despair'

Headlines of the E&L Advertiser of May 24, 2018, were 'Town in 'despair' as firm announces withdrawal'. Employees of EWM were told at a meeting on the morning of 23rd May that the business would close its doors for the final time on July 30th. It was said to be a devastating blow to Eskdale's economy with EWM the last big employer left in the town.

There have been suggestions on social media for uses for the building, but much will depend on who purchases it as it will take a huge sum of money to do much with it. Category B listed buildings are designated by Historic Environment Scotland as being of regional or more than local importance and listed status applies to the interior and exterior of the building. Owning a listed building involves responsibilities related to preservation and renovations and usually require specialist materials and contractors.

A statement from EWM in June 2018 said, "We have ambitions to turn the building into a heritage centre which celebrates the role Edinburgh Woollen Mill and textiles have played and continue to play in Scotland." But as we know nothing of the sort has materialised in the last eight years.

### INSIDE



### Two fine fellows to stand for Cornet

The year rolls on and we find ourselves, once more at the start of the Common Riding season. With Friday's forthcoming Annual Meeting and election of Cornet, we have two fine candidates willing to take on the job. We wish them both well.

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# Don't look back in anger

## What was gan on twenty-five years ago?

Headlines in the E&L Advertiser 25 years ago on 10th May 2001 were 'Row Over Tourists or Jobs'. The article said, 'The problem over whether it is better to draw in tourists with one big attraction or entice industry to set up businesses and build houses to encourage employees to live in Langholm is dividing opinions.'



2001 saw the erection of the new Langholm Primary School...

The major issues focusing minds and resulting in the debate at that time was the imminent sale of Edinburgh Woollen Mill and its likely impact on jobs as well as the textile industry in general. There was talk about traffic management, building a heritage centre as well as promoting walking, cycling, fishing and horse riding. The article says that what was needed was a coherent strategy, but plans don't always come to fruition.



...and it was also the last year Bobby Morrison made the Barley Bannas

One wonders if we have moved on since then. Sadly, Langholm has had only a few houses built in that time and the development that was hoped for crashed. Edinburgh Woollen Mill's HQ remained in Langholm for many years but has now gone to Carlisle taking jobs with it and the premises are now up for sale. We have some textile related businesses but nothing like the number that were here in the past.

circles planning and hoping for jobs to come along. Should we just accept that Langholm is no longer an industrial town and continue to strive in other sectors to maintain employment here.

### The future

There are certainly a lot of activities amongst the community sector with a successfully revamped caravan site, a tourist information hub, a new nature reserve, and work still being done towards developing a heritage centre in the town. We also have Creation Mill doing sterling work and the continuation of Drove Weavers which both fly the flag for the textile industry along with FTS Dyers.

And there are plans by a local community organization to create new housing at the site of the old primary school.

Forestry has developed much more in the area than ever before employing local people, farms have reduced in number and are a much smaller employer than they have ever been. Things have moved on since 2001 but perhaps not fast enough to reduce the outward flow of young people.

The question remains as to how much local people, even with huge local volunteer and paid effort, can do to regenerate post industrial towns such as Langholm without strong support from government?

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# Two men, one choice



As the Muckle Toon puts forward two of its best, the residents must decide who is next to bear the Burgh Standard

**T**wo worthy candidates have put their names forward for the election of Cornet. Tom Henderson stands for the first year, while Thomas Hope stands for the third year.

Both have a shared passion for Langholm Common Riding which is encyclopaedic, and would each do Langholm proud.

It is a promising sign that so many of our young men continue to choose to stand for Cornet and stands the future of Langholm Common Riding in great stead.

It goes to show that passion, enthusiasm, and love for Langholm Common Riding continues to grow and thrive across the generations.

Voting will be held at the Buccleuch Centre from 6pm until 8pm on Friday 8th May.

Taylor's Funfair will be attendance at the Kilngreen for the festivities.

The E&L wishes both candidates the best of luck.



**T**om David Henderson is 21 and works as a Sales Assistant in Latimers of Langholm. His parents are Barry Henderson and Gill Corrie. Barry is a member of the Castle Craigs. This is Tom's first year standing for Cornet.

Tom joined the Castle Craigs in 2017 when his now colleague Stuart Murray was Cornet. He has ridden the Castle Craigs every year since, and has ridden the Common Riding every year since 2019. Tom is also an active member of the Castle Craigs Committee, and holds the record for most members' books sold. Tom joined the Young Riders at an early age and has been a keen participant in Young Riders events since.

In his spare time, Tom plays football for Langholm Legion, and is a keen supporter of Langholm Flapping. He is also a member of Langholm Social Club Committee, and is a keen carpet bowler.

**T**homas David Hope is 26 and works as an Agricultural Officer for the Scottish Government. His parents are David and Marion Hope. Both his parents have ridden the ride outs in the past, with David a member of the Castle Craigs. This is Thomas's third year standing.

Thomas joined the Castle Craigs in 2011 when Lee Earsman was cornet, going on to ride the Common Riding in 2012 and has carried on riding ever since. He is also an active member of both the Common Riding and Castle Craigs and took over as Common Riding Bar Convenor in 2023. Thomas has also attended other border Common Ridings and festivals on horseback.

In his spare time, Thomas plays rugby for Langholm and has previously been selected for the South District Union team. He has also volunteered as referee for Langholm Youth Rugby events, is a member of Langholm Golf Club, and is also a keen carpet bowler.

## Updated approach to Seismic array and wind farms

The UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero is consulting on an updated approach to managing on-shore wind seismic interference with the Eskdalemuir seismic array. The title of the consultation is 'Safeguarding the Array whilst Delivering Clean Power'.

The array is a seismological monitoring station in Eskdalemuir which was first established in 1962 to detect seismic signals from nuclear explosions. Continuously operating and safeguarding the array ensures that the UK can comply with its international obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty if, and when, it is ratified. In 2005 a report found that some of the rotational energy from wind turbines transfers through the columns into the ground which creates vibrations that



The seismic installation in Eskdalemuir was built in 1962

can adversely impact the detection capabilities of the array. Due to this, the Ministry of Defence has routinely objected to all planning applications for wind turbine development that fell within 10 km of the array thereby creating an exclusion zone.

The UK's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

and the Scottish Government is seeking to implement a solution to onshore wind interference with the seismic array at Eskdalemuir. A consultation is therefore being carried out and this was issued on 20 March and requires responses by 15 May. The E&L Advertiser has just been made aware of it.

Responses are invited from all interested parties as well as residents of the area near to the array in Eskdalemuir, developers and prospective developers, defence experts, and trade bodies. People can give their views online at [energygovuk.citizenspace.com/energy-development/eskdalemuir-seismic-array/](http://energygovuk.citizenspace.com/energy-development/eskdalemuir-seismic-array/)

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# New logo and strong future for Scottish Wool

Last week British Wool launched its new Scottish Wool certification logo, a scheme designed to verify products made using 100 per cent, Scottish wool. The logo was unveiled on Monday 27th April at an event at the British Wool Borders Depot in Selkirk, bringing together farmers, manufacturers, designers, and industry stakeholders from across Scotland's wool supply chain.

The new Scottish Wool logo enables brands and crucially consumers to identify products made using wool sourced entirely from Scotland, responding to increasing demand for traceable materials as consumers shift away from fast fashion and towards more sustainable clothing and interiors.

The Selkirk event showcased the full journey of Scottish wool, from sheep to finished product. Among those attending was Di Gilpin, judge on Channel 4's Game of Wool, who joined industry representatives to discuss the role of wool in modern design, craft and manufacturing.

Jim Robertson from the Becks farm who is the Chair of British Wool attended the event in his role and as a sheep farmer. Sheep



Langholm farmer, Jim Robertson is Chairman of British Wool

have always been central to his work, whether breeding flocks or shearing sheep across the region. Commenting on the launch, Jim Robertson our Chairman said: "Scottish wool is a valuable natural resource with a long history and a strong future. This certification gives confidence to consumers and brands that Scottish wool can be clearly identified and trusted for its provenance, quality and sustainability."

For farmers, the launch is another positive signal that regional identity, traceability and sustainability are becoming ever more important in the marketplace – helping showcase the true value of British wool and supporting stronger returns in the years ahead.

Several businesses have already signed up to use the certification, including Lochcarron of Scotland

which has championed Scottish wool in kilt, coating and interior fabrics for many years. One of the newly certified businesses is Gillian Elliot's Burnfoot Wool from Ewes which is producing goods using 100% traceable Scottish wool. Gillian is delighted that they've been given the new logo and certification for their product.

# Marie Curie palliative care volunteers



A new volunteering service is offering companionship to patients undergoing palliative care across NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

The service is being run by Marie Curie to provide comfort and emotional support to people approaching the end of life as well as their families. Volunteers services officer Sara Murray said that the service is making a positive impact and volunteers don't need a medical background just a kind heart, a little listening and time to give.

As a companion volunteer people might be able to visit someone and share stories, connect through hobbies and interests, chat about life locally or update them about other activities. For more information about the service contact Sara by calling 07753268855 or by emailing sara.murray@mariecurie.org.uk.

# Ruth helps Tories on Langholm campaign



Staying up to date with a copy of the E&L were Craig Hoy, centre, flanked by David Mundell MP and Ruth Davidson

**FORMER** Scottish Conservatives' leader Ruth Davidson was in Langholm on Sunday as campaigning for today's Scottish Parliament election hotbed up.

Baroness Davidson of Lundin Links now serves in the House of Lords as well as being a familiar face in the national media.

She was supporting Scottish Conservatives' candidate for Dumfriesshire Craig Hoy, who was also joined by local MP David Mundell and former MP Luke Graham.

They were joined by a number of other supporters, distributing leaflets and chatting townspeople and some visitors.

During a lunch break in the Eskdale Hotel, co-director John Galloway gave Baroness Davidson the chance of pulling a pint for a photo opportunity.

And to catch up on the latest local news, the politicians swiftly turned to a copy of the Eskdale and Liddesdale Advertiser.

# Call for Social Care system to be based on prevention

Local Government leaders have issued a clear call for change with the publication of a new white paper, 'A Social Care System Built on Prevention', part of a wider series being launched in advance of the Scottish Parliament election. Scotland's social care system is under growing and unsustainable strain, with services too often forced into reactive crisis management rather than proactive, preventative support.

The paper outlines the need for a decisive shift toward prevention and early intervention - ensuring people across Scotland can live well, independently, and with dignity in their own communities. Nearly 15 years on from the Christie Commission, the report highlights that prevention remains insufficiently embedded in Scotland's public services. Despite significant reform efforts, overly complex structures have too often failed to empower local, place-based delivery where it matters most.

At the heart of the paper is a clear message: properly resourced social care is the foundation of prevention. Investment in community-based services can reduce avoidable crises by strengthening connections between health, housing, families, and local support networks. COSLA the voice of Scottish Local Authorities sets out a whole-system approach to reform - one that integrates health and social care, embeds human rights, values the workforce, and enables the



# COSLA

flexibility councils need to respond to local circumstances.

However, the paper warns that current funding approaches are undermining progress. Short-term, ring-fenced funding limits the ability to plan and invest in long-term preventative solutions. COSLA is therefore calling for fair, multi-year funding settlements, including an additional £750 million for social care, to address unmet need and support meaningful service redesign. The report also underscores that prevention works best when delivered close to home.

# Community objections have not been ‘appropriately reflected’ in the Warblaw Scoping Report

Following an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Meeting in July, Scottish Woodlands (agents for the landowners, James Jones) have submitted their Scope for the EIA for the Warblaw forestry proposal. This can be viewed at: [https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/public-consultations/Warblaw – New Woodland Creation](https://www.scottishwoodlands.co.uk/public-consultations/Warblaw-Woodland-Creation).

In response to this, Scottish Forestry have now issued their ‘Scoping Opinion’ which can be viewed at [www.forestry.gov.scot/current-eia-cases](http://www.forestry.gov.scot/current-eia-cases). Save Warblaw Action Group (SWAG) is concerned that community objections have not been reflected appropriately at this or any stage of the process.

One of SWAG’s main points around the likely carbon emissions of the project appears to have been ignored. They asked for comprehensive modelling to be undertaken to measure likely carbon sequestration of

site preparation works, planting, growth and harvesting, including the usage of the harvested timber.

The report mentions climate change and how it might impact the project but not how the proposed planting itself may contribute to climate change. SWAG is worried that this assessment will not investigate the actual impact the scheme would have on the environment, with reference to recent science, as identified in the 2024 Royal Society of Edinburgh Inquiry into forestry and tree planting.

## Tick box exercise

It appears that all the ‘consultations’ were a tick box exercise in this process between Scottish Forestry and the landowners to approve forestry and meet targets. There is no mention of the petition against the proposal, signed by over a thousand Langholm folk.

The report does not reassure



One of SWAG’s main points around the likely carbon emissions of the project appears to have been ignored.

fears about the potential cumulative effects particularly with reference to the existing Cockplay plantation, the landscape assessment, the extreme fire risk and the spreading of self-seeded Sitka. On the subject of ‘possible

impact of the project on agricultural land availability / agricultural employment’. SWAG wishes to draw attention to the landowner’s unwillingness to sell land to local farmers wanting to keep it in agriculture. SWAG

is continuing to discuss with lawyers what legal steps might be open to them, to ensure the fundamental question of the level of carbon the plans will likely emit is factored into decision making.

## Open Mic Group

Eskdalemuir’s open mic group is holding a showcase on the evening of Saturday 23rd May. There will be food available at 6pm with music from 7pm. Although booking is not essential it would be good to get an idea of numbers so please contact Denise on 07563 686362.

## Bowlers’ Bar open

Langholm New Town Bowling Club is opening its bar on Friday 8th May from 6.30pm for the election of the Langholm Cornet. Everyone is welcome.

## Bridge Results

1, George & Brenda Bullamore, 2, Anne Ferguson & Nancy McLure, 3, Louise Grierson & Tom Stothart, 4 = Alison Mullock & Jim Muir and Alix Stevenson & Doreen Taylor, 6, Lorraine Morton & Aileen Graham.

## Forestry Policy Group

An organisation called The Forestry Policy Group is seeking views from people and communities across Scotland to gain a better understanding of how forestry is experienced, perceived and valued.

The Group is an independent thinktank dedicated to diversifying and strengthening Scotland’s forest sector. The group believes that forestry could and should, contribute much more to the economy than it presently does, particularly in rural areas and through small to medium scale enterprises.

The short survey asks about your connection to forestry, your views on the benefits and challenges of forestry in Scotland, community involvement and decision making and perceptions of public funding and priorities. The survey can be found online at The Forestry Policy Group: <https://forms.gle/6h6wLxr5FzD8PBak9>

## Holmhead felling licence granted

Buccleuch is proposing to carry out tree felling at Holmhead Langholm.

Dave Nicholson, Woodlands Operations Manager at Borders Estate said: “Buccleuch have been granted a felling licence for Holmhead where works will benefit the health of the woodland and its biodiversity. We will work to thin denser areas of the woods to allow more light to the forest floor, encouraging more ground flora. Most of the trees removed will be exotic conifer species, such as firs, spruces, cedar, and hemlock. Some broadleaved species will be thinned where there is a benefit to the woodland.

“Our aim is to preserve the appearance of the mixed conifer/broadleaf woodland for the enjoyment of the people who use it, whilst encouraging new growth from seed. In line with good practice, we will be conducting surveys for the presence of protected species before felling starts. Where paths need to be closed for public safety, we will let the community know and alternative routes will be provided. With the licence in place until 2018, we will work during the summer months over 2026 and 2027.”



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# Farming on the Border



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Farming with Gilly Fraser

## Fears grow about fertiliser costs

Fears about the impact of the ongoing Iran war on fertiliser costs have reached United Nations level.

The UN Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization Qu Dongyu has called for a coordinated policy response and outlined the FAO's proactive measures to address the situation.

He told a recent meeting of the FAO that peace and stability are prerequisites for food security, and that the right to food is a basic human right.

He said the closure of the Strait of Hormuz is sending shockwaves through global agri-food systems, resulting in significant disruptions to global energy, fertiliser, and agrifood inputs.

An estimated 1.5 to 3 million tons of fertiliser trade per month have been held up due to the blockade, jeopardizing agricultural productivity.

Qu told the meeting something needs to be done urgently, or the results could be catastrophic.

"The crop calendar is central to understanding the urgency



UN Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization Qu Dongyu

of the fertilizer crisis. Fertilizer applications must align precisely with planting windows that cannot be rescheduled without permanent yield losses."

With global leaders saying the Iran war has already led to the loss of 20 billion meals per week, the International Chamber of Commerce is now working with the UN in a bid to establish a safe corridor so that fertiliser shipments through the strait could restart, regardless of whether there is a ceasefire.

The problem for most UK farmers won't hit hard till next year, but decisions need to be made now and farmers' leaders say many in the industry are putting that off.

## NFUS and Young Farmers hold National Hustings

NFUS Scotland teamed up with the Scottish Association of Young Farmers Clubs to stage a well-attended National Hustings event ahead of the elections, placing agricultural policy and rural priorities firmly at the centre of the debate.

The event was hosted by NFUS President Andrew Connon and gave those present the opportunity to hear directly from representatives and candidates from Scotland's main political parties.

There was much discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing the sector, with strong engagement from established farmers and young people entering the industry.

Key issues covered access to land, multi-year funding, profitability, food security, practical learning, species management and next generation.

Andrew Connon said it had

been a very worthwhile event.

"It was excellent to see such a strong turnout and level of engagement from our members and young farmers," he said.

### Priorities

"Events like this are essential in ensuring agricultural priorities are clearly heard by those seeking to represent us in Parliament. The quality of debate demonstrated just how important these issues are to rural Scotland."

Fraser Graham of SAYFC, agreed:

"It was really valuable to see so many young farmers and crofters engaging directly with political leaders," he said.

"The decisions being made now will shape the future of our industry, and it's vital that young people have the opportunity to question, challenge and be heard."



Panelists from left to right: Jamie Halcro Johnston, Mags Hall, Jack McConnell, Alistair Carmichael, Richard Fairley and Jim Fairley.

## Unbelievably, sector set to deliver highest profits

It may seem hard to believe for those farmers who feel as though they are constantly having to tighten their belts right now, but according to the Scottish Government's first estimate, the country's farming sector looks set to deliver its highest profits for 2025.

That's a real turnaround from the record low recorded just two years earlier and shows that income is up 24% year-on-year and is now 33% above the average taken over a ten-year period.

Livestock continues to be the big beast, worth just short of £3 billion and accounting for 58% of total output.

Beef is still the biggest single contributor, valued at £1.1 billion that's up by 27% and a record high – even though cattle numbers have fallen by 5%.

Milk output rose by 9% to £617 million, while sheep and lamb values increased 18% to £353 million.

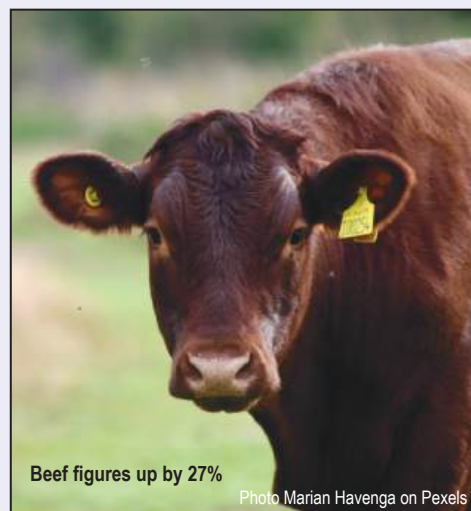
Egg production was 3% down to £199 million, while pig output fell 8% to £145 million.

In the arable sector, fared particularly well with output up 15% to £432 million.

There was a more mixed picture for cereals, with barley down 18% to £294 million, while wheat rose 15% to £183 million.

Labour costs went up by 2% to £929 million and feed costs came in at £779 million.

Somewhat ironically given the current situation,



Beef figures up by 27%

Photo Marian Havenga on Pexels

fertiliser and lime costs eased significantly, falling 7% to £240 million.

The Scottish Government is stressing that these figures are not yet written in stone, but say the early outlook points to a sector benefiting from sustained high prices in key commodities, even as structural challenges around costs, labour and market volatility remain.

## Events in D&G in May

Two major agricultural events are being staged in Dumfries and Galloway this month.

Described as "a working event for grass harvesting and conservation machinery and techniques," ScotGrass shows off the latest grass harvesting machinery, as it's put through its paces in field scale plots.

Visitors will also be able to talk to experts to find out more about technical subjects affecting the livestock industry.

As well as a variety of silage clamp demonstrations, organisers say they're proud to announce the launch of a new slurry demonstration zone for the 2026 show — a dynamic and interactive space dedicated to showcasing the very best in slurry application, handling and nutrient-management technologies.

Kayleigh Holden of ScotGrass says the new feature is a very important addition to the annual event.

"With sustainability and nutrient management at the heart



of modern farming, this new feature at ScotGrass will not only compliment the rest of the show but it will also give manufacturers a platform to bring their innovations out of static displays and into the field, allowing demonstrators and attendees to directly compare technologies, learn from experts and discuss real-world applications."

ScotGrass is being staged at Slacks Farm in Lochmaben on May 13th.

Also in May, the Digital Dairy

Chain and SRUC are hosting several events to showcase work in cow welfare.

They say information on behaviour and welfare of cattle can help farmers make better decisions for their animals – and cows with improved welfare tend to have improved health, which can cut down on Vet bills and supports higher milk production.

The D&G event will be at Inchparks in Stranraer on Friday May 15th.

# Creation Mill Experiences



Creation Mill has launched its farm and fibre experiences offering tours to local farms and the opportunity to try fibre processing.

These experiences offer people a comprehensive experience to look at the journey of natural fibres from the rearing of animals to the finished yarn creating from their fleece. Both farms are family run and additionally the visits offer the opportunity to learn about local history. Transport and lunches are included. One of the farms breed sheep while the other breeds

alpacas which have unique fleeces. People can then be involved in the scouring, carding, and felting of fibre finding out about the transformation of the fleece to make something of their own creation. For more detail go to the Creation Mill website and to book selected dates.

[www.creationmill.org/tours](http://www.creationmill.org/tours)  
Creation Mill is also open for the weekend of 23rd – 25th May – the Spring Bank Holiday for mill and farm tours, a maker's market, drop in workshops, face painting and lots more.

# Kilngreen erection is a 'Moving Story'

Everyone keeps asking what is being built at the Kilngreen, Langholm and we have been telling them that a multi-transport hub is being created by Dumfries and Galloway Council. This work has been supported by the Dumfries based Stove Network.

The Stove has badged the work they are doing as 'Moving Stories' which is a region-wide creative campaign celebrating the everyday journeys that connect communities across Dumfries and Galloway. The Stove Network is a Dumfries-based creative placemaking organisation which is working across the region — and is supported by Dumfries and Galloway Council. They are running a region wide campaign celebrating the everyday journeys that connect communities across the region.

They say that every journey is part of something bigger. From the first step to the final stop, movement connects us to place, to people and to



possibility. Walking to school, wheeling to see a pal, taking the bus to work — these are the movements that shape how we live, connect and belong. Moving Stories brings people together around active and sustainable travel — focusing on how and why people move, as well as the routes, services and transport networks they already use. The campaign also explores new opportunities as they emerge through lived experience, local identity and shared stories.

In Langholm The Stove has been working with the Xcel project to showcase the talent, creativity and culture of Langholm's young mountain bikers. The aim is to create a documentary style short film focused on the bikers and the community including skills and trail building. Developing Mountain Biking Scotland, Treun Media House and retired pro mountain biker Scotty Laughland have been working with the young people in Langholm.

# Gilnockie Quiz Night

Gilnockie Hall is holding a quiz on Friday 22nd May at 7pm. It costs £5 per person and there's a maximum of four people for each team. There will be some refreshments available on the night, but you should bring your own bottle.

# 307km Cycling Event

A 307km cycling event starting from Alnwick came through the area on Sunday with a control at Eskdalemuir community hub which also acted as a feed station. The route also went through Newcastleton This was a clockwise route around the area of the old border marches. The ride was organized by AUDAX UK - the world's largest long distance cycling club. Individual rides are non-competitive and there are different formats to the routes.



# Douglas stopover for coast-to-coast cyclists

A group of cyclists doing the Kirkpatrick Macmillan coast to coast route stayed at the Douglas Hotel last week. It's good to see local businesses benefiting from this route. Starting in Stranraer the route ends in Eyemouth and celebrates the region's role in the invention of the bicycle.

The route is named after Kirkpatrick Macmillan who was a blacksmith from Dumfriesshire who created the first pedal driven bicycle, the velocipede an innovation that changed transport forever. The route is fully signposted and follows various national cycle routes and most parts avoid areas of heavy traffic.





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# Labour of Common Riding love for Alan

## An impressive, curated collection of programmes, posters and ties dating back to 1919

A wonderful collection of Common Riding memorabilia has been created by Alan Miller of Yarns to Yarn For. Since 2022 Alan has been collecting Common Riding ties, programmes and posters, collating them and sorting them into various folders. Initially the collection was only of ties, but it later expanded to take in the other items. Yarns to Yarn For would take the pop-up shop Common Riding week and Alan thought it would look good if there was a display of ties for the window and this is where it began.

The tie collection has grown over the last few years and though not all confirmed as yet, he has what he thinks is a consecutive run from 1950 to 2025. That's 75 years of ties. The earliest he has is 1948, the year of Cornet Edgar Morrison. The earliest he has seen is 1946 Cornet John Murray and that year only 7 were made according to his son, another ex-cornet John Murray. The early 50s is the difficult part and if there's anyone reading this that can confirm especially 1951, 1952 (foot and mouth year reports indicate the colours were not taken from the Derby this year and changed to colours that represented the town Navy and Red (research is being done on this), 1953 and 1954.

The programme collection started next. A consecutive run from 1964 to present plus a few earlier, oldest being 1919. The earliest seen by Alan is for 1910. The poster collecting has been by far



CONSECUTIVE: Alan has a run of ties from 1950 to 2025 and programmes from 1964 to 2025 plus a few earlier ones



CURATOR: Alan Miller with Harris and Ex-Cornet Scott Morrison's poster from 1972 which was sent from New Zealand



NAVY & RED: These colours were used during the foot and mouth years - 1951/52

was the most time consuming. Alan has been borrowing posters from various folk or ones he has been given (on occasions straightening them out for a few days) then photographing them. After photographing they have been printed in A4 and A3 sizes. The earliest poster in the

collection is 1869. His favourite has to be 1972 which was kindly sent from New Zealand by ex-cornet Scott Morrison. Alan was 12 days old when Scott carried the standard. A consecutive run of posters from 1969 to present have been photographed and printed as well as some a good few years earlier.

### Complete Set

What Alan has done is build up folders of A4, A3 and now full-size posters, also folders which contain a tie, programme and A4 poster where possible from each year. The earliest complete set is 1964 ex-cornet Irving Edgar.

This is an ongoing project that probably doesn't have an end. If there's anyone reading this that can add to it in any way or advise on it, that would be really appreciated. Alan is not asking for folk to give up their collections but if there's anyone thinking what to do with old ties, posters or programmes then he is happy to add them to the growing collection. He would also like to thank the generous people that have donated or loaned items up to now.

This collection is really fantastic and at some time in the future it would be good to share it with people in an exhibition. Anyone wishing to have a look at the collection is more than welcome to pop down to the unit at Buccleuch Mills.

You can contact Alan via his email which is [yarnstoyearnfor@gmail.com](mailto:yarnstoyearnfor@gmail.com)



1937: Alan Miller with one of the early posters in the collection

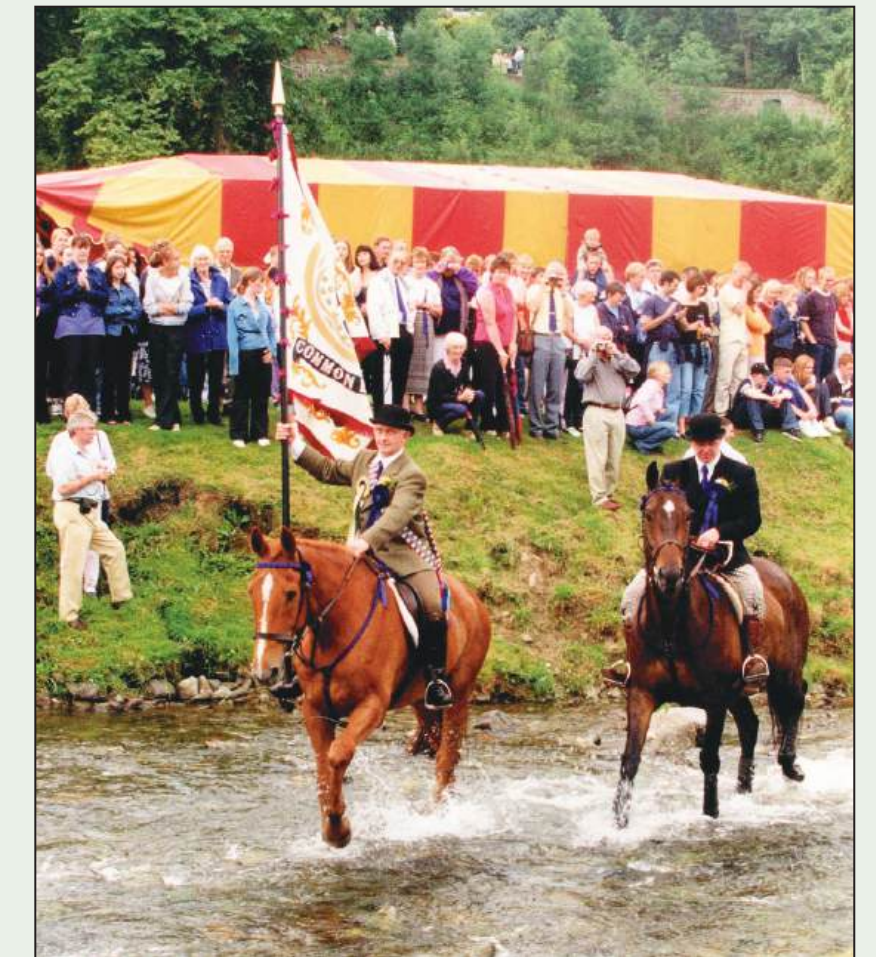


TIME CONSUMING: Alan has put in an immense amount of work curating the collection of Langholm Common Riding memorabilia



# Things had a different look 25 years ago

Twenty five years ago when the foot and mouth epidemic was at its height in Eskdale, Langholm Common Riding committee asked Semi Jubilee Cornet John Murray to carry the Burgh Standard on Common Riding day rather than elect a Cornet. The decision was met with thunderous applause at the Friday meeting with David McVittie in the Chair. John aged 45 said that he'd be delighted. Two weeks earlier the committee had decided that it would be unfair to expect someone to stand for Cornet when some of the activities would be curtailed because of the foot and mouth outbreak.



Semi-Jubilee Cornet John Elliot Murray carried the flag again in 2001, due to an outbreak of Foot & Mouth Disease

It was hoped that the Common Riding would be run as normally as possible but it was unlikely that any preliminary ride-outs would take place and permission would have to be sought for the three principals to be on horseback. John Murray was to be flanked by right hand man Steven Hotson and left hand man Darren Irving.

The article in the E&L Advertiser on 17th May 2021 said that with a number of events still unclear such as taking the horses to the hill and getting the use of the Castleholm it is being left to the committee to deal with these later. Mr McVittie congratulated last year's Cornet Steven Hotson on the way he had carried out his duties and also the right and left hand men Darren Irving and Malcolm Devlin.

He thanked all the various sponsors and helpers who had contributed to making the Common Riding such a success.

Treasurer Paul Davidson revealed there had been a small profit of £109 last year and that the Common Riding was now costing £20,000 to run.

Prior to the public meeting the Langholm Pipe Band and Town Band played through the streets on what was a warm spring evening, and a large crowd gathered at the town hall to welcome them. The Town Band also played a number of Common Riding aires on the stage before the meeting started.

By Gilly Fraser

# Copshaw info hub for Tour de France

## No8 Club is to host drop-in events

Newcastleton's No8 Club is to play host to the first in a series of drop-in events to give local people information about the Tour de France.

The event is still more than a year away, but Scottish Borders Council wants to make sure communities and villages along its route are given plenty of time to prepare.

The Newcastleton drop-in will be held on Monday 18 May 2026, from 10.30am-12noon before moving on to Hawick in the afternoon. Organisers will also visit other venues in the Borders the following day.

The Borders will be put well and truly in the spotlight as most of stage one of the world's biggest cycle race will be held there.

It's a real feather in the cap for the region which has been recognised by cycling's governing body for its commitment to both elite cycling competition and cycling for all, with the award of UCI Bike Region status.

It also helps to boost the region's boast that it has hosted many international-scale events, including the Tour of Britain cycle race on multiple occasions and the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championship events at



The event will give Copshaw a worldwide audience

Glentress.

On Friday July 2027 the race will leave Edinburgh, head south to Innerleithen, then on to Galashiels and Melrose. Riders will then skirt the edge of Selkirk before going on to Hawick.

They'll then enjoy the highlight of the day when they reach Newcastleton, before the stage finish in Carlisle.

The event will give Copshaw

a worldwide audience, since the Tour is broadcast in over 190 countries, with an estimated global audience of up to four billion people across the three-week race.

SBC say they are working together with partners to ensure that this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity delivers significant economic benefits for the area and a long-term legacy.

# Bright bunting to bedeck our bonnie village...

## ...in yellow of course



The event will give Copshaw a worldwide audience

Copshaw seamstresses have been hard at work using their sewing skills to bring more than a touch of sunshine to the village.

The plan is to create multiple metres of bunting in bright Copshaw Common Riding yellow to bedeck the village in time for this year's event and the Music Festival in July.

More than 50 metres has already been made thanks to the new Copshaw Crafters Group and also to volunteers who took part in a sewing session at Buccleuch House.

The scheme is the brainchild of Copshaw Clatter Co-Editor Camille Juliff, who also got the village knitting at the end of last year to create poppies for new displays at the War Memorial for Remembrance Day.

Camille says funding for the material has been generously donated by Copshaw Common Riding and Newcastleton and District Community Council.

"We have enough material to complete between two and three thousand bunting flags, which together will be up to 1.5km in length," she said.

"We have more workshops planned at Liddesdale Church and Buccleuch House up to the end of June and several people have offered to make some bunting at their homes. If anyone would like to help, we will be delighted to provide materials, pattern and any help needed.

"Hopefully many hands will make light work."

Contact: copshaw\_crafters@outlook.com

# Josh and Angela are Tub hopefuls

Voters throughout the region are going to the polls today (Thursday) to put a cross in the box next to the name of their preferred MSP on the constituency ballot and their preferred party on the regional ballot.

Meanwhile voters in Copshaw are looking forward to a far more thrilling electoral showdown.

They'll be going back to the polls later this week to choose this year's Common Riding Tub.

Every year so far has seen a high calibre of contestants for the coveted role and 2026 is no exception.

Two brave souls have thrown their hats into the ring – namely Angela Lockerby and Josh Nichol.

Both have strong family connections with the Common Riding. Josh's dad Ian was Tub in 2017. Former member of renowned local band Chianti, Ian writes the lyrics every year



CONTENDERS: Josh Nichol and Angela Lockerby

for the Tub's tune and is officially recognised as the Music and Ceremony Maker-Upperer.

In 2019 Angela's cousin Paula Downey became the first Artist to carry the much-loved Pureous Bunkumus flag round the boundaries ahead of the (usually) two-wheeled pack – and due to Covid she held on to the role for 2020 and 2021.

So whichever one wins, both Angel and Josh have tough acts to follow.

Votes can be cast in Legends throughout the day on Saturday May 16th and the winner will be announced at the Tub's Ball in the evening.

Good luck to both candidates – we know you'll do the village proud!



Sic a gran' view

# Letters to the Editor

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## Second Solar Farm Schemes for A & E

National news on Sunday May 3rd Prime Minister Starmer declared "The world is in the most dangerous state within my lifetime".

World conflict and war is on the increase, population in this country is rapidly on the increase, basic food and commodity importation seems more important than making or producing ourselves, importation using fossil fuels yet we are not to drive fossil fuelled cars anymore. The price of fuel and availability is totally unstable particularly causing more stress to farmers who are castigated in every way with taxes, paper work, blamed for causing pollution and environmental damage etc.

There is supposed to be a shortage of 'affordable' housing consequently good agricultural land is being lost to building houses, ear to ear and not a solar panel or domestic electricity wind turbine in sight.

Farm tenancy is now a very unstable life as many are being

evicted and land sold off for commercial forestry, in this part of South Scotland called 'Lowland Clearance'. And now, guess what, the high handed land owners are dipping their fingers into the money pot again with solar farms.

Protests are increasing regards to the proposed Wyseby Hill Energy Project. 9 miles long Solar Farm near Kirkpatrick Fleming, Greta and Chapelknowe, by Stockport based Green Energy International.

But, Buccleuch are proposing another 900 acres solar farm near Canonbie, Hall Burn Renewable Energy Scheme.

We cannot eat; houses, trees or solar panels. We need to support food production in this country. I agree not intensive farming but return to organic, yes organic, nature is organic rotational food production, fabric and clothing production made from natural sources not artificial fibres made from oil and coal, particle of which passing through your washing machine into the rivers causing aquatic creatures damage. Products imported and probably made by semi-slave labour. Bring back our Britain, productive top quality as it used to be.

Christine Hudson  
Rowanburn  
Canonbie

## Goat Campaigners at Producers' Market

At the recent Langholm Producers Market (2nd May), The Wild Goat Conservation Trust, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of the wild goats of Langholm and Newcastleton Hills, had a wonderful fundraising event.

The very kind organisers gave us a table at the Market where we had a fantastic time selling our wild goat branded merchandise and talking to so many people, all clearly interested in the wild goats of Langholm Moor.

We took nearly £300 in just a few short hours and had a most positive experience; our first ever table top sale.

The great importance of talking to the lovely folk who attended the Market that morning, was to chat more about our ambitions for the management of the special herd of wild goats and how we intend to use the funds we are raising. It was clear that there was a lot of interest in our project to discover exactly how many of the



Members of the goat group

wild goats are out there roaming our local hills. This knowledge is a fundamental building block from which to develop a plan for the herd's long-term sustainable management.

Our thanks go to the generous organisers of the Producers Market at the Buccleuch Centre and to the lovely supportive folk that we had the pleasure to meet.

We are next in Langholm at the pop-up shop on 30th May, where we will be selling more lovely goat goods and talking to many more interested people.

David Braithwaite  
Chairman; The Wild Goat  
Conservation Trust

## Expansion of Banking Hubs

### D&G MP back the move

John Cooper MP has co-sponsored a Bill in Parliament which would change the law to allow an expansion of Banking Hubs so consumers have better access to face-to-face banking services. The In-Person Banking Services Bill was introduced in Parliament on Wednesday 29 April 2026 by former Conservative Treasury Minister Alan Mak MP and co-sponsored by John Cooper MP. The Bill extends the last Conservative Government's banking legislation protecting access to cash by putting protection of access to face-to-face banking services into law for the first time.

Over the past decade, more than 6,000 bank branches have closed across the UK restricting access to in-person banking including in Langholm, Dalbeattie, Castle Douglas and Wigtown. In response LINK, the organisation that decides where Banking Hubs can open, has carried out over 1,600 assessments in communities across the country, leading to 276 recommendations for new Banking Hubs.

However, many communities such as Langholm never reach that stage – and miss out completely. Under current rules, communities are often deemed to have sufficient banking provision if there is access to cash, for example if there's a Post Office or cash machine within one kilometre of the local high street. This is despite there being no access to face-to-face banking services.

Mr Mak's Bill, co-sponsored by John Cooper MP will change the law so LINK must consider the need for access to face-to-face banking services – not just access to cash or cash machines – when

deciding where Banking Hubs can open. The Bill's long-term aim is ensuring every town or village with a population over 10,000 is eligible for face-to-face banking services through a Banking Hub.

This law change is backed by Conservative MPs from across the UK, reflecting the fact that the current law was an excellent first step but does not go far enough given the rate of bank branch closures.



John Cooper MP

# Canonbie Post Office update: Use it or lose it, simple as that!

At a public meeting held on 28 April 2026, the Canonbie Community Enterprise (CCE) committee provided the community with an update on the operation of the village shop and Post Office, which began trading at the end of July 2025.

The committee explained that external funding has been vital in enabling the takeover and ongoing operation of the service. However, the funding is subject to very strict guidelines. All expenditure must match what was outlined in the original funding application, and receipts must be provided as evidence. The funders do not allow money to be diverted to other expenses, even where needs arise later.

A key requirement of acquiring the Post Office was training. Two committee members undertook intensive preparation

to qualify to operate the Post Office system. Di and Debbie completed a three day course in South Shields alongside extensive online training, both passing successfully. They are now qualified, along with Liz, to train future members of staff.

### Staffing

Staffing has been an ongoing challenge. Following recruitment and training, Mito joined the team but has since resigned. The committee has, however, been fortunate to retain Niamh Lamont as Sunday shop assistant and Liz Smith as morning shop manager. Looking ahead, committee member Debbie Axon has stepped in to cover afternoon shifts in both the shop and Post Office, taking on the role as a paid employee.

The initial stock purchased from the previous owner included a number of older, slow moving

lines, which significantly affected profit margins early on. To address stock issues and reduce waste, a pre order system has been introduced for Warburtons bread and Elliot's Butchers meat, proving popular with customers and helping ensure availability. Due to limited storage space and high minimum delivery thresholds from some suppliers, committee members also regularly collect stock from other retailers such as Farmfoods.

### Refurb

Funding has also been secured to support a partial shop refit. New fittings are being installed, with work scheduled to begin on 6 May by a local joiner. The shop will be closed on 6 and 7 May during the refit, although arrangements will be made to ensure newspapers remain available. Customers are asked to bear with temporary disruption

and lower stock levels during this period.

Financially, the business is currently operating at a loss of approximately £800 per month. Wage support funding is covering this shortfall for now, but this support ends next year. Additionally, the business is nearing the VAT threshold, which will introduce an estimated £150 per month liability to HMRC.

The committee stressed that the long term survival of the shop and Post Office depends on regular community use. Without increased local support, the service is not sustainable. The message remains clear: **USE IT OR LOSE IT.**

The committee is also seeking volunteers to help ease the workload, which includes stocking, maintenance, administration, and compliance. Any support from the community would be greatly appreciated.



Aisha from the Post Office with Jim Muir, Liz Smith and Di Badham on handover day in July 2025



# Lang Syne in Eskdale

...David J. Beattie:...of Sandy Peden and his view

Looking back...

Frequent efforts have been made by the descendants of the perpetrator of the crime to have the memorial removed, but each attempt has been frustrated by the righteous indignation of the dalesfolk.

Twenty years ago, when a century's storms had rendered the inscription on the stone recording the tragic event almost illegible, an opportunity was given through the good offices of the Eskdale and Liddesdale Archeological Society of having the letters recut and deepened, which was effected without altering their original character.

There are still many strange and weird stories told of the Johnstones of Westerhall, but they are in most instances associated with the bitter religious feeling prevalent against the family, whose name had become obnoxious at the time of, and for generations after, the cruel period of the Covenanting persecution.

Long ago I remember hearing the following story of a later generation of Westerhall, which I will endeavour to relate.

In the little wayside inn at the summit of Calister Ha' Brae, about six miles beyond Langholm on the Wauchope road, a jovial company of cronies spent the long evening drinking. Among them was the Laird of Westerhall who, like his fellows, had imbibed all too freely. When the carousal broke up, Johnstone staggered to the door and, calling for his horse, was hoisted

into the saddle by his drunken associates. He had overstayed his visit at the inn.

Furiously he lashed his restless horse and the beast lunged forward as Westerhall in angry retort to a confederate's ill-timed jest about his late home-going, noisily shouted back "I'll be at home or in Hell in ten minutes!"

Down the brae, horse and rider flew like the wind, waking the sleeping dale with the echo of iron-shod hooves on the hard country road. On they raced, following the shadowy trail of the Bigholms Burn; on by the solitary farmstead by the roadside; on past the place where the waters of Logan and Glencorf meet; on, still on, as the moments sped by, the frenzied animal pursuing its mad course, blindly driven forward into the darkness of that fateful night.

Next morning, on the roadside at the edge of the pastureland fronting the farmstead of Bloughburnfoot, the early dawn revealed the lifeless body of a horseman. Two and a half miles further down the valley at Meikleholm Toll Bar on that peaceful May morning in 1841, a riderless horse stood patiently awaiting the opening of the gate that barred the way to the Eskdale road and home.

When as a boy I first heard this story, almost sixty years ago, I was at the time gazing at the old grey dyke which skirt the Wauchope road, where the unhewn stones,



Approaching Peden's View, Langholm, from the east

Photo by Walter Baxter

built in a vertical position, mark the tragic spot. And I can well remember wondering as I stood there, whether the boast of the drunken Barnet had come true. Westerhall gates did not swing open for the Laird that night.

## Sandy Peden

The day following the killing at Craighaugh, Graham of Claverhouse, in melancholy mood, accompanied by his troopers, passed down the Eskdale road, for that night he was to sleep at Langholm Castle.

Approaching the bend of the Esk at Breconwrae, there is a small con-

ical-shaped hill detached from the larger peaks, which rarely escapes the observation of the passer-by.

It was here, on some other occasion, that Sandy Peden, the hero of Scottish Covenanting days, sighted the dragoons of Claverhouse, who were pursuing him.

Tradition says that Peden, finding his way of escape almost cut off, crossed over to a neighbouring hill on the other side of the valley and prayed God that he would send a mist.

High up on the breast of Timpen, which looks over the Castleholm, there once grew a wizened bush known as Cowie's Thorn. I have been told that it was near this spot that Peden took refuge in the God-

sent mist and thus miraculously escaped capture.

The writer of the "Life of Peden" depicts this incident as occurring in Galloway. At this distance of time such claims cannot always with certainty be substantiated. It may be noted, however, that Peden's View, the name by which this familiar landmark in the valley is known, has been handed down from the days when the persecuted Covenanters were hunted like partridges on the Eskdale hills. Peden's Well, a spring of clear, cold water at the foot of the hill, is still pointed out as a place to which Sandy Peden resorted when in hiding from the King's dragoons.

## C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

### Thursday, 30th April 2026

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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 5,860 sheep comprising of 55 lambs, 3,439 hogs and 2,366 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 30th April

#### NEW SEASON SPRING LAMBS

Lambs selling at good rates far in front of last years rates. Many more wanted on a weekly basis to satisfy purchaser requirements. Top price per head of £221 for Suffolk lambs from HM Martindale, The Land, Ecclefechan. Top per kilo at 440p/kg for Charollais lambs shown by R Whittaker, Hundalee House, Jedburgh. Overall average 399.4p (SQQ 415p)

#### Principal Prices (Per Head)

**Suffolk** £221 The Land, £216 Beechgrove, £194 The Land.  
**Texel** £202 Beckfoot.  
**Charollais** £198 Hundalee House.  
**Zwartbles** £175 Stapleton Grange.

#### Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

**Charollais** 440p, 421p Hundalee House.  
**Texel** 420p Beckfoot.  
**Suffolk** 404p The Land, 391p Beechgrove, 383p Beckfoot.

#### PRIME HOGGS

Another very mixed entry of prime hogs forward. Heavy hogs seeing a slight rise whilst export hogs were few and far between and keenly sought after.

Many more well finished prime hogs can be sold to vendor advantage at Longtown. Top price of 487p per kilo for Beltex from J.T. & E.M. Marrs & Son, Broomhills with a top per head of £300 for Texels from D. & V. Mac-

Taggart, Chapelcroft.  
Overall average 389.7ppk (SQQ 405.2ppk)

#### Principal prices (Per head)

**Texel**- £300 Chapelcroft, £260, £250, £245, £235, £232, £230 Unthank, £226 Ragget-syke.

**Beltex**- £255 Unthank, £240, £230 Hillside, £222 Park Nook and Cleughbrae, £220 Unthank, £219 Shantler Hill Farm.

**Suffolk**- £226 Cleughbrae, £224 Lane End, £222 Shethin, £220 Pasture House and Higher Lillybrook, £218 Barnglies.

**Blue Texel**- £222 Gillahill, £218 Seat Hill.  
**Charollais**- £218 Higher Lillybrook, £198 Gillahill, £183 Syke Head.

**Herdwick**- £215 Nether Albie, £204, £180 Kilnhill, £161 Ashley Park.

**Mule**- £207 Pasture House, £205, £200 Syke Head, £196 Nunsleugh, £192 Moss House, £186 Fenniness.

**Hill Cheviot**- £200 Copperthorns, £190 Cleughbrae, £185 Copperthorns, £184 Sor-bietrees, Pasture House and Hillside, £182 South Bogbain.

**Zwartbles**- £200 Westernhopeburn, £184 Beckfoot.

**Lleyn**- £200 Copperthorns.  
**Badgerface**- £198 Dalwyne.

**Blackface**- £196 Milnmark, £187 Unthank, £186 Ormsary, £180 Shantler Hill Farm, £179 Hillside, £178 Ormsary.

**North Country Cheviot**- £195 Guardsmill and Beckfoot, £178 Shethin, £168 Humble-heugh.

**Bluefaced Leicester**- £194 Shantler Hill Farm, £192, £178 High Parkfoot, £166 Raggetsyke.

**Cheviot Mule**- £185 Tushielaw, £184 East Rackwood Hill, £173 Evertown, £171 Patties Hill.

**Oxford** - £175 Guards Farm.

**Easy Care**- £174 Syke Head, £165 High Trewitt, £152 Peddar Hill.

**Kendal Rough**- £170 Broomhills.

**Dutch Spotted** - £170 Shethin.

**Dartmoor** - £166 Litharge.

**Swaledale**- £160, £155 Roundmeadows, £152 Nunsleugh, £150 Pasture House, £149 The Craggs.

**Shetland**- £143 Fenniness.

#### Principal Prices (Per Kilo)

**Beltex**- 487p Broomhills, 471.1p Drum-cairn, 470.7p Broomhills, 468p Drumcairn, 466.7p Gillahill.

**Texel**- 454p Lenaig, 448.7p Shethin, 446p Unthank, 444.4p Brawliemuir, 442.1p Gillahill, 438p Unthank, 437.2p East Raf-fies.

**Blackface**- 442p Ormsary, 429p Kirkhill, 418.4p Westernhopeburn, 411p Laughmurside, 409.4p Ormsary.

**Hill Cheviot**- 441p, 431.3p South Bogbain, 428p Brackley, 424p Prior Rigg, 421p Tushielaw.

**Suffolk**- 438p Far Howe, 433.3p Lenaig, 430.8p Govals, 423p Outertown and Far How, 407.3p The Ha.

**Mule**- 422.6p Westernhopeburn, 405.9p Ormsary, 400p Patties Hill, 395.5p Barnglies, 393.2p Lenaig.

**Charollais**- 415p Outertown, 388.2p Gillahill, 381p Syke Head.

**Easy Care**- 412.5p High Trewitt, 395.5p Syke Head.

**North Country Cheviot**- 412p Shethin, 409.8p Humbleheugh.

**Herdwick**- 403p, 383p Ashley Park, 368.4p Brackley, 357.1p Longrow, 353.8p Kilnhill.

**Cheviot Mule**- 402.3p Evertown, 380p Pat-

ties Hill, 370p Tushielaw.

**Shetland**- 397.2p Fenniness, 337p Lochquoy.

**Swaledale**- 382.1p The Craggs, 375p Pasture House, 363.4p Westernhopeburn, 345p Nunsleugh.

**Bluefaced Leicester**- 360.9p Raggetsyke, 359.3p Shantler Hill Farm.

**Dutch Spotted**- 377.8p Shethin.

**Badgerface**- 366.7p Dalwyne.

**Kendal Rough**- 354p Broomhills.

**Zwartbles**- 353.8p Beckfoot.

**Dartmoor** - 345.8p, 340p Litharge.

**Kerry Hill** - 338p Chapel Fm.

**Lleyn** - 313p Copperthorns.

**Oxford** - 312.5p Guards Farm.

**Blue Texel**- 302.8p Seat Hill.

#### CAST EWES AND RAMS

A similar show of 2,366 cast ewes and rams sold to recent high rates of return with handy weights ewes proving very good to sell.

All classes of ewes are sold to vendor advantage at Longtown as the prices below speak for themselves. Now is the time to sell.

Texel ewes sold to a top of £350 from High Moor Farms.

Blackfaces peaked at £178 from J & D Longlands Ltd, Tone Hall, Hexham with Swaledales selling to £175 consigned by H Huddlestone, Round Meadows, Cattan.

Rams topped at £310 for a Charollais from Beckfoot.

Many More ewes and rams are required and requested by purchaser demand in the run up to the Qurbani festival. Please do not hesitate to contact any of our auctioneers and fields personal which will be pleased only too pleased to take your calls to market your stock for maximum returns.

#### Heavy ewes

**Texel** £350 High Moor, £330 Rigghead, £330, £305 Kirkton, £305 High Moor, £295 Elizafield £285 Rigghead & Orchardton Mains.

**Beltex** £295 Tercrosset, £280 Dotland Park & Drumreach, £275 Tercrosset.

**Charollais** £285, £280 Thackwood, £278 Rigghead, £270 Thackwood.

**Suffolk** £280 Beckfoot, £235 Smerral, £230 Tone Hall, Thuster Mains & Jerusalem, £228 Beckfoot, £222 Chapel, Guardsmill, Hallees & Beckfoot.

**Blue Texel** £250 Swallowdene, £205 Beck-foot.

**Rouge** £245 Haas Grove.  
**Blue Leicester** £235 Fenniness, £234 Nunsleugh, £230 Round Meadows & Clonrae.

**Dutch Spotted** £232 Rigghead, £205 Brayshaw.

**North Country Cheviot** £230 Humbleheugh, £210 High Moat, £208 Beckfoot, £202, £200 Humbleheugh.

**Cheviot Mule** £228 Orchardton Mains, £218 Wardford, £200 Ormiston.

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**Mule** £212 Leithenhall, £202 Rigghead, £200 Kirkhill, Higher Lillybrook, Round Meadows & Tone Hall, £198 Ralphshield, £195 Wardford & Swallowdene.

#### Light ewes

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#### Rams

**Charollais** £310 Beckfoot, £280 Archerbeck.

**Suffolk** £300 Galleywreay, £220 Tercrosset.

**Bleu du Maine** £285 Dalwyne.

**Blue Leicester** £275 Holme Head, £270 Barnakill, £235 Marygate.

**Texel** £275 Longrow, £265 Litharge, £258 Shethin.

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**Dutch Spotted** £200 Killeonan.

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	After School Club	4-5:30	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
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<b>Wed</b>	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 0ES
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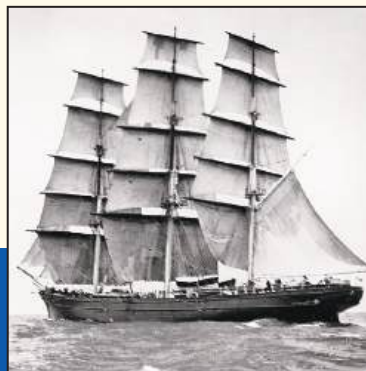
# WHAT'S ON IN MAY

Thurs 7th	Scottish Parliamentary Election	Polling stations 7am - 10pm
Fri 8th	Langholm Common Riding Public Meeting & Election of Cornet	The Buccleuch Centre Voting 6pm to 8pm Meeting 8pm
Sun 10th	Eskdale Pony Club Dog Show	The Castleholm 1pm
Sat 16th	Paul Young Songs And Stories	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Thurs 21st	Sand, Silt, Fling Fiona Soe Paing music DG Arts Festival	Eskdalemuir Hub 7.30pm
Fri 22nd	The Music of John Denver	The Buccleuch Centre 7.30pm
Sat 23rd	Open Mic Evening Showcase	Eskdalemuir Hub 6pm food 7pm music
Sat 23rd - 25th	Spring Fling Open Studios Event	Various studios in the region
Sun 24th	Barbeque & Background Music	Eskdalemuir ESMP Hall from 2pm

# The E&L General Knowledge Quiz

No. 2618 answers next week

- Which city did Alfred the Great make his capital?
- Which vet brought increased recognition of the North Yorkshire Moors through his vet books?
- Which Kent girl's school was attended by Princess Anne?
- On which peninsula is the Welsh resort of Pwllleli located?
- On which river does the town of Tonbridge stand?
- In which fictitious London borough is TV's "Eastenders" set?
- In which Oxfordshire tow is the Williams Formula One motor racing team based?
- Collectively, what are Lincoln's Inn, Gray's Inn, Inner Temple and Middle Temple?
- What is Britain's most visited historic ship?
- Near which railway station did a major train-crash occur on December 12th, 1988?
- In which southern county would you find Walland Marsh?
- In which seaside town are TVR's high-performance cars manufactured?
- Which London church is the headquarters for the Catholic Church in Britain?
- Which castle has been referred to as the "Key of England"?
- At the head of which peninsula does Swansea lie?
- In North Devon, what completes Bay, West and Weir?
- What futuristic London building was designed by Richard Rogers?
- Who is the Primate of all England?
- Of which charitable organization was Dame Jennifer Jenkins the first female chairperson?
- What is the principle British world news agency?



# Crossword & Quiz Solutions from last week

## Quiz 2617

- Notting Hill
- Nottingham
- Plymouth Hoe
- Berkshire
- Shropshire
- River Taw
- Regent Street
- France
- Westward Ho!
- China-clay
- Wast Water
- Isle of Wight
- Poole Harbour
- Leeds Castle
- Hastings
- Winchester
- Greater London and Greater Manchester
- Cairngorms
- Sir Joseph Banks
- Blue

## Crossword 2617

**Across:** 1 Sighted, 5 Bravo, 8 Iraqi, 9 Cornish, 10 Dynamic, 12 Hair, 14 End, 16 Hanoi, 18 Goo, 19 Foam, 21 Atlanta, 24 Cowslip, 26 Ennui, 27 Layer, 28 Descent.

**Down:** 1 Skin-deep, 2 Grain, 3 Triumph, 4 Doc, 5 Birth, 6 Abiding, 7 Oahu, 11 Conga, 13 Royalist, 15 Doorway, 17 Illness, 20 Molar, 22 Nonce, 23 Kcal, 25 Pad.

# NEVER A CROSSWORD!

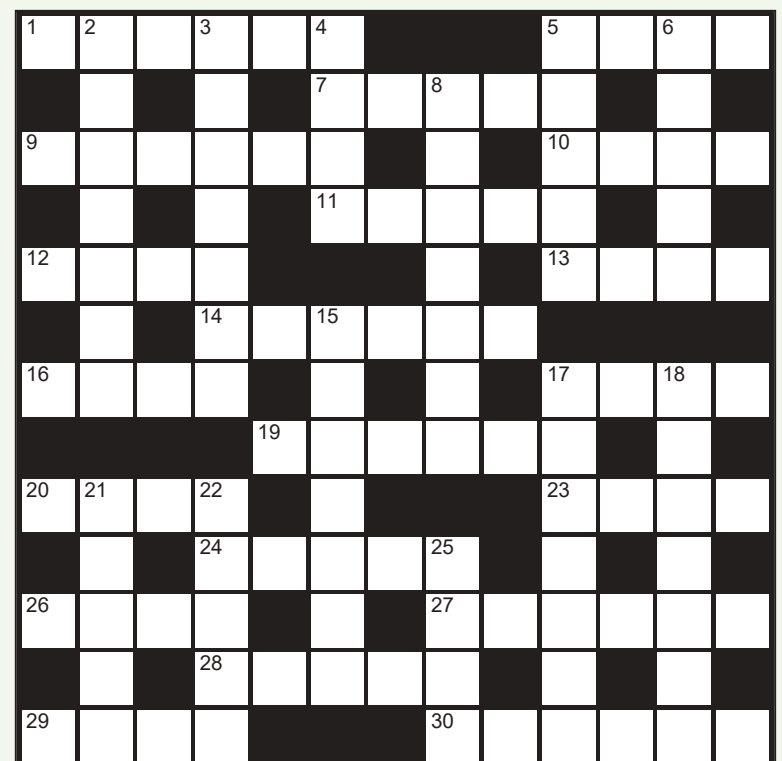
No. 2618 A mix of general knowledge and cryptic clues think. Answers next week

### Across

- Entertained (6)
- Two together (4)
- Cub leader (5)
- Recluse (6)
- Tears (4)
- Pond scum (5)
- Cried (4)
- Nap (4)
- Confused, go near Seville, maybe (6)
- Stalk (4)
- Mark left by a healed wound (4)
- Baby's berth (6)
- Mannheim Mrs (4)
- Trim (4)
- Minor prophet (5)
- Rank vehicle (4)
- Acquire (6)
- Lamp-lighter (5)
- In this way (4)
- Old standard-bearer (6)

### Down

- Inflatable life jacket (3,4)
- Indicator of illness (7)
- Individual facts (4)
- Uncovered (5)
- Hitchcock film of 1969 (5)
- Betrothed (7)
- Blimp (7)
- Governing bodies (7)
- Type of grace, perhaps? (7)
- Car he adapted to sail across the wind (5)
- Single things (5)
- Additional (4)



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# Old Town Young Bowlers



## Youth Bowling

The Langholm Old Town young bowlers season got underway on Sunday afternoon with a better than expected turnout even though the weather was not favourable for fun and games.

Prior to this, on Friday a social evening was held to showcase the new facility to all who had helped in any way either financially or physically.

On the Friday evening a number of the juniors were pleased to come along to receive a cheque for £660 from the Langholm, Ewes, and Westerkirk Community Council which will be used to purchase protection mats. These will help minimise wear and damage to the playing surface.

# Copshaw's Cross Country Kids!

## Red faces then relaxing rewards

### Cricket

Newcastleton Primary School picked a perfect day to hold their rescheduled cross country event!

Both classes did extremely well, then it was off to the play park for lunch, and then on to the Alchemy Film Club exhibition.



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Kaye and Stephen are proud to announce the arrival of their first child  
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love from Mum & Dad

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# Rusty start to the season at Nunwick

## 5-wicket defeat prompts Langholm to up their game

### Cricket

By Graham Park

Langholm began their 2026 Cricket Season with a 5-wicket defeat away to Nunwick. Batting first, Langholm looked rusty and could only post 112 which turned out not to be enough as the home side reached that total in 34 overs.

Langholm made a terrible start as swing bowler Carrick clean bowled both openers with only 6 on the board. Skipper John Bell and Tony Steele steadied the ship taking the score to 49 before Steele fell for 13. With the score on 66 Bell fell for 35 to leave Langholm 4 down. Three wickets fell with the score on 71 to leave Langholm in real trouble. Graham Park and Euan Coates took the score to 88 before Coates was out for 8. Scott Norman making his debut for the club hit a quick fire 13 which got Langholm up to 105 for 9. Ryan Johnstone joined Park and they



Langholm Cricket Club were in action against Nunwick

edged the score to 112 before Johnstone was out for 4 with Park not out on 14. Langholm did well to get to 112 especially after being 71 for 7.

Nunwick made a steady start with openers Tweedie and Dent not giving any chances against the opening Langholm bowlers. A change in bowling eventually produced the first wicket as Tony Steele clean bowled Dent for 32 with the score on 42. This opened up one

end and soon after that Metcalfe gave Jamie Ashton-Smith an easy catch off Chris Stewart's bowling. With the Nunwick batsmen having ago at Stewart wickets began to tumble. Rampersad holed out for 10 again to Ashton-Smith, then Booker was out to the usual Euan Coates stunning catch again for 10. The Gate fell to another Coates catch with Stewart taking all the wickets. This left Nunwick on 76 for 5, alas no more wickets fell as

the opener Tweedie batting solidly for 25 and a quick fire 28 from Carrick saw Nunwick home. In the bowling the standout bowler of the day was Tony Steele and despite only taking one wicket he bowled his 7 overs without conceding a run. Stewart took 4 for 39 from his 10 overs.

A typical start to the season from Langholm, hopefully with the rust off, things will improve next week away to Braithwaite.

# At the Impossible

By Patrick Mackay,  
Scotland's Makar (national poet)

### Football

We've been at the impossible again. Levitating. Hanging in the air one, two seconds, an age, longer and higher than should be possible. The T-shirts were printed before we'd hit the ground.

We have recovered from the worst of times, walking long miles - five hundred, five thousand - to wrest bones and ligaments back to fitness and tip the world over with the last skelf of skin.

And we have held a million breaths in frantic unison, watching a ball tumble in its everyday, humdrum perfect parabola, to fall plump as a rainbow back to earth.

O we've been at the impossible but must now - in Miami, Boston, anywhere, anyhow - do it all over again. And then yes sir, we shall boogie, absolutely, to whatever song we choose.



## Future organisers

### Sports Leaders



Before the Easter break, Primary 6 pupils in Langholm Primary took part in a sport/play leadership programme. This programme helps introduce leadership skills that provide pupils with the ability to allow them to organise activities for younger children in the school.

As part of the new after school programme this term, Primary 6 pupils were asked if they would like to put their new leadership skills to the test by organising activities for P2/P3 pupils and the response was overwhelming. 17 of our P6 pupils have now been organised on a rota and with adult supervision are now leading fun activities, sports and games for younger pupils in the school.

## Legion Golf Day

### Golf

Another fantastic day at the weekend for our annual golf day fundraiser. It managed to stay dry and the sunshine made an appearance which was great.

A few thank yous from the day - Langholm Golf Club for being great hosts and letting us run our day and the bar staff who were keeping us all well hydrated throughout the day too.

First Bite with Beattie's Bakes for supplying the food, top notch as always.

Everyone that entered a team and played on the day, great support again with 19 teams in total which is fantastic.

Our hole sponsors - we had 54 sponsors in total from local people and businesses, your sponsorship is very much appreciated and will go a long way for us.

The team from the Legion that helped

make it go as smoothly as possible, Derek Johnson, Iain Little, Ryan Johnstone, Finley Dell and Daniel Winter

Our winners were:

1st place Nathan Bell, Ben Porteous,

Bob B, Jason Brockley

2nd place Jack Hotson, Kyle Anderson,

Ellis Dirom, Matt Hall

3rd place Stuart Couperthwaite, Derek

Godfrey, Doug Welsh, Brian Cook

Best scratch score Ryan Johnstone,

Scott Collins, Simon Tweddle, Andrew

Porteous

Quiz winners: Thomas Hope, Christo-

pher William Tait, Callum Hender-

son

Closest to the pin 🏠

4th hole - Brian Cook

9th hole - Bob B

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