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Family Announcements

Deaths

MACGREGOR, Margaret Elizabeth

The funeral of Margaret Elizabeth Macgregor will take place at Langholm Cemetery on Friday 14th August 2026 at 12pm, where a short graveside service will be held.

Anyone who would like to attend is most welcome. There is no dress code, no flowers and no donations. Instead, the family invites you to brighten someone else's day by gifting flowers to a friend, neighbour or loved one who may need a little encouragement, comfort or joy. Thereafter, all are warmly invited to The Buccleuch Centre for light refreshments.

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Diamond-Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson

and Margaret would like to congratulate Cornet Tommy Hope on a job well done on Friday and also thank everyone who gave gifts, cards and good wishes on his special year.

All very much appreciated.
As ever, Friday was a marvellous day.

Jubilee Cornet John E. Murray

and Linda send their heartiest congratulations to Cornet Tommy Hope on a splendid job on Friday. They would also like to thank everyone who sent cards, gifts and best wishes on the occasion of his Jubilee. Friday was a day to remember.

Church Services

Welcome to worship

**ESKDALE &
LIDDESDALE
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**CANONBIE
United Parish
Church**

Welcome to worship

Sunday 9th August

**JOINT SERVICE at
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**Leila Hallam who lives at
Holmfoot Langholm is a
dressmaker with a passion
for vintage style.**

This year she made Cornet Hope's breeches and jacket. Her only prior experience of creating garment for a man was March 2020, just before 'lock-down' when she made a three piece suit for the father of the bride - a 6'4" burly ex-Marine - perhaps her greatest challenge. That was up until she was asked by Kevan Hotson to take on creating for Thomas Hope, Langholm's Cornet 2026, his ceremonial jacket and riding breeches.

Leila was very apprehensive about taking the project on since she had been used to working entirely from patterns - and the two garments, especially the breeches, had to be

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Editorial



Cornet Tommy Hope carried out his duties last Friday with a quiet confidence and dignity that made everyone proud. He was a credit to his family, his supporters, and to Langholm itself.

From the moment he received the flag, flanked by his Right and Left-hand Men, to the handing in of the Standard at the close of the day, Tommy embraced every moment. There was a genuine smile on his face throughout, and it was clear to see just how much the honour meant to him. He led the cavalcade with pride, determination, and an appreciation of the traditions that make Langholm Common Riding so special.

Days like these remind us that traditions are not just about ceremony; they are about people, memories, and community. For Tommy Hope, his family, and everyone fortunate enough to be there, it was a day to treasure forever.

And of course, as every Langholmite will tell you, it was the best Common Riding ever!

Making of Cornet's outfit comes home to Langholm



SUITABLY ATTIRED: Cornet Tommy Hope in his Langholm-made Cornet's outfit made by Leila Hallam

created, without any available patterns, from wool woven here in Langholm to meet a diverse range of functions from the formal and decorative to riding attire fit for many hours of hard activity - and to lead his followers all day on Friday 31st July.

This seemed to be a nigh on impossible task, with a very short timeline - and Leila was at one point moving towards saying no... But with lots of prayer and the help of a very generous master tailor in Carlisle, who kindly drafted a pattern for the breeches, Leila

managed to pull it all together in just 3 weeks, with Thomas making regular visits for fittings and adjustments.

We think that the Cornet looked spectacular in his 'ri-goot' and that seamstress Leila did a marvellous job. We're not sure when last a Cornet's outfit was made locally, but it's lovely that it's been kept 'in hoose' so to speak.

What a feat. Well done Leila! It's always great to see someone who is a relative newcomer to the town, to become so involved and carry out a key Common Riding role.



MSP calls for urgent review of its mortuary guidance

Prospect of loved ones being transported to facilities further away

Craig Hoy has called on the Scottish Government to urgently review its new mortuary security guidance following the closure of the mortuary facility at Thomas Hope Hospital in Langholm. Writing to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, Neil Gray, Mr Hoy has queried whether the new Security and Governance of NHS Mortuaries guidance has had unintended consequences for rural communities. He has also set out his concerns in a further letter to Scottish Health Secretary Angela Constance.

NHS Dumfries and Galloway recently confirmed that it would end the long-standing arrangement which saw funeral directors operating the mortuary at Thomas Hope Hospital. The Health Board said the facility could no longer continue under the new Scottish Government directions, which require NHS boards to ensure all mortuaries on NHS premises meet new governance and security standards.

Mr Hoy said the decision represents a significant loss for Langholm and the wider Eskdale community.

Commenting, Craig Hoy MSP said:

"While everyone supports the need for high standards of security, governance and

dignity in the management of mortuary facilities, it's deeply concerning that the new guidance has resulted in the closure of a valued local service in Langholm. Local families who are already coping with bereavement now face the prospect of their loved ones being transported further, potentially creating more distress and inconvenience at an already difficult time.

"It is essential that the Scottish Government explains the evidence that led to these new requirements and whether it properly considered their impact on rural areas before introducing them."

In his letter, Mr Hoy has asked the Scottish Government to set out the evidence



Craig Hoy MSP for Dumfriesshire has taken the concerns to the Scottish Government

which informed the guidance, explain whether any impact assessment was carried out on rural communities and clarify whether more flexible arrangements were considered for small mortuary facilities operated by local un-

dertakers on NHS premises.

He has also called on Ministers to review the guidance to ensure that proportionate solutions can be found which maintain high standards without seeing the loss of important local services.

Mr Hoy added:

"National guidance should improve standards, not inadvertently lead to the loss of essential community facilities. I am asking the Scottish Government to review this

Total Solar Eclipse

On the 12th of August a total solar eclipse will be visible across much of Europe from approximately 11.34am to 3.57am with the greatest eclipse around 1.46pm. Observers within the narrow path of the eclipse should experience the moon totally covering the sun for less than two and a half minutes.

Those outside the path will only see a partial eclipse. The last total solar eclipse people might remember was in August 1999. You should never try to look at a solar eclipse with the naked eye but use a pinhole projector or solar eclipse glasses.

Fancy tasting a dram?

The Moffat Distillery is holding a whisky tasting event on 21st August in Langholm at the Eskdale Hotel. Nick Bullard, founder of the distillery will offer a tasting of four different whiskies and a liqueur. The event includes live music. Tickets are available from the hotel.

200 classes at Canonbie Show

Canonbie's Annual Flower Show, Vintage Rally, Craft Fayre and Family activities will be held on Saturday 15th August 2026 and preparations are well underway. Our schedules and raffle tickets are out in various locations including Canonbie Post Office, Rowanburn Post office, Cochranes nurseries, Langholm Paper Shop and available from any committee member.

The Flower Show has over 200 classes to choose from ranging from Plants, Floral Art, Industrial, Photography, Vegetables, Baking, Jams/Jellies, Sticks and children's sections. There are another twelve classes in the popular Vintage Rally ranging from Tractors to commercials and engines to collections with cups and rosettes to be won in each section. We have a huge range of local craft stalls in our large craft

tent, and our annual scarecrow competition will run from Saturday 8th August.

This year's field activities will start at 10.30am and we are very excited to announce that we have Cumberland Wrestling coming to Canonbie for the first time. With classes for all, even those who just want to give it a go can do so. Enter on the day from 10.45am with 11am start.

Other entertainment includes bouncy castles, sumo suits, Tractor pull/Tug o War (depending on weather), Paints and Sparkles, Penny Pitching, Magic show by B J Entertainment and Magical Messy Moments. There will be refreshment vans on the field. We have a fun dog show (register on the day) with Paws and Minds, fly fishing demonstration, slow bike competition (a mixture of slowness and balance

and last over the line wins) and lots of family entertainment. We are planning to bring back the Vintage Parade through the village (starting approximately 9am).

The "After Party" is back by popular demand and will be held again this year in the marquee on the field (or in the hall if bad weather). Starting at 7pm with live music/disco by Amy Gospel and Ryan Harvey. Tickets can be bought from the post office, by emailing:

Canonbieflowershow@outlook.com, facebook or whatsapp message / telephone to Janice Sheppard 07825 615824.

Via our facebook page (Canonbieflowershow). The show is supported by sponsors and donations (full list will be posted on the day, on the facebook page and in the schedules).



The NEXT EDITION of the E&L will be on THURSDAY, 27th August

There will be no E&L Advertiser published on 13th or 20th August becauseWE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY!.....

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London Marathon Bound

I have two friends Karen Reid and Lynsey Grieve who are running the London marathon in April 2027 for the bone cancer research trust. They are running it as Mum's husband Boyd was diagnosed this year, and the trust have been a huge support to our family.

Over Common Riding our daughter Lily and Sophie, Karen's daughter and Isla, Lynsey's daughter put on a Common Riding bits and bobs shop popping up on the high street and at the golf club on common riding day and sold bucket hats

and sunglasses at the flapping on the Saturday to raise money towards the marathon.

They raised a fantastic £1200 with the support of our wonderful community. We took some pictures of the girls out and about. They have a few more events coming up to fundraise. The charity were so impressed with what they have raised so far in such a short amount of time with both Karen and Lyn saying to them that the support our community offer each other is at times, quite overwhelming and indescribable. Thought it might be with a mention to say thank you to everyone and to support their further fundraising.

Kat Littlejohn,
Langholm

Exhibition a huge success



The Langholm Common Riding exhibition has been hailed a great success with in excess of 1,000 visitors popping in to the old post office to find out more about the history and heritage of the Muckle Toon.

The Eskdale Experience and their partners are to be congratulated on the superb work they have done to pull it all together as well as all the volunteers who spent time with the visitors while it was open. The organisation wants to thank the Common Riding Committee for allowing them to collect donations last Friday when they raised £522.39 to help them con-



tinue the exhibition and continue preserving, celebrating and sharing the rich heritage of Langholm Common Riding and the wider Eskdale area. Because of the large number of visitors so far, the exhibition will now stay open until Saturday 15th August.

Enjoy the Fringe for less

If you fancy a day at the Edinburgh Fringe in August and don't want to spend a lot of money there are many ways to enjoy it for less. There are more than 400 free shows across multiple genres as part of this year's programme – they cost nothing to enter, though you are encouraged to donate money at the end of the performance if you can.

On Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 August, lots of shows take part in the Fringe 2for1 days. This is a great way for artists to attract larger audiences and generate word of mouth; it's also a great way for audience members to reduce the cost of seeing a Fringe show.

Starting from Wednesday 12 August, Fringe shows can choose to be part of the Half Price Hut – offering half-price tickets for performances taking place the same day (and in some cases the morning after). You

can browse the shows available online before heading to the Fringe Box Office to purchase them – though you need to remember to say the words 'Half Price Hut' to get access to the offer. Fringe venues are operated independently of the Fringe Society and often set up ticketing offers at their own box offices and websites. Keep an eye on their social media accounts for more information.

The Fringe Street Events bring an explosion of breath-taking sights, sounds and experiences to the streets of Edinburgh, where you'll be able to catch incredible acts from a diverse range of world-class street entertainers – a carnival of acrobats, stunts, fire-breathers, magicians, comedians, musicians and many more besides. There's no fee to enjoy the Street Events, though audience members are encouraged to donate generously if they can.



Local perspective on Black Esk reservoir upgrade

Following up on last week's story about the black Esk reservoir treatment works we received information with a local perspective from a nearby resident about some issues faced by residents living there.

Mr Ken Ruthven said that "in early January 2025, Scottish Water submitted a planning application regarding upgrading and extending the existing Water Treatment Works at Black Esk. This planning application was conditionally approved on 30 September 2025. Early in January 2026, the Boreland Community became aware that spoil from the site, previously intended to be kept on site and landscaped was now to be removed from site using approximately 70 HGV trucks making return journeys through the village of Boreland, down to the service road



and then to Douglas in Lanarkshire (140 truck journeys per day for 9 months).

"A significant number of residents in Boreland and beyond are seriously concerned regarding this unacceptable increase in HGV traffic on the B 723, which already has large logging lorries, fuel delivery vehicles and much more using it on a daily basis. Road safety, impact

on businesses and residents in the area, dust, vibration are all concerns of the community.

Turned down

"Scottish Water have turned down various invitations from the Boreland community wishing to discuss this proposal in more depth. As such Scottish Water have alienated a significant number of their customers etc. When

challenged about the lack of consultation re the above HGV traffic, Scottish Water have repeatedly stated that they did consult with the community, but any consultation was prior to January 2025. The issue on the table now i.e. thousands of tonnes of spoil being removed in the manner above only came to light in January this year. As stated above, there has been no consultation with the community regarding this significant issue.

"Scottish Water also continue to state that there were only 2 objections to the Planning application. This is of course true, but the original planning application did not have any reference to the spoil removal from site as detailed above. It is impossible for interested parties to object to something that was not contained in the application."

The E&L Gallery



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Relive the Iron Age at Eskdalemuir reenactment

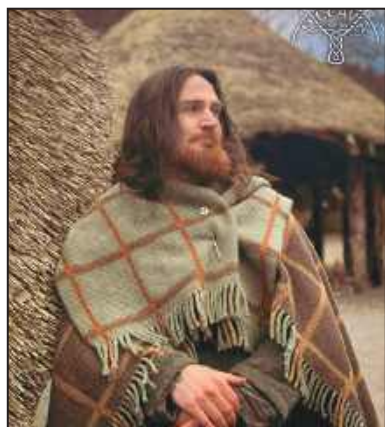
The Selgovae tribe who lived in this area will be brought to life

The Eskdalemuir Community Hub is having an Iron Age reenactment weekend on 8th - 9th August from 10am - 4pm, to launch the 'Dol Isca project' and the launch of the new leaflets and map for the existing Prehistoric Trail. Going forward the Dol Isca project aims to be running workshops in ancient crafts and setting up archaeological investigations into sites around Eskdalemuir to bring us more in touch with the ancient history and people who lived here before us.

The reenactment weekend, as the launch of this project, will bring alive the indigenous people who lived in these valleys along the Esk during the Iron Age, when they were known as the tribe of the Selgovae.

This aims to give an idea of what they wore, what they made and what they ate and drank. Pictavia Leather and friends will be in Iron Age dress demonstrating various ancient crafts including leather working, jewellery, tablet weaving, spindle spinning,

nalbinding and nettle fibre cordage. There will be pigment painting and pinch pot making to try out for all ages. There's also going to be Iron Age costume to try on for kids. An Iron Age weighted loom will be set up for everyone to have a go on and weave into, plus there will be cooking over a fire of Iron Age style food to sample. Mead, a popular drink in the Iron Age, will also be on sale. A visiting musician is coming with instruments similar to those used during



this era and will be there playing music around the Iron Age camp.

At 7pm on Saturday 8th Dr John Reid from the Trimontium Trust will be giving a talk on what it would have been like for these people to have been living here with the Romans on their doorstep. The Hub Cafe will be doing a barbecue (both meat and vegetarian) before the talk, from 5pm, so that you can enjoy sitting around the fire listening to music

with a glass of mead ahead of the talk. Booking for the barbecue is not essential but would be helpful.



Funded care for 2 year-olds

If you are the parent of a 2-year-old and are in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare. The exact number of hours depends on when in the school year your child's place starts – a later start means fewer hours. You should only apply if: your child is at least 21 months old and if you have checked you meet the eligibility criteria on Dumfries and Galloway Council's website. Look for funded early learning and childcare.

Hawick Fire Station

Fire chiefs promised to keep the service in Hawick "under review" after a meeting at Hawick Fire Station with local MP John Lamont and MSP Rachael Hamilton. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will monitor the arrangements in Hawick and, if there are any detrimental changes to the level of service provided, the organisation will reconsider arrangements.

'Amazing' event for Eventful Riders

Eventful Riders a company which who specialise in creating equestrian travel experiences for international visitors, say it works closely with local businesses to showcase the very best of the Scottish Borders. This year they brought a group of 10 international guests to ride and experience Langholm Common Riding.

Cathy Joyce founder of the company said

"My clients travelled from the United States, Australia, across Europe and the UK, many of whom had never experienced a Scottish riding tradition before. The feedback from the group was overwhelmingly positive. They were fascinated by the history, heritage and traditions of Common Riding, and what impressed them most was the genuine warmth and hospitality shown by everyone in Langholm. The crowds and



Some of last Friday's Eventful Riders group who enjoyed the day

community spirit created an incredible atmosphere, making the day a truly memorable experience for all. It was a privilege to be part of such a unique and historic event.

"For this trip we partnered with Borders Elite Travel, who provided transport to and from Langholm, alongside a number of other local suppliers to ensure our guests

enjoyed an authentic Borders experience. The success of this visit has generated significant interest, and we hope to bring more international riders and visitors to Langholm Common Riding in future years. Events like this are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate local traditions while supporting tourism and the wider local economy."

CRAIG HOY MSP

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Farming with Gilly Fraser

Breeding herd decline softening

There's been a 'modest but meaningful' improvement in Scotland's prime cattle pipeline, with lower-than-expected slaughter levels in 2025.

And the outlook for future supplies is slightly more encouraging than it has been in recent years.

The numbers of males and beef-sired females aged 12 to 30-months increased by 1.6% year-on-year in spring 2026, double the rate recorded in January. Particularly notable was a 2% rise in the key 18 to 24-month age category following a period of stability over the winter.

Older prime cattle numbers also recovered, increasing by 1.3%, while a 1.4% uplift in the 12 to 18-month category suggests additional cattle should be available for finishing by Autumn.

Quality Meat Scotland Intelligence Manager Iain MacDonald says the picture in Scotland contrasts with the wider UK

market where supply remains a lot tighter.

"An increase in younger cattle numbers may eventually provide some further support to finished cattle availability, but this has not yet translated into weaker store cattle prices," he said.

"Store auction volumes have remained tight and prices have largely held above 2025 levels, which could reflect the shifting balance of production with suckler-bred calves remaining scarce and beef-sired dairy calves being channelled through dedicated supply chains rather than traditional store markets."

Iain Macdonald says it's encouraging to see that the decline in Scotland's breeding herd appears to be softening.

"In April 2026, there were 386,300 beef-sired females aged over 30 months on Scottish holdings, representing a decline of 1.5% year-on-year. That's still a reduction, but it was the smallest annual fall recorded since mid-2022."

Death of much-loved brother leads to huge fund-raising effort

Sister's goal is to raise awareness of mental-health issues

The sister of a young Cumbrian farmer who took his own life says he would be amazed to discover how much he was loved and valued.

Niamh Gorton is organising a special Tractor Run in memory of her brother Matthew who died in May at the age of just 21. She says she's doing it to make people more aware that mental health issues aren't always easy to spot.

"Matthew was loved and valued by so many people, he always was cheery and had a smile on his face therefore it just shows you never know what someone is battling mentally until something like this happens," she said. "I hope this helps to spread awareness, meaning the

chance of this happening to other families is less likely.

"It's important to raise awareness because you'll always hear of someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, but you never imagine that could be you someday until it happens.

"As a farming family I know how easy it is to forget to talk to one another because you're always busy and focusing on what needs doing, but I hope this reminds people to make time for one another and talk about how you're feeling.

"Matthew's death has had a massive impact on our family's lives, suicide leaves you with so many questions that will never be answered. It leaves everyone thinking what could they have done



Niamh with brothers Daniel and Matthew

and why they didn't notice anything that was going on with him. Matthew still had so much left of his life to live and it's heartbreaking as a sibling to think we're never going to be able to celebrate life's milestones with one another.

The Tractor Run is set to take place on Saturday

September 5th, leaving from Nicholforest Hall at noon. It's hoped that around fifty tractors will take part in the 27-mile run. Entry costs £15 and money raised will go to the Farming Community Network. A raffle has also been organised and a JustGiving page set up.

Oxygen Conservation to re-wet 1,900 acres

A major project of peatland restoration on Oxygen Conservation land at Blackburn and Hartsgarth has been given the go-ahead after securing funding from NatureScot.

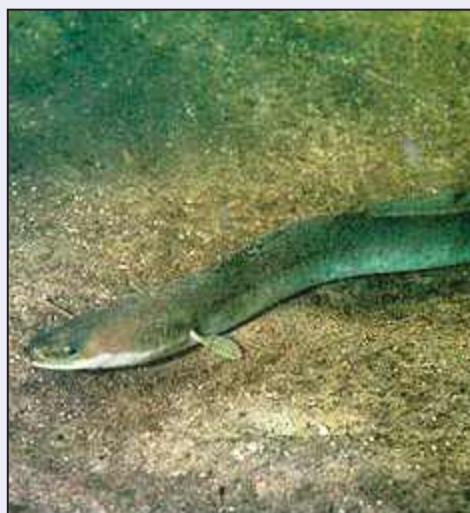
The company's latest newsletter says this means the restoration of more than 1,900 acres of degraded peatland can begin next month.

The project will be carried out in three phases which will see blocked drains, eroded hags and bare peat reprofiled and rewetted using materials found on site wherever possible. Peatland is a vitally important carbon store, but at present around 80% of peatland in Scotland is degraded and releases carbon instead of storing it.

It's hoped that rewetting the bog will slow the flow of rain into Hermitage Water and Liddel Water, which should benefit everyone living downstream, who can suffer the effects of heavy rainfall. The restoration may also help to bring back species like the curlew and golden plover.

Work is being timed to avoid the breeding bird season and to make the most of cooler, wetter conditions that suit peat repair best. Meanwhile an OC survey of 23 locations along Tinnisburn, and Blackburn and Hartsgarth burns has detected traces of nearly 2,000 unique species, with everything from brown trout and Eurasian minnows and roe deer all leaving their mark.

The standout finding was European eel, which



The European eel

is now critically endangered, and the team say it's a hopeful sign that the eel still have a foothold in this area.

"This can tell us a species is present, though not yet how many, or whether they're thriving, so we're treating this first set of results with an appropriate amount of scientific caution."

Eggs need standards too

Imported eggs need to meet the same production standards as those produced in this country. That's the demand from NFU Scotland as growing market pressures begin to impact parts of the sector.

Poultry Committee Chair Matthew Steel says the longterm outlook for Scottish egg production remains positive and demand continues to be strong, but the playing field needs to be level.

"As with any agricultural sector, investment decisions must be in conjunction with the realities of market conditions. We are beginning to see signs of increased supply across the market, and that is having an impact on prices in some areas," he said.

"Scottish egg producers work to high standards of animal welfare, environmental management and food safety. It is only right that imported products are produced to equivalent standards.

"Producers should not find themselves competing against eggs produced under conditions that would not be legal here. That undermines confidence in the marketplace and puts additional pressure on businesses already facing rising costs."

The Union believes recent increases in production capacity should be viewed alongside wider market developments and strategic investment in supply



Matthew Steel

chain infrastructure. Furthermore, it is essential that government considers the impact of imports, particularly from countries operating to standards that differ from those required of Scottish producers.

The Union says it supports a profitable, sustainable and growing Scottish egg sector. Growth is important for food security and the rural economy, but it must be underpinned by strong market fundamentals and fair competition.

Local independent news needs your support

The E&L is a prime example of local newspapers needing funding

The Scottish Beacon, a network of local independent news publishers, is sending an open letter to the Scottish Government about funding for charities and companies which publish local news. As they say

“Local news is one of the foundations of a healthy democracy and strong communities. It keeps people informed about the decisions that affect their daily lives, holds those in power to account, celebrates local achievements and gives communities a shared understanding of the places they call home. At a time when public debate is increasingly shaped by polarisation, misinformation and social media algorithms that reward outrage over understanding, trusted local journalism has never been more important. Research suggests that communities with stronger local

news are more resilient to misinformation and political division, while people who engage with local news feel more connected to their communities and less isolated. Yet across Scotland, local news is under increasing pressure. Newsrooms have closed, journalists have been lost and many communities have seen a significant decline in local reporting.

“Through its recent Local Media Action Plan, the UK Government has recognised that local journalism deserves public investment, launching a new Local News Fund worth up to £12 million. However, because support for the press is a devolved matter, local news organisations in Scotland are excluded from the main funding programme. Welsh publishers can apply to the UK fund while also benefiting from a dedicated Welsh Government



Alan Weatherstone and Mairi Telford Jammeh in the E&L Offices are fully aware of the challenges and pitfalls of keeping a local publication going

Local News Fund. Scotland has neither. We are calling on the Scottish Government to work with the local news sector to deliver three practical measures.”

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Toon Media, a charity which requires regular financial support to keep running and both trustees and staff have signed the petition. We recognise that local news is important for our communities and hope that this lobbying has some

success. It is asking for the following from the Scottish Government: to create a Scottish local news fund; invest public advertising in local news and invest in the next generation of local journalists.

Tree Planting Grants available

The Dumfries and Galloway Tree Planting Grant Scheme supports native tree planting across the region with grants of up to £1,000. Recipients last year varied from farmers and landowners to community groups and schools, all of whom benefitted from the flexible and easy scheme to make their small scale tree planting ambitions come true.

The planting of native trees in Dumfries and Galloway delivers a wide variety of benefits, from biodiversity and habitat provision, through to landscape benefits and carbon capture. The grant scheme has different criteria for different projects. Non-profit making organisations such as schools and community groups: A grant of up to 100% of labour and materials costs. Maximum award value: £1,000 (including VAT if not recoverable).

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Kaye and Stephen are proud to announce the arrival of their first child
OWEN JAMES
Born on 1st March 2025
first grandchild for Jean & Steve and Carol and Tony. Special thanks to all concerned.

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Congratulations **ANDREW BROWN** on passing your driving test at last!!
love from Mum & Dad

Happy Ruby Anniversary
Congratulations to **JEAN & JOE JAMIESON** married in Eskdalemuir Church 14th April 1985
love from all the family

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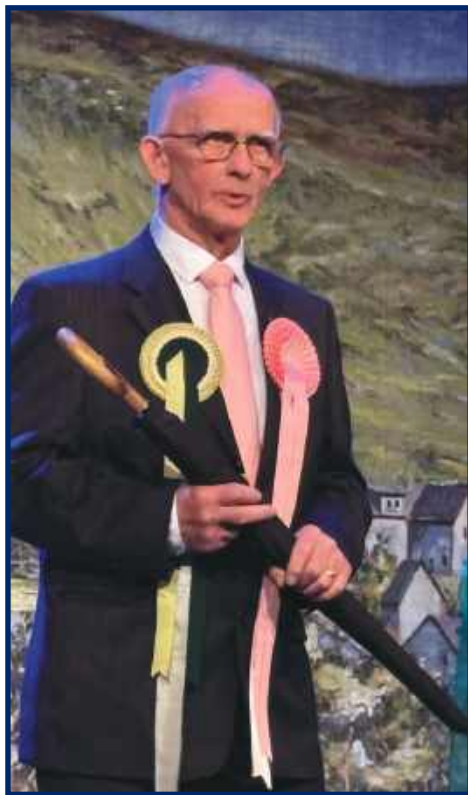
Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of **CARLA JONES & JOHN DEANS** on 1st March 2025
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Audience in the pink at the Common Riding Concert



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Cornet Tommy Hope, Jubilee Cornet John Murray and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson address the company after receiving their presentations

All photos on this page Alan Weatherstone

By Alan Weatherstone

It is a fair few years since I was an audience member at Langholm Common Riding Concert, and what a pleasure it was to return to this much slicker event than of old.

The evening commenced with a welcome from Common Riding Chairman, Kevan Hotson who welcomed everyone and then introduced the compère for the evening, none other that the redoubtable Ex-Cornet Stevie Ellwood whose dry wit and repartee kept the evening rolling along between acts.

Langholm's Pipe and Town bands took their turn at opening the halves of the concert and are as popular with audiences as they ever were.

The singers were Leona Mason, Eric

Laidlaw, newcomer Amy Gospel and Billy Young, all acquitted themselves beautifully with a selection of Common Riding songs to the delight of the listeners.

The main purpose of the evening was to invest Cornet Tommy Hope with his sash and riding crop as is the tradition, and to present Jubilee Cornet John Murray and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson. This task was in the more than capable hands of Michaela Maxwell who gave a little history of each recipient and each in return gave a very appropriate thank you and wished Cornet Hope all the very best for Common Riding Day.

The evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks from the Chairman and the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem in the time-honoured fashion.



Auld Lang Syne sung by the company by way of auld style

Investiture & Presentations



Michaela Maxwell with Cornet Tommy Hope, Jubilee Cornet John Murray (r) and Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson (l) pictured after the Investiture and Presentation

All photos on this page by: K. Latimer



JUSTLY PROUD: Cornet Hope with his father David, mother Marion and brother Harry



FIRM FRIENDS: Cornet Hope with Callum Henderson, Harry Hope, Neil Fletcher, Ruairi Hotson, Chris Tait and Right and Left-Hand Men Ewan Patterson and Bailey Donaldson



Jubilee Cornet John Murray with his family, Linda, Graeme, Emma and Ross



Newly invested Cornet Tommy Hope with his girlfriend Ellie Hotson



Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson with his wife, Margaret



SUNSET SERENADE by Langholm Town Band

Photo by Veronika Zolotoverkha



DRUM CORPS: Great to see so many young members of Langholm Pipe Band



Cornets, kids and triangles

Photo by Chris Jones



THE MORE MATURE FLAUTIST: Irving Bell, Gordon Little and David Latimer



GENERATIONS: Morag and Kenneth Pool with Grandson Harris



Langholm's unique Flute Band

Photo by Veronika Zolotoverkha



Fifty years on, since he was Cornet, the 2026 Jubilee Cornet John Elliot Murray takes to the Kirk Wynd like it was only yesterday.
Many congratulations, John

Photo by Mairi Telford Jammeh

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I WON!: Hound Race winner Señor with owners Malcolm Holmes and team pink



Nervous wait for the Burgh Standard



All the emblems, led by Kenny Anderson with the Spade



Massive crowd on the Kirk Wynd



Fair Crier J. Rae Elliot addresses the huge Market Place crowd



Ronnie Hudson gets 'a go' wi' the Banna



...likewise Jason Brockley with the Rose Croon



...and Stevie Barker with the mighty Thistle



Cornet Hope took the Wynd in his stride



Harry Hope and father David



Jubilee Cornet John Murray takes to the Wynd



Diamond-Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson with Margaret and the Brierley family

All photos on this page by Alan Weatherstone



Through Veronika's lens

All photos by Veronika Zolotoverkha



Jubilee Cornet John Murray carries the Flag down Whita

Awe-struck youngsters



Raw emotion from Ex-Cornet Ian McVittie



Castle Craigs Fair Crier
Ex-Cornet Christopher Tait



Farewell from LHM Bailey Donaldson



Cornet Tommy Hope safely over the Ewes Water





Arlo is Cornet for the Playcare Common Riding

Langholm Playcare held their Common Riding last Wednesday and this year the Cornet was Arlo Carruthers with Finn McKinnel and Kit Smith Right and Left-Hand Men. The Semi-Jubilee was Cornet Ryan Graham.

Starting in 1997 this event goes from strength to strength and engages the children in our community traditions. Every year the children learn to sing 'The Rose of Allandale'.

Cornet Hope along with his right and left hand men were in attendance, as were members of the pipe and town bands helping out with the parades around Langholm's old tennis courts.

Langholm
Playcare



All principals together! Ewan, Ronnie, Tommy, John, Bailey
Finn, Arlo and Kit



Playcare Fair Crying



Three times round the Monument



Cornet Arlo Carruthers



The Procession proceeds



The Playcare Flute Band



Dancing the Polka



Miscellaneous Memories

All photos by Mairi Telford Jammeh



Below: Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson present 15-Stone World Championship Cumberland Wrestling winner Thomas Gibson

Above: Bonnie Besom Bearers

Below: Back from the Hill

Below: A Pipe Band side-drummer caught in a good light!



Little jottings and minor musings

By Mairi Telford Jammeh

EXILES

Although we omitted to include a list of exiles in the E&L just before the Big Day, we know that there were people here from New Zealand, Canada, Ireland and from all over the United Kingdom. Personally, I had cousins here from Carnoustie, Aberlour, London, Edinburgh and Hawick as well as family from other parts of Dumfries and Galloway. Langholm Common Riding definitely brings families together and it is lovely to meet up wi' auld freens from various airts and pairs.

MUSSELBURGH

On Common Riding Day a full-sized coach came from Musselburgh with people to enjoy Langholm's Big Day. Somehow, after dropping off its passengers at the Townhead, it then turned right over the Langholm Bridge, just as the Cornet and his followers were up at the square pump. It could have led to quite a bit of chaos, but someone had the sense to direct it to turn into Frances Street until the parade had come back over the Langholm brig. Relief was sighed.

SIXTY ROSES

The beautiful crown of roses was able to use 60 roses on one of the boughs that were sourced

from diamond jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson's garden. What a lovely tribute. All the roses for the crown this year were impressive according to Les Murray, the official crown maker. At the end of the day the crown is returned to his house where those charged with carrying the crown in the parades have a well-earned drink.



FAMILY AFFAIR I

It was lovely to see a few families all riding the Common Riding together including Chair of the Common Riding, Kevan Hotson's family and ex Cornet Andrew (Benty) Johnstone's family. Young Martha Johnstone was riding for the first time as was Milly Barker and Emmy Kingtree.

FAMILY AFFAIR II

It was also good to hear that Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson had a birl with both the spade and the barley banna and at the same time his great-nephew David Irving was carrying the crown.

GROW YOUR OWN

This year's thistle was grown by Stevie Barker and Robert Phillips round the back of Eskdail Street. If you'd like to try and grow one for next year the seed heads are available from the exhibition in the old post office. It's always good to have a few thistles to select from on the day so why not try this. There are a few people who could give you advice on this including Stevie and Robert.

BAND TRIBUTES

Langholm Town Band paid tribute to two much loved former members – James 'Jim' Brown and David Calvert MBE with the addition of their names on the bass drum. What a lovely way to remember them. Both made big contributions to the band.

THE 'SIXES'

All the Ex Cornets who were Cornets in a year ending in a '6' now called themselves the 'Sixes'. Other members of the group

got together and presented both Diamond Jubilee Cornet Ronnie Hudson (1966) and Jubilee Cornet John Murray (1976) with pocket watches that have been inscribed. What a lovely gesture and a memory of their jubilee years.



THREE-FLAG MURRAY

Ex Cornet John Murray has, according to Stuart Murray, carried three different Common Riding flags. After carrying the one when he was Cornet in 1976 the flag had been replaced by the time he carried it in 2001, the foot and mouth year. On Friday he carried the flag from the Castle Craigs to the monument, and this was the third different flag.

IT'S AN ILL WIND...

Flies have plagued many of us in our houses this Common Riding, particularly in the auld toon, and this seems to be due to the weather conditions rather than anything else. But we hear it might lead to the grass at Thomas Hope hospital being cut at last. Latimers of Langholm has sold lots of fly swatters and other things for dealing with these little pests.

LANGHOLM
Common Riding 2026

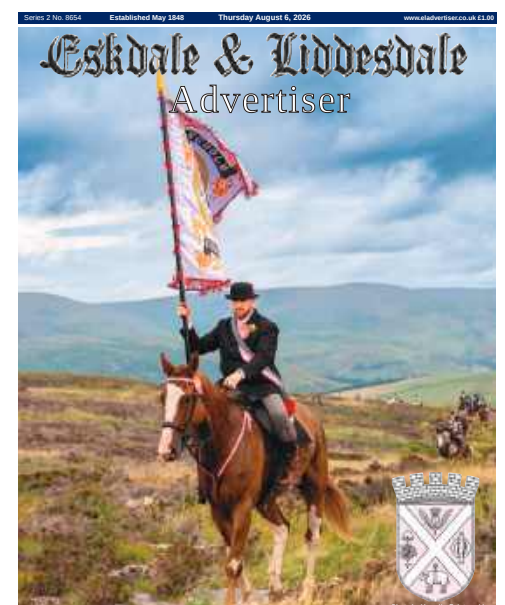
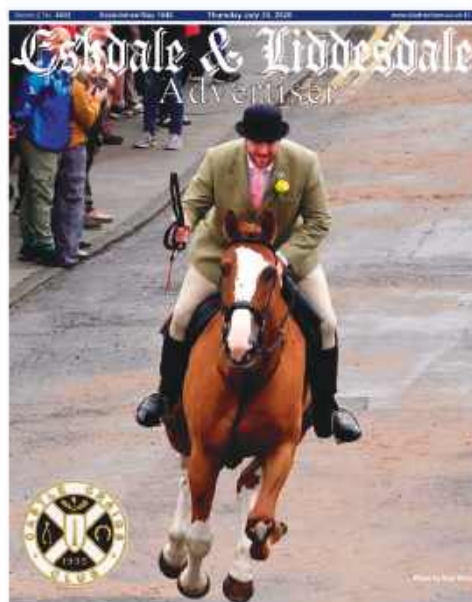
Many thanks from the E&L

Alan, Mairi and everyone at the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who have supported the paper over the past year. We are especially grateful to everyone who has submitted local stories, letters, community news and sporting results, helping us continue to reflect life across our area.

A special thank you also goes to the many talented photographers who generously share their time and images with us throughout the year, particularly during the Common Riding season. Their outstanding photographs add so much to the paper and play a vital role in bringing local events to life for our readers. We would like to give particular thanks to Stan, Veronika, Chris and Mel for their valued contributions and continued support.

As a community charity, the paper exists to support local people, celebrate the achievements of our communities and champion local businesses, groups and organisations.

Producing the E&L each week is a true community effort, and we are grateful for the ongoing support we receive. We hope you will continue to support the Advertiser in the years ahead. Alongside providing informative, engaging and entertaining local news each week, we are also creating a lasting record of our communities for future generations.



...Liddesdale Lineup...

Four-legged friends are top treat taste testers

Melody's Copshaw start-up employs unlikely 'guinea pigs'!

Dogs, cats and horses have been helping a brand-new business in the Holm by offering their services as taste-testers.

They've given the seal of approval to a whole range of treats created by The Village Treat Company, owned and run by Copshaw resident Melody Barr.

Melody says the idea for the business came to her because she wanted to be able to give her own pets tasty and wholesome treats.

"The idea for The Village Treat Company came from a real passion in making natural, handmade treats that I could feel good about giving my pets, and now I'm proud to share a range of treats using simple, natural ingredients that pet owners can also feel good about giving to their much-loved pets," Melody says.

"I officially launched the business at the beginning of August after many months

of planning, researching, recipe testing and designing the branding and packaging. It's been a real labour of love and seeing the first orders come in has been incredibly rewarding."

The handmade treats are baked in small batches and at present the range includes Fresh Breath Bakes, Banana Nut Bites and Holm Harvest Bakes for dogs, and for horses there are Paddock Mints, Stable Oats and Golden Gallops, all made using carefully selected ingredients.

Melody didn't want to leave cats out but knew they would need a different type of treat.

Purr & Pounce

"Cats are natural carnivores and feeding oats and wheat isn't recommended so we got our thinking caps on and came up with the Purr & Pounce range. These are enrichment products that contain high-quality catnip to encourage your cat's natural



DELICIOUS: Melody Barr and chief tester, Kira

instincts and enhance playtime."

Melody says her own pets heartily approve of the treats. "Our own animals Kira my Border Collie, Minnie our

cheeky little kitten and Del Boy the Cob who very much lives up to his namesake are huge fans and Kira can often be found waiting by the oven to sample the fresh batches.

"People from the local area have kindly let their pets become official taste testers and I've had glowing reviews so far.

"It's been lovely seeing how excited the animals get when they see the treats come out. Positive feedback from local owners has given me the confidence to launch the business."

The Village Treat Company products can be bought directly from Melody or through her Etsy shop and TikTok Shop. Melody is also taking a stall at the Holm Show.

As for the future, Melody is already working on new plans and product lines.

"I already have lots of ideas for new products and seasonal collections. For now, I'm concentrating on building the current range and making sure every order is produced to the highest standard, but I'm excited to introduce new recipes and products in the future."

Scotland Small by Hugh MacDiarmid

Next week on 11 August will be 134 years since Langholm's poet Hugh MacDiarmid was born. Christened Christopher Murray Grieve, he is commemorated by the Jake Harvey sculpture near what is locally known as the white gate (up the Copshaw road).

Many will have seen it on their walks to the monument if they're not feeling fit enough to tackle the face of Whita. Some of MacDiarmid's early writing was published in the Eskdale & Liddesdale Advertiser under his own name. He was always a controversial character with strong political views, and his writing was not always accessible. A great favourite though is the short poem 'Scotland Small?' where he extolls the glories of nature around us in Langholm at this time of year.

*Scotland small? Our multiform, our infinite Scotland small?
Only as a patch of hillside may be a cliché corner
To a fool who cries 'Nothing but heather!' where in September another
Sitting there and resting and gazing around
Sees not only the heather but blaeberreries
With bright green leaves and leaves already turned scarlet,
Hiding ripe blue berries; and amongst the sage-green leaves
Of the bog-myrtle the golden flowers of the tormentil shining;
And on the small bare places, where the little Blackface sheep
Found grazing, milkworts blue as summer skies;
And down in neglected peat-hags, not worked
Within living memory, sphagnum moss in pastel shades
Of yellow, green, and pink; sundew and butterwort
Waiting with wide-open sticky leaves for their tiny winged prey;
And nodding harebells vying in their colour
With the blue butterflies that poise themselves delicately upon them;
And stunted rowans with harsh dry leaves of glorious colour.
'Nothing but heather!' – How marvellously descriptive! And incomplete!*

Thomas Telford's birthday too



Thomas Telford was born 269 years ago on 9th August 1757 in Wester Kirk to the north of Langholm and ended his life in London and is buried in Westminster Abbey.

The son of a shepherd he became the first civil engineer and the first President of the Institution of Civil Engineers. We are familiar with his work in Britain but he was also invited by the King of Sweden to be the consulting engineer for the Trollhätte Canal's eastwards extension to the Baltic at Söderköping and consulted by the Russian government, and on North American canal schemes.

An incredible fact about Telford, who read and studied intensely is that he helped spread the use of Roman cement in facing, pointing and brick-jointing mortars to stop water penetration. Roman cement was composed of quicklime (calcium oxide), volcanic ash (pozzolana), water and aggregates. For marine structures they often used sea water instead of fresh water because it contributed to the durability of the minerals over time. One of his standout structures is the Pontcysyllte cast iron navigable aqueduct over the river Dee in Wales.

LOCAL NOTICEBOARD



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 10th Aug 2026

Mon	Quilters Group	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Make It Monday	1-3	Creation Mill DG13 oES
Tues	Summer Craft Club	10-2	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Village Hall, DG14 oUX
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall, DG11 3AU
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Scrap Store Open	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Sat	Canonbie Flower Show	10-4	Village Hall, DG14 oUX

Scrap Store is open
Monday - Friday 10-3
Saturday 10-1

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WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 17th August 2026

Mon	Quilters Group	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Make it Monday	1-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Tues	Langholm Evening In Stitches	5-8	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Thurs	Make-up Masterclass with Bridget	6-8.30	Creation Mill DG13 oES
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Sat	Scrap Store Open	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES

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By Heinrich Klaffs



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK W/C 24th Aug 2026

Mon	Quilters Group	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	MENDING MINDS	11-2	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Tues	Canonbie In Stitches	2-4	Village Hall, DG14 oUX
	After School Club	4-5.30	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Wed	Welcome Wednesday	10-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Kirkpatrick Fleming In Stitches	10-12	Victoria Hall, DG11 3AU
Fri	Langholm weekly In Stitches	1-4	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
	Scrap Store Open	10-1	Creation Mill, DG13 oES
Sat	Fibre Art Lampshades	11-3	Creation Mill, DG13 oES

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General Knowledge Quiz

- 1) 'Futureworld' was the last film of which famous actor?
- 2) In the computer term 'SQL' what does the Q stand for?
- 3) Roger Bannister is famous as an athlete who broke the 4 minute mile barrier, but what was his profession?
- 4) Which British Prime Minister was shot in 1812 whilst entering the House of Commons?General Reference
- 5) 'And now for something completely different' is a regular quote from which comedy show?
- 6) The British cyclist Chris Froome was actually born in which country?
- 7) Born Henry McCarty, which notorious US outlaw's final words were said to be 'Quien es? Quien es?' (Who is it? Who is it?)
- 8) Best known by his initials, which fictional character had the first names of John Ross?
- 9) Who invented the first rigid Airship in 1900?
- 10) Who is Antoine Domino better known as?
- 11) What was Andre-Jacques Garnerin the first to do from a height of 2,230 feet in 1797?
- 12) Lewis Edson Waterman was the inventor of what writing implements?
- 13) What does a Lepidopterist collect?
- 14) The US Frontierswoman Martha Jane Burke is better remembered by which name?
- 15) The first two winners of the Miss World Contest in 1951 and '52 came from which Northern European country?
- 16) In which state of the USA would you be in if you were using the Bay Area Rapid Transit system?General Reference
- 17) What shape does Fusilli Italian pasta have?
- 18) My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos is a mnemonic for what?
- 19) What is the outermost part of the sun's atmosphere that can be seen with the naked eye during a total eclipse called?
- 20) Who is Popeye's nemesis and arch-rival for the love of Olive Oyl?

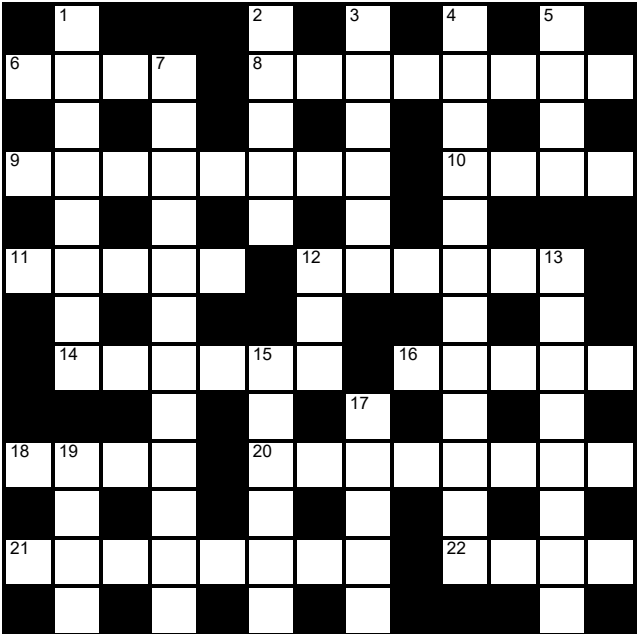
Never a Crossword!

Across

- 6 Microsoft search engine (4)
- 8 Still sealed (8)
- 9 Supermarket sights (8)
- 10 "Meet Joe Black" star Brad --- (4)
- 11 Breed of red cattle (5)
- 12 Baddies in "The Lion King" (6)
- 14 She doesn't play with dolls (6)
- 16 How Frank Sinatra did it (2,3)
- 18 Rate of flow (4)
- 20 Swells up (8)
- 21 Bent coin ain't moving (2,6)
- 22 Civil wrong (4)

Down

- 1 Most intense (8)
- 2 German automatic pistol (5)
- 3 Cozily warm (6)
- 4 Stay on the alert (4,2,3,3)
- 5 Endless loop (4)
- 7 View from Key West, almost all round (4,2,6)
- 12 Cut and dried grass (3)
- 13 Image digitizers (8)
- 15 Awaiting trial, maybe (2,4)
- 17 Architectural drawings (5)
- 19 Connection (4)





FRONT RA' OF LANGHOLM TOWN BAND ON CONCERT NIGHT
Great photo by Veronika Zolotoverkha

C & D Marts (Longtown) Primestock Report

Thursday, 30th July 2026



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C&D Auction Marts had forward an entry of 5,697 sheep comprising of 1,907 prime lambs and 3,790 cast ewes & rams at their weekly sale at Longtown Mart on Thursday 16th July 2026.

PRIME LAMBS
A larger show of 1,907 lambs forward to the same competitive ring of purchasers ensuring all classes sold to the same rates of return as last week's trade. A shortage of numbers nationwide ensured Longtown customers were rewarded. Well-bred and well finished lambs were in full flow through the ring in Longtown, shown in full bloom to vendor advantage, selling to premium returns. Commercial grass-fed lambs found some slight resistance, albeit still looking well sold. Well-fed lambs continue to be wanted for the coming weeks, still being sold to vendor advantage.
Top price per head of £258 for Texels from Messrs Fleming, The Anvil.
Top per kilo of 434.9p for Beltex lambs from J. Muir & Son, Cleughbrae.
Overall average 396.5p (SQQ 396.3p)

Principal Prices (Per Head)
Texel £258 The Anvil, £233 Pendicle,

£232 Ruthwell, £228 Langdyke Cottage and Eastside, £224 Cleughbraemill.
Beltex £237 Cleughbrae, £236 Low Meadow, £212 Cleughbrae, £193 Red Hennels.
Mule £224, £202 Brownleazes, £184 Silverdale, £182 Shitlington Hall, £172 Whiteside.
Suffolk £222, £221 Brownleazes, £221 Boreland of Kelton, £219 Grindon Hill, £213 Whiteside, £202 Brownleazes.
North Country Cheviot £216 Dormansteads.
Berrichon £206 Carse Farm.
Charollais £199 Pendicle, £182 Victoria House and Red Hennels.
Cheviot Mule £190, £170 Dormansteads.
Half Bred £180 High Moat.
Gritstone £166 Zetland.
Oxford £164 Guards.
Blackface £150 Whiteside.

Principal Prices (Per Kilo)
Beltex 434.9p, 432.7p, 431p Cleughbrae, 424.3p Cheeseburn Grange Hall, 420p Howard House and Red Hennels.
Texel 429p, 427.9p Corneyside, 425p Lower Moor, 424p Shankbridge End,

422.2p Corneyside.
Charollais 415p Pendicle, 387.2p Victoria House and Red Hennels.
Suffolk 413.2p Grindon Hill, 409.3p Boreland of Kelton, 406.4p Shandford, 405.3p Rigfoot, 404.8p Pendicle.
Berrichon 394.7p, 386.8p Carse Farm.
North Country Cheviot 390p Earlside, 366.1p Dormansteads.
Cheviot Mule 386.4p, 380p Dormansteads.
Mule 382p Whiteside, 381.1p, 379.7p Brownleazes, 379.2p Shitlington Hall, 379p Prospect House.
Half Bred 375p High Moat.
Blackface 363.2p St Margarets, 361p Prospect House.
Gritstone 361p Zetland.
Oxford 341.7p Guards.

CAST EWES AND RAMS
An increased but very mixed show of 3,790 cast ewes and rams sold to a full contingent of purchasers all eager for supplies, ensuring all classes easily maintained recent rates of return. An outstanding run of 512 Continental ewes descended on Longtown from Messrs W. & C. Ingram, Logie Durno, Aberdeenshire which sold way beyond expectations levelling at a very impres-

sive £231 per head.
More cast ewes are actively sought after on a weekly basis to satisfy an ever-growing demand at Longtown. Please do not hesitate to contact our auctioneers for further enquiries.
Txel ewes sold to a top of £330 for Texel ewes from Beckfoot.
Light ewes selling to £175 for Blackface ewes from Prospect House and Easycares from East Greengreeneridge.
Rams topped at £345 for Texels from Horsemarket.

Heavy ewes
Texel £330 Beckfoot, £320, £300, £295, £290 Logie Durno, £288, £285 Crumhaughhill, £285 Catslackburn.
Charollais £280, £260 Logie Durno, £240 Beckfoot, £238, £230 Logie Durno., £230 Beckfoot, £228 Logie Durno.
Beltex £270 Logie Durno, £245 Drumreach, £228 Wauchope, £215 Drumreach, £210 Swinside Townfoot.
Suffolk £244, £236 Logie Durno, £235 Hatherleigh, £226, £220 Logie Durno, £220 Crumhaughhill and Hatherleigh, £218 Falla.
Bluefaced Leicester £220 Logie Durno, £214 Beckfoot, £212 Horsemarket, £195 Linkshead.

Mule £212 Linkshead and Horsemarket, £206 Woodcroft, £202 Broomhills, £195 Horsemarket, £188 Roseneath.
Cheviot Mule £200 Logie Durno, £194 Swinside Townfoot, £192 Rigfoot, £188 Moorhills, £185 Ifferdale.
Dorset £195 Hatherleigh.
North Country Cheviot £194 Beckfoot, £192 High Moat, £190 North Corielaw and Monklaw, £188 Kingside and North Corielaw, £186 Beckfoot and High Moat
Romney £190, £186 Horsemarket, £180, £167 Bodrugan.
Dutch Spotted £188 Hatherleigh.

Light ewes
Blackface £175 Prospect House, £168 Dalbog, £152 Horsemarket, £144 Tinnis.
Easycare £175 East Greenridge, £130 Castle Farm.
Cheviot £146 Setthorns, £142 Sorbie and Ifferdale, £128 St Margarets.
Shetland £138 Roseneath, £118 Fearn Farm, £108 Roseneath.
Swaledale £134 Corran, £122 East Greenridge.
Herdwick £110 Lake View.

Rams
Texel £345, £330 Horsemarket, £305

Crumhaughhill, £295 Pendicle, £280 Crumhaughhill.
Charollais £325 Thackwood.
Bluefaced Leicester £270, £180 Horsemarket.
Suffolk £220 Beckfoot, £200 Horsemarket.
Lleyn £220 Horsemarket.
North Country Cheviot £192 Monklaw.
Beltex £190 Logie Durno, £180, £178 Fearn Farm.
Romney £180 Horsemarket, £165 Bodrugan.
Blackface £157 Horsemarket, £148 Dalbog.
Kerry Hill £150 Dunrostan.
Easycare £132, £130 Castle Farm.
Hill Cheviot £122 Lagalgarve.
Shetland £118 Fearn Farm.

Averages:
Lambs
Standard to 424.3p (388.8p)
Medium to 429.0p (397.5p)
Heavy to 432.7p (395.8p)
Overweight to 434.9p (407.5p)

Ewes
Light to £175.00 (£104.50)
Heavy to £330.00 (£177.72)
Rams to £345.00 (£160.62)

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The applications, associated plans and documents can be viewed on-line by following the ePlanning link on the Council's website at www.dumfriesandgalloway.gov.uk/planning. Written comments may be made to Head of Economy and Development by email to Planning@dumgal.gov.uk or via the Council's website, as noted above, by 20/08/2026 (Type A).

Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, Reg 20(1) (A)

Ref No/Type Address/Proposal
26/1173/FUL (A) Murtholm Farm, Langholm - Change of Use, alterations and extension to agricultural building to form domestic residential annexe and installation of air source heat pump

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BORDER GAMES | Friday 31st July 2026

90m OPEN		MK	TIME
1st	Evie Renwick, TLJT	13m	9.75secs
2nd	Jack Wilson, Hawick RP	11.75m	
3rd	Cameron Tindle, TLJT	SCR	
200m OPEN			
1st	Ronan McKean, Hawick RP	16m	23.17secs
2nd	David Lauder, Hawick	31m	
3rd	Colin Bruce, AG Running Sch	38m	
400m OPEN			
1st	Lewis Fleming, AG Running Sch	38m	51.69secs
2nd	Lea Stephenson, Hexham AC	21m	
3rd	Robbie Welsh, Hawick	12m	
800m OPEN			
1st	Mark Young, Hawick	55m	2m 00.15s
2nd	Rory Anderson, Hawick	35m	
3rd	Oliver Hastie, Kelso	40m	
1600m OPEN			
1st	Scott Watson, Hawick	250m	4m 21.44s
2nd	Irvine Welsh, Hawick	135m	
3rd	Oliver Hastie, Kelso	55m	
90m Youths	9 - 11 Years		
1st	Bella Forsyth, AG Running Sch	32m	9.49secs
2nd	Elsie Douglas, AG Running Sch	30m	
3rd	Aria Page, Jed AC	32m	
90m YOUTHS	12 - 15 Years		
1st	Aiden Lothian, AG Running Sch	12m	9.78secs
2nd	Max Vevers, Hawick RP	17m	
3rd	Scott Turnbull, Jedburgh	24m	
200m YOUTHS	9 - 11 Years		
1st	Nathan Goodfellow, TLJT	54m	24.31secs
2nd	Ava Page, Jed AC	54m	
3rd	Myles Oliphant, Innerleithen	48m	
200m YOUTHS	12 - 15 Years		
1st	Ben Nairn, AG Running Sch	5m	
2nd	Amy Fenton, TLJT	38m	
3rd	Will Armstrong, Jed AC	36m	
800m YOUTHS			
1st	Cam Scott, AG Running Sch	190m	1m 58.86s
2nd	Martha Davies-Walker, AGRS	205m	
3rd	Ryan Hume, Gala H	185m	
1600m YOUTHS			
1st	Alfie Walker, Hawick	50m	4m 45.28s
2nd	Rory Fleming, AG Running Sch	270m	
3rd	Evie Leonard, AG Running Sch	230m	
90m OPEN	CHAMPIONSHIP		
1st	Cameron Tindle, TLJT	SCR	9.97secs
2nd	Gkontouin Imante, Shettleston H	SCR	
3rd	Douglas Young, AG Running Sch	SCR	
HIGH JUMP			
1st	Stuart Whiteford, Innerleithen		1.60m
2nd	Calum Johnstone, Nottingham		1.50m
3rd	Isla Woodburn, TLJT		1.45m
90m OPEN	JIMMY BEATTIE INVITATION		
1st	Tess Renwick, TLJT	14m	9.91secs
2nd	Craig Tindle, TLJT	7m	
3rd	Ruby Laing, AG Running Sch	18.5m	

George raises £579 for
Prostate Cancer UK

A determined teenager with strong Langholm ties has raised hundreds of pounds for charity after completing an impressive half marathon challenge. George McNair, 14, took on the 13.1-mile run on Sunday, July 26, raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Running from Langholm to just beyond the Benty and back, George completed the challenge with support from his mum Amy and dad, Cameron, who followed along in the car.

The S4 pupil, who lives in Girvan, Ayrshire, with his parents and younger brother Ralphie, decided to raise funds after his grandfather, Drew Weatherstone, was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Thanks to the generosity of family, friends and supporters, George raised an outstanding £579 for the charity. George, who loves returning to Langholm, wanted to do something positive to support a cause that has become very personal to his family. Well done, George, on a fantastic achievement and fundraising total.



George McNair and his grandfather Drew

Triples Triumph at Calbeck
as Eileen makes debut

Mixed Triples winners at Caldbeck on Sunday 26th July were the Langholm team comprising Luke Tolson, Eileen Beattie and Duncan Ritchie. (Pictured)

After scoring 30 points out of 36, the trio beat teams from Cockermouth, Shap and Caldbeck to secure the win.

This is Eileen's first open tournament win since she started bowling.



Señor is top hound



Winning hound, Señor with owner Malcolm Holmes and supporters 'Team Pink'

LANGHOLM
Common Riding 2026

All roads lead to the Castleholm

Horse Racing Results Common Riding Friday

MERCURY STAKES - 6 FURLONGS

- 1st Notable – Billy Roberts
- 2nd Arkinholm – Lewis Hislop
- 3rd Celtic Demon – Connor Wood

ESKDALE PLATE – 7 FURLONGS

- 1st The Magician – Connor Wood
- 2nd Jim – Sean Huggan
- 3rd Old News – Steven Smith
- 4th Days Like These – Lewis Hislop

TRADESMAN'S PLATE – 1 ¼ MILES

- 1st Wee Red – Jamie Gormley
- 2nd Big Innes – Connor Wood
- 3rd Panic Attack – Sean Huggan

INNKEEPERS' PLATE – ONE MILE

- 1st Buttons – Connor Wood
- 2nd Daydream Believer – Billy Roberts
- 3rd El Philio – Harris Nichol



Castle Craigs Race winner, Callum Henderson and Handsome Harry being presented by Cornet Tommy Hope

Callum went on to win the Westerhall Plate later in the afternoon

Two days of fine racing

Flapping

By Langholm Horse Racing Association

We held our last race meeting of the season on the Castleholm on Saturday 1st August 2026.

The weather was kind on the day with a lot of sunshine. After this warm, dry spell, the recent rain gave a little cut in the ground. The track looked good, and special thanks go to everyone who gives their time to make these events happen, to our loyal sponsors, owners, jockeys and helpers.

Results are:-

1 mile 1 furlong - "Tucker" Memorial Handicap

- 1st Daydream Believer – Lewis Hislop
- 2nd Wee Woodee – Steven Smith

6 furlongs - Elliot Borthwick Memorial Handicap

- 1st Notable - Lewis Hislop
- 2nd Jim – Sean Huggan
- 3rd Celtic Demon - Connor Wood

1 ½ Miles Handicap

- 1st Highfield Glen – Lewis Hislop
- 2nd Lunacy – Morgan Raine
- 3rd Panic Attack - Sean Huggan

7 Furlongs – "Doof" Memorial Handicap

- 1st Old News – Steven Smith
- 2nd Buttons – Connor Wood
- 3rd The Biz – Jake Huggan

Due to our first meeting being cancelled because of the weather, our top jockey and top horse competition included the Selkirk Common Riding meeting to give owners a chance to gain points. Once again the top jockey was awarded to Lewis Hislop, who received the Neil Henderson trophy.

The top horse this year was Notable, gaining 30 points, who was also one of the winners last year, so well deserved for J & B Racing, and received the Fred Berry Memorial Trophy. Second was Old News for St Leonard's Racing, and equal third was local



'Notable' winner of the Elliot Borthwick Memorial Handicap at Saturday's LHRSA meeting

Photo: Mel Horne Photography

horse Wee Red for Red Tin Racing, and Jim for Waverley Racing.

Prize money and trophy was kindly donated by Derek Fifer of Auchangate Racing and Langholm Horse Racing Association.

The cycle race was won by Ellie Ratcliffe, and there were glitter tattoos and a sweetie hunt for the children.

This meeting has become so well supported by the public, that we cannot thank you enough!

It makes such a great atmosphere to wind up the wonderful festivities of the Common Riding. This year it was the sounds of John Penn that got everyone into the party mood to end the day.

The next meeting is at Selkirk on the 8th August - come flapping and support them too!

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Brenda Brough receives the shield for Notable's 6-furlong win



Notable also won the Fred Berry memorial trophy for the top horse competition gaining the most points over the langholm season



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