

THE POINT

Welcome Mosaic Unveiled

On Saturday 20th September local County Councillor Georgina Hill unveiled the new welcome Mosaic at the entrance to the village. The mosaic was started 2 years ago and over a hundred residents and visitors have had the opportunity of adding a piece of mosaic.

The image depicts:

The iconic view from the village of the Berwick Lighthouse, built in 1826.

A leaping salmon to represent the importance of the fishing industry to the village's existence. The only remaining chimney representing the many factories for chemical and fertiliser that were here from the mid 1850s.

The materials used were mainly found on the beach at Spittal and were added at various events. They include Victorian pottery, brick, slate, glass codd bottles and glazed tiles. Thank you to everyone involved in this project over the last couple of years.



Heritage Days Weekend

Thank you to everyone who attended the displays at the Middle Street Hall over the weekend, undertook the self guided Secret Spittal walk or joined the various walking tours that were ably led by Rob Smith.

Planning is already underway for the 2026 version which will take place between the 11th and 20th September.

We have a number of photographs that will hopefully be added in to an online gallery soon for everyone to enjoy.

As a reminder you can still purchase the three Secret Spittal books which would make an ideal Christmas present at the Spittal Food Store or from Geo. C Grieve Stationers in the town centre



In Appreciation Of Spittal

We looked across to Berwick upon Tweed lighthouse and spotted the roof of the Lowry sun shelter in the distance. Delighted by the naturalness and sheer beauty of the beach, the architecture, the way this environment made us feel, we vowed to return.

We were excited to return in June 2025 to stay in a delightful apartment which overlooked the promenade and sea on Spittal Main St. We were heartened to find Spittal as lovely, unspoilt and interesting as we had imagined. We appreciated the warmth and friendliness of every one we met, on each occasion we puzzled over a map or bus time table a local person would smile and say 'can I help' ? The local buses stopped a few yards from our door, we made good use of the efficient bus service each day.

When we strolled along the streets or the beach it was a pleasure to notice the beautifully kept gardens both private and public. The war memorial garden struck us for its gentle well kept lawns and colourful floral borders, all of which deserve to be displaced through your open gardens day. We admired the modernist beach shelter and pavillion, atmospheric and evocative of seaside architecture over time. The seafront children's play area, with fountains of spray and colourful equipment offered simple pleasures to the delighted children and families, we passed. In our strolls of Spittals streets we were fascinated to read of smugglers, tunnels, curious landlords, the stories of Spittal dwellers over time.

This generosity of spirit, in sharing both the past and present stories of the area seemed very apparent. What also struck us very powerfully was the way in which Spittal has seemed to have nurtured its natural charm without succumbing to a 'trendified' version of itself.

Spittal, in our view, has the natural beauty of stunning coastal walks with views of ancient islands and castles, a splendid, flat, well cared for accessible for all promenade (with clean local public conveniences), outstanding views across to Berwick upon Tweed's historic town and ramparts with a gentle, warm and welcoming demeanour.

Thank you for all we enjoyed on our visit, we are already planning our return. **Ginette and Denise**



Stone Railway Sleeper

This stone was one of many used to fix the rails for horse drawn wagons carrying stone quarried at the south end of Spittal, from Hud's Head Quarry, for building the pier, started in 1808.

The rails went along what is now South Greenwich Road and Main Street to the old jetty on the Tweed, now mostly covered by sand dunes.

This 1822 depiction does not actually show rails, and the waggon does not look like it's carrying stone blocks.

Records state that coal was transported from the Scremerston collieries in the 1850's. The division of surface colour on the stone most likely indicates where it was buried in the ground/cobbles.

This stone belonged to Jim Walker, Spittal historian and author, and has been kindly donated to the Spittal Mini Museum in his memory, by his niece Sheila Scott. The stone is now beside the Museum in the Spittal Community Centre.



NNVF Winner

Congratulations to our Treasurer and Media administrator Ian Beresford who was recently awarded Volunteer Of The Year 2025 at the North Northumberland Voluntary Forum awards ceremony at the Rugby Club. Ian is also a driver, treasurer and media admin for [Berwick Cancer Cars](#), treasurer at [Berwick Coastwatch](#) and [Inspired Music](#) as well as being a regular dog walker for [Berwick Animal Rescue Kennels](#). Keep up to date with volunteer opportunities at the NNVF website. <https://nnvforum.org.uk/>



Chorus Of Things Workshop

October 24th & 26th - WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW THIS AUTUMN!

Come together to create a 'Chorus of Things' through this live action roleplay and sound-making workshop. Come along and take part in making drawings, sounds, and recordings, to create a soundscape for Berwick-upon-Tweed! 'Chorus of Things' is a four-hour live action roleplay and sound-making workshop that will be led by artist Adam James.

Through playful choreographic games and roleplay, participants will respond to vital, symbolic, or sacred things—creating living sculptures and collective soundscapes together.

Come along and take part in making drawings, sounds, and recordings that propose a collective future voice, feeding into the wider project of Berwick Shines.

Participants will be led through the co-creation of a new language and an exploration of how we are shaped by the things that ultimately matter to us, and how these, in turn, take form within our lives. To take part, participants are invited to bring an "object of ultimate concern." This could be anything you feel matters deeply to you—like a photograph, a tool, a keepsake, or even something ordinary that holds special meaning in your daily life.

No prior experience is needed—come as you are. The session involves movement ranging from gentle running and rolling to supporting each other's weight, along with floor play and moments of silliness.

Got to link at <https://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk/whats-on/chorus-of-things-workshop/> for more information and to book tickets.

Table Top Sales start October 25th



10am to 1pm

SATURDAYS

25th October

22nd November

31st January

28th February

28th March

**SPITTAL
COMMUNITY HALL**

MIDDLE STREET, SPITTAL
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED

TD15 1RZ

FREE ENTRY

Refreshments

Table Top Sellers must book in advance by
emailing: spittalicbs@gmail.com



Rag Bag Border Morris

Rag Bag Border Morris, England's most Northerly Morris side, would like to invite you to a 'Have a go' session:

On **Tuesday 7th October** in Horncliffe Memorial Hall, Main Street, Horncliffe at 7pm

Or on **Tuesday 28th October** in The Straw Yard, The Barracks Parade, Berwick at 7pm

We are a mixed team and mainly dance border style Morris, wearing traditional tattered coats. We practice on Tuesday evenings in Horncliffe from September to May.

Morris dancing is a great way to make new friends, get exercise, keep tradition alive and have fun.

Newcomers of all ages are very welcome, and you need no previous experience. Musicians are also welcome to join the band.

For further details email ragbagbordermorris@outlook.com or call Graham on 07943866861



Thrive Fitness New Timetable

Thrive Fitness hold classes Monday-Thursday in the hall in Middle Street. New schedule is:

Monday 6-7pm Body Conditioning

Tuesday 9.15-10.15am Toning

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am Zumba Gold

Wednesday 9.45-10.45am Zumba

Thursday 9.30-10.30am Zumba Gold

Visit Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100022590203329>



Dates for your diary

Friday 24th October - Chorus Of Things Workshop in Spittal Community Centre.

Saturday 25th October - Indoor Table Top Sake in Spittal Community Centre.

Sunday 26th October - Chorus Of Things Workshop in Spittal Community Centre.

Saturday 7th December - Christmas Coffee Morning 10am-Noon Middle Street Hall

Spittal Improvement Trust Online

SIT Website - spittal.org.uk

Spittal Community Centre Website

<https://hallbookingonline.com/spittal/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/spittalisgreat/>

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