

Working in Spittal, for Spittal

THE POINT



LIFEBOAT NEWS

St John's Church will be hosting **Sea Sunday** on 14th July. (See the 'What's On' page).

Berwick Lifeboat benefits from this event so there will be the Lifeboat souvenir stall and information stalls. It was a great event last year with lots to see and do and this year promises to be even better.

Lifeboat Day is on Sunday August 4th and will be a bigger event this year with music and more stalls and entertainment.

On 14th June the **RNLI 200th Anniversary Scroll** came to our station. It bears the RNLI pledge and it's travelling round the British Isles visiting every station, shop and fundraising group and it's signed at every venue.

Ford, the car manufacturer, donated an E-Transit van for the journey and one person is driving the entire trip.

The scroll started its journey on Monday 4th March 2024 at the Service of Thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey, this was our charities official 200th Birthday.

It will take seven months for the scroll to visit 240 locations and will finish its journey in October at Douglas on the Isle of Man, which was home to the RNLI's founder Sir William Hillary.

The scroll was signed by Mau Watkins, Gareth Patterson and Kevin Knox on behalf of all at our station.



THAT POST!

There has been much speculation about the post above the beach between The Point car park and St. Helens. Now we know!

It has a Newcastle University logo on it.

Place your mobile phone in the slot on the top, take a photo and follow the instructions on the sign which tells you where to send it.



WHAT'S ON



TEA IN THE PARK

Sunday July 7th
from 2pm to 5pm
Seafield Park, Spittal

A sumptuous tea with live music by Kevin. Raffle, 2 tombolas, and side stalls. Please come and support this Gardening Group fundraiser.



GARDENING NEWS

Despite the uncertain weather conditions the gardeners have been very busy and everywhere is looking beautiful.

The work in the park has been especially important in readiness for Tea in the Park on Sunday 7th July, 2 - 5pm. Would you like to join the Gardening Group at 9am on Monday July 1st? We are hoping to see as many people as possible who can come to help with the final tidy up in preparation for the 7th July.

If you would like to donate any baking or cakes please bring these along at 1p.m. on the day.

As usual, we would be grateful for any donations for the tombola and the raffle.

In July the doorstep competition will be judged and the results will be published by the end of the month.

The Gardening Group owe a special thank you to Judith and Martin for hosting a lovely get together in their beautiful garden which was our first meeting as a group since Christmas. The weather was great and a thoroughly pleasant afternoon was spent catching up.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the 7th.

Happy Gardening.

Mau Watkins, Chair,
Spittal Gardening Gro

GUIDES LITTER PICK

4th Berwick Guides spent one of their meetings in June litter picking in Spittal.

17 Guides and our volunteer leaders picked litter in the Play Park and the Park, finding only a few items of litter.

Then one group went along the Prom to the north to pick the other to the south, finding snack packets, plastic bottles, cigarette ends, takeaway food containers and a pair of socks!

We moved onto the beach, while the tide went out, meeting in the middle to compare what we had found. Most of the litter we gathered up was found on the beach, mainly plastic together with food and drinks packaging, but also more socks and a shoe.

The Guides enjoyed doing the litter pick, finding it rewarding to see the areas litter free and helping to make a difference in the local area.

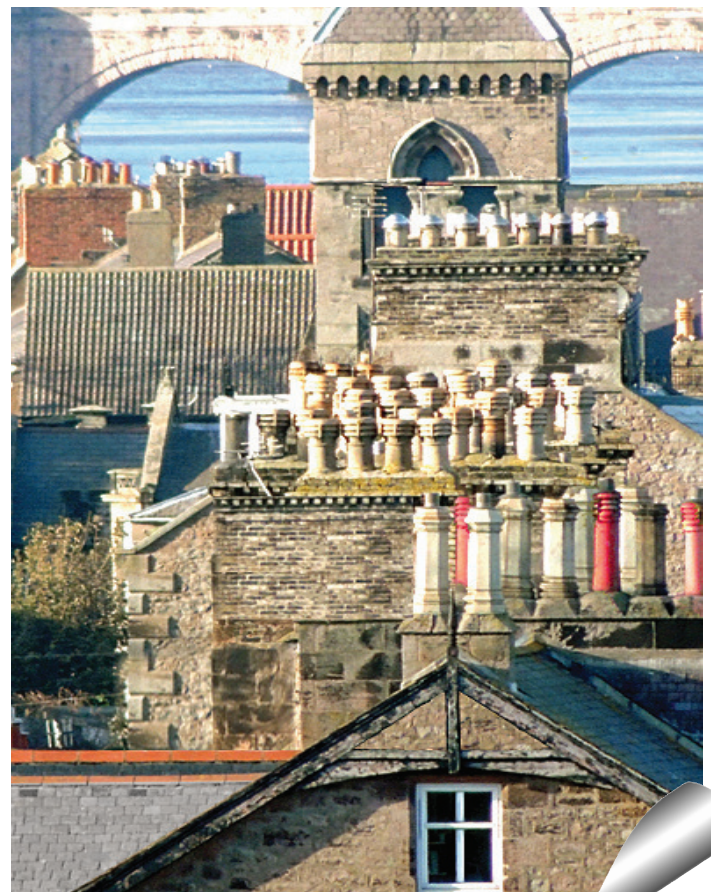
Gillian Ridley
Volunteer Leader, 4th Berwick Guides



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot 8 differences?

1, water under the bridge. 2, Church tower windows. 3, colour of bottom chimneys. 4, missing chimneys. 5, house window panes. 6, bottom roof colour. 7, gable end. 8, missing sloping roof.



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1 Church Street, Berwick

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SPITTAL VIEWS & OLD SPITTAL



DO YOU NEED A VENUE?

Contact SIT to book
**SPITTAL
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Let us know if you have a public event in Spittal that you would like included in this newsletter. To avoid disappointment, please note: that the deadline for text is 18th of the month.

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SPITTAL POST OFFICES

1833 a Spittal postmark was used
1841 an undated hand stamp was issued

31 Main Street

1852 the Board of Health map shows this property as a Post Office It sold the 'Penny Red' stamp



1851, 1861, 1871 census, Front Street (Main Street) had a Post Office here run by the Davidsons

1878 Spittal Post Office became an office for Savings Bank & Money Order Telegraph

1881 Mr Davidson, age 71, died at the PO

66 Main Street

1891 census, Agnes Hall age 26 postmistress

1894 Kelly's directory, Agnes Hall postmistress

17 Main Street

1903 Slater's Directory, Agnes Hownam, bookseller, stationer, newsagent & sub postmistress, she took in lodgers

1907 Agnes Hownam resigns

1911 census, Mr. S Brigham, Druggist and sub postmaster. A postcard has this on the back:

S. Brigham, Border Drug Stores, Spittal

1914 Kelly's directory, Sibbit Brigham, druggist and post office

1921 S Brigham is an agent for rat killer

1924 Sibbit Brigham died aged 70

1928 Anecdotal: "My uncle, Willie Ford, was the postmaster at number 17"

62 Main Street

1935 directory, William Ford, postmaster

66 Main Street (for the second time)

1939 registry, William Ford, sub postmaster Carved lettering, POST OFFICE, is just visible above the door, but from which date?

1953 a newspaper article names William Ford at the Post Office in Spittal.

He would have been selling 1935 commemorative 1/2d stamps for George V's Silver Jubilee



74 Main Street

2005 6th June, the Post Office closed when the postmaster was Neil Ruddick and his assistant was June McRoy

2024 the post box remains at this last location