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CARING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IN NORTHUMBERLAND?

If you provide or intend to provide care or support for a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their age, physical or mental illness or disability Mobilise are here to support you in your caring role.

Mobilise work with [Northumberland County Council](#) to provide a range of free online services to support you, in addition to what is already on offer.

Mobilise is a free service available to Northumberland residents, run by carers for carers. They offer:

- Regular e-support packages with information, practical advice, and entertainment
- Virtual cuppas for anybody needing some social contact
- One-to-one coaching support for anybody with a knotty problem they'd like to work out.

Who can access the Mobilise service?

Any unpaid carer in Northumberland.

Do I have to pay for Mobilise?

No, the service is entirely free for residents of Northumberland and you can use as much or as little as you want.

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visit: <https://support.mobiliseonline.co.uk/Northumberland>

Phone: 01670 536 400

BENEFITS INFORMATION FOR CARERS**What benefits can I receive as a carer?**

There are a range of benefits, tax credits and other financial support you may be able to receive as a carer. To [find out which benefits you could be eligible for as a carer, visit Gov.uk](#) or talk to us on 01670 536 400 You can also ask the care manager of the person you care for or ring [Carers Northumberland](#) on 01670 320 025.

What is a Carer's Allowance?

Carer's Allowance is a benefit that may be paid to carers of working age who provide more than 35 hours of care a week. Entitlement is linked to the benefits paid to the person being cared for. However, you don't have to be related to, or live with, the person you care for.

For full details of individual entitlement, visit <https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance/eligibility>

Appeal for dog walkers to 'respect the lead'

Northumberland County Council is backing a national campaign to avoid tension between dog walkers by promoting good lead etiquette.

The authority is promoting the 'Respect the lead' campaign which aims to educate

people about the issues which can arise when walking dogs on leads and focuses on ensuring a safe and happy environment for all dogs and walkers.

A spokesperson for the council's Animal Welfare Team said:

"Not every dog wants to play. Lots of dogs are timid and they may have confidence issues.

"When a dog is on a lead, being approached by a confident or excited dog can make it feel vulnerable and trapped and cause even the friendliest dog to lash out. This can be dangerous for both dogs and owners and can result in injury. As responsible dog owners we must always respect an unknown dog's state of mind."

The campaign is helping to spread the word about how dogs interact with others and raises awareness about the variety of reasons why dogs are often kept on a lead. They could be reactive to other dogs or people, they may be young and undergoing training, or may be elderly or frail.

Your dog may be happy to interact with others but remember that this is not the case for everyone. If you see another dog on a lead, then respect that they may need some space.

Don't allow your dog to approach another dog on the lead, without first asking permission from its owner. Remember to use the '3 second rule', allow your dog to introduce themselves and take a sniff, but then pull them away after 3 seconds, maintaining a very brief meeting. If you are walking your dog in a popular dog walking area, keep it on a lead unless you have a good recall.

Taking your dog for a walk should be an enjoyable experience for both owner and dog, and by remembering to 'respect the lead' we can ensure a safe and happy environment for everyone.

REFERENDUM DATE SET FOR EGLINGHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Local referendums for the Eglingham Neighbourhood Plans will take place later this summer and all residents in the Parish who are registered to vote will be able to have a say on the Plans.

The Eglingham referendum is due to take place on Thursday 18 July.

The Planning referendums are being held to get residents' views on whether they wish to support the Neighbourhood Plan which address issues local people have identified as important in their areas.

If a majority of residents who vote at the referendum are in favour of the Plan, it will be used by County Council Officers to make decisions on planning applications in the Parish.

The referendum will run in the same way as a local election, with all those eligible to vote receiving a polling card, and the options of postal and proxy voting being available to those who are registered.

The polls will take place from 7am until 10pm on Thursday 18 July and people will find details of which polling station to attend on their polling card.

This year, under new government legislation, voters will need to show appropriate photographic ID if voting in person at the polling station. This new legislation does not apply to electors who vote by post.

Accepted forms of ID include: a photocard driving licence (full or provisional), passport, concessionary travel pass, such as an older person's bus pass, or blue badge. Voters will be able to use expired photo ID, as long as it remains a good enough likeness for the polling station staff to be able to identify the voter. The photo ID should be the original version and not a copy.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate either online or by completing a paper application.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for free voter ID, at electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

For Eglingham, new applications to register to vote must be received by Thursday 2 July and new applications for postal voting must be received in the Elections Office by 5pm on Wednesday 3 July.

Residents should contact the elections team as soon as possible on 01670 624844 if they want to register to vote or register for postal voting.

The Eglington Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents can be viewed on the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning website at: www.northumberland.gov.uk/ourplan

CELEBRATING OUR SHARED LIVES CARERS

The Council is celebrating the contribution of our Shared Lives carers as part of Shared Lives Week 2024.

Shared Lives Northumberland provides support in a family home for adults who are unable to live alone because of their age or disability.

Sean Brennan, senior manager of the council's in-house provider services for adults said: "Our Shared Lives carers give people amazing opportunities to try new experiences, develop new skills to enhance their independence, and be fully involved in their local communities.

"Having an adult who needs support living with you is a big commitment and requires someone who is understanding, caring and has a big heart.

"We really hope that more people will consider becoming Shared Lives carers and make a positive difference in someone's life."

Shared Lives Northumberland was set up in 2000 and there are now more than 40 people who are Shared Lives carers in Northumberland. Some of whom have been carers for more than 20 years.

Shared Lives carer Martin Lamb and his husband, Don, share their home with Joe from Shared Lives. Joe says Martin and Don have given him so much joyfulness in everything beyond his wildest dreams.

Martin said: "Shared Lives not only makes a difference to the person you care for it changes your life for the better."

Shared Lives arrangements can be short or long-term depending on people's circumstances and preferences.

Carers receive regular training and are paid an allowance for each adult supported in their home.

[Find out more about Shared Lives Northumberland contracts@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:contracts@northumberland.gov.uk)