

# THE POINT

## Tea in the Park 2025 - July 6th

Come along and join us at the Gardening Group's Tea In The Park event for 2025. We will be in Seafield Park next to Spittal Bowling Club with all the usual tasty treats, stalls and live music. The event starts at 2pm and hopefully the sun will be shining on the day.



Spittal Gardening Group invite you to join them for



## AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PARK

**Sunday 6<sup>TH</sup> July 2pm to 5pm**

Seafield Park, Sea Road, Spittal

**Music, Stalls, Raffle, Children's Games,  
Tombola, Tea, Coffee & Cakes**

**Free Entry**

All proceeds will be spent on ongoing restoration to gardens in Spittal

If wet, you will find us in Spittal Community Centre in Middle Street  
for more info visit [spittal.org.uk](http://spittal.org.uk)



## Open Gardens Day - June 21st

We had a great response to our piece in the last issue of The Point about Spittal Gardening Group's plans for a Secret Gardens trail. Our first Open Gardens event will take place on Saturday 21st June from 2 to 5 pm.

Ten private gardens of all shapes and sizes will be opening their gates, as well as the gardens at Spittal Bowling Club and St John's Church. Tickets with a map of the participating gardens are £2 (cash only), available from the Community Centre on the day. All the gardens are in Lower Spittal, mostly within easy walking distance. Refreshments will be available at the Community Centre all afternoon and at one of the gardens.

Please remember that most of these gardens haven't been designed for public access. There may be narrow paths, steep steps, slippery grass slopes or other hazards as well as delicate features. Children are welcome to visit with a responsible adult but must be closely supervised. Not all the gardens are able to welcome dogs. Where dogs are admitted they must be kept on a lead, under close control. Please take care, of everyone's safety and of the gardens!

### SPITAL OPEN GARDENS



**JUNE 21ST 2025 2 TO 5PM**

TICKETS & MAPS £2 (CASH ONLY)  
FROM SPITAL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THE DAY

A self-guided walking trail visiting fifteen Spittal gardens, (ten not usually open to the public), each with a distinct character

Refreshments available at the Community Centre

**IN AID OF SPITAL GARDENING GROUP**

Spittal Community Centre, Main Street, Spittal, TD15 1RD

## Greener Berwick Repair Cafe

Bring your broken items to our Repair Cafe and we'll see if we can mend them!

Following the success of our Greener Berwick Repair Cafe we're happy to say that we'll be again at The Salvation Army Church Hall, 53 Church Street, Berwick, on the last Saturday of every month, from 10am - 1pm.

We have a wonderful bank of repair volunteers who have helped make Berwick's first Repair Cafes a success.

We're always on the lookout for new repairers to share the load with our existing volunteers, so please contact us if you have skills to offer or would just like to help out.

There is more information at this link : <https://rb.gy/17zae5>



## Knit In Public Day 2025

Join the ladies from the Wednesday Knit & Natter Group on the morning of Saturday June 7th on Spittal Prom for Knit in public day. They will be in the shelter by the Bowling Club. The group meets every Wednesday from 2-4pm in the Community Centre with all welcome - £3 including tea and biscuits.



## Thriving Together

Thriving Together Northumberland is a collaborative initiative led by Citizens Advice Northumberland - commissioned by Northumberland County Council - to support the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector across the county.

We work alongside these organisations to help amplify their voices and ensure diverse needs are recognised and supported. Through training, networking and guidance, we aim to strengthen the sector - building skills, capacity, and connections to help them respond to their communities with confidence.

We're working to support a resilient and collaborative sector. Our aim is to be a trusted source of local support, services, and advocacy - championing long-term, positive change for volunteers, organisations, and the people they serve.

To find out more, visit our website:

[www.thrivingtogethernorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.thrivingtogethernorthumberland.org.uk)

Want to get in touch? Email:

[admin@thrivingtogethernorthumberland.org.uk](mailto:admin@thrivingtogethernorthumberland.org.uk)



## Berwick Tai Chi

Fancy Tai Chi outdoors?

This summer, why not come along to Tai Chi in the Park.

Starting on Friday, 11am 4th July, at Seafield Park, Spittal.

Complete beginners and the more experienced are welcome.

Outdoor sessions will continue every week through the summer until the end of August.

From September, we start Tai Chi sessions indoors at the Spittal Community Centre (St Paul's church). Complete beginners are welcome.

If we get enough enquiries, we may run our beneficial Seated Tai Chi for the less able at the Centre. Interested?

For more details on our summer programme or September's indoor sessions please contact, Pete on [berwicktaichi@gmail.com](mailto:berwicktaichi@gmail.com)



## Walking On Sunshine - Spittal Community Centre June 25th - 27th

Ruby and her friends are not in any social norm group at school. They don't really fit in, so they formed their own little group dabbling in harmless spells. Ruby confides in them that she wants to find her father who doesn't know she exists.

Meanwhile she is cast as Lady Macbeth in a school production.

In her quest to find her father, she goes to Liverpool where she knows he spent time working and visits places where he had been. In her desperation, she has found a powerful spell to help her and ropes in her friends to help her.

At this point I don't want to give too much away. Needless to say, you'll need to come to see the show to find out what happens.

Does the spell work? Does she find her father? The show is again supported by Laid Back with the cast involved in the great songs which are part and parcel of the production.

The cast is full of regular faces who have been involved in shows with Berwick Operatic Society, Spittal Variety Group as well as Such Stuff. Tickets are available at the door £10, children free.



## Hilda House Events

### Celebrate the Summer Solstice with 'Hilda House Community'

Saturday June 21st 7-9pm

Gathering at 'Hilda House' 18 Main Street, Spittal. Our evening activities will depend on the weather! Please bring something to drink and nibbles to share, poetry, music, instruments, stories, artwork, and even dance about.

All are welcome including young people. Please contact: [communityhildahouse@gmail.com](mailto:communityhildahouse@gmail.com) to book

### A Tangled Truth - Mary Of Magdala'

A Superb Performance and Workshop  
Saturday 19th July 2025 at Spittal Community Centre, 11-4pm with The Revd Professor June Boyce-Tillman MBE

Refreshments will be available during the day. Please bring your own lunch and a suggested donation of £10-£25 towards the costs. (cash or cheque) All are welcome. To book and/or find out more information please email Elizabeth at [communityhildahouse@gmail.com](mailto:communityhildahouse@gmail.com)



## Benefice of Scremerston, Spittal and Tweedmouth

Following a fruitful day last month conducting a number of interviews, deliberation and discernment by Bishop Mark, Archdeacon Catherine, our Patrons, and parish representatives, the appointment of a new Vicar for the BESST benefice is now in the hands of the Bishop of Newcastle. Details will be announced when this appointment process has been completed. This may take a little time!

Yours,

Gordon Chapman. Audrey Maclaren, Alastair Macpherson

Upcoming dates

**9th June** – Concert at Spittal Community Centre – Gareth Davies-Jones (Singer Songwriter) at 7:30pm. <https://www.garethdavies-jones.com/>

**23rd - 27th June:** LifePath – Save the date and consider how you may best support - practical, prayer or financial support. More details of the 13th run of this amazing event at Brinkburn Priory to follow.

**13th July** – Sea Sunday at Spittal – save the date. God bless, Judith

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 21st June** - Open Gardens Day

**Sunday 6th July** - Tea In The Park

**Sunday 13th July** - Sea Sunday at St John's

**Friday 12th - Sunday 21st September** - Berwick Heritage Open Days

**Saturday 7th December** - Christmas Coffee Morning

## Spittal Improvement Trust Online

SIT Website - [spittal.org.uk](http://spittal.org.uk)

Spittal Community Centre Website

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

Facebook

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

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