

Last year's Festival was always going to be hard to surpass, but we did it. More to see, more to do and even more visitors made our 7th Festival a landmark artistic event for the county. Once again the support, both from this village and from friends in the neighbouring ones, was magnificent. Without this the Festival would just not happen and would certainly not have its unique flavour of a real community enterprise. Very many thanks to you all. We also greatly appreciate the increasing coverage that The Cryer, the Northumberland Gazette and the Culture supplement to the Journal are giving our Festival. The highly successful weekend not only reflects the hard work and sheer professionalism of an enthusiastic and increasingly experienced organising committee, but it is also indicative of the significance of our festival in Northumberland's art scene.

The Festival aims to showcase the work of Northumberland's artists and craftworkers, encourage people to get actively involved themselves, be a great day out and promote our village and its businesses. There is amazing artistic talent in this county and much of it will be in Alnmouth on 23 and 24 June, 2012 for our 8th event, so make sure you are here or, better still, come and help us put it on.

Bill Bourne

Chair, Alnmouth Parish Council



The First Trail Guide is sold!

What our visitors said

"Loved everything about the Festival"

"Great event for Alnmouth"

"Thank you. Great all-round display of local talent"

"Loved the quirky venues – chance to discover the village"

"Good range of work from a host of talented people"

"Very enjoyable – gives inspiration"

"Very impressed by organisation and stunning art"



The Stone-Painter



Children (and Mums) dancing in the park



"Shells and Things" with Alistair



Two happy painters

Arts Festival



Helen Stuart with Enid & Josta and their new painting



Susan, Barbara and Sarah with "Material Memories"



"Welcome back to Alnmouth, Emma"



Julie's mosaics



Lace making



Rag rugs



Hand spinning



Wood turning



(Beautiful) music in the park



Venue 21 1/2 – the late addition!



Happy visitors return home