

A record number of exhibitors and fabulous weather made the 6th Alnmouth Arts Festival the biggest and best ever. This was truly a real community event, with so many from Alnmouth, as well as from our sister villages, helping to put on the Festival, clear everything away afterwards and generally ensure its success; far too many to mention individually, but very sincere thanks to you all.

However, one who really must be singled out is Pauline James, without whose enthusiastic commitment, organising skills and capacity for sheer hard work, the rest of us would have had ten times as much to do. Thank you, Pauline, from all your friends involved in the Festival, and please say you will take us to even greater success in 2011. You've done it once; it is bound to be easier the next time!

We are now firmly established as a major arts event and we intend to continue its development. So if you want to be involved in the best Arts Festival in Northumberland please look out for our Start-up Meeting in the autumn. You will be very welcome.

Bill Bourne



Mick Oxley – Guest Artist

“When I was asked to be part of Alnmouth’s Arts Festival, I was delighted to accept,” says Mick. “It is a much appreciated event in the North East’s arts calendar, and festivals like this are a significant contributor to the economy of Northumberland.”



10 o'clock - The First Sale!!



and 2 hours later!



Hipsburn First School having fun!



and parents too!

Arts Festival



Barbara Aitchison picks a favourite



Sue Waters and salmon skin coat



Shell pictures with Alistair Sinton

What visitors said

- “Thoroughly enjoyed it”
- “Don’t change a thing”
- “Hostelries and cafes welcoming”
- “Very well organised - excellent Trail Guide and signage”
- “A delightful village in a lovely setting”
- “Wonderful display of work”
- “Amazing talent”
- “Excellent” “Inspiring”

What exhibitors said

- “Very enjoyable weekend – we’ll be back next year”
- “Thanks to the organisers – a job well done”
- “Fantastic way of meeting other artists”
- “Fabulous setting in St John’s – we hope the village enjoyed our cup cakes!”
- “Lovely crowd of people – great atmosphere”



Susan Taylor raising money for Hospice Care

What local businesses said ...

- “We had our busiest Friday ever”
Anne Davison – Hope and Anchor
- “One of the best weekends we’ve had”
Alistair Ridley – TheBistro/Tea Cosy
- “Best trading days this season”
Janice Gallon – Alnmouth Country Store
- “Brilliant weekend’s trading – and it was great to showcase the village”
Cat Morley – Alnmouth Post Office and Newsagents



Kevin Holden in the Hindmarsh Hall



Emma Holliday - street art



The ladies (and gentleman) of the Old Chapel Art Group



yes, it is Fred Bettes in Emma's painting



And finally
Alnmouth's loss is the Baltic's gain!