

# Allendale Caravan Park

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## Winter Newsletter 2005

### Timber!

We have had 6 trees felled at the very end of the park -nearest to Catton. Northumberland Wildlife Trust recommended that we fell trees there to let more light in for wildflowers and wild creatures, not to mention caravan owners. Four of the trees were not native to this area and cast a very heavy shade.and two were just plain in the way. We plan to plant some native trees with a lighter shade so we can gradually replace non-native trees which cast a heavy shade. It now looks more like a woodland clearing where we hope to encourage wild flowers than the deep dark woods. We have a very large heap of chippings to mulch flowerbeds and new hedges.



### Winter work on the park

The work to turn the old toilet block on the rise into a store, replacing the wooden one that is in danger of falling down and being eaten through by woodworm, is almost complete. We are hoping work will start soon on roads and reorganisation of the car park area, including removal of the wooden shed, and making a fenced off area for us to hide away messy heaps of building materials which are always needed for work on the park.. A big new flowerbed is planned too.

### We do recommend a Gas Check

Please tell us if you would like a gas check done on your caravan. The cost is £58 + VAT (£68.15) for a check carried out professionally by Ideal Caravans. The caravan needs to have been connected again for the new season so we will probably ask them for a date in early April. Remember, if you allow friends to use the caravan, you are required by law as a 'landlord' to have a gas check done each year.



### Walks from Allendale Caravan Park



The North Pennines AONB have produced a series of walks from the caravan park. They plan to do walks leaflets from other caravan parks, but we are the first! Some of you may already know these and other walks in the area, but we hope they will be useful for newer caravan owners. Pick up a copy of the leaflets from us at the start of the new season and you can pick up a copy for friends too, if you think they would like the walks.

### Goodbye

Farewell to the Hegarty family and best wishes for Michael now going full time in his small brewery business.

Regards, Mike and Verona