

Northumbrians And Pipers promote a range of Traditional Music initiatives in the North East of England, with an emphasis on the ancient county of Northumberland. It was established in 2009 by Malcolm and Susan Craven. These initiatives have included: 9 years of 'Friendly Neets', in Alnmouth; 'Pipedays' and courses to promote the playing of Northumbrian Smallpipes; 1:1 music lessons and, especially for beginners, the opportunity to try out 'the pipes' on a short course led by Susan Craven.



Susan Craven has organised and run pipe days since 2002. She is a professional musician playing Pipes and Clarinet in the Band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Born in Newcastle, Susan returned home to pursue her many interests in piping. She has been teaching beginners for more than fifteen years and is an active member of the Northumbrian Pipers' Society with responsibility for running 'Pipers Fancy' a playing group of society members.



Northumbrian Smallpipes Courses

“Get Started in 2019”

**Sandpipers, North Broomhill,
Northumberland, NE65 9UL**
(This two-day course is non-residential)

Sat 23 - Sun 24 November

New pipes? Neglected pipes?

Want to try before you buy?

This course could be the one for you.

Cost £145

**(Covers tuition; use of a set of pipes - if needed;
lunch; dinner; teas and coffee)**

For more information or to reserve a place contact
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Course Content

Picking up your Northumbrian Pipes
Putting on the bellows
Drone tuning
Notes on the chanter
Safe handling of pipes
Basic maintenance - you can do it!
Brief 'History of the NSP'

Northumberland offers many activities for visitors. The glorious beaches provide the opportunity for quiet reflection, or strenuous exercise, as does the fabulous countryside and remarkable Cheviot Hills. Music also plays an important part in the cultural life of the region. Northumberland has the unique Bagpipe Museum at the Chantry in Morpeth.

Accommodation is available within walking distance,
The Bridges B&B, Togston Road, North Broomhill, NE65 9TP
www.Thebridgesbandb.co.uk - 01670 761989
Coal Houses Farm Caravan Site - 01670 760323

Slightly further

Togston Hall Farmhouse B&B, North Togston, NE65 0HR
01665 712699 (c 1.5 miles)

Northumberland Cottage B&B, Chevington Moor, Morpeth,
NE61 3BA, 01670 783339 (c 4.1 miles)

Indicative Programme

(Actual content of the course will reflect the interests and abilities of the participants)

Day One

10:00 Registration / Coffee
10:30 Getting strapped in —Bellows and Drones
11:00 Getting started
11:30 Brief history of the pipes
13:30 Lunch
14:30 Drone practice
15:30 Tea
16:00 Chanter (what note—where?)
18:00 Dinner
19:30 Session with invited guests
(Finish c.21:00)

Day Two

10:00 Coffee
10:30 'My First Tune'
11:30 Pipe anatomy and basic maintenance
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Individual practice / tuition
15:00 Final session (Finish by 16:00)