

Northumbrians And Pipers promotes 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 include a series of 'Friendly Neets', in Alnmouth; 'Pipedays' and course to promote the playing of Northumbrian Smallpipes; 1:1 music lessons and, especially for beginners, this opportunity to try out 'the pipes'.



Susan 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 recently returned home to pursue her many interests in piping. She has been teaching beginners for more than five years and is an active member of the Northumbrian Pipers' Society with responsibility for running 'Pipers Fancy' a playing group of society members.

Malcolm has been involved with organising and running music events since 1990, including the Manchester Pipeday now the longest running small-pipe day. For 19 years he managed NEARIS' music classes for adults in Manchester. Born in Scotswood, Newcastle, Malcolm returned home in 2004 to pursue his interests in piping, he is an active member of the Northumbrian Pipers' Society, having served on the management committee for three years.



“Getting Started” Northumbrian Smallpipes Course

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

Date TBA 17

New pipes? Neglected pipes?

Want to try before you buy?

This course could be the one for you.

Cost £115

(covers tuition, lunch, dinner, teas and coffee)

**For more information or to reserve a place contact
info@NorthumbriansAndPipers.com**

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Tel. 01670 761872**



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 Trap Inn, North Broomhill. Tel.01670 761672

www.trapinn.co.uk

Station House, North Broomhill. Tel. 01670 760879

or within a short drive

The Railway Inn, Acklington (c.2 miles). Tel.01670 760320

www.railway-inn.co.uk

Or contact

Tourist Information Amble (c.3 miles). Tel.01665 712313

www.ambletouristinformation.co.uk.

Indicative Programme

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

Day One

10:30 Registration / Coffee
11:00 Getting strapped in —Bellows and Drones
11:30 Safe handling and pipe check
12:00 Getting started / Drone practice
12:30 Lunch
13:30 Brief history of the pipes
15:30 Tea
16:00 Chanter fingering
18:00 Dinner
19:30 Session with invited guests

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)