



## A Message from the North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness

Everyone in Prudhoe deserves reliable, affordable and safe transport and as Mayor I'm determined to make that happen.

We're taking buses back under public control so that we can get the services our communities need, rather than just the ones making a profit for the bus companies, bringing public control of fares, routes and timetables – and we'll do it faster than anywhere else with the greenest transport.

That's a big process though, so in the meantime we're doing what we can to make transport better for you. We've just extended the £2.50 cap to keep bus prices 50p lower than the national cap and we're also keeping in place our £1 ticket for bus travel for youngsters 21 and under. That means they can get to the fantastic opportunities in our region for an affordable price. We'll also be fixing up some of the bus stops in Prudhoe with new shelters and seating, with the improvements expected by the end of March next year.

But this is just the start – we're working hard to give North East passengers the world-class transport system they deserve and I look forward to hearing from you about the improvements you want to see.

### Other issues Angie has been working on:



**Road surfaces.** Many of our roads are in dreadful condition. I have pressed Northumberland County Council to repair Western Ave and Castle Road/Dene Grove in particular.



**Steps from High Mickley to A695.** These well-used steps are in a dangerous condition. I've met with County Council officials who have agreed to clear the debris and I'm pressing them to re-lay the surfaces.



**Streetlight in Mickley.** I have organised for a streetlight to be installed at North View/South View Mickley, paid for through my Small Schemes allowance.

### Need for social housing.

I am regularly contacted by residents who are desperate for social housing. I am pressing individual cases with the responsible body, Northumberland County Council, as well as enlisting support from our MP, Joe Morris.

**Contact me: [angie.scott@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:angie.scott@northumberland.gov.uk)**

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Angie Scott – County Councillor for Prudhoe West & Mickley

Keeping you up to date - Autumn 2025



# ANGIE SCOTT

County Councillor for Prudhoe West & Mickley

I'd like to start by saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and re-elected me as your County Councillor for Prudhoe West and Mickley. It's a real privilege to continue representing our wonderful community and I'm determined to work hard for every resident.

Since being re-elected, I've been out and about meeting people, listening to concerns, and getting stuck into local issues from improving river safety and tackling litter, to supporting community groups, parks, and play areas. I'm also continuing to push for affordable housing, better public transport links, tackling antisocial behaviour and more investment in our local facilities.

Prudhoe and Mickley are special places because of the people who live here. Your ideas, feedback, and involvement make all the difference, and I'm always here to listen. Together, we can make sure our area gets the attention and investment it deserves.



## Prudhoe Transport Plan Meeting

On 10th November, there is a great opportunity to discuss the future of public transport in Prudhoe and the surrounding villages. North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness, will be joined by representatives from Northern Rail, Go North East and Northumberland County Council. This is a unique opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions to shape the future of public transport for our community. Everyone welcome.

If you want to table questions/comments, please email me at [angie.scott@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:angie.scott@northumberland.gov.uk)

**Prudhoe Parish Hall, NE42 5HJ  
Monday 10 Nov 2025 7.30-9pm**

Free, but please get tickets in advance from Prudhoe Library or online: [www.buytickets.at/hexhamclplabourparty/1896784](http://www.buytickets.at/hexhamclplabourparty/1896784)



October 2025

## Angie Scott Christmas Appeal

For the past 5 years, through the amazing generosity of our local community and organisations, the Christmas appeal has raised £1000s each year allowing us to donate children's presents, clothing and treats to hundreds of local families. We work with Miners Lamp Food Bank, West Northumberland Food Bank, Domestic Abuse Service, Family Hub, Prudhoe Youth Project and Ferndene Hospital, directly benefiting children whose parents rely on food banks or other support services by providing them with gifts, treats and essentials to ensure they experience a magical Christmas.

We can't do this without your support. This year we are kicking off with a fundraiser on **Friday 28th November at the Wylam Institute (doors open 7pm for 7.30 start)** where we will have a movie, bar, mince pies and a raffle. Please come along to support us in helping to ensure that the less fortunate families in our community can enjoy a special Christmas this year.



## Message from Joe Morris MP



Prudhoe and the surrounding areas remain a key focus of my work as your MP. It was here that I held my very first advice surgery and since then I have returned regularly, holding events like my recent drop-in advice surgeries with County Councillors Angie Scott and Lawrence O'Donnell, attending community events and supporting Prudhoe Community High School through their huge challenges last academic year. I also continue to meet with local businesses and speak with residents on the doorstep to ensure your concerns are heard in Parliament.

Recently, many of you have raised concerns about road maintenance and road safety with me which I will be taking forward with Northumberland County Council. In Wylam, I am raising concerns about vehicles speeding through the village.

On my summer tour of the constituency, where I visited 80 different communities from Byrness to Allenheads and Blenkinsopp to Throckley, I heard views on wider issues including Gaza, farming and immigration which I have taken with me to Westminster to inform the work I do there on your behalf.

## Banking in Prudhoe

It wasn't long ago that we had two fully operational banks in Prudhoe – Barclays and Lloyds.

Within a very short time, both have closed and have been replaced by a Community banking service which gives us an average of one day per month. Many people are unable to travel elsewhere to get to an open branch, and some businesses need to be able to deposit cash daily. On top of this, the number of ATMs has reduced to two, and they aren't always working. This isn't good enough for a town of our size.

I've been discussing this with our MP, Joe Morris. The current rules determining who gets a proper banking hub do not reflect our needs in Prudhoe. Joe has met with the financial organisations who control this to push for a better hub for Prudhoe.

Unfortunately this will take time, so in the meantime we have requested a meeting with the company who manage the last two ATMs in Prudhoe to demand better reliability.



## Prudhoe Proud

Volunteers are the shining stars of Prudhoe, giving their time, skills, and energy to make our town brighter and stronger.

From those who welcome people into the Miners Lamp Café, Community Hub, PlayZone and Food Bank, to the dedicated members of the Prudhoe Goes Green who bring colour and life to our town, their efforts create pride and joy for us all.

Prudhoe Community Partnership helps create projects around the town like the Pocket Park and the wonderful Bee Bed! Also, more ideas aren't far away.

At West Road Cemetery, volunteers care for the resting places of loved ones with compassion and respect, while in West Wylam the Community Garden and also the Allotment on the Oaklands estate offer fresh opportunities to grow, share, and connect.

Our litter pickers work tirelessly to keep Prudhoe clean, showing that small actions make a big difference. And behind the scenes, many others run local charities that support families, young people, and the vulnerable. Together, these volunteers embody community spirit; their kindness and commitment light the way for us all.

*Thank you!*

