

Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee



Continuing Northumberland's Traditions

A Standing Committee of Morpeth Antiquarian Society
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APPEAL FOR PATRONS

PLEASE support us - help fund the 58th Gathering 10th to 12th April 2026

Can you help us to keep the Gathering going now and in the future?

We face growing challenges this year in planning and delivering our well-regarded regional festival of traditional music and culture. Costs continue to rise, and we've had new problems over our venues, not least the loss of the Town Hall for our Sunday events and admin hub. To save some expenditure we are exploring alternatives to the winners' plaques, but in other cases we cannot make savings – for instance, to ensure crowd safety we cannot shrink our Saturday showcase procession by avoiding the now-hugely-expensive road closure or relocating its route. Yet again we are hoping that the generosity of the public will help us to stage the type of events that people have come to expect at the Morpeth Gathering. **This year includes some amazing events with special Vanbrugh Revisited activities for the 300th anniversary of the death of Town Hall architect Sir John Vanbrugh (nationally known for Castle Howard, Delaval Hall and Blenheim Palace).**

This year we are delighted to announce the launch of the Alex Swailes Memorial Award for the best performance in speaking/reciting; and our clog dance competitions return after a gap after Covid.

PATRON DONATION LEVELS: You can choose from:

Events Patron: for a minimum advance donation of **£70 (or £110 per couple)** you can receive a free pass to all the weekend's events (though seats are not guaranteed at the Chantry after an event starts thanks to size limits).

Plaque Patron: for a minimum donation of **£20** you can support the Northumbrian competitions by paying towards the cost of one of the many winners' shields, medals and certificates that we provide each year.

Please complete the form below; either request our BACs details or please make cheques payable to "M.N.G.C." and post to the Treasurer with s.a.e. at the address above. **(If you wish to donate using Gift Aid, please contact us before sending any money as this requires a different application process.)** **Thank you!**

Alternatively, if you simply wish to donate online towards the Gathering, with no event ticket rewards, please do this through gofundme.com/f/morpeth-northumbrian-gathering **Thank you!**

PATRONS – 58th MORPETH NORTHUMBRIAN GATHERING 2026

Please delete where not applicable

I / We would like to support the Gathering by becoming an Event Patron / Plaque Patron this year.

Name(s) (please print)

Address.....

E-mail..... Telephone.....

..... **I / We** enclose cheque made payable to "M.N.G.C." for **£20 / £70 / £110 / other £.....**

..... **I / We** wish to pay by BACs – please send the Gathering BACs details

..... **I / We** enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for acknowledgement and pass

..... **EVENTS PATRONS ONLY***: **I / We** wish to order **one / two** Event Patron's Pass/es / **NO** pass needed

* You will receive one special pass per person for all events, unless you state otherwise – however, if you wish to be sure of a seat at the **Chantry 4pm Saturday concert, please let us know**, as seats are limited)