



Northumberland
Wildlife Trust



Calling all 'Children of the Drift'

**Did you, or someone you know, used to live on the old East Chevington Village?
If so, we're interested in your stories!**

Following its history, first as an opencast drift mine, then as an opencast coal mine, East Chevington Nature Reserve was finally handed over to the Northumberland Wildlife Trust in 2003, following opencast mine restoration. Now, 'Catch My Drift', a 3-year project, has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund UK to enhance the habitats, conserve the wildlife, and improve public access and engagement on East Chevington Nature Reserve.

The heritage of East Chevington is paramount in defining the reserve, and should be a focal point of the site. We're interested in your stories and memories of the old East Chevington village which housed the original miners and their families.

This summer (COVID permitting) the Catch My Drift team want to host a FREE event for ex-villagers. The guided walk will provide a chance to share your stories and memories, and give you a chance to talk to Wildlife Trust staff about the work that's taking place to rejuvenate East Chevington.

We would love include your real-life stories and memories on new panels and boards in the new reserve- but we need your help! So spread the word and contact us if you are interested in attending or have stories to share:

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