

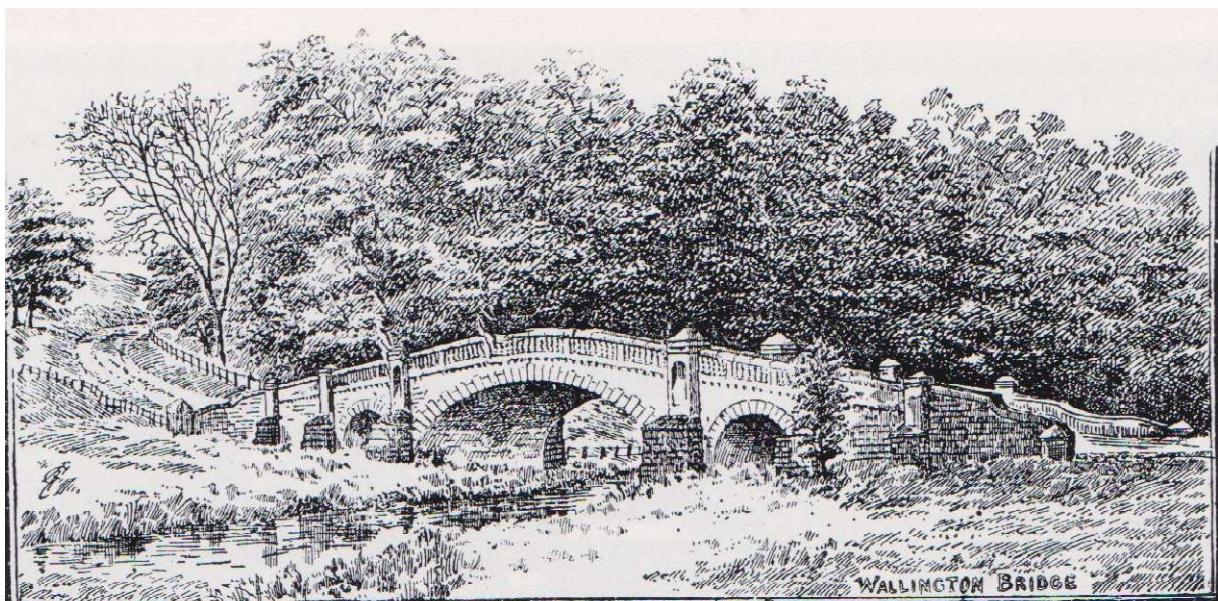
Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

The Families of Wallington Hall by Elizabeth Finch

Monday 27th April 2026

7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall.
£4 adults 50p anyone in full time education.

In 1977, Frank Graham published *'The Old Halls, Houses and Inns of Northumberland'*. Wallington Hall appears on pages 254-261, the author ends his account by writing “*we have kept the account of Wallington Hall rather brief because alone of all the houses in Northumberland its history has been written in detail in a variety of publications.*” I do not want to spoil Elizabeth’s talk but have been personally fascinated by the short historical recap of Wallington Hall for this poster. Lying as it does 12 miles west of Morpeth, near the village of Cambo the house contains many fine furnishings, including a large collection of antique dolls houses. Most accounts give the present house as being a 17th Century Mansion (built in 1688). Over the 338 years since that date the house has been rebuilt, reroofed, altered, extended, given new windows to the entire building and the main entrance on the south moved in the 1740’s to the east facade. Some really well-known Northumberland families are associated with Wallington Hall not least Sir John Fenwick, Sir William Blackett & Sir Charles Trevrelyan. It was the latter who handed over the Hall and estate to the National Trust in 1952 to preserve it intact for future generations. Google ‘Wallington Hall’ and click on a video showing the Georgian Walled Garden set out in the 1760s. A report of the time states “*that the gardener’s house is pleasantly situated on the banks of the river; and from several of its bow windows an agreeable view of three water-falls in the river.*” This sounds a wonderful 1760’s view of the River Wansbeck for the gardener – I wonder how much of that has also changed? Typically, more recent additions relate to wildlife; July 2023 a family of Beavers were released into the Wansbeck on the estate and in November that year part of the estate became a haven site for Pine Martens.



In October, 2025 Elizabeth gave us her Northumbrian Jacobite talk and she is returning by popular request
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