

# Cockermouth Town Council



12 July 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of Cockermouth Town Council to be held in the Town Hall, Cockermouth on **Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 7.00 pm** for the purpose of the under-mentioned business.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

All welcome.

Yours sincerely

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**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 June 2023 (pages 1-8)**

**3. To note the minutes of the Town Clerk Recruitment Sub Committee held on 30 June 2023 (page 9)**

**4. To authorise the Mayor to sign as a correct record the minutes of the last special planning meeting held on 6 July 2023 (pages 10-12)**

**5. Declaration of Interest** – Members to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest in relation to any item on the agenda in accordance with the code of conduct.

**6. Mayors Announcements** – The Mayor will announce the events he has attended since the last meeting.

**7. Public Participation**

- a) To answer any questions from members of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights
- b) To receive a petition from a member of the public in accordance with the Summary of Public Rights

**8. Planning**

- a) To make recommendations upon various planning applications (**page 13**)

**9. Financial Matters**



*Joint Winners*

Council of Europe Year 2000

Europe Prize

*Previous Awards*

Plaque of Honour, Flag of Honour

European Diploma

- a) To agree the attached schedule of payments (**pages 14-15**)
- b) To note the financial comparison report 1/4/23 – 30/6/23 (**pages 16-25**)

#### **10. Correspondence**

- a) To consider the contents of the LGR Newsletters dated 16/6, 25/6, 2/7 & 9/7/2023 (**pages 26-49**)

#### **11. Clerks report – To consider the actions in the clerks report (pages 50-52 )**

#### **12. Climate Change Action**

#### **13. Discussion paper on the repair, maintenance and development of footpaths in Cockermouth (pages 53-70)**

#### **14. Anti-social behaviour in Cockermouth (page 71)**

**Press and Public Welcome**

Minutes of a Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)  
Councillor S Barnes  
Councillor H Beanland  
Councillor M Bowman  
Councillor C Bell  
Councillor I Burns  
Councillor C Bridgman  
Councillor D Malloy  
Councillor G Telford  
Councillor H Tucker  
Councillor R Watson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Samson

There was 1 member of the press and three members of the public present.

## **20 Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 17 May 2023 were signed as a correct record.

## **21 Minutes**

The minutes of the special planning meeting held on 1 June 2023 were signed as a correct record.

Councillor Barnes expressed his disappointment regarding the resolution of Minute 18 (2023/24), in relation to planning application FUL/2023/0088 particularly in relation to the massing of the flats i.e. three storey rather than four storey.

Councillor Telford informed those present that the application and been called in and would be discussed by Cumberlands' Planning Committee.

## **22 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Tucker declared that she was a substitute member of the Planning Committee of Cumberland Council.

## **23 Mayors Announcements**

The Mayor had attended the following engagements since her last

meeting:-

Unveiling of Civic Trust Plaques depicting the old watermills of Cockermouth

Town Trail

Town Council Fun Day

Cockermouth Mountain Rescue 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner at Hundith Hill

## **24 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

## **25 Planning Applications**

### **FUL/2023/0120**

Change of use to offices

18, The Store, South Street, Cockermouth

Recommended – approval

### **FUL/2023/0112**

Replacement of wood single glazed windows with upvc white double glazed

Flat 2, Anderson Court, Sullart Street

Recommended - approval

## **26 Tree Works**

Recommended – That application CAT/2023/0013 relating to various tree works at Anderson Court, Sullart Street be approved.

## **27 Finance**

Resolved – (a) That payments in the amount of £13,186.97 be authorised.

## **28 LGR Newsletters**



Cumberland Council is backing half a million pounds of investment into its Communities. Senior councillors agreed that the money would be passed to eight Community Panels who will plough it into grass roots projects specifically tailored local issues.

Councillor Tucker explained that each panel had been allocated £60k.

Agreed - That the contents of the 11/6, 4/6, 28/5, 21/5 & 14/5/2023 LGR newsletters be noted.

## **29 Calc News**

Councillor Telford stated the the new councillor training she had undertaken had been very useful.

Agreed – That the contents of the March & April 2023 Calc News be noted.

## **30 Application to display a banner**

Resolved – That Cockermouth Festivals Group be given retrospective approval to advertise Cockermouth Live on lamppost numbers 15, 17, 19, 24, 26, 30, 17, 20, 25 & 27 between 1 June 2023 and 3 July 2023.

## **31 Solar Made Easy**

Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) is planning to work with the Council to bring the Solar Made Easy project to Cockermouth. The launch is planned to take place in the United Reformed Church on 2 November 2023 between 7pm – 9pm.

At the event, local residents and business can ask solar related questions and view an interactive solar PV map of the community which will give them an indication of the potential of their roof. Residents will also be invited to register their interest in the scheme. Those who register will be sent a questionnaire to complete with their property information. That information is then sent onto two of CAfS installers who have been allocated to that community. The householders receive two quotes and are free to chose whichever they prefer or neither.

CAfS has a project budget which will cover the cost of the event and promotion. The Mayor, Councillor Laidlow had agreed to open the event.

The event would be publicised locally in advance.

Agreed – That the contents of the briefing note be noted.

### **32 Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2028 and Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Statement of Gambling Policy 2023-2026**

Cumberland Council was formed on 1 April 2023. Under the Gambling Act 2005, each local authority is required to prepare and publish their statement of policy every three years. The sovereign Licensing Authorities had their own Gambling Licensing Policy which were due for review in January 2025. In line with legislation, a draft policy has been prepared to produce a Cumberland Council Policy. No substantive changes have been made to the contents of the sovereign documents in bringing them together to produce this policy and in principle is identical to the policies previously in place.

Also under the Licensing Act 2003, each local authority is required to prepare and Publish their statement of policy every five years. The sovereign Licensing Authorities had their own Licensing Policies which were due for review in January 2026. In line with legislation, a draft policy has been prepared to produce a Cumberland Council policy. No substantive changes have been made to the contents of the sovereign documents in bringing them together to produce this policy and in principle is identical to the policies previously in place.

Prior to the adoption of the policies there must be a period of consultation with a wide range of organisations as specified in the legislation.

Councillor Telford stated that it was important to get these policies right given the number of suicides related to problem gambling.

Resolved – That no comment be made.

### **33 Clerks Report**

Those present considered the content of the Clerk's report.

Resolved – a) That the content of the report be noted.

b) That Chimney Sheep Limited be thanked for their donation toward surveying and repairing the fire damaged ancient ash tree in the Memorial Gardens.

c) That the Town Clerk provide details of the private garden and allotment judging to all councillors.

### **34 Special Planning**

Those present considered whether to trial the circulation of planning applications between town council meetings rather than holding special planning meetings.

Councillor Laidlow stated that circulation does not work. Councillor Telford agreed.

Resolved – That Special Planning meetings continue to be held on the first Thursday of every month (if required).

### **35 Climate Change Action**

Agreed – That Councillor Tucker circulate details relating to an anti-idling campaign for information and that these details be circulated.

### **36 Twinning Fund Raiser**

Councillor Telford wish to hold a small fundraiser in early September 2023 in either the Kirkgate Centre or Church rooms to raise money for the twinning. Councillor Tucker kindly agreed to assist her. Town Council staff agreed to assist with posters, tickets, raffle tickets etc.

Resolved – That the fundraiser be held.

### **37 Fitz Ward Path**

Councillor Telford raised concerns regarding the danger presented to pedestrians by the new path linking the top of the Laureates estate with Brigham Road. This path is frequently used by parents taking their children to Fairfield School. Only a tiny strip of grass separates the path from the extremely busy A66.

The Site Manager of Lovells estate has been told that there are no plans to put any safety measures in place.

Councillor Barnes questioned why the path had been located outside the hedge.

Councillor Malloy suggested that the plans for the estate be examined.

Councillor Watson stated that either the path be moved or a barrier erected.

Resolved – a) That a letter be sent to the Highways Department of Cumberland Council requesting a site visit as a matter of urgency along with a request that the new path be deemed a safe route to school.

b) That a letter be sent to the Planning Department of Cumberland Council asking for the matter to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

### **38 Recruitment Process for new Town Clerk**

Councillor Bowman stated that the Town Council had been well served by the existing clerk. She explained in detail the two part process that was envisioned in order to recruit a suitable well qualified replacement for Mrs Brown who was retiring on 31 October 2023.

She proposed that Councillors Bowman, Samson, Beanland & Bridgman (who each have suitable experience in the recruitment of staff into leadership/senior management roles form a sub committee with the following terms of reference:

- a) To undertake the process of seeking applications for the Town Clerk role, receiving the applications and selecting candidates for the short list
- b) To use advice from the incumbent and the Civility and Respect Recruitment Process Manual and accompanying documents, appendices etc. to compile a Job Applicants' Pack including Job Description, Person Specification for the role, terms and conditions, salary parameters, etc., and other documents needed from applicants (e.g. application form, if required, details of referees and equal opportunities monitoring form).
- c) To draw up suitable advertising materials and to issue them using a range of media on or around 30 June 2023 with an appropriate deadline for applications four weeks after issue of the job advertisement (i.e. on or around 28 July 2023) and noting the likely date/s for interviews w/c 21 August 2023)
- d) To receive the job applications and to select a shortlist of appointable candidates in time for the 16 August 2023 Town Council meeting.

The selection of the preferred candidate from those shortlisted was to be undertaken by all 12 councillors. Candidates will be asked to make a 20 minute presentation discussing the potential issues and opportunities which may follow from the new unitary authority Cumberland Council.

The aim was to agree a start date before 31 October 2023 if possible to enable a hand over.

It was further proposed that the Town Council ratifies the appointment at its meeting on 16 September 2023 and receive and agree proposals for an induction process.

Councillor Watson seconded Councillor Bowmans proposal.

Councillor Malloy stated that it was disrespectful that a councillor with 20+ years of

experience had not been invited to join the sub committee.

Councillor Laidlow asked why Councillor Burns had not been asked. She had played a key role in the recruitment of the current clerk.

Councillor Bowman replied that the composition of the sub committee was a proposal and that the four chosen had the relevant experience.

Councillor Malloy stated that the Council was a disjointed unpleasant place to be and the whole sorry mess has been created by others around the table and that he would not be taking part in any of the process.

Councillor Bowman refuted that statement and emphasised that it was the role of councillors collectively, as the employer to take responsibility for recruitment.

Councillor Barnes expressed his concern that the sub committee was not politically proportionate and that those chosen did not have a lot of Town Council experience.

Councillor Telford suggested a compromise solution be found.

Councillor Bridgman offered to withdraw.

Councillor Barnes was asked if he would stand, but he declined stating that he was not a long standing councillor either.

Councillor Bowman asked Councillor Burns if she would stand.

Councillor Burns stated that she had offered her services but had been told that she was not good enough.

A recorded vote was requested on the composition, terms of reference, delegation, quorum and timetable proposed -

Councillor Barnes stated that although he agreed with the process proposed, he was concerned about the composition and experience of the sub committee and for that reason he would abstain from voting.

A vote was taken:

Councillor Barnes	Abstain
Councillor Beanland	For
Councillor Bowman	For
Councillor Bell	Abstain

Councillor Burns	Abstain
Councillor Bridgman	For
Councillor Laidlow	Abstain
Councillor Malloy	Abstain
Councillor Telford	Abstain
Councillor Tucker	For
Councillor Watson	For

5 for, 6 abstentions.

Motion carried.

Resolved – a) That councillors Bowman, Samson, Beanland & Bridgman form a sub committee

b) That the terms of reference be as follows:-

- i. To undertake the process of seeking applications for the Town Clerk role, receiving the applications and selecting candidates for the short list
- ii. To use advice from the incumbent and the Civility and Respect Recruitment Process Manual and accompanying documents, appendices etc. to compile a Job Applicants' Pack including Job Description, Person Specification for the role, terms and conditions, salary parameters, etc., and other documents needed from applicants (e.g. application form, if required, details of referees and equal opportunities monitoring form)
- iii. To draw up suitable advertising materials and to issue them using a range of media on or around 30 June 2023 with an appropriate deadline for applications four weeks after issue of the job advertisement (i.e. on or around 28 July 2023) and noting the likely date/s for interviews w/c 21 August 2023)
- iv. To receive the job applications and to select a shortlist of appointable candidates in time for the 16 August 2023 Town Council meeting

c) That delegated powers be given as listed above

d) That the quorum be set at 3 of the 4 councillors

e) That the term of office of the sub committee ends after the shortlisting of appointable candidates

f) That the draft timetable be agreed.

meeting closed at 8.07 pm

**Minutes of a meeting of the TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT SUB COMMITTEE held on Friday 30 June 2023 at 9.00am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth**

Present: Councillor H Beanland (Chair)  
Councillor J Samson  
Councillor C Bridgman

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bowman

**39 Election of Chair**

Resolved – That Councillor Beanland be elected chair for the ensuing meeting.

**40 Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

Resolved – That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be removed for the following item of business due to staffing issues being discussed.

**41 Recruitment of a new Town Clerk**

Resolved –

- a) That an updated job description be agreed.
- b) That an updated person specification be agreed.
- c) That the key terms and conditions of employment be agreed.
- d) That the contents of the advertisement including timeframe and closing date be agreed.
- e) That the advert be placed on the Town Council website, Town Council social media page, with Calc, with Nalc and with Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Council.
- f) That the recruitment information pack be agreed
- g) That the post be offered subject to acceptable references being received.
- h) That Councillor Bridgman develop a short listing analysis matrix against person specification that avoids direct or indirect discrimination
- i) That the timescale for the process be agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.40am

Minutes of a Special Planning Meeting of Cockermouth Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Cockermouth on Thursday 6 July 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor J Laidlow (Mayor)  
Councillor S Barnes  
Councillor C Bell  
Councillor I Burns  
Councillor C Bridgman  
Councillor D Malloy  
Councillor GTelford  
Councillor H Tucker  
Councillor R Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Bowman, J Samson & C Beanland.

**42 Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**43 Public Participation**

There was none.

**44 Planning Applications**

RMA/2023/0003

Reserved matters following outline approval under 2/2018/0537 for the landscaping on plots 2-6 only and layout, scale, appearance on all other plots.

Plots 1 to 27, Low Road, Cockermouth

Councillor Telford expressed the following concerns:-

Only rudimentary reference shown on small diagrams regarding landscaping, the East and West panels are currently at different heights – if the height of the eastern section is to be built up to mitigate flooding where will the earth come from questioning whether it would come from the site of the channel to be built on the Broomlands

A document accompanying the application states that a 'Watching brief' be recommended due to the need for 'made ground' and that work would need to be halted if issues arose

Unable to locate the siting of the flood storage attenuation



Minor errors on the application form

Mini roundabout very near problematic entrance and dissected shared path cycleway

Where will the ponds be placed?

Possible environmental effect of building work on the beck adjacent to the western site which feeds in the Derwent.

Potential impact of this beck rising in times of flood

Important to retain the boundary hedges and trees as agreed

Are residents of the new estate expected to contribute towards the upkeep of the shared use route?

Concern regarding the layout as some houses very near path/cycleway on one side and woodland/ancient settlement site on the other.

On a positive note there would be a reasonable number of designated 'affordable'

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the concerns raised and whilst those present had some sympathy with some of the concerns expressed, no valid reasons were found to recommend refusal of the reserved matters application.

Councillor Malloy moved approval, Councillor Burns seconded the proposal

A vote was taken 5 in favour of approval 3 against, 1 absention

Recommended – Approval

HOU/2023/0117

Proposed first floor side extension over single story garage

21, Harrot Hill, Cockermouth

Recommended – approval

HOU/2023/0118

Installation of rear dormer window to attic room, minor movement of existing velux roof light

7, Victoria Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - approval

#### **45 Application for Tree Works**

CAT/2023/0016

T1 – full removal of tree, T2 – pruning of hung up limb and removals of broken branches

Derwent Bridge House, Gote Road, Cockermouth

Recommended – approval

**46 WTPO/2023/0016**

Ash tree to be felled

31 Strawberry How Road, Cockermouth

Recommended - approval

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Reference: **FUL/2023/0151**

Proposal: Change of Use from Class E to Hot Food Take Away (Sui Generis)

Location: Land And Garage To The Rear Of, Station Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9QW

# Cockermouth Town Council

## Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/23

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details
1207	1208	£2,686.32	£447.72	£2,238.60	07/06/23		Tivoli Services Ltd - Grounds Maintenance - June
	1	£2,126.33	£354.39	£1,771.94		MG	Memorial Gardens
	2	£559.99	£93.33	£466.66		OP	other play areas
1197	1197	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00	05/07/23		Cumberland Council - Premises License - Annual Fee
1198	1198	£649.00	£0.00	£649.00	05/07/23		Cumberland Council - Rates - Library- July
1199	1199	£1,347.00	£0.00	£1,347.00	05/07/23		Cumberland Council - Rates TH - July
1200	1200	£31.50	£0.00	£31.50	05/07/23		Darling Manor - Fun Day 2x Characters - extra hour
1201	1201	£420.14	£21.80	£398.34	05/07/23		Npower Ltd - Electricity Costs - Various Locations
	1	£342.11	£16.29	£325.82		TIC	Library
	2	£12.25	£0.58	£11.67		MG	Memorial Gardens
	3	£15.54	£0.74	£14.80		toile	Harris Park Toilets
	4	£50.24	£4.19	£46.05		toile	Main Street Toilets
1202	1202	£450.00	£75.00	£375.00	05/07/23		Nicol Landscapes Ltd - Remedial works to Ash tree to deter vandalism
1203	1203	£36.00	£6.00	£30.00	05/07/23		POD North West Ltd - Gold vinyl lettering to plaque in TH
1204	1204	£159.66	£26.61	£133.05	05/07/23		Tivoli Services Ltd - Collect bench, supply fixings and fit in Harris Park extension
1205	1205	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00	05/07/23		Luchini & Co - Icecream tokens requested by Mayor JL on Funday
1206	1206	£158.43	£26.40	£132.03	05/07/23		Topsourcing Worldwide UK Ltd - Payroll Services - April May & June
1208	1208	£739.96	£0.00	£739.96	10/07/23		R Nicholson - PC Clean June 23
1209	1209	£661.46	£110.24	£551.22	10/07/23		Npower Ltd - TH Gas April
1210	1210	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00	10/07/23		J Laidlow - Mayor charity donations - Civic Service (£30 refreshments/ £20 to the church)
1211	112991	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	10/07/23		CALC - Effective Cllr- GT
1212	112992	£133.80	£0.00	£133.80	10/07/23		Cockermouth & District Chamber of Trade - TIC stock

Signature

Signature

Date

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No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details
1213	112993	£450.00	£75.00	£375.00	10/07/23		Crystal Publications - Advert - Wedding
1214	112994	£457.99	£76.33	£381.66	10/07/23		Cumbria Mecancial Ltd - Service boiler / remedials as per quote TH
1215	112995	£55.67	£9.28	£46.39	10/07/23		J A Lee Window & General Cleaning Contractors Ltd - Clean windows - library
1216	112996	£21.75	£0.00	£21.75	10/07/23		Lakeland Leisure Walks - tic stock
1217	112997	£147.37	£24.56	£122.81	10/07/23		Viking - Stationery
1218	112998	£135.17	£22.53	£112.64	10/07/23		WF Cascade - PC cleaning products
1219	112999	£540.00	£90.00	£450.00	10/07/23		Beacon Fire Protection - Fire Risk Assesement -TH
1220	1220	£288.00	£48.00	£240.00	10/07/23		Custom Clean - Cleaning - TH- April
1221	1221	£374.40	£62.40	£312.00	10/07/23		Custom Clean - Cleaning - TH - June
1222	1222	£156.30	£8.47	£147.83	11/07/23		Water Plus - water charges various locations
	1	£42.61	£0.00	£42.61		TIC	Library
	2	£27.18	£1.68	£25.50		MG	mem gardens
	3	£48.62	£3.97	£44.65		toile	main street toilets
	4	£37.89	£2.82	£35.07		toile	Bitterbeck toilets
<b>Total</b>		£10,429.92	£1,130.34	£9,299.58			

Signature

Date

Signature

# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/06/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.  
Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/01/01

		2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>Council</b>					
100	Precept	£290,812.00	£0.00	£145,406.00	-£145,406.00
<b>Total Council</b>		£290,812.00	£0.00	£145,406.00	-£145,406.00
<b>Establishment</b>					
300	Establishment- interest	£500.00	£0.00	£342.23	-£157.77
310	Est- misc income	£350.00	£0.00	-£50.00	-£400.00
330	Est- Maps	£750.00	£0.00	£70.00	-£680.00
<b>Total Establishment</b>		£1,600.00	£0.00	£362.23	-£1,237.77
<b>Tourist Information Centre</b>					
400	Tourist Information Centre Sales	£4,000.00	£0.00	£933.01	-£3,066.99
405	Tourist Information Centre Bass Lake	£225.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£225.00
415	Rental/ Income	£2,650.00	£0.00	£656.25	-£1,993.75
420	Talking Books/Requests	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
425	TIC - Printing, Photocopy, Laminating	£1,500.00	£0.00	£612.47	-£887.53
430	Library Replacement Card	£0.00	£0.00	£4.00	£4.00
435	Library Fines	£0.00	£0.00	£1.00	£1.00
440	ABC Printing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
445	CCC - Printing	£0.00	£0.00	£135.49	£135.49
450	Rotary Calendars	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Tourist Information Centre</b>		£8,375.00	£0.00	£2,342.22	-£6,032.78
<b>Allotments</b>					
500	Allotments rents	£1,974.00	£0.00	£2,152.20	£178.20

# Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/06/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/01/01

	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>Total Allotments</b>	£1,974.00	£0.00	£2,152.20	£178.20
<b>Christmas</b>				
600 Christmas lights donations	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,010.00	£10.00
605 Christmas Lights - Tarn Close Depot	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Christmas</b>	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,010.00	£10.00
<b>Memorial Garden</b>				
700 Memorial Gardens misc income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Memorial Garden</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Twinning</b>				
800 Twinning Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Twinning</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Events</b>				
900 Event Fireworks income	£220.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£220.00
905 Events- festival income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
910 Events- Carnival/ Fun Day	£0.00	£0.00	£320.00	£320.00
915 Events- Food Festival income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
920 Events- Joint road closure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
930 Jubilee/ Coronation	£500.00	£0.00	£50.00	-£450.00
<b>Total Events</b>	£720.00	£0.00	£370.00	-£350.00
<b>Town Hall</b>				
200 Town Hall Room Hire	£1,500.00	£0.00	£184.17	-£1,315.83
205 Town Hall- Rent Day Services	£14,161.00	£0.00	£3,467.67	-£10,693.33
210 Town Hall- Rent Offices	£11,940.00	£0.00	£3,152.34	-£8,787.66
215 Town Hall- income ABC cleaning	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
220 Town Hall - Wedding Room Hire	£7,000.00	£0.00	£4,272.51	-£2,727.49

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>Total Town Hall</b>				
<b>Open Spaces</b>				
1100 Open Spaces- Fishing Rights- Permits	£34,601.00	£0.00	£11,076.69	-£23,524.31
1105 open Spaces- war memorials	£65.00	£0.00	£20.00	-£45.00
1110 open Spaces- Public Clocks		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1115 Open Spaces- flower baskets/bulbs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1130 Bus Shelters	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Open Spaces</b>	£65.00	£0.00	£20.00	-£45.00
<b>Projects</b>				
1010 Cenotaph	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1020 10K Town Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1030 1212 trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Projects</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Other Properties</b>				
1205 Other Properties- Victoria Hall Rent	£2,500.00	£0.00	£624.99	-£1,875.01
1210 Other Properties- Tarn Close Sports Ground	£375.00	£0.00	£0.00	-£375.00
1215 Other Properties- quarterly play area /grass	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Other Properties</b>	£2,875.00	£0.00	£624.99	-£2,250.01
<b>Balances</b>				
1300 Balances - To income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Balances</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>VAT Refunds</b>				



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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
1500 VAT Refunds	£0.00	£0.00	£6,969.53	£6,969.53
<b>Total VAT Refunds</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£6,969.53	£6,969.53
<b>Public Toilets</b>				
1400 Public Toilets - Income	£3,500.00	£0.00	£706.90	-£2,793.10
<b>Total Public Toilets</b>	£3,500.00	£0.00	£706.90	-£2,793.10
<b>Total Income</b>	£345,522.00	£0.00	£171,040.76	-£174,481.24

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		2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>Council</b>					
1600	To Balances	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Council</b>		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Establishment</b>					
3000	Establishment Wages	£100,804.00	£0.00	£26,740.96	£74,063.04
3010	Establishment- phone, net, postage	£1,000.00	£0.00	£70.32	£929.68
3020	Establishment- print, statio, equip	£1,500.00	£0.00	£676.32	£823.68
3030	Establishment- ins not town hall	£11,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£11,000.00
3040	Establishment- subscriptions	£2,200.00	£0.00	£2,200.00	£0.00
3050	Establishment- Audit fees	£1,450.00	£0.00	£211.70	£1,238.30
3060	Establishment- Misc	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,098.25	£1,401.75
3070	Establishment- Grants to orgs	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
3080	Establishment- Advertsing	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3090	Establishment- Mayors Allowance	£1,200.00	£0.00	£328.64	£871.36
3100	Establishment- Mayors Entertainment Fund	£550.00	£0.00	£113.63	£436.37
3110	Establishment- Elections	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
3130	Establishment- H&S	£250.00	£0.00	£64.65	£185.35
3140	Establishment- Training	£500.00	£0.00	£84.00	£416.00
3150	Establishment- Bank Charges	£600.00	£0.00	£232.93	£367.07
3160	Establishment- Payroll	£580.00	£0.00	£0.00	£580.00

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>Total Establishment</b>	£140,134.00	£0.00	£31,821.40	£108,312.60
<b>Tourist Information Centre</b>				
4000 Tourist Information Centre-wages	£46,298.00	£0.00	£11,455.98	£34,842.02
4010 Tourist Information Centre-goods resale	£2,000.00	£0.00	£543.06	£1,456.94
4020 Tourist Information Centre-costs	£17,000.00	£0.00	£8,272.99	£8,727.01
4030 Tourist Information Centre-Bass lake	£180.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00
4040 Rotary Calendars	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Tourist Information Centre</b>	£65,478.00	£0.00	£20,272.03	£45,205.97
<b>Allotments</b>				
5000 Allotments Water Charges	£1,000.00	£0.00	£440.38	£559.62
5010 Allotment Gen Main	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
5030 Rent for St Helen's Street	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00	£0.00
<b>Total Allotments</b>	£2,330.00	£0.00	£770.38	£1,559.62
<b>Christmas</b>				
6000 Christmas lights contract	£22,100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£22,100.00
6010 Christmas Light misc bulb cable etc	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,525.47	£1,474.53
6020 Christmas Lights Elec Costs	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
6030 Christmas Lights SWOD exp	£4,000.00	£0.00	£1,023.75	£2,976.25
6040 Christmas Lights comps	£150.00	£0.00	£0.00	£150.00
6050 Christmas Lights - CADS Panto	£350.00	£0.00	£0.00	£350.00
6060 Christmas Lights - Tam Close Depot	£4,833.00	£0.00	£2,464.00	£2,369.00

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
<b>Total Christmas</b>	£35,433.00	£0.00	£5,013.22	£30,419.78
<b>Memorial Garden</b>				
7000 Memorial Gardens Contract	£10,500.00	£0.00	£3,543.88	£6,956.12
7010 Memorial Gardens Play Area	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,477.03	£522.97
7020 Memorial Gardens Misc	£3,000.00	£0.00	£124.17	£2,875.83
<b>Total Memorial Garden</b>	£15,500.00	£0.00	£5,145.08	£10,354.92
<b>Twinning</b>				
8000 Twinning visit incoming	£6,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,500.00
8010 Twinning Visit Out Going	£100.00	£0.00	£80.00	£20.00
8020 Twinning Grants EPSF	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
<b>Total Twinning</b>	£7,100.00	£0.00	£80.00	£7,020.00
<b>Events</b>				
9000 Events- FireworksDisplay	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£6,000.00
9010 Events - Festival exp	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00
9020 Events- Carnival/Fun Day	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,673.00	-£173.00
9030 Events- Food Festival	£4,167.00	£0.00	£0.00	£4,167.00
9040 Events - Taste Christmas	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
9060 Events- Joint Road Closure	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9070 Events - Market Charter	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
9080 Events - 70th Anniversary/Coronation	£1,000.00	£0.00	£699.76	£300.24
9090 Events - Remembrance Sunday	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
<b>Total Events</b>	£15,167.00	£0.00	£2,872.76	£12,294.24
<b>Town Hall</b>				

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
2000	Town Hall - Gen Main	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
2010	Town Hall- Refurb of Furnishings	£1,000.00	£413.34	£586.66
2020	Town Hall- Capital Impr Scheme/ Grd Maint	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2030	Town Hall- rates	£12,500.00	£4,044.00	£8,456.00
2040	Town Hall- Utilities	£10,000.00	£4,014.21	£5,985.79
2050	Town Hall- Phone,net, frank	£1,500.00	£1,097.24	£402.76
2060	Town Hall- window, bins,sanitary, fire	£610.00	£80.78	£529.22
2080	Town Hall- Refreshments	£50.00	£11.30	£38.70
2090	Town Hall- Cleaners wage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2100	Town Hall- cleaning products	£250.00	£68.05	£181.95
2110	Town Hall - Wedding Exp	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00
2120	Town Hall - Cleaning Contract	£4,000.00	£624.00	£3,376.00
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>£34,910.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£13,852.92</b>	<b>£21,057.08</b>
<b>Open Spaces</b>				
11000	Open Spaces-Fishing stationery	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
11010	Open Spaces- war memorials	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
11020	Open Spaces-Public Clocks	£270.00	£0.00	£270.00
11030	Open Spaces -flower baskets	£2,800.00	£0.00	£2,800.00
11060	Open Spaces - Bus Shelter	£600.00	£165.00	£435.00
11080	Open Spaces - clever sid	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
<b>Total Open Spaces</b>	<b>£6,270.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£165.00</b>	<b>£6,105.00</b>
<b>Projects</b>				

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
10200 10K Town Centre	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
10300 1212 trees	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Projects</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Other Properties</b>				
12010 Other Properties-Victoria Hall exp	£1,000.00	£0.00	£259.07	£740.93
12020 Other Properties-Tarn Close Sports Ground misc exp	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
12030 Other Properties-3/4 insp/grass swings	£2,800.00	£0.00	£1,082.80	£1,717.20
<b>Total Other Properties</b>	£3,800.00	£0.00	£1,341.87	£2,458.13
<b>Balances</b>				
13000 Balances - From Exp	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Balances</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>VAT Refunds</b>				
15000 VAT Due to C/E	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total VAT Refunds</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Public Toilets</b>				
14000 Public Toilets- Gen Costs	£2,850.00	£0.00	£314.24	£2,535.76
14010 Public Toilets - Cleaning Products	£750.00	£0.00	£49.01	£700.99
14020 Public Toilets- Cleaners Wage	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
14030 Public Toilets- Utilities/ Rates	£1,000.00	£0.00	£923.53	£76.47
14040 Toilet - Cleaning contract	£12,000.00	£0.00	£2,258.88	£9,741.12
<b>Total Public Toilets</b>	£16,600.00	£0.00	£3,545.66	£13,054.34
<b>CCTV</b>				

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	2023/2024	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance
16000 CCTV	£1,800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,800.00
<b>Total CCTV</b>	£1,800.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,800.00
<b>Green Issues</b>				
17000 Green Issues	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
<b>Total Green Issues</b>	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
<b>Greyrigg Footpath</b>				
18000 Greyrigg Footpath	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Greyrigg Footpath</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Chamber of Trade</b>				
19000 Chamber of Trade	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Chamber of Trade</b>	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	£345,522.00	£0.00	£84,880.32	£260,641.68
Total Income	£345,522.00	£0.00	£171,040.76	-£174,481.24
Total Expenditure	£345,522.00	£0.00	£84,880.32	£260,641.68
<b>Total Net Balance</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£86,160.44</b>	

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## School children and TV academic visit the Roman dig

A renowned academic, author and broadcaster, Prof Alice Roberts, is the latest visitor to Carlisle's archaeological dig.

She visited the site over two days this week and got to see the two monumental Roman carved heads unearthed from the Cricket Club site earlier this month.



Pupils from Kingmoor Junior in Carlisle have also made a visit to the archaeological dig in Carlisle. The Roman dig at Carlisle Cricket Club is in the process of welcoming more than 500 school children to the site.

[Find out about their visit and what they got to see.](#)

School visits have been organised by Cumberland Council and Wardell Armstrong LLP to give an insight into the exciting project which has already unearthed two monumental Roman carved heads, described as 'finds of a lifetime' by Frank Giecco, Technical Director at Wardell Armstrong.

The dig got underway on Monday 22 May and has been extended. It will now carry on until Saturday 1 July.

The site is open to the public between Monday and Saturday. Tours of the site are held at 11.30am and 3pm on each of these days. Volunteering opportunities are still available too. [Book online.](#)



[Read more](#)



### Improving Egremont

Young gardeners dug deep to help us with improvements along Egremont's Main Street today.

We've been installing new planters, bus stops and benches, cutting back vegetation and refurbishing street furniture. And now members of the West Lakes Academy gardening club are helping make the entrance to their school look amazing by planting trees and shrubs.



### ...and a new play area in Mirehouse

We're thrilled to have officially opened our revitalised play area in Mirehouse today.

We were joined by pupils from Valley Primary School for the grand unveiling.

The Mirehouse community voted on the play area as a priority for the community.

[Read more](#)

## Attend an adoption event during Pride Month

Cumbria Adoption is inviting members of the LGBTQ+ community to attend an online adoption information event on Wednesday 21 June and find out more about starting their family through adoption during Pride Month 2023.

The adoption service, which works on behalf of Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, welcomes enquiries from members of the LGBTQ+ community and has already helped many same-sex couples and single LGBTQ+ people to adopt.

Cumbrian adopters Andy Bond and his husband Steve started their journey in 2018 and their family of two grew to a family of four when they adopted brothers, then aged 1 and 2 that very same year.

Andy said: "Our adoption experience was a very positive one and it all ran very smoothly. Within just three months of being approved our sons were living with us and it completely changed our lives."



If you've been thinking about adoption but aren't sure where to start, our adoption information events are the ideal introduction.

Our next event takes place on Wednesday 21 June at 12.30pm. To book onto our upcoming event please email [events@cumbriaadoption.org.uk](mailto:events@cumbriaadoption.org.uk) stating which date you would like to attend and one of our team will send you the Teams link for the event.

Visit [cumbriaadoption.org.uk](http://cumbriaadoption.org.uk) for full details on all upcoming events or to register for a private one to one appointment.

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## News from our Highways Teams

We are inviting opinions on our highways and transport services – from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities. Their answers will be compared with the views of other members of the public across England & Scotland, thanks to the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey.

The questionnaire will be sent to a minimum random sample of at least 3300 of Cumberland Council residents from Friday 16 June, followed by a reminder, with local and national results to be published in late-October 2023. Since the survey is based on a sample, residents that receive a copy are being urged to take part.

Residents that receive the questionnaire can complete the survey online if they prefer, a short URL link will be printed on the front of the questionnaire, and they will be required to enter a code before completing the questionnaire.

The results will enable us to find out what people our area think about these important services. This will provide one of several ways Cumberland Council can assess how it is performing. It gives the public an opportunity to say which services they think the council should prioritise and improve.

[National Highways & Transport Survey – a voice for residents | Cumberland Council](#)

### **...We're also being innovative with our jet-patching of potholes**

We are sending out a fleet of jet patching machines over the coming weeks to repair potholes across the area. The Highways Team have already been using the innovative jet patching machines to fix potholes in a number of villages. Keep an eye out for it in your community.

[Cumberland Council use innovative jet patchers to repair potholes | Cumberland Council](#)

### **Tar very much - £175,000 investment for Southerfield and Smart Hill Southerfield**

We're also pleased to announce that the local areas of Southerfield and Smart Hill Southerfield, Abbeytown are to benefit from an investment of £175,000 in our road networks. This month will see our Highways Team start improvement works at Southerfield and Smart Hill Southerfield, with a sticky solution for recycling tar bound road planings.

[Tar very much - £175,000 investment for Southerfield and Smart Hill Southerfield | Cumberland Council](#)

### **£200,000 invested in roads near Keswick**

We're also investing more than £200,000 to improve the roads between Little Braithwaite and Newlands Pass.

The work started on Monday 5 June, and is expected to be completed within two weeks, by local partners DSD Construction.

Cumberland Council invests more than £200,000 for road improvements | Cumberland Council

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## Work starts on historic site in Maryport

Contractors are on site starting the transformation of one of Maryport's most historic buildings.

Christ Church on King Street is becoming a new home for Maryport Maritime Museum and work has now started on site.



The Grade II listed building, which dates back to 1872, was empty for a number of years before being purchased by the former Allerdale Council in 2020. Cumberland Council is now forging ahead with the exciting project to make this landmark building into a museum and visitor experience. The project is being paid for by the Government's Future High Streets fund and will cost in excess of £1 million.

Work starts at historic Maryport landmark | Cumberland Council

## Other regeneration news

### Millom drop-in events

A chance to find out more about Millom's exciting Town Deal as it reaches a key stage in the programme will take place later this month.

The informal sessions will be held on Wednesday, 28 June at the following venues:

- Haverigg Lighthouse Centre, in Atkinson Street, Haverigg, from 3pm - 4.30pm.
- Millom Baptist Church, in Crown Street, Millom, from 6pm - 7.30pm.

### Cleator Moor drop-in events

Exciting plans designed to help Cleator Moor and its communities to thrive for generations will also be on show at a special drop-in event.

The informal event will take place on Tuesday, 27 June at Cleator Moor Civic Hall, The Square, between 3pm and 7.30pm.

Find out more about the Town Deal schemes at [www.millomtowndeal.org.uk](http://www.millomtowndeal.org.uk) and <https://cleatormoortowndeal.org.uk/>

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## Weather advice

Despite the slight cooling in temperatures in recent days, it remains warm. The UK Health Security Agency has advice on how to stay safe in this warm weather, and colleagues at the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service have advice on staying safe in water and the risk from wildfires.

The change in weather has prompted the Met Office to issue a yellow warning for rain on Sunday (18 June) evening.

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## **The 10th Annual Children in Care Council Awards | nominations open now!**

The Children in Care Council Awards is an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of children and young people who are looked after and the people who support them.

Previously hosted by Cumbria County Council, the awards this year will be hosted by Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumberland Council on Saturday 7 October.



Nominations are now open. Winners will be chosen by a judging panel made up of children and young people from the Children in Care Council.

Find out more about the Children in Care Council Awards and how to nominate someone. Nominations close **Monday 17 July**. You can also follow the Cumbria Fostering and Adoption Facebook page for regular updates.

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## **Environment news**

### **We mark Clean Air Day**

June 15 was Clean Air Day.

The focus of the day was on combating air pollution and we were sharing ways we can all help to enhance air quality.

As part of the day, residents and businesses were asked to help share messages, make their own Clean Air Day pledge, and use the UK's first personal air pollution calculator to understand how to reduce their air impact.

Use Global Action Plan's air pollution calculator at <https://calculator.cleanairhub.org.uk/>.

Read out top tips on what you can do to help keep our air as clean as possible.

#### **Top tips**

### **The Great Big Green Week - what's going on in your area?**

It was also Big Green Week this week, with event all over Cumberland.

Find out more about this and other environment news on the [Zero Carbon Cumbria website](#).

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## **Armed Forces Day**

An event to commemorate Armed Forces Day, a national celebration of the UK's Armed Forces - past, present and future - will be held in Carlisle's city centre pedestrianised area on Saturday, 24 June.

Organised by Cumberland Council, with the support of local armed forces organisations, it will be held between 10am and 4pm in Carlisle city centre.

Organisations represented will include: the Cumbria Museum of Military Life, the Military Vehicles Trust, Cumbria Army Cadet Force, Duke of Lancs, The Solway Aviation Museum, The Carlisle United Trust, the Sea Cadets and the Royal British Legion.

The Armed Forces Day programme will also include live music provided by the Border Concert Band. The Chair of Cumberland Council, Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes will also speak about the council's commitment to the Armed Forces.

Armed Forces Week will conclude with the flag-lowering ceremony on Saturday 24 June at 3.30pm.

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## **Our Community Panels**

Our Council Plan outlines how we want to ensure our communities are at the heart of decisions that affect them. That's why our Community Panels are so important.

They have continued to have their inaugural meetings this week – with the Fells and Solway panel and the Lakes to Sea panel sharing the limelight.

Next week it is the turn of Carlisle West Community Panel.

You can find out more about the Community Panels on our website at: [Community Panels | Cumberland Council](#)

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## **Investing in Aspatria**

### **Drop in event for new Aspatria Community Hub**

As work on the new Community Hub for Aspatria gathers pace, Cumberland Council is inviting the community to drop-in at their upcoming engagement event to find out more about how the new hub will benefit their community.

The engagement event will take place on Monday 19 June between 3pm and 6pm at Aspatria Rugby Club on Station Road. Residents are being encouraged to come along, browse the building designs, and ask any questions.

Building plans include the renovation and extension of the Aspatria Library building on Market Square. The new hub will bring together the town's library and Children's Centre under one roof in a fit-for-purpose, modernised building.

### **...and a new Town Centre Facelift Scheme launches in Aspatria**

Aspatria is to get a spruce up from Cumberland Council's Facelift Grant Scheme.

Business and homeowners which have a frontage facing the street within the defined town centre area of Aspatria can apply for funding to help pay for improvements to look of their property.

The Facelift Scheme, funded by the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, provides up to £1,000 for each property, with the property owner match-funding this with 10% of the grant total. Therefore a £500 grant requires match funding of £50.

The money can go towards things like materials such as paint and any labour costs, the repair or replacement of damaged items like drain pipes or guttering, and any external lighting. The grant is not eligible for some work, and it is best to consult with the council before making an application. [More details on the application process here.](#)

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## Gambling Harm Awareness

During this week a number of frontline organisations in Cumbria will be joining together to tackle gambling related harms within their local communities.

This initiative has been developed in partnership with the Cumbria Gambling Harms Prevention Group

For support with gambling related harms please contact Beacon Counselling Trust on 0151 226 0696 or visit [www.beaconcounsellingtrust.co.uk](http://www.beaconcounsellingtrust.co.uk).

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## Job Opportunities

We currently have many roles available at Cumberland Council and at local schools.

Take a look, and encourage your friends and families to check out <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/jobs> and follow [CumberlandCouncilJobs on Facebook](#).

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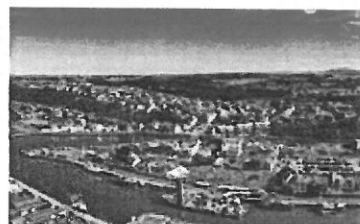
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## Have your say at Maryport drop-in events

Join us at two public drop-in events which will help drive new investment plans for Maryport.

They will take place at the Town Hall on Senhouse Street on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June and will look at proposals to improve the town for locals and visitors alike.



The original plan was to create a new swimming pool by extending The Wave. However, in May, Cumberland Council Executive was forced to shelve this idea as operational costs spiralled. Estimates said the Council would need to find up to half a million pounds a year to subsidise the running of the building – figures which are simply unaffordable at this moment in time.

Early consultation, before money for a pool was even announced by the Government's Future High Streets Fund, highlighted the community's desire to make more of the Harbourside and the Promenade. Now the Council's regeneration team is pushing forward with this vision to determine public support for better attractions and facilities for all, and to ensure the funding allocated to the swimming pool project remains in Maryport.

The ideas include:

- Reconfiguring The Wave to add a new adventure play area, improve Clip 'n Climb, create a bigger gym, and depending on the option chosen studio space and multipurpose rooms

- Enhancing the area around the Harbourside to create a new outdoor park and event venue, market square and adventure play area, complete with food, drink and retail units, and a splash park or skate park
- Improving the Promenade by building a new beachside shop, café and potential outside event space

**Find out more**

## **...and the pop-up Maryport Maritime Museum opens**

The pop-up Maryport Maritime Museum has opened its doors for the first time today. Do visit it in its temporary home at the corner of Senhouse Street.

Renovations have also started on its new home, Christ Church, which will open next year. Find out more about that at: <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/.../work-starts-historic...>



### **Family festival date announced**

AN ACTION-PACKED family festival will be held in Whitehaven to promote health and wellbeing.

Cumberland Council has announced this year's date for its Health and Wellbeing Festival which draws hundreds of visitors each year.

All are welcome to attend the festival on Friday 4 August, from 10am until 3pm, at the Recreation Ground, Coach Road.

The event will provide free family entertainment alongside access to vital wellbeing services.

**Find out more**



### **Cumberland Council's spectacular artisan fete returns for a second extravaganza!**

We're excited to announce a second artisan fete at the Distington Walled Garden in July.

Following the success of the first Cumberland Council fete held in April, the council is eager to continue showcasing the talents of local artisans and vendors, and have planned another Artisan Fete on Saturday 15 July, at the Distington Victorian Walled Garden, from 10am to 4pm.

**Find out more**



## Highways news

### Gritters get a summer run out

Please don't worry if you see a gritter out and about during the next week – we're just our testing routes.

[Gritters get a summer run out | Cumberland Council](#)



### Revitalising Eleventrees, Keswick: Council launches pothole repair initiative

We've been improving the road leading up to the Castlerigg stone circle, at Eleventrees in Keswick, with pothole repairs, edge strengthening and road patching.

[Revitalising Eleventrees, Keswick: Council launches pothole repair initiative | Cumberland Council](#)

### Resurfacing Loweswater: Cumberland Council invests £179,000

We're investing £179,000 in a resurfacing project at Loweswater.

[Resurfacing Loweswater: Cumberland Council invests £179,000 | Cumberland Council](#)

### Cumberland Council to improve water drainage on A591 near Thirlmere

And we're improving the water drainage system on the A591 near Thirlmere, to help keep the road safe and clear of standing water.

[Cumberland Council to improve water drainage on A591 near Thirlmere | Cumberland Council](#)

### And please park considerately

And finally just a reminder to visitors to our beauty spots - please park considerately, especially in the Stonethwaite area.

Stonethwaite is a popular beauty spot, which is located near the iconic Black Moss Pot pool, but visitors to the area often park in an obstructive manner, causing inconvenience to others.

[Cumberland Council is reminding visitors to the Lakes to park considerately | Cumberland Council](#)

## The Lakesman

Last weekend The Lakesman triathlon - which is one of the most popular triathlons in the country - returned to Keswick. We're a proud sponsor of this event.

Congratulations to all those who took part in what is an incredible achievement.

If you fancy it next year, go to: [The Lakesman – Lake District Endurance Events](#)



## Cumbria schools to come together to participate in Cumbria School Games Multi-Sport Festival

Over 750 children and young people from across Cumbria will be descending on the Sheepmount Athletics Stadium and Sands Centre in Carlisle to attend the 2023 Cumbria School Games.



After an incredible return to live events in 2022, the 2023 Cumbria School Games is being hosted on 29 June with children from across the county participating.

The events are organised by Active Cumbria, the active partnership for Cumbria hosted by Cumberland Council and are delivered in partnership with School Games Organisers, schools, clubs, national governing bodies of sport and local partners.

[Cumbria schools to come together to participate in Cumbria School Games Multi-Sport Festival | Cumberland Council](#)

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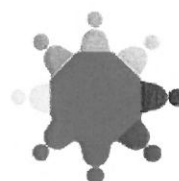
## Meetings next week

Our Executive meets next week and on the agenda is the allocation of the Sellafield Impact Investment Fund and a report on the Armed Forces Covenant. It also includes a report on an award of contract for the Carlisle Southern Link Road.

Later in the week we see the Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel meeting on Thursday. Please do come along to the meeting, and [sign up to the email newsletter](#).

The Health and Wellbeing Board on the Friday.

More details at: [Monthly meetings calendar - June 2023 | Cumberland Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)



**Cumberland  
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## Confirmed cases of "Bird Flu" on the rise in Cumbria

Members of the public are being warned NOT to pick up or touch dead birds after the number of confirmed cases of Avian Influenza (otherwise known as Bird Flu) in wild birds rises in Cumbria.

Avian Influenza is often fatal in birds, however, the risk to public health remains very low. Usually, the disease mainly affects birds, but on rare occasions, it can affect mammals including humans.

Anyone who comes across dead or sick birds in public places, should NOT touch or pick them up and should report them via the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77).

[Confirmed cases of "Bird Flu" on the rise in Cumbria | Cumberland Council](#)

## Mayor Making Ceremony held in Carlisle

A Mayor Making ceremony has been held for the new Mayor of Carlisle, Cumberland Councillor, Abdul Harid.

The Charter Trustees of the City of Carlisle, made up of 12 Cumberland Councillors, appointed Cllr Harid into the Civic role in May and a 'Mayor Making' ceremony was held at Carlisle's Civic Centre on Thursday 15 June.



Cllr Chris Southward is the Deputy Mayor of Carlisle.

[Mayor Making Ceremony held in Carlisle | Cumberland Council](#)

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## Have your say

As well as the consultation on projects in Maryport, we're also asking for your views on schemes in Carlisle's Devonshire Street and for two policies - on gambling and licensing.

[Find out more](#)

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## Join the Cumberland team

We have lots of opportunities to join Team Cumberland. Find out more on our website.

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## Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme launched

We are thrilled to announce the highly anticipated launch of the Summer Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. Designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the summer break, this programme offers eligible children the opportunity to participate in a variety of enriching activities for up to 16 days, completely free of charge. With places filling up rapidly, parents and guardians are encouraged to secure spots for their children as soon as possible.



The Summer HAF programme, organised by Cumberland Council in collaboration with local partners and community organisations, provides children who are in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals with the opportunity to join fun holiday activities for free and receive a nutritious meal each day. The programme combines a diverse range of activities that promote physical fitness, creativity, and personal development, ensuring that every child has a memorable and rewarding summer.

From arts and crafts to sports, nature explorations, educational workshops, and much more, the summer programme offers a wide array of activities tailored to the interests and abilities of children of all ages. Qualified instructors and facilitators will be on hand to guide and supervise the activities, ensuring a supportive and nurturing environment for all participants.

In addition to the exciting range of activities, the HAF programme places a strong emphasis on providing healthy and nutritious meals to participating children. Every child

attending the summer programme will receive well-balanced and delicious meals, designed to meet their dietary needs, and fuel their energy throughout the day.

[Read more](#)



### Have your say on plans for Maryport

We had over 150 people come and chat with us about our plans for Maryport this week. These include projects at The Wave Centre, harbourside and promenade.

There is still time to take a look at these new ideas and comment - the deadline is 7 July.



### Have your say on projects in Millom and Cleator Moor

Similar events held in Cleator Moor and Millom to discuss the latest on the Town Deals.

There is still time to comment.

Visit the [Cleator Moor Town Deal website](#) and the [Millom Town Deal website](#) to have your say.

### Shared Lives week

This week we have been marking Shared Lives Week. Becoming a Shared Lives Carer means starting on a journey of personal and professional growth.

We provide comprehensive training and ongoing support, empowering people with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to thrive in their roles and help others thrive in life!



[Find out more](#)

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**Come and join us at the Solway Coast Discovery Days**



Cumberland Council is inviting residents and businesses to join the Solway Coast AONB event (area of outstanding beauty), with the support from Natural England to celebrate King Charles III England Coast Path in Cumbria!



The Solway Coast Discovery Days event is free to attend and will be taking place on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July, from 10am – 4pm, each day.

The event based at Blue Dial Farm will allow visitors to meet a wide range of partners, including the Countryside Access Team from Cumberland Council.

People are also being encouraged to walk along the King Charles III England Coast Path multi-user route, from Allonby to Maryport where there will be a range of exciting activities, including wildlife spotting, beach mindfulness, photography, a Roman re-enactment, shoreline beasties, beach games, storytelling and toddler walks with Tikes Hikes for those little legs.

For more information, please go to the Solway Coast AONB website, which will include a programme of events.

[Read more](#)

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## **We've brought our first empty home back to life thanks to our enforced sales policy**

The mid-terraced house in central Carlisle has been unoccupied for five years.

We stepped in when damp was spreading to adjacent homes, after many attempts were made to engage with the legal owner. Works in default were arranged under the Environmental Protection Act to limit any further damage.

This meant a sale could be enforced, as the cost of the works totalled more than £1,000, under our new enforced sales policy.

[Read more](#)

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## **Executive meeting**

This week the council's Executive committee met in Whitehaven.

Cllr Elaine Lynch started the meeting with a speech to mark Srebrenica Memorial Day which is on 11 July and remembers those who died in the atrocity which took place in 1995.

Councillors also agreed how the £1m funding which comes from the Sellafield Social Impact Investment Fund will be spent in the next 12 months. The money supports social and economic schemes in the former Allerdale and Copeland areas.

## **Armed Forces Covenant**

We have also demonstrated our continuing commitment to supporting the Armed Forces Community by agreeing to sign the National Armed Forces Covenant.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation ensuring that those who serve or who have served in the Armed Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and will not be disadvantaged in accessing public services by their military service.

The decision to endorse the signing of the Covenant was made at our Executive meeting.

[Read more](#)

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## Open-air theatre events at Talkin Tarn

Join the critically acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company at Talkin Tarn Country Park, Carlisle on Thursday 6 July at 7pm for their performance of Jane Austen's Emma. This fast-paced, physical, and funny show is filled with romance, music and The Pantaloons' own charming brand of theatrical chaos. Outdoor theatre suitable for all ages. Bring a picnic and something to sit on!

[Book your tickets here.](#)

## Our Artisan Fete returns to Distington Victorian Walled Garden

Our Artisan Fete returns to the Distington Victorian Walled Garden Saturday 15 July, from 10am to 4pm (which is free to enter).

There will be a vibrant outdoor market bursting with local businesses proudly displaying their exquisite crafts. Visitors can expect to find a diverse array of handmade items, ranging from woodcarving and leather goods to soft furnishings and candles.

But that's not all – prepare to be utterly charmed as our furry friends make a grand return! By popular demand, alpacas and pygmy goats will grace us with their presence once again. Experience the pure joy of meeting these captivating creatures up close and personal. And for a small fee, don't miss the chance to take a leisurely stroll alongside the alpacas and create unforgettable memories.

If you have any questions or need more information about the fete, please feel free to call us at 01946 598305. We're here to help.

We hope you can join us at the Artisan Fete - we can't wait to welcome you!

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## Cumberland Council helps to celebrate the NHS's 75th birthday

Cumberland Council is helping the NHS to celebrate their 75th birthday, by lighting numerous buildings and local landmarks in blue lighting.

The buildings that will be lit will be in the Court Square, Citadels, and Market Cross areas of Carlisle. The Civic Centre is also illuminating some of the windows, to form a blue heart for the NHS's celebration. Allerdale House in Workington and The Beacon in Whitehaven will also be going blue.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the NHS, Cumberland Council will be lighting the relevant buildings in blue during the week of Monday 3 July to Sunday 9 July.

The NHS have other events that people can join in with. To find out more, please visit [the NHS website](#).

## Clubs invited to celebrate sport

The Beacon Museum is looking for sports clubs to become involved in a very special exhibition.

From October, the attraction in Whitehaven will celebrate all that is great about Cumberland's local sports scene, past and present.

Some clubs have already agreed to get on board, and more are now being invited to share in the celebration.

Clubs that can share any photographs, old memorabilia or artefacts should get in touch. Each week, the museum will highlight a particular sport on its social media, and clubs could be invited to send speakers to events running alongside the exhibition.

Cumberland Council Customer and Visitor Experience Manager, Heather Holmes, said: "We're very excited about this show – it's the first time we've had an exhibition dedicated to the local sporting community. It will be a real celebration of how grass roots sport is such an important part of our community life.

"We are interested in all sports, but in particular swimming, rugby, football, cricket, fell running, other traditional Cumbrian sports, and 'all ability' sports."

Any clubs who would like to get involved, or find out more, should contact Museum Curator Alex Milner at [alex.milner@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:alex.milner@cumberland.gov.uk), by Friday 14 July.

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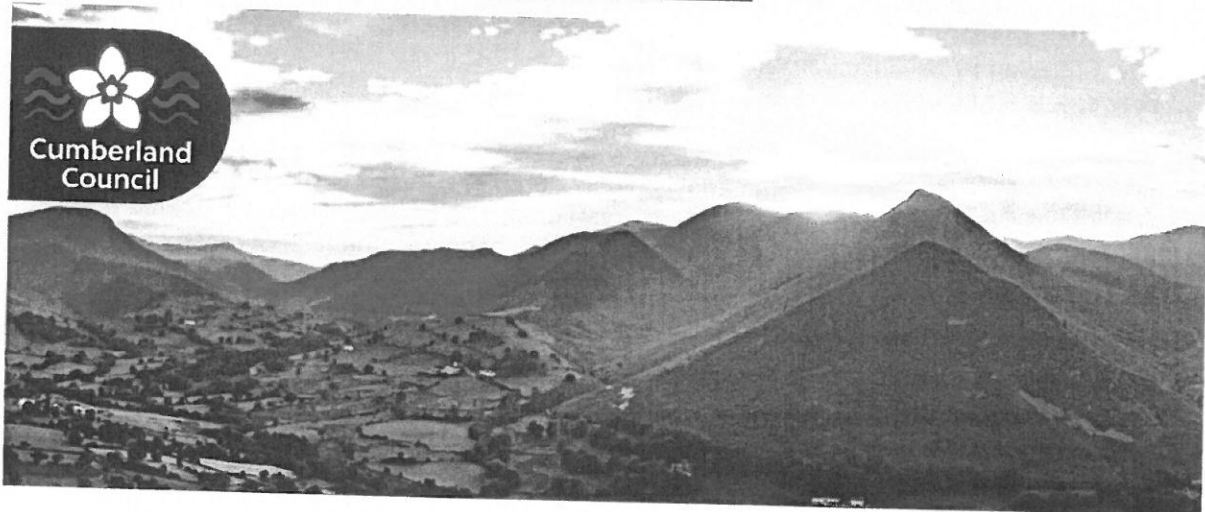
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### Cumberland Council hosts series of events for refugee week

Cumberland Council proudly organised and hosted a series of events to celebrate refugee week including an Annual Refugee Cricket Match, a baking competition and special dual language StoryTots session.



The events brought together various partners, including the Cumbria Constabulary, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, and the West Cumbria Refugee Support Network (WCRSN), to create activities which promoted unity and fun.

The events for refugee families were organised by the Global Resettlement Team from Cumberland Council. Families attended who have resettled from a range of countries, including Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine, all coming together to participate.

[Find out more](#)

## **Maryport's beach gets its day in the sun**

Works will get underway this autumn to improve access across the top of the small beach within Maryport Harbour.

Contractors have been appointed by Cumberland Council to build the Boardwalk - a new stretch of accessible pathway that will link the town's harbourside and promenade. It will cross the patch of sand on the small beach, following the route of a well-used informal path.

The Boardwalk will become a new focal point of the seafront, drawing people from the harbourside to the promenade and vice versa, and also improving connectivity with the town. Its proximity to Christ Church, the new location for the Maritime Museum, and the new Shipping Brow Gallery is another plus, as is the fact it will become a useful link between the harbourside and its tourist attractions and Hadrian's Cycleway.

The new Boardwalk will incorporate a very strong and durable decking surface made of glass - reinforced plastic. This material is highly durable, non-slip and has a honeycomb structure so rainwater and sea-spray won't pool on it. The Boardwalk will be located above the mean high water mark but has been designed to cope with the impact of very high tides and storm surges.

[Find out more](#)

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## **Two of Cumbria's schools pave the way for a bright future with an exciting new redevelopment works**

Cumberland Council has started construction work on two schools in Cumbria, that are expanding their sixth form facilities.

The project was initiated by Cumbria County Council, and now Cumberland Council is responsible for the improvement works with an investment of nearly £1million.

New 6th form facilities are being created for Whitehaven's Mayfield School and Carlisle's James Rennie School, allowing Mayfield to increase from 197 to 230 places and James Rennie to increase from 159 to 195.

The new facilities are being created away from the existing schools. Mayfield's new 6th form will occupy the former St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School in Cockermouth, while in Carlisle St Edmund's Church on Orton Road will be given new purpose meeting the needs of young people with special educational needs.

Both sites will be leased from the Diocese of Lancaster by Cumberland Council.

[Find out more](#)

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## **Update on ongoing industrial action with Allerdale Waste Services**

Allerdale Waste Services and Cumberland Council officers are working tirelessly to resolve the current ongoing strike action from UNITE and GMB Trade Unions in relation to the waste and recycling collection service provided by Allerdale Waste Service (AWS).

**Find out more**

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## **New all-terrain vehicles**

A network of Tramper all-terrain mobility scooters has been launched in the North Pennines AONB and UNESCO Global Geopark, enabling more people to access the countryside.

North Pennines Outdoor Mobility has been developed by the North Pennines AONB Partnership, with funding of £44,000 from Defra's Access for All programme. Additional funding of £11,000 came through the AONB Partnership's Tees-Swale: naturally connected programme, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Working with partners across the AONB, there will be five sites across the North Pennines with one mobility scooter available at each location, and eight identified routes to explore and enjoy the landscape. On the north-west fringe of the AONB, at Talkin Tarn Country Park, Carlisle there is a flat route around the perimeter of the glacial tarn, taking in woodlands and wildlife.

For more information on the hire locations and how to book, visit <https://www.northpennines.org.uk/visit-explore/north-pennines-outdoor-mobility/>

Trampers can also be hired in our area at  
Whinlatter: <https://www.forestryengland.uk/whinlatter-forest/tramper-hire-whinlatter-forest>

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## **60 Years of Cumbria Outdoors – share your memories of Hawse End**

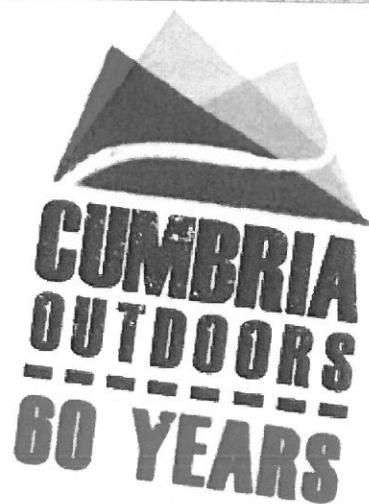
This year marks a special anniversary for Cumberland Council's outdoor education service, Cumbria Outdoors.

Based out of Hawse End, Derwentwater, Cumbria Outdoors is getting ready to celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> year of welcoming schools and family groups to its centres to take part in activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, caving and more.

**Were you one of those people who took part in a residential visit?**

As part of marking its 60<sup>th</sup> year, Cumbria Outdoors is asking for people to share their memories of their visit – and photos too. You may even be invited to the celebration event in the Autumn. [Email Gavin Smallbone](#) with your memories.

You can [find out more about Cumbria Outdoors online](#).



## **Council agrees £1m investment into its communities**

LOCAL communities in Cumberland Council area will see £1m worth of investment thanks to spending plans agreed by the council's Executive committee.

The Council receives money through the Sellafield Social Impact Investment Fund to help support both the Sellafield Social Impact Strategy and the council's own priorities.

As part of the strategy, the money must be split evenly between the former council areas of Allerdale and Copeland and can be used to support projects, initiatives and activities which benefit the local community and economy.

[Find out more](#)

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## **Blaze Bridge in High Lorton to undergo repairs**

Cumberland Council is informing residents, visitors, and businesses that Blaze Bridge located in High Lorton will be undergoing repairs in July.

The Highways team started the refurbishment work on Monday 3 July. The project is expected to take between six to eight weeks to complete and the team will be working from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday.

The refurbishment of the bridge includes:

- rock armour placement
- retaining wall and approach wall rebuild
- carriageway drainage improvements
- repointing of bridge elements

During this time, the road will be fully closed for all vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians with no access allowed. This closure is necessary to carry out these essential maintenance works, and to ensure the safety of all road users. There will be a signed diversion route in place.

For more information, please contact Cumberland Council's Highways Hotline on 0300 373 3736.

Cumberland Council wishes to thank the community for their continued support and patience while improvements are made to the bridge and apologises for any inconvenience and disruption caused.

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## **Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Week...**

Our Local Focus Hub colleagues have been working with partner agencies on a number of activities to mark Anti-social Behaviour Week.

This has included taking to the streets of Carlisle with the police looking to see if Public Space Protection Orders are being upheld, and meeting up with local residents across our patch to discuss the issues which affect their lives.

This is an important issue for people which can not only negatively affect their lives, but also make them feel less proud of the place in which they live.

To find out how to report issues such as flytipping residents should [go to our website](#). For police issues they should call 101 unless it is an emergency or there is a risk to life, then they should call 999.

## **... and a new partnership launched to tackle underage drinking in Workington**

A new partnership which aims to highlight the risks of underage drinking was launched in Workington on Monday 3 July.

Community Alcohol Partnerships (CAPs) are made up of partnerships between Local Authorities, Police, youth providers, schools, retailers, neighbourhood groups and health providers.

Partners in the South Workington CAP include Cumberland Council, Cumbria Police, Edge NE, third sector support, licensing leads, schools and Public Health.

[Find out more](#)

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## **Avian Flu**

Highly Pathogenic Avian influenza H5N1 (otherwise known as bird flu) has been confirmed in birds at premises near Bootle.

As a result, the Animal and Plant Health Agency imposed a 3km protection zone around the area as well as a 10km surveillance zone. More information on this and what it means can be found at: [gov.uk/animal-disease-cases-england/bird-flu-near-bootle-copeland-cumbria-aiv-2023-slash-34](https://gov.uk/animal-disease-cases-england/bird-flu-near-bootle-copeland-cumbria-aiv-2023-slash-34)

We have also received reports of dead wild birds along the west coast.

**Dead birds must not be handled by members of the public**, and dogs should be kept on leads, if possible, particularly on beaches or in areas where birds are known to gather.

[Find out more](#)

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## **Lakes College - opening up of the Digital Accelerator**

Lakes College launched their Digital Accelerator Hub this week.

The £1 million hub project is one of five projects identified by the Town Deal Board in the Workington Town Investment Plan and funded as part of the Workington Town Deal and is the first Town Deal project to be completed in Cumberland. It has been delivered in partnership with Lakes College who have project managed and developed the Hub.

The Hub will provide 250 places annually providing:

- High Level Digital Skills in support of sectors and industries in West Cumbria and the wider County

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- A repurposed and reconfigured specialist facility with discrete access and a range of digital kit, equipment, networking, and software
- Skills, training and qualifications that will be supported by a range of up to date hardware and software supported by enhanced network capability and a specialist teaching facility to enable training in coding, web design, 3D modelling and AI, BIM, with access to the college's VR facilities and robotics
- Programmes of learning developed by Lakes College staff and partner institutions
- Digital literacy skills for adults in Workington

More info at: [Digital Accelerator Hub at Lakes College - Lakes College \(lwc.ac.uk\)](https://lwc.ac.uk/digital-accelerator-hub)

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## Apprenticeship opportunities

We have some amazing new apprenticeship opportunities for autumn 2023 in Cumberland Council. Please spread the word about our vacancies to everyone that you or your respective teams work with, let them know about these great opportunities and encourage them to apply now.

There are a great range of opportunities, working in different teams including Legal, Adult Social Care, Apprenticeships Team and Finance, including:

- Health and Social Care - Adult Support Care Workers Level 2.
- Customer Service Level 2 and Level 3.
- Business Administrator Level 3.
- Assistant Accountant Level 3.

All the applicants need to do is register their interest at [apprentice@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:apprentice@cumbria.gov.uk) and send us a CV. We will send them a short application form and if shortlisted they'll be invited to the Recruitment and Interview Days taking place in each area on Friday 11 August 2023 in Carlisle.

Go to the Jobs Pages for more details about these great opportunities at: [Council job vacancies | Cumberland Council](#).

If you would like any further information or advice and guidance, please don't hesitate to contact the Apprenticeship Team by emailing [apprentice@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:apprentice@cumbria.gov.uk) or call 01228 221400.

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## National Trail Diversion: Hadrian's Wall Path in Carlisle temporarily closed

Cumberland Council is informing residents, businesses, and visitors that the Hadrian's Wall Path in Carlisle will be temporarily closed for two weeks, from Monday 10 July.

The public footpath carrying the Hadrian's Wall Path, located adjacent to the River Eden between the Sheep Mount and Engine Lonning in Carlisle, will be temporarily closed for two weeks. This closure is necessary to carry out essential safety works on dying and diseased trees that are overhanging the path.

To ensure the works can be carried out in nesting season a habitat assessment will be carried out prior to the commencement of any work.



[Find out more](#)

## New Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria appointed

Mr Alexander Scott appointed as the new Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria.

The Office of the Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Alexander Scott on 5 July 2023 as the new Lord-Lieutenant, succeeding Claire Hensman, who has served since January 2013.

Mr Scott will assume his new role immediately, taking on the responsibility of representing His Majesty The King in Cumbria.

[Find out more](#)

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CLERK'S REPORT

**Town Hall**

A legionella risk assessment was carried out on 6/7/23.

**Library/TIC**

Lois has completed and thoroughly enjoyed her work experience at the library.

Faye is joining us week commencing 10 July 2023.

Another databank drop in will be held on 10 July 2023.

**Allotments**

Judging has commenced.

Two untidy allotments are being closely monitored.

**Public Toilets**

Arrangements have been made to open the toilets at Harris Park over the summer holidays.

**Play Areas**

The daily inspection report of 19.5.23 has identified a split board underneath the small roundabout. The cost of replacement is significant and I am investigating whether replacement is the right course of action.

**Tourism and Publicity/Library**

Roof light in extension is aged and leaking and will be replaced by Simon Turner Roofing within the next 10 days.

**Memorial Gardens**

A Nichol undertook a survey of trees in Memorial Gardens on 16/5/23. He surveys them every 18 months. His report is awaited.

**Weddings**

July/August is a busy month for weddings.

**Marvejols visit to Cockermouth October 2023**

Work is progressing on making the requisite arrangements.

I have received the list of attendees and we have nearly sorted out their accommodation.



I am also in discussions with Claire regarding a choir exchange in April 2024 & a Youth Exchange in 2024.

I have been exploring the cost of a trip to Marvejols in October 2024 for the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

### **Civic Service**

Thank you to all who attended the civic service on Sunday 9 July 2023.

### **Remembrance Service**

This will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023 at 1pm in the URC Church followed by a short wreath laying service at the cenotaph at 2pm. Please make a note in your diary.

### **Mayoral Chain**

This will be sent off for engraving. I will explore how the chain can be altered/lengthened for longer term use.

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05/06/2023	Mon	Pamela&AM	9	2	0	0	104	1	0	0	8	0
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07/06/2023	Wed	Pamela	22	0	0	0	92	1	1	0	6	1
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22/06/2023	Thu	AM	10	0	0	0	94	1	0	0	4	0
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29/06/2023	Thu	AM	10	0	0	0	80	2	0	0	2	0
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## Paper for Cockermouth Town Council Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Cockermouth Footpaths – Repair, Maintenance and Development - Discussion Paper

Proposer: H Beanland

#### Background

This paper is principally concerned with the public footpaths, both formal and informal within the Cockermouth town boundary. It is not principally concerned with footways along the public highways and roads or footways which are the responsibility of Cumberland Highways, although there may be some overlap between the two groups.

Some of the footpaths in Cockermouth are in a poor state of maintenance. From personal knowledge the following footpaths could do with some TLC.

The steps leading and footpath from Dale View to the old railway bridge

The path on the north side of Double Mills Bridge

The footway from Kirkgate to the footbridge over Bitter Beck near St Helens Street

The footway from Slatefell Estate to the Kirkgate Centre car park.

There are probably others which other councillors will be aware of.

For much of the year many of these footpaths are muddy and/or covered in puddles which discourage use by the public. Encouraging people to undertake short journeys by walking is one of the ways we could reduce traffic congestion and pollution, and make a small contribution to tackling the climate emergency.

#### Proposal

There should be a survey of the footpaths/ways in each Cockermouth TC Ward, undertaken by the councillors for that ward or their proxies. Councillors should report their findings to the Town Clerk indicating the location of the path, a description of its condition and any immediate or long-term maintenance and repair which is required.

The Town Clerk to draw up a spreadsheet of all of the paths, with suitable headings and descriptors. A proforma for the survey and the headings could be developed prior to the survey. A timescale for the survey needs to be agreed.

On the basis of the survey, the TC draws up a voluntary group whose members would undertake remedial work to solve minor maintenance issues such as cleanliness, weeding etc. Other voluntary groups could be invited to participate e.g. Rotary, Round Table, U3a, others (?). Each path identified in the survey would have a schedule of future minor maintenance.

Where the work is of a more serious nature, and cannot be undertaken by volunteers, then external contractors are asked for estimates/quotations and the budget adjusted accordingly to enable this work to be undertaken during a specified time period.

A long-term plan for footpath improvement and development should be drawn up. For example, the footpath alongside the river Cocker in the Harris Park extension to be surfaced. My personal preference for this type of work would be to use 'hoggin' or some form of self-binding gravel. If these are used it makes maintenance easier, and to clear debris and leaves from the path. This should to some extent prevent the build up of leaf mould and mud.

Finance for these longer-term projects would probably require a contribution from the county council, or other sources.

## Clerk - Cockermouth TC

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**From:** Countryside Access <Countryside.Access@cumberland.gov.uk>  
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**To:** Clerk - Cockermouth TC  
**Cc:** Julian.Smith@Cumberland.gov.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Footpaths in Cockermouth parish

Sheila

The public rights of way identified on the link below carry a highways status, so certain highways regulation cover them, such as CDM regulations, the requirement for liability insurance, work to British Standards etc.

[https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/roads-transport/public-transport-road-safety/countryside-access/Rights\\_of\\_way/Map.asp](https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/roads-transport/public-transport-road-safety/countryside-access/Rights_of_way/Map.asp)

These path are public rights of way so there maintenance is rural in nature, if the idea is to improve the surface, then as we have done before we could look at addressing that through our improvement programme.

There are however, other paths that were previously managed by Allerdale BC that are not legally recorded highways and here there may be scope for them to be addressed through volunteers.

Julian Smith, copied in to this email might be able to advise you on if this might be possible.

Regards

David

**From:** Clerk - Cockermouth TC <clerk@cockermouth.org>  
**Sent:** 04 July 2023 11:28  
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**Subject:** Footpaths in Cockermouth parish

Is what Councillor Beanland suggesting feasible. Please advise.

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## HIGHWAYS

A highway is a piece of land over which the public has a right to pass and re-pass, to get from A to B. The term 'highway' includes footpaths, bridleways, byways, cycleways, driftways (droves), roads and streets. The paved footway next to a carriageway is part of the same highway, as is (usually) the grass verge on either side of a road.

### Highways - Footpath and Bridleway Maintenance

With minor exceptions, all public footpaths and bridleways are maintainable at public expense, by the highway authority. A district council has the right to take over maintenance, and a local council may also do certain works either as agent for a principal council or in its own right.

The powers of a local council are contained in ss.43 and 50 of the Highways Act 1980. They are powers to carry out the maintenance of footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways which are maintainable at public expense; and powers to maintain privately-maintainable footpaths. The exercise by a local council of the powers regarding paths maintainable at public expense does not relieve the highway authority of its obligations. To what extent do local councils make use of these powers? There is evidence that, in some parts of England and Wales, they make extensive use of them, whereas in other areas little or no use is made of the powers. There are those who advocate that local councils should take it upon themselves to carry out minor repairs and leave the highway authorities to attend to the more substantial and expensive repair work.

Section 43 of the 1980 Act confers powers on the highway authority (or district council exercising maintenance powers) to contribute the whole or part of the expenses incurred by a local council on maintaining public paths. In some areas, local councils have entered into agreements with principal councils covering maintenance, specifying the types of work to be undertaken by each party and the proportion of cost to be met by them.

The duty of a highway authority to maintain in good repair those paths which are maintainable at public expense can be enforced by members of the public implementing the procedure in s.56 of the 1980 Act. Briefly, a notice specifying the path in need of repair must be served on the highway authority which must, within one month, serve a notice on the complainant admitting that the path is a highway, and that the authority is liable to maintain it. In default thereof, the complainant may apply to the court for an order requiring the authority to put the path in proper repair within a specified period. If within the one month



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It must be stressed the principal limitation upon the use of this procedure is that it only applies to publicly maintainable highways (which includes footpaths and bridleways) which are out of repair.

## Highways: Stiles and Gates

Owners, tenants and occupiers of land may be authorised by a highway authority to erect stiles or gates (s.147, 1980 Act). Consent may be given with or without conditions as to maintenance or such matters as design of the structure. A highway authority itself can provide and maintain barriers, rails or fences in a footpath to safeguard the users thereof, for example against access by motor cyclists or horse riders.

In the absence of any agreement or condition to the contrary, stiles or gates across public paths are maintainable by the landowner in a safe condition and proper standard of repair to prevent unreasonable interference with the public rights. Failure to maintain will enable the highway authority, or district council exercising maintenance powers, to carry out remedial works at the landowner's expense after giving at least 14 days' notice to both the owner and occupier. A landowner complying with a duty to maintain a stile or gate (and this could be a local council) is entitled to recover from the authority at least 25% of the costs incurred (s.146).

## Highways: Animals

It is not a statutory offence to ride a horse on a public footpath, unless there is a local byelaw or traffic order in force as respects the path. A person who rides a horse on a footpath without the consent of the landowner does however commit trespass and can be ordered off or sued by the owner for any damage. Appropriate byelaws may be made by a district council under s.235 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Section 59 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, prohibits (with exceptions) the keeping of a bull at large in a field crossed by a public right of way. The

# **CUMBRIA COUNTRYSIDE ACCESS STRATEGY**

**2019 to 2024**

**A strategic framework for the management and  
improvement of countryside access in Cumbria**



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## **1. Introduction**

Cumbria as a diverse array of landscapes with large areas of the county protected through formal designation where public access is a key objective. They include; the Lake District National Park, the North Pennines, Arnside and Silverdale and Solway Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The primary means of access is through Cumbria's 7,671 km public rights of way network – the second largest in England - made up of footpaths, bridleways and byways. There are also some 390km of unsurfaced minor roads, which provide valuable links for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. In addition there are now some 226,000 hectares of open access land, defined through the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, enabling people to walk across large areas of open country.

This access enables people to take part in a wide variety of outdoor recreation and goes towards attracting over 40 million visitors per year to Cumbria with an estimated value of £2.2 billion per year to the economy. 51% of these visitors undertake short walks of less than 2 miles and 36% go on longer walks.

## **2. Vision**

To keep the countryside of Cumbria available to visitors and communities as a means of enjoying its special qualities and its health and wellbeing benefits.

## **3. Awareness – where are we now**

We are in a period of continual change in the countryside, pressures on budgets/staffing, changes in countryside use, developing access provision, changes to legislation and changes to both national park boundaries are only a number of issues directly effecting access provision in Cumbria. This makes it challenging to produce a strategy that is robust, achievable and flexible enough to respond to any changes ahead. At the same time it provides the opportunity to do things differently, to be more innovative, imaginative and collaborative in how schemes are developed and funded, and to ensure that countryside access is integrated with other strategic priorities across the County.

## **4. Purpose**

The purpose of the new strategy is to;

- Identifying the priorities of the key access authorities who will deliver the maintenance and management of countryside access and realign its annual programming to reflect these changes,
- provide a means to engage with access organisations, interest groups, local communities, district councils and other potential funders about what we aim to achieve in the future and how 'we' can achieve it.

The new CCAS will also help to advise how we better manage countryside access in a more integrated way and involve all those who have a role to play in shaping and delivering it. Integrated access can be defined as using and improving access to meet wider social goals such as – health & wellbeing, education, social inclusion and sustainable transport.

## **5. The development of the Cumbria Countryside Access Strategy 2019 -2024**

In 2005 the Cumbria Countryside Access Strategy outlined a county-wide consistent approach to access and recreation management for the first time among the three access authorities – Cumbria County Council, the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Park Authorities. The Countryside and Right of Way Act introduced the requirement for Rights of Way Improvement Plans (ROWIP) to be developed. This put forward specific proposals for improvement to both physical infrastructure and information about access in Cumbria.

This was reviewed by the 2014 strategy when the value of the ROWIP to rights of way management lead to it being an integral part of the new strategy. Although the new strategy doesn't include the ROWIP, rights of way improvements are still a high priority.

It is intended that the development of this new strategy will further develop the joined up approach to access management and also take into consideration the agency agreements that are in place between Cumbria County Council and its two agents; the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

Part one of this is an overview of access management that includes the goals the strategy will set. It aims to show how the strategy fits in and links with other policy and management documents of the three authorities within Cumbria and puts access and recreation closer to all those organisations that have a role to play in providing for, maintenance, managing, delivering and using it. Part Two is a strategic action plan that describes the detail of what will be achieved year on year and what SMART objectives are set to ensure the targets are measurable within each individual authority.

## **PART ONE**

### **6. Goal - where we want to be**

Our goal for access and recreation in Cumbria is that:

**“Cumbria is a place where visitors and local people can explore, enjoy and develop an understanding of the diverse countryside, and are enabled to do so in a variety of sustainable and responsible ways.”**

In order to achieve this goal the three access authorities, the statutory local access forums and district councils are committed to working together to maintain and improve public access and recreation to the countryside of Cumbria.

This can be summarised as four strategic aims; describing what we will do:

- a) Provide well maintained access to the countryside including the public rights of way network and open access areas.
- b) Develop an integrated network of routes that will contribute to improved health & wellbeing and carbon emission reduction, by encouraging people to walk and ride.
- c) Ensure access contributes to a thriving economy whilst protecting and, where possible enhancing, the sustainability of the County's natural and cultural resources.
- d) Work with partners, visitors, businesses, residents and landowners to encourage responsible use of the countryside and to minimise conflict through appropriate management and guidance.

## **7. Priority Areas of Work**

We have identified three priority areas of work, and under each of these are a series of strategic actions that will contribute to the achievement of our goal and our strategic aims. The three priority areas of work are:

- **Improving Rights of Way and Countryside Access**
- **Managing Rights of Way and Countryside Access**
- **Managing Access to open country**

### **Priority Area 1: Improving Rights of Way and Countryside Access**

#### **Background**

Since 2007 the Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) has been behind Cumbria County Council's delivery of a programme of access improvements to enhance people's access to the countryside and to work with groups to deliver improvements they require.

The programme is a valued way of working and has attracted a constant level of match funding in Cumbria over the years.

#### **The current situation**

Improvements have been delivered in two broad areas:

- **Barrier reduction** –the three authorities have undertaken a programme of improvements to access and rights of way furniture where restrictive items such as ladder or step stiles are replaced by kissing gates or wicket gates.
- **Specific improvement projects** – There has been a large range of access improvements from safe access to schools and village services to carrying out works to routes to further develop walking and riding opportunities.

The ROWIP has had mixed success across the County historically but in the area managed by Cumbria CC the scheme has proved very successful in attracting

additional funding. Over the past four years it has attracted over £219k in match funding from third parties and £400k of capital funding from the council's active travel fund. This has been a direct result of making the ROWIP a pivotal part of the 2014 strategy.

In the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Public Rights of Way have remained a 'Priority Programme' of work for the Authority over the last four years. The recently produced National Park Management Plan 2019-24 sets the following objectives:

- Benefit a wide variety of users by raising the standard of all public rights of way so that 90% are 'easy to use' by 2023.
- Maintain and promote the Pennine Trails and other recognised long-distance routes, identify opportunities for new multi-user routes, and campaign for the Coast-to-Coast path to become a National Trail by 2024.
- Carry out works to improve access on appropriate public rights of way and establish permissive routes, so that 262km (10%) are suitable for users of all ages and abilities by 2024.

In the Lake District National Park they have continued to improve our rights of way network to make it meet the needs of the community and visitors, including through the Golakes Travel programme, creating 50km of new multi user trail suitable for cycling, walking, pushchairs and use by people with disabilities. This work was achieved through a Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid of £4.5 million from the Department for Transport for an integrated sustainable travel programme.

**Key strategic actions** (see Part Two for more details on proposed actions)

1. We will identify and implement the development of the countryside access network through rights of way improvements, to provide a more effective resource for utility journeys and recreational activities.
2. We will continue to develop and implement improved access and recreation opportunities especially to the coastline of Cumbria through the Marine and Coastal Access Act.
3. Ensure that the any improvement works are promoted through the media.

## **Priority Area 2: Managing Rights of Way and Countryside Access**

### **Background**

The core statutory duty of the County Council, as with any Local Highway Authority, is to assert, protect, map, record, continuously review and update the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way (PROW), as well as practically maintain the PROW network across Cumbria. The LDNPA and YDNPA have an agency agreement with the County Council to maintain PROW on the Definitive Map and Statement within their respective National Parks, apart from the urban centres of Windermere/Bowness, Ambleside and Keswick in the Lake District. Fulfilling this duty is a fundamental role for all authorities and will remain a key priority.

Managing access is more than legal and practical work however. All access providers have to balance the needs of countryside users with those of local communities, landowners and managers. There is therefore an important advisory role to play in encouraging responsible use of the countryside and resolve conflict through appropriate management and guidance which should be done in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

### **The current situation**

The main areas of involvement over the last five years have been:

- Continually reviewing and updating the Definitive Map and Statement through statutory legislation such as Definitive Map Modification Orders
- Ensure that all public rights of way are in a safe and usable condition and survey programmes are in place.
- Recreational green road driving – although the number of routes available to motorised users is much reduced after the NERC Act 2006, the authorities maintain information for their use across the county and provides the basis for a sustainable management regime for mechanically propelled vehicles.
- Fix the fells, delivered by LDNPA and the National Trust external to the agency agreement – currently carrying out maintenance on over 350 upland paths. 15 projects per year are being carried out, where a higher level of intervention is required. We have a current budget requirement of £600,000 per annum. A grant has recently been approved which secures £850,000 over 3 years, the remainder is covered through fundraising and partner contributions.

### **Key strategic actions** (see Part Two for more details on proposed actions)

1. Consult with and facilitate a local access forum.
2. We will work with countryside users, local communities, landowners and managers to encourage responsible use of the countryside, and resolve conflict through appropriate management and guidance.
3. We will fulfil our statutory duties under relevant legislation to survey and maintain the public rights of way network. We will maintain a consistent record of the current condition of the PROW network and review the Definitive map and Statement.
4. We will continue to ensure works encourage access to the countryside.

### **Priority Area 3: Access to open country**

#### **Background**

Open Access commenced in May 2005, significantly increasing the available access land in wider Cumbria. In 2009 the Marine and Coastal Access Act set out to extend this access and develop new levels of access to the coastline.

#### **The current situation**

The three access authorities are managing the 2005 open access areas and using their best endeavours to ensure that the access remains available. The new access to the coast is currently being developed by Natural England and are working with Cumbria CC to establish the route on the ground. Currently one

section is complete from Allonby to Whitehaven and makes up the first part of a round England National Trail, the England Coast Path. Additional sections from Gretna to Allonby, Silecroft to Silverdale, Whitehaven to Silecroft and Walney Island are all under development. This work is 100% funded by Natural England.

**Key strategic actions** (see Part Two for more details on proposed actions)

The national parks are the relevant authorities within their boundaries while Cumbria CC are only the maintenance authority, the relevant authority in the CCC area is Natural England. All three authorities will maintain the existing access asset while, the parks will also deal with any applications for closure or restrictions in these areas. Cumbria CC will also continue to work with Natural England to establish Coastal Access and as this develops the LDNPA will also become involved in its establishment within the Park.

1. We will continue to manage the right of access to open country and registered commons as part of our duties under the CROW Act 2000
2. Continue the delivery of the Marine and Coastal Access Act and the new national trail along the coast line of Cumbria.



## PART TWO

### 8. Strategic Action Plan CCC

Part 2 of the Strategic Action Plan will differ from authority to authority in the way in which they choose to meet the strategic actions. A working example of how this will be presented is given below:

Cumbria CC Countryside Access Strategic Action Plan 2019 – 2024					
Priority Area 1: Improving Rights of Way and Countryside access					
Key Strategic Action	Proposed actions	Lead Organisation/ Partners	Estimated annual budget	Completed by (where applicable)	End of year status and comments
<b>1. Improving Rights of Way and Countryside Access</b>	1a. Develop and implement an annual action plan of practical improvement projects across Cumbria, based on proposals by parishes, communities and users groups.	CCC	1a, 1b & 1c £100k plus match funding.	Annual	
	1b. Implement an annual programme of barrier reduction such as replacing stiles with gates, improvements to bridges	CCC		Annual	
	1c. Promote the improvement of route surface/drainage with the most suitable option.	CCC		Annual	
<b>We know we are succeeding when:</b>	The amount of match funding and time in kind fund generated by working with third party groups. Number of pieces of access furniture replaced. Number km of rights of way improved.				
<b>Key performance indicator</b>	1a. A minimum of £60,000 generated annually through the ROWIP programme 1b. Minimum of 30 pieces of access furniture made less restrictive per year 1c. Minimum of 2km of route improved per year.				



Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan 2019 – 2024					
Priority Area 1: A friendly, open and welcoming place with outstanding opportunities to enjoy its special qualities					
Key Strategic Action	Proposed actions	Lead Organisation/ Partners	Estimated annual budget	Completed by (where applicable)	End of year status and comments
1. Improving Rights of Way and Countryside Access	1a Benefit a wide variety of users by raising the standard of all public rights of way so that 90% are 'easy to use' by 2023.	YDNPA		Annual	
	1b Maintain and promote the Pennine Trails and other recognised long-distance routes, identify opportunities for new multi-user routes, and campaign for the Coast-to-Coast path to become a National Trail by 2024.	YDNPA		Annual	
	1c Carry out works to improve access on appropriate public rights of way and establish permissive routes, so that 262km (10%) are suitable for users of all ages and abilities by 2024.	YDNPA		Annual	
We know we are succeeding when:	Percentage of routes that meet the national park family indicator definition of 'Ease of Use' increases The amount of match funding and time in kind generated by working with third party groups.				
Key performance indicator	1a Percentage of routes that meet the national park family indicator definition of 'Ease of Use' is 90% by 2023 in the Cumbria area of the National Park 1b Continue to be the lead organisation for National Trails. Identified an opportunity for a new multi user route in the park 1c 262km (10%) of routes in the national park are suitable for users of all ages and abilities by 2024.				
LDNPA Countryside Access Strategic Action Plan 2019 – 2024					

Priority Area 1: Improving Rights of Way and Countryside access				
Key Strategic Action	Proposed actions	Lead Organisation/ Partners	Completed by (where applicable)	End of year status and comments
1. Improving Rights of Way and Countryside Access	1a. Develop and implement a pipeline of practical improvement projects using approved prioritisation tool.	LDNPA	Annual	
	1b. Implement, as opportunities arise, barrier reduction such as replacing stiles with gates, improvements to bridges and other furniture improvement	LDNPA	Annual	
	1c. Increase the overall distance of miles without stiles routes	LDNPA	Annual	
	Opportunities for active recreation increase for people of all abilities			
We know we are succeeding when:				
Key performance indicator	1a. A minimum of 10km of new or improved trail created over the 5 years through the Access and Recreation project pipeline 1b. Minimum of 20 pieces of access furniture made less restrictive per year 1c. 83% of promoted Miles without Stiles routes which retain their MwS designation			

LDNPA Countryside Access Strategic Action Plan 2019 – 2024	
Priority Area 2: Managing Rights of Way and Countryside Access	

Key Strategic Action	Proposed actions	Lead Organisation/ Partners	Completed by (where applicable)	End of year status and comments
<b>1. Managing Rights of Way and Countryside Access</b>	1a. Review and make legal orders to ensure a safe network, limit obstructions and support priority access development initiatives where required on the rights of way network	LDNPA	Annual	
	1b. Survey the rights of way network to ensure condition is effectively monitored, recorded and issues are reported	LDNPA	Annual	
	1c. Complete Ease of Use surveys twice a year	LDNPA	Annual	
	1d. Implement and use the new ROWMANS asset management system for better management of the Rights of Way Network	LDNPA	March 2020	
	1e. Work collaboratively with landowners, communities, volunteers and businesses to ensure the rights of way network continues to be maintained to a high standard	LDNPA	Annual	
	1f. Work in partnership with the National Trust to deliver the Fix the Fells programme	LDNPA/NT	Annual	
<b>We know we are succeeding when:</b>	The 3203km of rights of way in the national park are easy and safe to use, which includes 124km of miles without stiles routes and 425km of promoted routes			
<b>Key performance indicator</b>	<p>Minimum of 500 rights of way maintenance issues resolved in a year</p> <p>76% of total length of footpaths and other rights of way that were easy to use by the general public, even though they may not follow the definitive line</p> <p>63% of total length of footpaths and other rights of way, that were easy to use by the general public and follow the exact definitive line</p> <p>100% Rights of way safety issues completed within 48hrs of report</p> <p>&gt;80% Fix the Fells planned annual work programme funded and delivered</p>			

Priority Area 3: Promoting Rights of Way and Countryside Access					
Key Strategic Action	Proposed actions	Lead Organisation/ Partners	Completed by (where applicable)	End of year status and comments	
1. Promote and integrate Rights of Way and Countryside Access	1a. Develop further information on access and recreation online and through social media	LDNPA	Annual		
	1b. Promote access and recreation opportunities through our information centres at Bowness, Ullswater and Keswick	LDNPA	Annual		
	1c Run a programme of guided walks and events attracting 2000 participants	LDNPA	Annual		
	1d. Work with the Ordnance survey to include entry level routes in the Get Outside app	LDNPA	March 2020		
We know we are succeeding when:	We are reaching more people and enabling a more diverse audience to enjoy active recreation in the Lake District				
Key performance indicator	>2000 participants in LDNPA volunteer led guided walks and events >95% customers satisfied with volunteer led guided walks and events Number of people reached on social media and through website (analytics data) Number of visitors to LDNPA information centres >578,000 per annum LDNPA routes on Get Outside app (number)				

The Key Strategic Actions for each priority area will not change over the five year lifespan of the Strategy. The 'Proposed Actions' column provides a greater level of detail on how each strategic action will be implemented but without listing every individual project. These will be more dynamic as time limited projects will come and go and other initiatives and priorities will undoubtedly evolve over the next five years, giving the strategy a degree of flexibility to adapt.

## Clerk - Cockermouth TC

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**From:** Phil & Rachel Gerrard <doublemills@nail.com>  
**Sent:** 14 June 2023 20:14  
**To:** Clerk - Cockermouth TC  
**Cc:** ~~doublemills@nail.com; j.mellaker@nail.com~~  
**Subject:** Antisocial Behaviour in Cockermouth

Dear Sheila,  
Please could you pass this correspondence onto the councillors.

Councillors,

I'd like to thank Councillors Richard Watson, Gillian Telford and Helen Tucker for meeting with me to discuss the antisocial behaviour we (the residents of the three properties) at Double Mills have been subject to. This has noticeably increased over the last 6 months and has moved from occasional incidents, including stone throwing at my 9 year old, to an almost continuous background noise, resulting in two visits from the police this week and myself being hit by a rock thrown by a teenager. We are beginning to feel unsafe in our homes and town.

I write this as a member of the Cockermouth community, not specifically a resident of Double Mills, to flag increasing levels of antisocial behaviour that is occurring across Cockermouth, from what seems to be a relatively small number of children of both primary and secondary school age. To make matters worse, it seems to be endorsed by their parents.

In our discussions today, it appeared that a community problem needs a community solution, with all elements coming to the table who may be able to impact the issue. This is a request for the Council to convene a meeting with interested parties e.g. the Town Council, Secondary and Primary Schools Heads, Police and any other community interested parties such as Chamber of Commerce, to agree a strategy and action plan to begin to address this issue.

Kind regards  
Phil Gerrard