

for people who need to do the weekly shop, see the doctor, or just visit friends.

**Find out more**

There are also garden volunteer opportunities.

To find out more, email [susan.pringle@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:susan.pringle@cumberland.gov.uk).

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## **Celebrating unsung heroes during Kinship Care Week 2023**

This week Cumbria Fostering has been celebrating more than 400 kinship carers across the county, who are looking after children who are not their own, during Kinship Care Week 2023, which runs until today.

Kinship carers are relatives or family friends who come forward to raise a child whose parents are not able to care for them. Kinship carers can be grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, relatives or family friends. Kinship Care Week aims to increase visibility of children raised in kinship care and celebrate the enormous efforts and sacrifices of those caring for them.

Cumbria Fostering's Kinship Care Team manager, Sam Moffatt, said: "It is wonderful to be able to come together to celebrate the inspirational kinship carers we have here in Cumbria during Kinship Care Week. Our kinship carers come forward to provide loving, stable homes for children they care about, preventing hundreds of children entering the care system. They often overcome staggering challenges to ensure children grow up with all the love, care and support they deserve."

To find out more about the support on offer for kinship carers in Cumbria, [please visit our website](#).

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## **Update on the partial collapse of Cockermouth's Old Courthouse building**

The Old Courthouse is an iconic building in Cockermouth and we share local residents sadness following the recent partial collapse of the building.

We are working with emergency services and partners to do all we can to assess the damage and take immediate steps to protect public safety.

The bridge over the River Cocker has been closed as a precautionary measure and screening will be installed. Please avoid the area and follow any diversions in place.

[Read more](#)

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## Carlisle Fireshow: Plea to support local charities

Visitors to this year's Carlisle Fireshow are being asked to dig into the bottom of their pockets and support local charities.

Although the event is free to attend, a charity collection is held each year. All donations go towards Rotary in Carlisle (which donates most of its fundraising efforts to local good causes), and the Great Air Ambulance, the charity supported by the Chair of Cumberland, Cllr Carni McCarron-Holmes and the Mayor of Carlisle, Cllr Abdul Harid's chosen charities - Cash for Kids, Carlisle Foodbank and Carlisle One World Centre.

[Find out more](#)



## Promotional opportunity at Carlisle light switch-on

Would you like your business or organisation promoted to a crowd of 10,000 this Christmas?



We have a fantastic advertising opportunity available for you to promote your business/organisation with a festive Christmas message at our Christmas Lights Switch On event on Sunday 19 November 2023 in Carlisle city centre. The event will be held between 3pm and 5.30pm.

The 25m<sup>2</sup> LED screen will be showing adverts from approximately 1pm. We have 20 slots available each lasting 30 seconds and on a rotation loop and will be an excellent opportunity to promote your organisation to over 10,000 residents and visitors who will be attending the event. The adverts will also be on display during the breaks between performances and hopefully at the end of the show as well until the crowds disperse.

The cost of each advert slot is £160 + VAT. We can accept static artwork or video files.

If you would like to take up the opportunity to place an advert, please contact [Val.Haresign@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Val.Haresign@cumberland.gov.uk)

Please note, deadline for adverts is Friday 3 November. The slots available are available on a first come, first served basis.

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## Plans being made to upgrade The Wave, Maryport

A [planning application](#) has been submitted for a major upgrade of one of Maryport's most prominent buildings.

We are applying to make changes to The Wave Centre, on the town's historic harbourside.

Locals and visitors alike have helped to inspire the new plans which include a new adventure play centre for young children, refurbishment of the Clip n' Climb attraction, new multifunctional studio spaces, a community meeting space, party rooms and an enhanced bigger gymnasium. Outside there will be a new bike hub with e-bike charging facilities and storage, along with more attractive landscaping. The entrance area will be improved and staff offices moved upstairs to free up more space on the ground floor.



[Find out more](#)

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## Progress on multi-million regeneration scheme in Cumberland

A decision by Cumberland Council's Executive this week marks another important step forward for a multi-million pound regeneration scheme in Cumberland.

The Council's Executive rubberstamped a contract award to procure a project delivery team to support the delivery of Phase 2 of the iEC development at Leconfield in Cleator Moor.

[Find out more](#)

## Signs of the times: restoring Heritage fingerposts!

We have started sprucing up the traditional fingerpost signs throughout the Cumberland area.

These charming signposts are an iconic and cherished feature of the area and are welcomed by residents and visitors alike. The signs make a very important contribution to the local character and identity of villages and rural areas across Cumberland.



Several of these fingerpost signs originate from the early 20th century and survived World War II because they were not removed and melted down. Consequently, these signs hold significant value for Cumberland Council and help to contribute to the heritage, local character, and identity.

[Find out more](#)

## Council sets framework to enhance decision making

Cumberland Council has set out how it will enhance decision making by inviting residents to become members of its Community Panels

The eight panels each have a budget for community investment. They also serve to identify gaps in provision, bring funders together and lobby for particular local needs. Their decisions are influenced by Community Networks of residents, businesses, the third sector and others.



**Cumberland  
Community Panels**

The panels are made up of the Cumberland ward councillors for that area, but they can appoint up to three unelected members to support their work. This week the council's Executive committee approved a framework setting out how that will happen.

[Find out more](#)

## Cycle Confidence Sessions



Do you need a little help to get back onto your wheels, or a push in the right direction?

This might be for you!

- ideal for beginners and those returning to cycling
- to build confidence in a safe, traffic-free environment
- FREE sessions
- Bring your own bike, or we can provide one



**Tuesday 24 October:**

- Session – 9am -11am

**Wednesday 25 October**

- Session 1 – 9am - 11am
- Session 2 - 11.30am -1.30pm
- Session 3 – 2pm - 4pm

**Venue:**

Harraby Cycle track, Carlisle, CA1 3SL

Please email [travelactively@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:travelactively@cumberland.gov.uk) to book a place.

**Closing date for bookings is Wednesday 11 October.**

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## Cumberland Council agrees innovative plan for homecare services

Cumberland Council is set to transform the way it procures homecare services with an innovative new Homecare Framework, providing flexible and reliable 24-hour care options while maintaining high-quality services tailored to individual needs.

Plans include the implementation of a new framework that allows for more flexible contracts and enables the Council to work with Care Providers to revolutionise Homecare services, as well as maintaining traditional homecare services where they are needed.

People using homecare services and stakeholders will be engaged to develop and shape future service. The new Framework will mean that the Council can respond quickly to changing demand. There will be an increased focus on preserving and improving service quality and sustainability. It is also expected to support the local economy through employment opportunities in the care sector.



**Find out more**

## Work by the trading standards team and vapes

Our colleagues in trading standards have been out in Millom and Carlisle this week speaking with businesses about the sale of vapes

The businesses were informed on the laws they need to follow including:

- It is illegal to sell vapes to a person under the age of 18
- Vapes stock must be listed on the MHRA ECIG register
- Vapes must comply with strict labelling requirements
- Single disposable vapes tank size must not exceed 2ml.

If you know of a business selling vapes to under 18's please let us know on 0808 223 1133 or [trading.standards@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@cumberland.gov.uk)

## Join Team Cumberland

We have a number of jobs available at Cumberland Council. If you're looking for a new role, check out our website now.

[Find out more](#)

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# CALC NEWS

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# CALC Update



## A Big Thank you!

On 6th September 2023 we had what will be our last Executive Meeting under the current constitution as we move, after the AGM on 30th September, to the new company arrangements.

It seems very timely to recognise the commitment of all those who have served on the executive, committees, subgroups, and generally supported CALC over the past 49 years.

During that time, we have had Presidents and Chairs who have provided leadership during many different situations. CALC reflects our membership, and we rely on councillors putting themselves forward for office. This is an additional commitment to all that goes on in our towns and parishes and is much appreciated.

There is a saying that 'you need to know where you have come from to know where you are going'..... Please be assured that your commitment to the past will be reflected in our hopes and aspirations for the future.

Kind regards

Mary Bradley Chair CALC

# TRAINING

Our latest Professional Development Programme for Town and Parish Councils is now available on the CALC website [here](#)

Please contact [calc@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:calc@cumbria.gov.uk) to reserve your place



## CCRG: Winter Vaccines - and Winter Weather

### Covid-19 Vaccines

If you're eligible for a Covid-19 booster this autumn, you can now book it via the NHS Website (or by calling 119):

[Press release](#)

[Booking Covid-19 Vaccines](#)

Some people will have already been invited for a vaccine by their GP surgery, etc.

The main groups of people eligible are those over 65, people with some underlying health conditions, pregnant women, carers, and frontline health and social staff.

If you want to check the full list of eligible health conditions, it's in [Table 3 \(on page 23\) of Greenbook chapter 14a](#)

### Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines are more widely available from many pharmacies - free on the NHS to similar groups of people who are eligible for a Covid-19 vaccine

[Find a Pharmacy that offer a NHS Vaccine.](#)

The list of underlying health conditions that make you eligible for a flu vaccine are slightly different to those for the Covid-19 vaccine, so it's worth a check of the detail (on the link above) if you're unsure.

It's also possible to book (and pay for) a flu vaccine at some pharmacies if you're not eligible for a free NHS jab (and some employers will make free vaccines available to their staff).

The general advice remains the same - if you're eligible for either of the vaccines, then it's best to take up that offer as soon as possible.

### Winter Weather

#### UK weather warnings - Met Office

It's a good time to think about signing up to Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings if you haven't already - all the info is on here: [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK](#)

## New Funding Opportunity

### £1 million defibrillator fund

The government is inviting community organisations, including Local Councils, to bid for funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) for their area.

This £1 million fund aims to increase the number of AEDs in public places where they are most needed.

Funding will provide an estimated 1000 new defibrillators in community spaces across England. Defibrillators can be registered on [The Circuit](#).

Organisations can [submit an expression of interest](#).

## Digital switchover partner toolkit

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology.

The LGA have designed a toolkit for councils and partners to use to raise awareness of the digital switchover.

Local government has a critical role to play in the digital switchover to implement the solutions required to support residents and prevent impact on their day-to-day life. The toolkit contains assets aimed at residents to raise awareness of the upcoming switchover.

## Community Panels Cumberland

**There are eight Community Panels covering Cumberland. Each is made up of the ward councillors for that area. The panels meet four times a year to decide what their communities need, and to direct investment towards projects that tackle those priorities.**

They are helped in that process by Community Networks. These are made up of residents, businesses, partners and third sector organisations.

They engage with residents through events, consultations and other methods to find out exactly what investment is needed in each neighbourhood. That is then fed back to the Community Panels to inform their spending.

Each of the Community Panels has a webpage where you can find out which councillors are on the panel, which wards it covers, and other information.

You can read a press release about the launch of the Community Panels, and a release announcing their first meetings.

**How can I apply for investment from a Community Panel?**- The panels have different deadlines by which you may need to apply - please check the individual Community Panel's page for the deadlines.

## Westmorland & Furness Locality Boards

In order to promote close working with our communities there are three Locality Boards, which have been established on the local government boundaries of the predecessor Borough and District Councils and contain all Councillors whose wards fall within those localities.

For more information click here:

[Eden Locality Board](#)

[Furness Locality Board](#)

[South Lakeland Locality Board](#)



## How to

# Declare a Climate & Ecological Emergency



[www.calc.org.uk](http://www.calc.org.uk)

**Many Town & Parish Councils across Cumbria have already declared a climate emergency.**

Declaring a climate and ecological emergency shows that your Local Council acknowledges the need to act on the causes and impacts of the climate change and biodiversity crises.

**For the declaration to be meaningful, it needs to be accompanied by determined action.**

At a local level, councils can deliver a noticeable difference to people in the community.

This How To Guide which can be found on the CALC website [here](http://www.calc.org.uk) provides information and resources on how to declare a climate and ecological emergency and some ideas on taking action following this.



## The Energy Bill

Over the last year the Government have been progressing a big piece of energy legislation through Parliament, called the Energy Bill. Collective efforts saw MPs from all parties calling for community energy-enabling measures to be added into the Bill, which has now nearly completed its passage through Parliament. In response, on 11th August the Government announced a £10 million Community Energy Fund, more information is below.

As the first supportive action from Government for community energy in many years, this was a very welcome new direction.

When Parliament debated the Energy Bill again on 5th September, MPs from all parties again called for more from the Government for community energy. Their rationale was that, whilst the new fund will no doubt help, it will not remove the barriers that prevent community energy schemes selling their power directly to local people.

When the Energy Minister Andrew Bowie spoke, he made two further promises:

- To consult on removing the barriers that community energy projects face when trying to sell their power locally, and
- To report annually to Parliament on the progress towards removing those barriers.

## Community Energy

**Communities at the heart of new fund to boost local growth and energy security  
£10 million fund to open in early Autumn and help deliver government's ambitions to restore optimism and pride in local communities.**

Rural and local communities across England will be supported in setting up local energy projects that will provide local jobs and deliver energy security, thanks to a new £10 million government fund. Both urban and rural communities will have the chance to win a portion of a new £10 million Community Energy Fund - new government grant funding to help communities develop local renewable energy projects.

**The Community Energy Fund will open to applications in the early Autumn.**

This funding will help to kickstart projects including small-scale wind farms and rooftop solar partnerships, as well as battery storage, rural heat networks, electric vehicle charging points, and fuel poverty alleviation schemes - all proposed, designed and owned by local people.



## **A new clerk has contacted CALC to ask about budgeting and when the process should start.**

The preparation of an annual budget is one of the key statutory tasks undertaken by the council, irrespective of its size. The budget:

- results in the council setting the precept for the year;
- gives the clerk and other officers overall authority to make spending commitments in line with decisions of the council;
- enables progress monitoring during the year by comparing actual spending against planned spending

It is important that councillors understand how the budget is put together and how it should be used. The budget is an essential tool for controlling the council's finances, and demonstrates that the council will have sufficient income to meet its objectives and carry out its activities.

The key stages in the budgeting process are:

- review of current year budget and spending;
- determine the cost of spending plans;
- assess levels of anticipated income;
- provide for contingencies and the need for reserves;
- approve the budget;
- set the precept

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) should prepare a draft budget for councillors to consider, discuss and amend and then the detailed final budget will be brought to a full council meeting for approval, usually in January. To meet this deadline it is wise to start your precept/budgeting discussions in November/December.





## Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council Holly Cottage

**Crosby Ravensworth Parish Council (CRPC) was bequeathed a property from a well-loved and respected member of our community with the wish that it should be offered for rental to a 'local, worthy family'**



'After a survey to establish the extent of work required to bring the house up to current standards, the PC accepted the bequest. Obtaining the quotes for the work was a challenge and we added a contingency amount to our request for loan funding to cover inflation costs of work and materials.

In January 2022 we applied via CALC to the Public Works Loan Board (PLWB) for a £180,000 loan to cover all the refurbishment costs. We had been informed that this could take a few weeks, but after 5 months and with regular assistance from CALC, we contacted our MP for further impetus. By the time we received the loan in June 2022 the interest rate had increased which has resulted in setting a slightly higher rent than originally forecast. However, the interest rate is fixed for the entire span of the loan and so the repayments to the PWLB will remain unchanged for the full term. The rental income will cover the loan with a small amount remaining to build up a maintenance fund.

The building work started in June 2022. The house needed extensive renovation so initial works saw the property stripped back to its shell. We determined that the old property should be economic for the PC to maintain and for a tenant to afford, while retaining its character.

So it has an Air Source Heat Pump with underfloor heating to ground and first floors, extra insulation and double glazing in addition to the existing solar panels. Local trades people were employed as much as possible and volunteers from the village undertook some unskilled jobs, such as concrete and gravel barrowing along with garden clearance and planting.

When the refurbishment was nearly complete, we held an Open Day for members of the community to look around and see how their PC had spent the loan. The feedback has been positive.



In order to ensure independence, the property rental was arranged by an estate agent. All the applications were scored according to the developed CRPC Housing Allocation Policy which identified the qualifying criteria, such as property suitability and local connections.

It has been a major project for CRPC, but it has provided an affordable home to a family who can enjoy and contribute to the village'.



## NALC Legal Updates

### **Adverse possession – maintenance of land by different local authorities**

A council hoping to make an adverse possession claim for land it had been maintaining asked us if maintenance by different local authorities over different time periods would meet the qualifying condition that a claimant must have possessed the land continuously for the relevant period (10 years for registered land and 12 years for unregistered land). They recognised that any break in possession would mean time starting afresh.

Adverse possession claims are fact specific and all the conditions must be met for a claim to succeed so maintaining land alone would not be enough (see LTN 55). Our view was that if a claim is brought by a person/ body, it is that person/ body proving their use of the land means they should be registered as the landowner. As such, different bodies maintaining land at different times would not be enough.

### **Freemen – use of gender-neutral terms**

We were asked if a council could use non-gendered terms for conferring honorary titles under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, e.g. "freeperson" in place of "freeman". Our view is yes, it is a matter for a council. As with the term "chairman", the law uses the masculine to denote the feminine. We suspect law written today would use non-gendered terms.

### **The implementation of sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government Act 1972**

The question of the implementation of these two provisions occasionally comes up. The legislation cites wording ("elected") in square brackets, providing in the case of section 15 (1) that the chair must be elected annually from among the elected members and for section 16 (1), that the number of elected parish councillors for each parish council shall not be less than five. This understandably causes some confusion.

We confirm that the amendments relating to elected members as contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 have never been brought in and we don't expect them to be brought in. At the time the 2007 Act came into force, NALC lobbied for the amendments relating to elected councillors not to be brought in.

### **Recording meetings – straight away or when the meeting starts?**

We were asked if members of the public exercising their right to record at meetings can record from the moment they come into the meeting room or when the meeting starts.

We give guidance on the reporting of meetings under section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 in LTN 5E. The right to report on a meeting is limited to reporting on the proceedings of a meeting. That means, as such, that it should be when the meeting starts.

"Reporting" is defined in s.1(9) of the 1960 Act.



# D-Day Anniversary 6th June 2024

## Guide



**'The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.**

In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

I hope your community will join us. **We are asking villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.** Your event could be devoted to raising valuable funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and The Merchant Navy Association. You will find details of how to participate on pages 31 and 32 of [this guide](#)'.

**Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster**





## Barrow Town Council

**BARROW TOWN COUNCIL - APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER Salary within grade (SCP 37 - 39 - £43,516.00 - £45,495 p.a.) Full-time (34 hours per week) - Part Time applications Considered.**

If you have a genuine interest in helping our forward thinking and energetic Council develop and deliver timely, quality and innovative services to the local community, this post is ideal.

You will ensure that all legal, statutory, financial and other governing provisions relating to the Council are observed, all Council meetings are properly administered and decisions effectively implemented whilst developing healthy working partnerships with key local and regional bodies. Suitably qualified (ideally with or be willing to obtain CiLCA - the Certificate in Local Council Administration), highly motivated, enthusiastic and community focused, you will bring sound leadership, staff management, administrative, communication, IT, financial and organisational skills and be flexible in approach and able to meet deadlines.

We offer excellent nationally based terms and conditions of employment for this post which may involve working evenings and weekends.

Please email Michael Younger [Cllr.MYounger@barrowtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.MYounger@barrowtowncouncil.gov.uk) for a recruitment pack and an application form. Closing date for applications: 27th September 2023.

Barrow Town Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

## Torver Parish Council

Torver Parish Council seeks a part-time clerk, preferably with previous experience. Working hours are flexible but will average 10 per month. With the exception of attending Council meetings, the post holder will be expected to work from home. The Council meets in the evening, on the first Thursday of each month. Salary is paid in line with NALC/SLCC national salary agreement at £13.45 per hour (pay award pending). A computer is provided. Torver is a small parish and the job could be suitable for an existing parish council clerk who seeks additional work. For further information including job description or to apply, please contact the Chairman, Peter Worth at [peter@worth-tas.co.uk](mailto:peter@worth-tas.co.uk) or on 07714 333240 or the Vice Chairman, Chris Bradley on [chris@torvermill.co.uk](mailto:chris@torvermill.co.uk) or 07436 701480. Closing date Friday 20th October.



## Assistant - Cockermouth TC

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**From:** Clerk - Cockermouth TC  
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**To:** Assistant - Cockermouth TC  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lakes to Sea Community Panel - for information and possible action (see slide 4)  
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Print off all for me and put in basket for October agenda  
Thanks

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**Cc:** "Jackie.Hayhow" <Jackie.Hayhow@cumberland.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Lakes to Sea Community Panel - for information and possible action (see slide 4)

To: Brigham Parish Council, Cockermouth Town Council, Dean Parish Council, Greysouthen Parish Council, Little Clifton Parish Council

Please find attached presentation that gives information about the lakes to Sea Community Panel. You can use the QR code on slide 4 to access the consultation survey about priorities and feedback. The first Community Network launch is planned for Thursday 26 October at 6pm in the Kirkgate Cockermouth and more information about that event will be sent out soon.

Kind regards  
Andrew

Councillor Andrew Semple  
Chair Lakes to Sea Community Panel  
Cockermouth South



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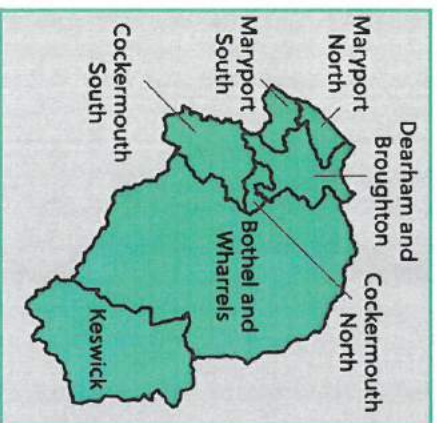


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Empowering our communities



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# Lakes to Sea Community Panel

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at the heart of everything we do

## Our values



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# What could Lakes to Sea Community Network look like?



- Focus on engaging harder to reach groups.
- Accessible and Inclusive.
- Link with partners, other events, community engagement & consultations.
- Link with other panels.
- One network will not fit all

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# Community Networks

- Clear steer from Council Plan about listening to our communities
- Community Networks attached to each of the Community Panels
- Informal and inclusive
- Meet up to 4 times a year
- Elected Members / other partners / communities and community organisations / other third sector / public / businesses
- Format of events will vary between Panel areas
- Informs the Neighbourhood Investment Plan
  - Local intelligence to help identification of priorities
- Engage the local communities on an ongoing basis
- Can facilitate formal consultation
- Flexible enough to be themed
- Have at least 1 event by Autumn 2023

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# Priorities



Lakes to Sea  
Community Panel



Have your say on the Lakes to Sea  
Community Panel priorities

**Community Panels are a new way of putting  
people at the heart of local decision making**

The Lakes to Sea Community Panel covers the wards of  
Bothall & Wharfedale, Cockermouth North, Cockermouth South,  
Dearham & Broughton, Keswick, Maryport North and  
Maryport South.

The panel members would like your views on their four draft  
priorities. The final priorities will run alongside Cumberland  
Council's central aim of improving the health and wellbeing of  
residents.

Scan the QR code below to access the survey.



cumberland.gov.uk

- Provisionally agreed 4 priorities.
- Consultation started August will be completed  
end of October 2023 to gauge support.

- Community Panel Priorities to start with:**
- Transport
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Community Involvement
  - Community Resilience

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# Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- Timeframe – March 2024
- Developed with our communities
- Identification of priority areas / priorities and resulting actions / investments
- Ongoing reporting to the Community Panels on progress
- Owned by the Community Panel, responsible to the Community Network

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# Lakes to Sea Community Panel

- Next Steps
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18 September 2023

Our Ref: QSPI – 411/23

Dear Sheila,

Thank you for your email which was received in the office 17 August 2023, regarding the Fire Station in Cockermouth.

I am able to advise that discussions are underway regarding a refurbishment of the current facilities, please be assured that the service provided in Cockermouth will not be affected.

If you have any further queries, please contact my office or the Fire Service directly. Thank you for taking the time to make contact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter McCall'.

Peter McCall  
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

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## CLERK'S REPORT

### Town Hall

There has been interest in the empty upstairs room from an existing tenant. This will be discussed later on the agenda.

The photocopier in the Town Hall is aged and keeps breaking down. I have leased a new one as I believe a more modern copier will save us money and will be better for the environment.

### Library/TIC

Window behind reception desk either needs a new weight or re-weighted. Quote of £90 received.

Self weigh baby scales will be provided in the library. A retractable screen has been ordered for privacy.

Details of the recycling of small electrical items is attached to this report.

Ash's employment with the town council ended on 30 September 2023. He has returned his keys. He has been returned to library user status on Koha.

### Allotments

The awards evening was very successful. A big thank you to all those who assisted.

Please could the water be turned off at both access points before the frosts.

The notice to quit has been served on 1B The Gote and the allotment re-let from 1 November 2023.

Plot 14, The Gote has given up their allotment. This has been re-let.

I am dealing with the fallen tree on allotment 5b, St Helens Street.

### Public Toilets

The door of the gents in Main Street have been kicked in on 20/9/23. I have ordered 4 more strike locks. The door of the ladies Main Street was kicked in on 23/9/23. These were repaired on 5/10/23.

### Play Areas

Quotes obtained from Playdale and Wicksteed for upgrade to play area. \_ What do you want to do with these?

### Tourism and Publicity/Library



I have asked staff to stock up shelves before I leave.

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

### **Memorial Gardens**

Approval has been obtained for the tree works. Works to be carried out soon.

### **Weddings**

October is a very busy month for weddings.

### **Marvejols visit to Cockermouth October 2023**

Arrangements are all in place for their visit.

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.

### **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. I am meeting Alistair Smeaton to firm up details.

### **SWOD**

Kirstie has applied for the road closure, market licence and temporary event notice. We have reviewed the risk assessment. Arrangements are now at an advanced stage.

### **Fireworks**

I have reviewed the Event Plan and other documentation and applied for the road closure order from Cumberland Council. The Mayor has agreed to manage this event.

## DRAFT

## FAQs for Libraries re the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Project

## 1. What can people put in the bins? Could they bring a microwave?

Please see the list below of what is and isn't acceptable and what is not. Microwaves are not acceptable.

ACCEPTABLE	NOT ACCEPTABLE
Bread makers	Batteries
Computer keyboards	Cables
Desk fans	Fridges or fridge freezers
Desk lights	Hoovers
Desk phones	Lawnmowers
DVD players	Light bulbs or fluorescent lights
Electric power tools	Microwave ovens
Electric shavers	Printers
Electric toothbrushes	TVs and screens
Food processors, blenders/juicers and other similar items	Vapes
Games consoles and joy sticks	
Hair driers	
Hi-Fi/CD players	
Kettles	
Laptops	
Mobile phones	
Portable radios	
Slow cookers and air fryers	
Speakers	
Toasters	

## 2. Is it only items with a plug that are accepted?

Most of the accepted items will have a plug, but we will also take re-chargeable items such as electric power tools. **Any batteries should be removed** and the batteries taken to your most convenient bring site. Go to <https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator> to find your nearest site. (For the final version of the FAQs that we leave in libraries we could add the nearest battery collection points to each library).

What about built-in batteries e.g. if someone brings in a phone?

## 3. Can I put cables into the electrical recycling bin?

No – please see the list of acceptable and unacceptable items above.

## 4. Are vapes accepted? If not, where can we take them?

No vapes are not accepted. Vapes should either be taken back to the place where you bought them or to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) – please ask site staff where to put them when you arrive. Your nearest HWRC can be found by going to the



council website at: <https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk//planning-environment/waste-management/servicesincumbria/hwracs/hwrc.asp>

**5. What should we do when the container is getting full?**

When we deliver your recycling bin, we'll leave you with a leaflet which has the contact phone number of Cumbria Recycling Ltd (CRL) who will be picking up the full bins and replacing them with empty containers for you.

**6. What should we do if the container is half full and then one person comes along with a lot of stuff so it's immediately filled?**

We want to avoid people leaving waste beside the bin if it suddenly gets full, so ideally we'd ask you to tell people to come back when the bin has been exchanged for an empty one. CRL will pick up a full bin within 24 hours of you making a collection request.

**7. Will the bin be emptied in the library?**

No, the collection driver will pick up your full bin and replace it with an empty one, so they will be providing a bin exchange service and won't be emptying the bin in your library.

**8. What happens to all the electricals that are collected?**

The items will be taken to Cumbria Recycling Ltd's (CRL's) base in Workington where CRL aims to refurbish, reuse and recycle as much of the material as possible. CRL is a social enterprise organisation and sub-contractor to the council's waste service contractor. Currently, only 12% of the material accepted by CRL has to be disposed, the rest is reused or recycled.

**9. Is there a CRL leaflet that we can give out to people which says what happens to the material?**

Please advise customers to look at the CRL website for more information - [Electrical Waste Collection, Recycle & Disposal - Cumbria Recycling](#)

**10. Is this a long-term/permanent project/service?**

This is a six-month pilot project to assess how much electrical and electronic waste we might collect for reuse and recycling by providing additional collection points. We have been awarded external funding from Material Focus, an independent organisation set up by and paid for by the producers of electrical and electronic items.

**11. What will happen at the end of the six months?**

If the project is successful and it is cost-effective to continue to provide some or all of the elements of the service, then it will be continued.

**12. Is the service going to expand into Westmorland and Furness?**

As part of the funding bid we committed to share the results of the six-month trial in Cumberland with colleagues in Westmorland and Furness for their consideration.

**13. Why can't the bins be outside?**

The risk assessment for service requires the bins to be inside. This is because of the potential risk of someone leaving a lithium ion battery in one of the items. Lithium is water soluble which means that it dissolves in water. Although we are containing the equipment in a bin, there is a risk of the lithium in a lithium ion battery left in one of the items getting into the environment if the bins are kept outside. To minimise this risk the bins need to be kept inside.

**14. I've heard about battery fires – is there any fire risk?**

The risk of battery fires is most likely to be caused when batteries are moved around with other types of waste. We have assessed the fire risk associated with this project as very low. Other libraries have successfully delivered a similar service and our insurance team has been informed about the project.

**15. Are any other councils collecting electrical and electronic waste like this?**

Yes – Richmond council in London has been collecting electrical and electronic waste from their libraries for a couple of years. Over the past two years they have seen an increase in the amount electrical waste collected from their libraries. The learnings from their service were incorporated in the funding bid put forward by Cumberland.



Date	Day	On Duty	TIC Visitors	TIC Phone	TIC Email	TIC Post	Library Visitors	Library Phone	Library Email	Library Post	Library PC	Allerda
28/08/2023	Mon											
29/08/2023	Tue											
30/08/2023	Wed											
31/08/2023	Thu											
01/09/2023	Fri	AM	12	0	0	0	135	1	0	0	3	0
02/09/2023	Sat	Emmie	8	1	0	0	120	1	0	0	1	0
03/09/2023	Sun	Closed										
04/09/2023	Mon	AM	20	2	0	0	170	6	0	0	4	0
05/09/2023	Tue	AM	16	1	0	0	115	2	0	0	1	0
06/09/2023	Wed	Emmie	7	1	0	0	93	3	0	0	9	1
07/09/2023	Thu	Emmie & AM	24	2	0	0	95	4	1	0	2	0
08/09/2023	Fri	Pamela & AM	8	0	0	0	110	2	0	0	3	0
09/09/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	15	0	0	0	104	1	0	0	6	0
10/09/2023	Sun	Closed										
11/09/2023	Mon	Pamela&AM	22	0	0	3	116	1	0	0	7	1
12/09/2023	Tues	Pamela&AM	19	0	0	0	127	1	0	0	9	0
13/09/2023	Wed	Emmie	9	0	0	0	103	3	0	0	5	1
14/09/2023	Thu	AM & Emmie	11	2	0	0	124	8	1	1	7	0
15/09/2023	Fri	Pamela&AM	20	0	0	0	110	3	0	2	4	0
16/09/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	6	1	0	0	134	1	0	0	1	0
17/09/2023	Sun	Closed										
18/09/2023	Mon	Pamela&AM	24	0	0	0	88	4	0	0	8	0
19/09/2023	Tue	Pamela&AM	12	1	0	0	120	5	1	0	6	0

20/09/2023	Wed	Pamela&Emmie	22	0	0	0	0	102	1	0	0	0	4	0
21/09/2023	Thu	AM & Emmie	6	10	0	0	0	126	11	0	0	0	12	0
22/09/2023	Fri	Pamela & AM	11	2	0	0	0	119	4	1	0	0	6	0
23/09/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	9	1	0	0	0	114	4	0	0	0	0	0
24/09/2023	Sun	Closed												
25/09/2023	Mon	Pamela&AM	6	1	0	0	0	118	1	2	0	0	4	0
26/09/2023	Tue	Pamela&AM	5	0	0	0	0	88	1	0	0	0	5	0
27/09/2023	Wed	Pamela&Emmie	11	0	0	0	0	104	1	1	0	0	5	0
28/09/2023	Thu	Emmie&AM	11	2	0	0	0	93	1	0	0	0	5	0
29/09/2023	Fri	Pamela&AM	14	0	0	0	0	90	0	0	0	0	1	0
30/09/2023	Sat	Pamela&Emmie	13	0	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	2	0
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Monthly Totals			341	27	0	0	3	2,937	70	7	3	120	3	
TIC Remote Enquiries			30											



Dear Mrs Brown

I'm writing on behalf of Zero Hour and seeking Cockermouth Town Council support for the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#), which is due for its second reading on [24 November](#).

We recognise that parish and town councils are influential organisations, with links to the local community, regional charities and civic bodies. Cockermouth Town Council is on the front line when it comes to protecting the places and communities we love and cherish.

We are writing to ask your council to join the [168 parish & town councils](#) across the UK to support the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#) and add your voice to those organisations calling for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife.

We have a [draft motion](#), which you may find useful. If Cockermouth Town Council is supportive, we are asking that after the motion is passed, Cockermouth Town Council issues a press release that it has done so and writes and requests your MP(s) to also publicly support the CE Bill (*if they are one of the [130 that have already done so](#), please write and thank them for being supporters*).

The [Climate and Ecology Bill](#), if made law, would ensure that:

- The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.
- The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - 1.5°C.
- The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume)-
- The government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no one is left behind.

A member of Zero Hour, the campaign for the CE Bill would be happy to (virtually) attend a pre-Council meeting and answer questions about the proposed legislation if that would be helpful. More information about the CE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at <https://www.zerohour.uk/>; this [2-minute video](#) or a [15-minute presentation](#) may also prove useful. If you have any questions or require further information about the CE Bill, please do get in touch.

Thank you on behalf of Zero Hour,  
If you need any additional information or wish to have a follow-up call, feel free to reach out.

Allan and Zero Hour Team

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