

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE
Selflessness – Integrity – Objectivity – Accountability – Openness – Honesty – Leadership

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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10th April 2025

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on **Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 20th March 2025 (pages 38-41).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting). Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the Clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting

5. Matters to be received from the Public

Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.

6. Matters to be raised by Councillors

An opportunity for Councillors to raise any unforeseen matters which are not on the agenda, with the consent of the Chair, and which do not require a decision – items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes.

7. Applications for Development

- i) To examine applications for development and agree observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority (Planning Group comments to be circulated by email prior to the meeting)
- ii) To receive update on National Park Planning Decisions

8. Licensing Application

To receive Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received (comments to be circulated by email prior to the meeting).

9. Mayor's Report

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14th March 2025 – 10th April 2025.

10. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes

11. Payment of Accounts

To confirm the payment of accounts for April 2025 as approved by the Inspection Committee (list to be circulated before the meeting) for:

- i) The Town Council
- ii) The Parks Trusts

12. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31st March 2025

To receive budget comparisons for the 4th Quarter.

13. Clerk's Report

To consider the report from the Clerk.

14. Correspondence

- i) To respond to a letter received from the Headteacher of Keswick School to the Mayor;
- ii) To receive the principles of collaboration between Town and Parish Councils, Cumbria Association of Local Council and Cumberland Council, produced by CALC

15. Consultations

To consider Keswick Town Council's response to the following consultations:

- i) Cumberland Council's Housing Strategy;
- ii) Lake District National Park's Review of Small Lakes Bylaws; and
- iii) Mirehouse Estate's Forest Planning 2025-2034 feedback request.

16. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) Keswick Tourism Association – Councillor Chris Houghton
- ii) Sustainable Keswick – Councillor Lorraine Taylor & Councillor Natalie Evans

17. Policies for adoption

To adopt a Menopause Policy.

18. Police Report

To receive the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

To: All Councillors, Press, Police

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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Council Offices, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Louise Dunn

Councillors

Steve Harwood
 Denstone Kemp
 Rob Nelson
 Lorraine Taylor

Chris Houghton
 Benita Laphorn
 Claire Peat

Claire Houghton
 Jean Murray
 Richard Scott

Also present were 7 members of the public and one member of the press.

185. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Evans, and Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer).

186. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2025 (pages 34 - 37).

187. Co-option of a Councillor

- i) **RECEIVED** presentations from two co-option applicants giving the reasons they would like to be a Town Councillor and what they feel they can offer to the community.
- ii) A vote took place and it was **RESOLVED** that Richard Scott be co-opted as the candidate to fill the vacancy in the East Ward
- iii) Councillor Scott duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

188. Requests for Dispensations

The Clerk reported that no requests for dispensation had been received.

189. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

190. Police Report

RECEIVED the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

191. Matters to be received from the Public

Three members of the public spoke in relation to agenda item 12, Consultation – Keswick Traffic Regulation Order. They raised concerns about the possibility of losing up to 170 parking spaces in the Back Streets, and queried where the displaced cars would go. The members of

the public were concerned that there was no overall plan for parking within the whole town, which was something that needed to be looked at, and that residents and businesses should be prioritised in the Back Streets, with extra spaces for visitors a bonus.

Councillor Lansbury (Cumberland Council) informed all present that she had been receiving a good deal of correspondence on this matter and was trying to ensure that a meeting between all officers involved in parking issues in Keswick were drawn together for a meeting, however it was still too early to say what would be the final decision following the consultation.

192. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Taylor had been contacted by a hotel owner with regard to the Town Council's support of the idea of a visitor levy, but wished to raise issues for Councillors to consider. Self-catering accommodation often does not pay the business rates which hotels and guest houses do, and felt that it was not a level playing field to start from, as he had a number of extra bills already which self-catering accommodation doesn't have. Something similar needs to be in place for self-catering, however for that to happen, there needs to be a national change rather than regional.

193. Applications for Development

- i) **RESOLVED** that the following observations be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority (*Action - RFO*)

Plan Ref	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2025/0030	1 windblown ash tree within dead trunk of tree - kill the tree but not remove it Land near 25 First And Second Floor, Church Street, Keswick, Cumberland, CA12 4DX <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
T/2025/0034	Coppice 3 sections of self-seeded saplings of willow and elm Land near Coach House, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumbria <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2025/2018	Conversion of an existing garage into a functional living space, along with the replacement of an existing greenhouse with a contemporary garden pod 16 The Cottage, Ambleside Road, Keswick, Cumberland, CA12 4DL <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT
7/2025/2025	Single storey extension 28, Briar Rigg, Keswick, CA12 4NN <i>No comments made</i> SUPPORT

- ii) **RECEIVED** update on National Park Planning Decisions.

194. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14th February 2024 – 13th March 2025.

195. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council Representative – Councillor Lansbury gave a brief update on the revamp to adult social care Cumberland Council were undertaking. She also gave an update on the Cumberland Local Plan, though Councillors were unsure how it would affect Keswick due to its location in the Lake District.

She also updated Councillors on the Lakes to Sea Panel, and how applications would work moving forward. If a request made was for under £1,500, it didn't need to go to the full panel to be approved, but applicants can request more, and it will be decided at one of the regular panel meetings.

- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – Peter Walter was in attendance. He highlighted the huge impact the nuisance reporting scheme had on the appeal decision for 23 Eskin Street, and encouraged the Council to continue gathering evidence.

He also answered questions in relation to the Lake District National Park Partnership's response to the Friends of the Lake District's report 'Who Pays for the Lake District?', and highlighted the fact that a working group has been set up to consider a response. Previously the Partnership would not consider any discussion on the matter, so this was seen as a huge step forward, even though the conclusion may not be a positive response, it was felt that all options were being seriously considered.

196. Consultation – Keswick Traffic Regulation Order Review

RESOLVED that the Clerk write a letter to respond to the TRO based on the following motion 'Keswick Town Council request that Cumberland Council do not proceed with any Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of double yellow lines or no loading zones (as per proposals 1, 2 and 3) until there is a full scheme in place which takes account of all the parking issues in Keswick.' (Action – Clerk)

197. Annual Review of Revised Financial Regulations

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the revised Financial Regulations be accepted, as well as the renewal of the terms outlined in the report (Action – RFO).

198. Assets Register

RESOLVED that the Assets Register be approved (Action – RFO).

199. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for March 2025 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment for (Action RFO):

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 250 – 271, amounting to £32,183.77 (thirty two thousand, one hundred and eighty three pounds and seventy seven pence)

- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP215 – FP227, amounting to £18,393.10 (eighteen thousand three hundred and ninety three pounds and ten pence)

200. Clerk's Report

RECEIVED the report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Clerk keep Councillors updated on the issues, and consider options regarding the next invoice received for rent from Cumberland Council (Action – Clerk).

201. Correspondence

RESOLVED that the Clerk enquire regarding training sessions with parish councillors on planning policy and process for members of the Planning Group both with CALC and the LDNPA (Action – Clerk).

202. Outside Bodies Report

RESOLVED that a new representative for the Threlkeld Housing Association be sought at the next Annual Meeting of the Council in May (Action – Clerk).

203. Events Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 6 February 2025.

204. Staffing Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 21 February 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Chair

Date

Planning Applications received between 14/03/2025 - 10/04/2025			
Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2025/2042	No comments required	Keswick Rugby Club, Davidson Park, Crow Park Road, Keswick, CA12 5EG	Proposed installation of a radio base station comprising of a 24m high swan lattice tower, the installation of 6no antennas, the installation of 1no dish, 5no cabinets, and ancillary development thereto
7/2025/2045	No comments required	Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DJ	Non-material amendment to application 7/2016/22211 (Proposed new orangery to replace existing conservatory along with external ground works to provide a proper boat launch ramp with vehicle access to Derwent Water plus a new erosion protection system incorporating a level lawn) to change the style of railings to the orangery and extend new railings to whole of roof balcony
7/2025/2047	14/04/2025 - ext requested	Fieldside Lodge, Eleventrees, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RN	Extension of house to add living area, bedroom & garage
7/2025/2051	18-Apr-25	24, Ratcliffe Place, Keswick, CA12 4DZ	Conversion of garage to provide a one-bed local occupancy unit - Variation of conditions No. 2 (Plans) & No. 4 (Windows, Doors, Slate, Stone, finish appearance) on planning permission 7/2021/2271
7/2025/2054	21-Apr-25	Squirrel Lodge, 43, Eskin Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4DG	Change of use from a Self-Catering Holiday Let to flexible use as either a Self-Catering Holiday Let, or C3 residential use (Dwellinghouse), as a primary residence/Principal Home
7/2025/2055	22-Apr-25	The Paddock, Wordsworth Street, Keswick, CA12 4HU	Change of use from a Self-Catering Holiday Let to flexible use as either a Self-Catering Holiday Let, or C3 residential use (Dwellinghouse), as a primary residence/Principal Home
7/2025/2058	25-Apr-25	51, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HX	Construction of a single storey rear extension
7/2025/2060	31-Mar-25	Tree Tops, 1 Larch Grove, Keswick, CA12 4HJ	Side extension and detached garage
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.			

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 14/03/2025 & 10/04/2025

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2025/0030	February-25	Land near 25 First And Second Floor, Church Street, Keswick,	CA12 4DX	1 windblown ash tree within dead trunk of tree - kill the tree but not remove it	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2024/2049	February-24	25 St Johns Street, Keswick	CA12 5AE	Proposed glass infill extension to connect existing house and outbuildings and Internal alterations to outbuildings	OBJECT	REFUSED	Appeal	Dismissed
7/2024/2050	February-24	25 St Johns Street, Keswick	CA12 5AE	Proposed glass infill extension to connect existing house and outbuildings and Internal alterations to outbuildings - Listed Building Consent	OBJECT	REFUSED	Appeal	Dismissed
7/2025/2015	January-24	1, Grange Park, Keswick	CA12 4AY	Ground floor extension to provide en-suite and walk in wardrobe with a balcony over. External alterations to the rear garden and entrance steps		GRANTED		
7/2025/2016	January-25	Manor Glen, Ambleside Road, Keswick, Cumbria,	CA12 4AG	Outline application for a residential development comprising of the retention of an existing 3-bedroom 2 storey dwelling and the removal of the ground floor northeast utility room and carport to improve vehicular access and the erection of a new detached garage. The construction of two self-build/custom-build 3-bedroom 2 storey dwellings with integral garages. Construction of a new site access off Manor Brow and associated vision splays. Construction of a new access road and turning head serving Manor Glen (existing dwelling) and self-build/custom-build Plots 1 & 2. Formation of parking areas for each plot. Associated external works, construction of bin holding areas and limited tree removal with some matters reserved.	SUPPORT	Withdrawn		
7/2025/2018	March-25	16 The Cottage, Ambleside Road, Keswick	CA12 4DL	Conversion of an existing garage into a functional living space, along with the replacement of an existing greenhouse with a contemporary garden pod	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2022	February-25	Montbell, Market Square, Keswick	CA12 5BE	Replacement shop front	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2025	March-25	28, Briar Rigg, Keswick	CA12 4NN	Single storey extension	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2023	February-25	Barclays Bank Plc, Market Square, Keswick	CA12 5BE	Non-Illuminated Hanging Signage	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

AGENDA ITEM 8. LICENSING GROUP REPORT ON LICENCE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Business Name	Location	Details of Application	Date Consultation Period Ends	Comments	Date Comments sent to Cumberland Council Licensing Dept.
Steaks Of The Lakes	7 St John's Street Keswick CA125AP	Supply of alcohol - on the premises – Mon – Sun 12.00 – 23.00 Life music – indoors – Fridays and Saturdays- 21.00- 22.00 Recorded Music – indoors – Tuesday – Saturday – 16.00- 23.00 Hours premises are opened to the public – Mon – Sun – 12.00 -23.00	23/04/2025	Comments to be circulated by email prior to the meeting	

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17TH APRIL 2025****MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE**

For period 14th March 2025 to 10th April 2025

Wednesday 19 March	Meeting re Derwentwater bathing water status
Thursday 20 March	Chaired Town Council meeting
Saturday 22 March	Attended Keswick Youth Centre open day
Monday 24 March	Attended meeting with Cumberland Council re Keswick leisure pool
Wednesday 2 April	Spoke at the reopening of the revamped Threlkeld Coffee shop

LDNPA Report for the North Lakes

Issue 18 – April 2025

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This month marks the launch of A Changing Windermere, a new report from Love Windermere, that provides a detailed, science-led overview of the lake water quality and key challenges. It's a detailed report which I have tried to summarize here:

Despite decades of monitoring and some recent signs of stabilisation in nutrient levels, the pressures on the lake are significant and growing. Climate change, legacy nutrient enrichment, and continued discharges from a complex network of sources are combining to shift the lake's ecological balance — with profound implications for biodiversity, water quality, and public health.

Phosphorus and nitrogen inputs — the key drivers of algal blooms — enter Windermere from a wide range of sources. Around 60% of phosphorus is estimated to come from wastewater discharges, both from water company infrastructure and private systems. United Utilities operates ten wastewater treatment works (WwTWs) and six storm overflows in the catchment, several of which discharge directly into the lake or its tributaries. While recent upgrades have introduced tighter phosphorus standards (as low as 0.25 mg/l at Windermere WwTW), these efforts must contend with ageing infrastructure and the rising frequency of extreme weather events that overwhelm the system.

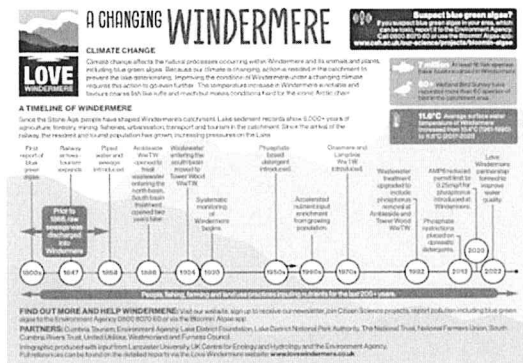
Beyond the regulated assets, there are an estimated 1,800–2,000 private sewage treatment facilities operating under General Binding Rules. These range from septic tanks at individual properties to small treatment plants at campsites, pubs, and holiday parks. Many discharge to land via soakaways, but in reality, especially where soil conditions are poor or the water table is high, that discharge may reach surface waters far more directly than intended. Few of these systems include any form of phosphorus removal.

On top of this are 89 privately permitted wastewater discharges in the catchment, each with their own treatment standards and inspection regimes. Taken together, these uncoordinated, often poorly understood discharges contribute a substantial and diffuse source of nutrients, bacteria, and other contaminants — yet they are far harder to manage than the better-known water company infrastructure.

Heavy rainfall only worsens the situation. Storm overflows — a legacy of the combined sewer system — act as pressure relief during high flows, discharging untreated wastewater mixed with rainwater into the lake. Though permitted and monitored, the cumulative impact of these events is significant, particularly in a still-water system like Windermere where retention times are long and dilution is limited.

Meanwhile, agricultural run-off adds another diffuse layer of pressure, especially in periods of intense rain, mobilising nutrients, sediment and bacteria from fields and pastures into

The result is a lake system under multiple, interacting pressures. The presence of harmful algal blooms is increasing. Sensitive species like Arctic charr are declining. Oxygen depletion is more frequent and prolonged. And the system is struggling to keep pace.



Land management practices are also being revisited. Farmers and landowners are being supported to improve soil health, reduce erosion, and implement nutrient management plans. Riparian planting, wetland creation, and peatland restoration are all being promoted — not only to improve water quality but also to slow flow and mitigate climate impacts.

Meanwhile, **policy and permitting are tightening**. Six of United Utilities' ten WwTWs in the catchment already operate under phosphorus permits; that number will increase.

Regulation of non-water-company discharges is under review, particularly where private systems are near sensitive waterbodies. There's also greater scrutiny of General Binding Rule compliance and a push to identify systems at risk of direct discharge.

Public engagement is ongoing. Visitor numbers (over 7 million annually) represent both a risk and an opportunity. Campaigns aim to raise awareness of pollution risks from recreational activities and the importance of proper waste disposal. The National Trust, for example, is monitoring and managing the impact of informal camping and footpath erosion near lake margins.

Finally, the Love Windermere Action Plan, to be published later this year, will consolidate this work — setting out short-, medium- and long-term priorities. But importantly, work is not waiting for the plan to be finalised. Improvements are happening now, informed by the best available evidence and coordinated through partnership.

This is a generational challenge — complex, multi-layered and urgent. But we now have the structure, the data, and the collective will to act. What's needed next is sustained investment, strong leadership, and continued public support to ensure Windermere has a future as healthy as its past

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATION

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Budget Summary as at 31 March 2025 - 4th Quarter - **PENDING YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS**

Expenditure:	AGREED Budget 24/25	Expenditure to 31.03.25	% of budget spent	
Salaries, Nat ins & Pension	121,775	121,596	99.85	
Payroll - Outsource Costs	442	580	131.22	
Rent	7,100	7,100	100.00	
Building Service Costs	7,500	6,400	85.33	
Repairs - Decorating/Carpets/Upgrades	500	237	47.40	
Insurances	900	828	92.00	
Subscriptions	990	1,274	128.69	Inc Prepayments
STAFF - Conferences/Training	850	804	94.59	
COUNCILLOR - Conferences/Training	990	120	12.12	
Stationery	1,200	580	48.33	
Postage	300	200	66.67	
Telephone, Website & Internet	1,776	1,983	111.66	Overspend due to Councillor email changes
Photocopier/Printer/Scanner	1,777	1,872	105.35	Inc Prepayments
Computer maintenance/support	4,172	5,718	137.06	Inc Prepayments
Office Equipment	200	80	40.00	
Staff Expenses	200	206	103.00	
Ex Employee Pension	1,640	1,685	102.74	
Health and Safety	70	98	140.00	
Council Chamber/Meeting Expenditure	150	111	74.00	
Staff Recruitment Costs	200	0	0.00	
Total Expenditure:	152732	151472	99.18	

Income:	AGREED Budget 24/25	Income to 31.03.25	% of budget income
Photocopies	0	0	0.00
Council chamber rental	100	373	373.00
Total Income:	100	373	373.00

To be allocated:	152632	151099	99.00
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Allocation:	AGREED Budget 24/25	Allocation to date
General Fund - (60%)	91,580	90659
Hope Park - (20%)	30,526	30220
Fitz Park - (20%)	30,526	30220
	152,632	151,099

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Budget Summary as at 31 March 2025 - 4th Quarter - **PENDING YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS**

Expenditure:	AGREED Budget 24/25	Expenditure to 31.03.25	% of Budget
General Administration	91580	90,659	98.99
Grants to outside bodies	18977	19,000	100.12
Christmas Lights	34445	33,274	96.60
Mayors Allowance	2000	2,000	100.00
War memorial	1600	1,495	93.44
Open Spaces	1000	1,000	100.00
Fitz Park - Grant from KTC (deficit)	203297	203,297	100.00
Communications	500	-	0.00
Audit Fee/Accounts Preparation	2015	-	0.00
Contingency Sum	4000	2,192	54.80
Keswick Events (Inc. Scruffs)	8510	8,570	100.71
Events Co-ordinator (inc email subscription)	6104	1,805	29.57
Floral displays	600	600	100.00
Allotments Expenditure	600	292	48.67
Annual Parish Meeting (inc room hire & refreshments)	100	104	104.00
Advertising	550	226	41.09
CCTV Annual Maintenance Cost - Police	4000	1,670	41.75
Elections	500	647	129.40
Grasscutting - Churchyards	4000	4,000	100.00
KCERP Support - General Fund	6500	6,500	100.00
KCHT - 2024, 25 & 26	3000	3,000	100.00
Card Reader	200	139	69.50
	394078	380,470	96.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:			

Inc poppy
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Co-options

Income:	AGREED Budget 24/25	Income to 31.03.25	% of Budget
Precept	349627	349,627	100.00
Grant to Fitz Park - ABC	20000	20,000	100.00
Bank & Investment Interest (inc CCLA & Unity)	3000	6,287	209.57
Walker Park rent	14130	14,130	100.00
Allotments Income - Rent	600	961	160.17
Keswick Events Contributions (Inc. Scruffs)	4721	2,597	55.01
Christmas Light Contribution	2000	2,150	107.50
Supplier Refund	0	20	0.00
TOTAL INCOME:	394078	395,772	100.43

Inc
Prepayment

Designated Fund Balances	
Christmas Lights	402
Events Fund	30,603
K2T Toilet Contribution	404
Local Committee - Townsfield Bench	-
Blue Finger Post	40

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

17 APRIL 2025

Clerk's Report

Nuisance reporting system

Following Councillor Lapthorn bringing this subject up at the March meeting, and following discussions with myself, Councillor Lapthorn has suggested an amendment to our nuisance reporting system on our website, to allow for the inclusion of reporting Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs). In Keswick, these are primarily used as staff accommodation by the bigger hotels.

Part of the success of the scheme has been building a relationship with holiday let owners, who have been able to pass on issues to the owners, and to find a resolution, and it is hoped that by adding HMO to the reporting, we can continue to build relationship with business owners in Keswick.

I propose that a simple button be added, requesting the complainant to put whether it is a holiday home they are complaining about or an HMO. Are Councillors happy for this to go ahead?

Motorhomes

There have been complaints once again about campervans parking overnight on Lakeside car park, and dumping human waste and other rubbish in Cockshot Wood. I have requested an update following up from the meeting we had with a Cumberland officer, who has passed me the name of the parking enforcement manager, and I have requested an update from that officer, which I hope to deliver at the main meeting.

Vivien Little

10 April 2025

Keswick School

31st March 2025

Councillor Dunn
Keswick Town Council
50 Main Street
KESWICK
CA12 5JS

Dear Councillor Dunn

Re: Safety Concerns for Children Crossing on Crosthwaite Road near Keswick School

I am writing to raise an important issue regarding the safety of students crossing Crosthwaite Road near Keswick School. As Headteacher of the school, I am aware that parents have raised serious concerns about the safety of their children while crossing this busy road and the current conditions pose a risk to students, especially during peak times when traffic congestion is at its highest.

The road in question is a major thoroughfare from the town centre to the A66, and its heavy traffic volume, combined with the lack of proper pedestrian crossings, creates a hazardous situation for students. In particular, the absence of clear, safe crossing points leaves children vulnerable, and this is a situation that parents and the school feel strongly about. As our town continues to grow, this concern becomes even more pressing. I urge you to consider the following actions to improve road safety:

1. **Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing:** A dedicated crossing, ideally with traffic lights or a zebra crossing, this would offer children a safe way to cross the road during busy school hours.
2. **Improved Signage and Road Markings:** Clearer signage for both drivers and pedestrians, coupled with road markings to indicate a safe crossing point, would help to ensure greater awareness of the risks and encourage more careful driving around the school.
3. **Traffic Calming Measures:** The introduction of speed bumps or other traffic-calming measures would slow down vehicles, especially at key times such as school opening and closing hours.

We believe that implementing these measures will make a significant difference in protecting the children who walk to and from school each day. I hope you can prioritise this matter for the safety and peace of mind of all those involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and hope to see positive action taken to address these concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon Jackson
Headteacher



Ofsted Report 2024



Head teacher: S. Jackson, M.A. (Oxon), M.Ed., FRSA
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Building Safe and Strong Communities

Principles of collaboration between

Town and Parish Councils,
Cumbria Association of Local Councils and
Cumberland Council



March 2025

1. Introduction

Cumberland Council and Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) want to help build on the previous relationships for the new council and parish and town councils, that focuses on people and places and becomes a benchmark of good practice.

There are currently 108 parish councils, 11 town councils and 4 parish meetings in the Cumberland area forming the first tier of Local Government and are closest to the people they serve. They are local authorities and take decisions that directly affect the quality of life of the communities they represent.

This document sets out how parish and town councils and Cumberland Council seek to work together to support great public services and stronger communities thereby improving the health and wellbeing of our residents.

2. Vision and foundation

CALC shares Cumberland Council's aspirations within its vision for Cumberland :

Cumberland Council takes a renewed approach to the delivery of inclusive services that are shaped by our residents and communities. By enabling positive outcomes for health and wellbeing, prosperity and the environment we will fulfil the potential of our people and our area.

This is underpinned by 4 key themes; Economy, Environment, Excellent services, Addressing inequalities.

Building on this, CALC and Cumberland Council have identified opportunities of how they will focus their joint working to support the Cumberland delivery intentions.

- **Listening, involving and energising communities** - Involving local people in the decisions that affect them through regular engagement to inform community development. Working alongside community groups to leverage local resources to make towns and villages in Cumberland great places to live, work and visit. Encouraging people to be involved in parish and town councils and other influencing and shaping opportunities.
- **Prevention and early intervention** – encouraging a strength based approach to include ensuring all current community assets, regardless of ownership are used to support the preventative health and wellbeing agenda and identifying future need to be effectively addressed. This may mean different approaches across Cumberland so that our local priorities can be achieved.
- **Local First** – town and parish councils will support this by identifying opportunities and galvanizing support, encouraging local neighbourhood planning and by working in partnership with other community-based delivery agencies.

- **Sustainability and resilience**– Supporting our communities to be more resilient and work to support each other through difficult times but also have aspirations, underpinned by accessible opportunities for the future. Championing and supporting communities to adapt to the sustainability and climate change.
- **Driving Change** – Identification of opportunities and joint work to achieve good outcomes. This may include but is not restricted to sharing good practice, encouraging parishes to work together, focused and shared training.

Working together to achieve the above:

The Cumberland Council Plan describes a council seeking to work closely with the residents and businesses it serves to enable them to shape their own destiny through equality of opportunity and a local first approach. Effective local representation and a thriving voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector are critical to achieving this as well as an excellent relationship between Cumberland Council, and Parish and Town councils.

The foundation of the relationship between the two tiers of local government will be based upon the following values and behaviours:

- Regular and open dialogue based on trust and mutual respect.
- An appreciation that all councils are different – with varying aims, objectives, and resources. This extends to the Community Panels which are also different from each other to reflect the geography, demographics and resulting issues within each.
- Recognition that a ‘one size fits all’ approach is not appropriate.
- A focus on action and ‘doing with’ rather than ‘doing to’.
- Decisions to be needs-led and evidence-based to ensure sustainability.
- Working to realise opportunities and joint approach to overcoming any issues.
- Brokering relationships between parishes and with key stakeholders to maximise opportunities for synergy and best value.
- Shaping the health and wellbeing agenda with the right outcomes for our diverse communities.
- An understanding of the roles, responsibilities and resources of all parties and to be respectful of this.

3. Roles and responsibilities

Parish and town councils will...

- Recognise Cumberland Council as the tier of local government responsible for the delivery of strategic services and functions.
- Work positively with Cumberland officers and councillors in a spirit of partnership and co-operation.

CALC will...

- facilitate formal engagement with, and input from parish and town councils with regards to future service delivery.
- Enable parish and town councils to work in partnership with Cumberland Council by establishing good communication links with officers / members through the medium of Cumberland Branch meetings / events.
- Pull on expertise and experience from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and other Associations of Local Councils that have gone through Local Government Reorganisation.
- Assist in shaping local control and delivery where appropriate, enabling devolution of services / assets discussions to take place.
- Help parish and town councils to prepare an appropriate business case if seeking to take on a devolved service or exercise new powers for the first time.
- Continue to build capacity and improve the governance and accountability standards through the promotion of the nationally recognised Local Council Award Scheme and the training of Clerks to obtain the Certificate of Local Council Administration.
- Review its Strategic Management Plan and create a five-year business plan.
- Assist parish and town councils with the delivery of key national targets.

Cumberland Council will...

- Recognise the importance of parish and town councils as the first tier of local government and their role in building place and community.
- Define and develop ways of engaging with and working together with parish and town councils.
- Through its 8 community panels and community network activity, Cumberland Council will seek to ensure that parish and town councils are involved in identifying local priorities and helping our places to thrive.
- With the potential for more proactive and action-based relationships between parish and town councils and various teams within Cumberland Council, communications will become more complex. Cumberland Council will provide a single point of contact for town and parish councils via the Community Development Team but recognising that there are other touch points across the Council that CALC, parish and town councils can utilise.

4. Ways of working together

1. Participate and influence

Cumberland Council has eight community panels – with core membership of elected Cumberland councillors and with powers, governance and budgets as specified in the Council's constitution. These panels can act in a community leadership capacity bringing together different interest groups from the public, private and voluntary sectors to work in partnership to meet the council's corporate strategic objectives and local community priorities.

These Panels may co-opt members to assist in the discharge of their role and to assist in meeting their identified aims and objectives – these members will hear updates and may participate in the debate but, as governed by legislation, will have no voting rights.

Community Panels may take an opportunity to meet with the parish and town councils in their area where this feels appropriate and beneficial to all parties.

All town and parish councils will be able to send representation to the community network meetings.

Community networks

The two tiers of local government can consider how best to collaborate in shaping places within locality network footprint areas.

The Council refers to Network Activity which is more inclusive, flexible, not necessarily council led, themed, ongoing. Non-decision making working groups can be formed from the discussions that take place and ideas generated / brought forward.

Network activity is intended to present a collaborative space and may formulate place shaping plans, establish local priorities and propose how to pool resources to achieve them.

Local place thinking would then be presented to the Community Panel(s) to assist their decision making and support other organisations to achieve funding and their goals.

2. Community leadership

The two tiers of local government will work together to develop structures that increase social contacts and connections leading to health and wellbeing aims being achieved within our communities.

3. Community resilience

Community Resilience Forums contribute to robust communities who are resilient and able to respond to challenging situations and emergencies. Through these forums, CALC and Cumberland Council will continue to encourage preparedness within our parish and town councils - including their local emergency groups – supporting them to plan and maximise their local networks.

CALC will continue its work with town and parish councils to embed good practice relating to the sustainability , climate action and similar initiatives.

4. Prevention and early intervention

Town and Parish councils play an important role in supporting Cumberland Council to deliver community based opportunities which have a direct impact on prevention. This could be in the form of utilising parish and town council assets, updating or upgrading those assets, delivering new services in a parish or town footprint, understanding and planning for future

needs.

5. Asset and service accountability and delivery

Cumberland Council, CALC and VCFSE will discuss sustainable devolution of assets and services in line with appropriate policies where they exist.

6. Developing skills and capacity

CALC and Cumberland Council will consider whether sector resources and skills match the aspirations of parish and town councils and the expectations of the collaborative relationship. Consideration will be given to appropriate training opportunities, sharing of resources and boosting specific skills to enable priority actions.

Parish and town councils will be encouraged to consider area-based clustering with their neighbouring authorities and will be supported through formalising these relationships.

CALC will work with Cumberland Council to discuss appropriate parishing arrangements for the Carlisle City area having gained experience from similar work in Barrow.

About Parish and Town Councils

As a tier of local government, parish and town councils are elected bodies with discretionary powers and rights laid down by Parliament to represent their communities and provide services for them. The parish and town council sector is incredibly diverse, they are statutory bodies and their members are elected for a four-year term. They raise their own precept and provide local services and representation.

Parish and town councils are the most local level of government for an area and they operate at a grass-roots level to improve community well-being and provide local services. Their activities fall into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
(e.g. on planning matters with principal councils and developers, to the local police and health services, to MPs and government)
- Delivering services to meet local needs
(e.g. leisure facilities, community centres, bus shelters, parks and open spaces, litter bins, car parks, allotments, public toilets, festivals and celebrations, local illuminations)
- Improving quality of life and community well-being
(e.g. community led plans, planning local housing and infrastructure through neighbourhood plans, promoting dementia friendly communities, tackling loneliness, acting as community hubs, supporting climate change and funding community projects / vital services)

Parish and town councils have an overall responsibility for the wellbeing of their local community, and central government is encouraging them to deliver more services and play a greater part in developing and leading their communities.

Parish and town councils play a vital role in supporting and enhancing their community's identity, services and quality of life. They can do this because they are based locally, operating within their local community. This means they are well placed to understand the issues within their areas and can provide a more focused and tailored response as a result.

As well as being able to deliver a range of key local services, parish and town councils are also able to support events and initiatives, which promote community spirit and inclusiveness, award grants to community groups, sports clubs, charities and other voluntary sector organisations.

The role of CALC

- To be the focal point for communication between parish and town councils and partner organisations.
- To maintain and improve the governance and accountability standards within parish and town councils through training and development.

- To harness examples of good practice and share that practice with other parish and town councils.
- To be a single point of contact for parish and town councils.
- To provide parish and town councils with legal advice and guidance.
- To enable parish and town councils to influence decisions that affect their area and build stronger and safer communities.
- To assist in the co-production of service delivery to improve services and reduce cost.

About CALC

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) is a membership organisation representing the parish and town councils within the area of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Council.

More than 92% of the 266 parish and town councils and parish meetings in Cumbria are in membership. The members range from the smallest of parish councils with just a few hundred electors to the largest town councils with thousands of electors.

The Association provides a range of services to member councils and is the primary representative and advocate for local councils in Cumbria.

CALC is partially funded through its membership and partially through grant support from both unitary councils. In addition to its core funding requirements, CALC is in a position with additional funding to support key projects that need to be taken forward with parish and town councils such as resilience including the cost-of-living crisis and climate change including hitting the zero-carbon target.

Housing Strategy – Formal Stakeholder Consultation April 2025

1. Have you read our privacy policy and are happy to proceed with the consultation?

cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/data-protection-and-privacy/privacy-notice

2. Are you answering as a representative of a local stakeholder / partner or staff member of Cumberland Council?

☐ I am representing a local partner or stakeholder of Cumberland Council
Please tell us which organisation you are representing:

☐ I am a staff member of Cumberland Council

3. The proposed vision of the Housing Strategy is:

Building stronger and healthier communities in homes that are affordable, good quality, safe, warm, efficient and meet the current and future needs of our residents.

Do you agree with the proposed vision, and if not, why?

4. The four key themes for the priorities of the Housing Strategy are:

Helping People
Developing Places
Improving Homes
Building Relationships

Do you agree with the four key themes for the priorities, and if not, why? Are there other things we should add?

5. Do you agree with the priorities in the **Helping People** theme?

Improve the experience of accessing social / affordable housing through the common housing register to address housing and health inequalities

- Improve the customer experience in seeking social housing through the review of the Cumbria Choice allocations policy
- Agree different approaches to allocation of housing by establishing an improved nomination process into social housing and the private sector
- Improve the appearance and functionality of the Cumbria Choice website making it easier for people to apply for housing

Have a sufficient and improved supply of housing to meet need and demand

- Meet resident's aspirations for affordable accommodation
- Work with communities to access affordable housing in rural areas
- Enable aspirational affordable housing development for key workers and those who want to live in Cumberland
- Provide housing to meet the needs of an ageing population
- Provide homes for working age families
- Find suitable housing to enable care experienced young people to move into a place they can call home
- Work with key partners to make best use of existing housing stock to meet identified need and demand

Support people to stay at home

- Implement the new Home Adaptations and Assistance Policy, including the delivery of the new Home Improvement Agency
- Address fuel poverty through improving the sustainable warmth offer and making use of enforcement powers
- Maximise the use of technology for clients who have increased support needs to help them stay independent
- Work collaboratively with health and Adult Social Care on preventing hospital admissions and supporting discharge back home
- Provide information that helps prevent households reaching crisis and enables people to navigate to the right advice and support they need for their housing situation, and support the prevention agenda

Improve the Council's information platform

- Improve and update the information available on the Council's website to make it accessible to all
- Improve the information, advice and support through a pre-front door / front door offer to customers
- Produce information that can be distributed in the community
- Provide information points in all libraries, children's centres etc. in Cumberland

If you disagree or strongly disagree with the priorities in the Helping People theme, please give an example of what you would like to see included.

6. Do you agree with the priorities in the **Developing Places** theme?

Meet the annual affordable housing supply need

- Develop a new partnership framework for Cumberland to deliver affordable housing
- Use S106 agreements to meet strategic aims and ensure affordable housing in perpetuity
- Maximise delivery of affordable housing through different delivery models
- Work with communities to increase the supply of affordable housing through existing Community Land Trusts and/or the development of new ones

Develop policies that allow housing to support mixed and balanced communities

- Develop new affordable housing policies for Cumberland
- Introduce a Local Lettings policy framework for the allocation of affordable housing
- Ensure that housing is represented during the Local Plan policy development to meet the needs of residents in Cumberland
- Work in partnership with Council colleagues to deliver affordable housing that contributes to economic growth and climate change strategies, and the health and wellbeing of communities
- Work with commissioners to support the delivery of the Council's Market Position Statement and to inform the need for Specialist Supported Exempt Housing
- Create opportunities for custom-build or self-build development, and consider policies linked to Community Land Trusts
- Understand the current and future housing need through a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment

Seek opportunities to intervene in the housing market to facilitate affordable and suitable housing

- Invest in using the assets of the Council to enable, accelerate or deliver housing
- Seek funding from the Council's internal investment partner and consider joint venture funding opportunities
- Work innovatively with Homes England to explore how resources, programmes and strategies can be best aligned
- Explore opportunities for the Council to become a housing provider / company in the medium / longer term
- Consider the introduction of a private sector leasing scheme

Investigate ways to mitigate the effects of second homes and holiday lets

- Influence planning policy to inform future provision of holiday lets / second homes
- Implement and monitor how council tax decision making around second homes and holiday lets is influencing the second homes market
- Work with communities to better understand the challenges, issues and mitigations

If you disagree or strongly disagree with the priorities in the Developing Places theme, please give an example of what you would like to see included.

7. Do you agree with the priorities in the Improving Homes theme?**Maintain and improve standards across Cumberland's housing stock**

- Pro-actively make available advice and information to residents to prevent deterioration of their homes
- Respond to cases where conditions are poor and take enforcement action if required
- Identify and maximise internal and external funding to deliver services that improve housing standards across the Cumberland area
- Raise quality standards in the private rented sector
- Work in partnership with professional landlord bodies to support a network to training and forums for local landlords
- Work to establish communications with absentee landlords
- Maintain a register and actively monitor HMOs across Cumberland
- Build an evidence base to consider the introduction of additional licensing of the private rented sector
- Strengthen relationships with RPs to foster good practice and ensure they are meeting their obligations and mitigate risks of tenant complaints about housing standards
- Understand the role of the Council in the implementation of legislation

Damp and Mould

- Respond to requests for service around damp and mould growth in a timely manner, prioritising requests for advice and assistance for all occupiers
- Work with private sector landlords and registered providers to ensure they know what is required of them when damp and mould is reported
- Provide training opportunities to all front-line housing staff to understand the problems caused by damp and mould signs and solutions
- Implement a multi-departmental response where damp and mould problems are occurring due to the cost-of-living crisis or over crowding

Raise the profile of housing enforcement

- Ensure future housing legislation is embedded into our delivery approach for private sector housing enforcement
- Understand the role and responsibility of the Council in implementing the Renters Rights Bill and take steps to implement change
- Include Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for the private rented sector
- Keep council policies under regular review to implement government changes where necessary

Improve housing standards to increase Sustainable Warmth, EPC ratings and contribute to Net Zero targets

- Maximise opportunities for external funding to improve the thermal comfort of properties
- Improve the health and well-being of residents through better housing conditions and by reducing bills for low-income households
- Attend local forums and events to promote the benefits of the sustainable warmth programme
- Work in collaboration with W&F and other key partners through a consortium approach
- Develop projects in areas where properties are the worst-performing in Cumberland, reflecting the findings of the Stock Condition Study

Address empty homes to improve communities

- Develop an empty homes plan, and include the potential of re-developing commercial properties as residential homes
- Maximise opportunities to use the Council's enforced sales procedure
- Make best use of empty dwelling management order / procedures
- Adopt a policy for Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Explore opportunities to bring empty homes back in to use with a grant funding programme

Understand the role of the Council in making higher risk buildings in our communities safe

- Increase tenant engagement in the remediation process
- Implement a partnership framework to provide clarity on the role and responsibilities of the Lead regulator
- Become involved in the Homes England cladding safety scheme
- Provide staff with appropriate training to ensure they understand the Building Safety Act and HHSRS

If you disagree or strongly disagree with the priorities in the Improving Homes theme, please give an example of what you would like to see included.

8. Do you agree with the priorities in the **Building Relationships** theme?

Develop policies and strategies in collaboration with key stakeholders

- Use the Strategic Housing Group and its governance structure to drive forward housing as the key to sustainable communities, economic growth, development, health and well-being and climate change adaptation
- Strengthen relationships with Registered Providers by introducing regular partnership meetings with Registered Provider chief officers and operational staff
- Strengthen our work with front line teams to implement local agreements
- Work collaboratively with the North-east / North-west Cumbria ICB's to deliver on the Memorandum of Understanding
- Work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure that corporate parenting responsibilities are embedded across the authority to support families and young people
- Develop a package of indicators to monitor how the Housing Strategy is delivering and its impact on the health and well-being of communities
- Work collaboratively with key stakeholders and residents to understand and mitigate the risks of Nutrient Neutrality in existing and new housing developments
- Understand the role of housing in a new combined authority

Developers

- Engage with and support the Cumbria Housing Supply group to influence future housing delivery
- Work collaboratively with colleagues and stakeholders to enable housing discussions at the earliest opportunity
- Build relationships with SMEs to help support their delivery of affordable housing
- Promote Cumberland as a place to invest and develop

Communities

- Build relationships with community forums to engage with them and use as a means of consultation
- Strengthen the relationship with community panels, third sector and voluntary groups to support the housing agenda
- Empower people to influence decision-making in their communities

Funding Partners

- Identify our partners and set regular meetings to understand the impact and challenges of securing funding to deliver housing
- Explore the challenges facing mortgage lenders and consider how the Council can provide support
- Strengthen the relationship with Homes England to deliver housing across Cumberland
- Build a consistent approach to Discretionary Housing Payments

If you disagree or strongly disagree with the priorities in the Building Relationships theme, please give an example of what you would like to see included.

9. Are there any additional priorities you feel should be included in this strategy? If yes, please explain.

Thank you for completing our survey. Please send your response to housing.developmentteam@cumberland.gov.uk



**Lake District
National Park**

Mrs V Little, clerk to
Keswick Parish Council
50 Main Street
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27 March 2025

Our Reference: Small Lakes Byelaws Review

Subject: Review of the Small Lakes Byelaws

Dear Mrs Little

The Lake District National Park Authority intends to amend the Lake District (Smaller Lakes) Byelaws 1971. The amended byelaws will continue to cover all non-navigable lakes within the Lake District National Park. They will amend the definition of vessel and power-driven vessel, and the circumstances in which vessels may access the lakes.

We are now consulting with relevant landowners and stakeholders from 31 March 2025 through to 31 May 2025. If you would like to read and comment on the proposed byelaw changes then please go to our Small Lake Byelaws Consultation page on our website here: <https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/smalllakes>

If you have any questions regarding this consultation, please send these to: SmallLakesByelaws@lakedistrict.gov.uk. Please note the consultation will close on 31 May 2025.

Yours sincerely

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Small Lakes Byelaws 2025

1. These Byelaws may be cited as the Lake District (Smaller Lakes) Byelaws ~~1974~~2025.
2. The Byelaws shall be applicable to the lakes specified in the Schedule hereto.
3. In these Byelaws the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively.

- (a) The word 'lake 'or 'lakes' means the lakes specified in the Schedule hereto and all waters other than rivers connected therewith, navigable by vessels;
- (b) The word 'vessel ' includes every description of ~~water-craft~~watercraft, used or capable of being used ~~as a means of transportation on~~ or beneath water and includes a flying boat and any other aircraft designed to manoeuvre on water, and any remote controlled or autonomous watercraft;
- (c) The term 'power-driven vessel' means any vessel propelled by ~~an internal combustion engine~~ any mechanical or electrical device that transmits, converts, or modifies energy into motion to perform or assist in the performance of human tasks, which for clarification does not include small pedal-operated vessels;
- (d) Every power-driven vessel which is under sail and not under power is to be considered a sailing vessel, and every vessel under power, whether under sail or not, is to be considered a power-driven vessel;

Except as herein before otherwise provided words and expressions to which a special meaning is assigned by the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, and the Countryside Act, 1968, have respectively the same meaning in these Byelaws as they have in the said Acts.

4. Save as hereinafter provided no person shall use any power-driven vessel on a lake specified in the Schedule hereto.
5. The use of a power-driven vessel in circumstances necessary to the proper execution of his duty by the following persons, that is to say:

- (a) A police officer
- (b) An officer of a river authority or the Environment Agency
- (c) Any person or servant or any person employed by or acting with the written consent authority of the Lake District ~~Planning Board~~National Park Authority, or
- (d) Any person taking part in rescue operations or in securing the safety of persons engaged in lawful activities on the lake, shall not be deemed an offence against these Byelaws

6. Nothing contained in these Byelaws shall be deemed to extinguish any public right of way over a lake specified in the Schedule hereto.

~~7. Nothing contained in these Byelaws shall prevent the use of a vessel with the consent of the Lake District Planning Board and in accordance with conditions prescribed by the said Board owned by a person who is the owner of a lake or part of a lake on the lake or the part of a lake of which he is the owner.~~

87. Any person offending against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable of summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

8. The Lake District (Smaller Lakes) Byelaws 1971 shall be repealed from the date on which these Byelaws shall come into effect. Every person who shall offend against the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £20.

The Schedule

The lakes known or commonly known by the names of:

- Bassenthwaite Lake
- Beacon Tarn
- Blea Tarn (Langdale)
- Bleham Tarn
- Brotherswater
- Buttermere
- Crummock Water
- Devokewater Tarn
- Elterwater
- Ennerdale
- Esthwaite Lake
- Grasmere
- High Dam Tarn
- Little Langdale Tarn
- Loughrigg Tarn
- Loweswater
- Overwater
- Rydal Water
- Tarn Hows
- Wastwater
- Yew Tree Tarn

Given under the Common Seal of the Lake District National Park Authority this [date].

Ania Mlynczak

From: I
Sent: 01 April 2025 13:38
To:
Cc:
Subject: Mirehouse Estate Woodlands - Keswick - Forest Plan Renewal - Initial Consultation and Scoping
Attachments: Mirehouse Forest Plan 2025-2034- felling plan draft 1.pdf

Dear Consultee,

The Forest Plan for Mirehouse Estate is due for renewal. The first plan was prepared around 25 years ago and there have been 3 versions of the plan within that period.

The initial plan considered adopting continuous cover forestry (CCF) options for a number of the conifer woods at Underscar, Aeroplane wood and across Latrigg. However, while thinning was attempted storm damage has been prevalent and the steep ground limits the viability of CCF. The Estate has now chosen to move back towards the use of clear-felling systems for the main conifer woods although these represent less than half of the woodlands with the majority of the woodland being ancient semi-natural or mixed broadleaved woodland managed on long rotation or CCF basis.

The new plan will largely follow the previous plan in terms of felling plans and there will only be small areas of felling over the next 10 years.

Access will continue as before with a mixture of formal public footpaths and the network of unofficial permitted access along the tracks and paths throughout the woods.

The Estate is committed to conservation and will undertake some further ancient woodland restoration in less accessible areas. Planted ancient woodland sites with viable conifer plantations will be maintained as such to ensure income streams for the woodlands in the future.

Squirrel and deer management have and will continue to be supported across the woodlands.

As part of the plan process we are keen to hear the views of consultees and we would welcome any comments to be submitted by email or post before the 30th April 2025.

To aid your comments we have attached a draft felling plan (2025 to 2034) and a draft woodland composition plan (2034 to follow in a separate email). We have not included maps for the woods around Mirehouse itself as these are all managed on a continuous cover basis and or are ancient semi-natural woodland and will be managed appropriately. If you need further information then please let me know.

Following your feedback a draft plan will be produced for the Forestry Commission and this will be made available for formal public consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Forest Manager

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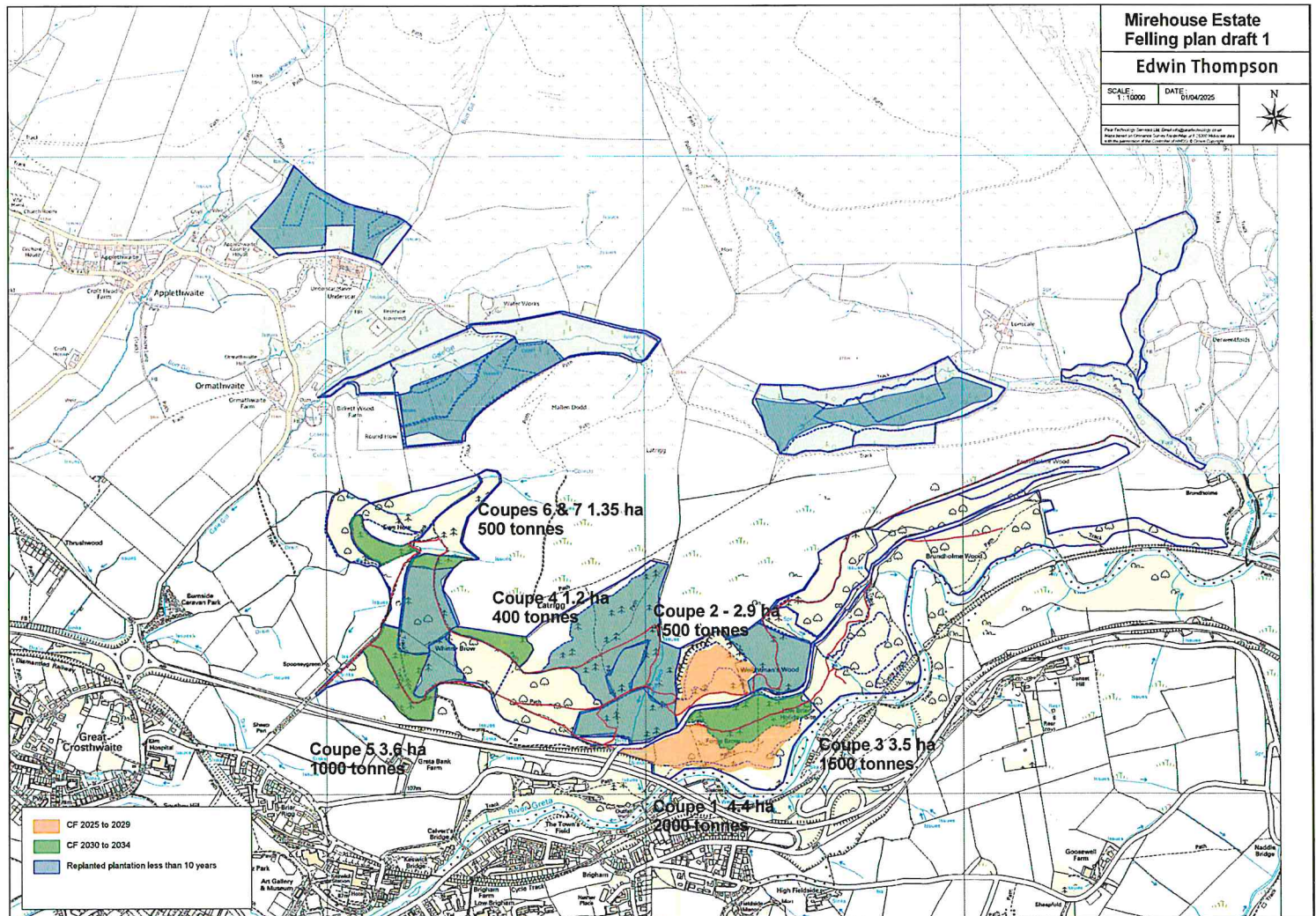
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Sustainable Keswick (SusKes) 24/25

Following the Annual Town Meeting in May 2024, Sustainable Keswick became an outside body to Keswick Town Council, with Lorraine Taylor as council representative and Natalie Evans joining as representative in December 2024. Established in 2007, the projects and campaigns work towards three main goals: reduce carbon emissions, improve biodiversity and reduce waste.

Sustainable Keswick have four biodiversity sites within Keswick: Elizabeth Wood in Fitz Park, Springs Road flood storage basin, land at Lakeland Park and on Borrowdale Road. These areas are managed, planted and sown by SusKes volunteers. As well as 'balsam bashing' of the invasive species and planned 'bio blitz' days throughout the year. SusKes hope to be successful in a bid for funding for some signage, which will be placed in Elizabeth Wood. In addition to this, SusKes have participated in a citizen science project with West Cumbria Rivers Trust to monitor water quality in Derwentwater.

SusKes run a monthly Climate Café, covering a range of topics, including IPCC reports; Reflections on Climate, 2022; Gowbarrow Hall Farm; Climate Change and Population Growth; Climate Change and Migration; Changes in the Arctic 2022; Hope; Famines. A column, 'Notes from a warming world', contributed to by Sustainable Keswick, can be found fortnightly in the Keswick Reminder. A monthly Green Screen is hosted at the Alhambra cinema, next showing 'Escape from Extinction: Rewilding' on Tuesday 22nd April.

Following a community solar and car share feasibility study, an electric vehicle community car share club has been set up, with the car based at Keswick Quaker Meeting House, aiming to establish, a viable, environmentally sustainable, member-led car club for the benefit of the residents of Keswick. In December 2024, SusKes were successful in securing funding from Cumbria Community Foundation through Cumberland Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund to enable the purchase of the car club vehicle following a successful project pilot phase. SusKes volunteers have carried out 56 thermal imaging surveys for households and village halls across Keswick, Portinscale, Braithwaite, Thornthwaite and Rosthwaite. These surveys detect temperature variations, identifying issues such as heat loss, air leaks and insulation problems in buildings and equipment.

Sustainable Keswick has seen success this year, including, although not limited to, the eco car share, campaign against the West Cumbria Coal Mine, ongoing well attended events, regular work with St. Herbert's Primary School's EcoWarriors and lobbying for reduction in pesticides and herbicides used to manage public green spaces. Watch this space for involvement in Keswick Town Council events and support of Keswick School with the 'Brilliant Cumbria' initiative during Great Big Green Week, w/c 7th June 2025.



Menopause Policy

This document sets out Keswick Town Council's protocol for how it supports members of staff who are going through the menopause.

Vivien Little

Town Clerk

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Menopause Policy

Introduction

Keswick Town Council is committed to providing an inclusive and supportive working environment for everyone who works here, therefore we recognise that female employees may need support during the menopause.

There are two main strands of law that may relate to the perimenopause and menopause. The Equality Act 2010 protects workers against discrimination. This includes because of their sex, a disability and their age. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 says an employer must, where reasonably practical, ensure health, safety and welfare at work.

This policy provides additional guidance to enable managers to support employees. As an employer, Keswick Town Council will endeavour to make reasonable adjustments where necessary to support women experiencing the menopause. The council also encourages a culture where the menopause is openly recognised and discussed in a respectful and supportive manner.

The effects of the menopause should be considered relevant in capability or performance issues as it is recognised that the physical and psychological symptoms of the menopause and side effects of hormone replacement therapy may have an impact on women's work performance.

This policy should be read alongside Keswick Town Council's sickness policy and any other relevant policy. Further information about the menopause and sources of additional information are in the appendix.

Menopause

This occurs naturally between the ages of 48 and 55. Overall, this period of hormonal change and associated symptoms can last from four to eight years. When menopause occurs before age 40, it is considered early. Early menopause can be caused by medical treatments, or it can just happen on its own.

The menopause occurs in all women and begins when the ovaries spontaneously fail to produce the hormones oestrogen and progesterone. Menopause is usually a natural process involving gradual change, sometimes it can be sudden and acute resulting from medical intervention e.g. following a hysterectomy involving removal of a woman's ovaries, or certain cancer treatments. The menopause refers to the time when menstruation has ceased for 12 consecutive months. The resulting low and changing levels of hormones, particularly oestrogen, are thought to be the cause of peri-menopausal and menopausal symptoms in many women.

These particular changes involved only happen to those assigned female at birth and affect different women in different ways. Some experience few or no symptoms, others experience mild to severe symptoms. Recognising these changes can help address some of the problems women experience working through the menopause.

Policy and guidance notes

The menopause is a very personal experience and different levels of support may be needed. As with all longstanding health-related conditions, sympathetic and appropriate support is required from line management.

There are several measures that employees can take to support themselves and their staff members experiencing menopause.

1. **Accessing support:** Employees may feel uncomfortable going to their Line Manager if they are experiencing problems. If this is the case, they should approach a different senior colleague.
2. **Awareness and education:** Managers should be aware of menopausal symptoms, and endeavour to create an environment in which the subject can be discussed without embarrassment. There are many excellent and authoritative sources of information available online including the NHS web site: www.nhs.uk/conditions/menopause

It is good practice to encourage employees to share any health conditions that they may have or be experiencing. Managers should remember that they need to maintain confidentiality of health information or information relating to the menopause.

3. **Workplace adjustments:** Keswick Town Council is committed to ensuring that conditions in the workplace do not make symptoms worse. A risk assessment should be undertaken in order to consider the particular requirements of menopausal women and ensure that the working environment will not make their symptoms worse. The risk assessment will assist with the identification of any potential adjustments which may be required.

The purpose of a workplace adjustment is removing barriers wherever possible that get in the way of an individual doing their job. The adjustment should be tailored to address barriers/issues experienced specifically by that individual, and should be identified through the discussions with the individual and other relevant experts (where appropriate). Be aware that menopausal symptoms vary between women so adjustments will also vary.

Potential adjustments are:

- Provide private area/spaces for women to rest/recover/make a call to personal or professional support;
 - Flexibility and frequency in breaks.
 - Facilitate a comfortable working environment: providing drinking water, a desk fan, temperature controlled areas, areas to change and access to toilet facilities. This may also include providing desk space near a door or window.
 - Provision of additional uniforms may be considered to ensure individuals can change during the day. Natural fibres such as cotton are preferable to synthetic materials if practical.
 - Flexible working arrangements: including starting later after difficulties sleeping, needing to leave work suddenly or take more breaks during the day.
 - Adjustments may be required to the employees' duties as hot flushes can be more difficult to cope with when undertaking high visibility work e.g. formal presentation and formal meetings.
4. **Sickness absence:** Severe menopausal symptoms may cause an employee to have an increase in absences from work. This should be managed in line with the KTC sickness policy, which provides flexibility for staff who need medical treatment, to attend clinics, hospital or doctor appointments.

5. Self Help: Employees should be signposted to advice on lifestyle. Current health promotion advice to women highlights the importance of lifestyle choices before, during and after the menopause and the benefits of:

- Eating healthily and regularly;
- Wearing natural fibres
- Exercising regularly to maintain aerobic fitness levels;
- Consulting with their GP on the management of the menopause and to ensure that any symptoms are not due to any other causes;
- Obtaining support and discussing their symptoms with a trusted manager;
- Drinking plenty of water;
- Not smoking;
- Ensuring alcohol intake is at, or below, recommended levels;
- Having access to natural light;
- Getting adequate rest and relaxation.

The measures outlined in this policy aim to provide a positive way to keep valued employees in the workplace over the years they may experience menopausal symptoms, by ensuring they feel well-supported.

APPENDIX

Menopause symptoms

It is important to note that not every woman will notice every symptom, or even need help or support. However, 75% of women do experience some symptoms, and 25% could be classed as severe. Some symptoms associated with the menopause include hot flushes, heavy periods, urinary problems, palpitations, panic attacks, night sweats and sleep disturbance, fatigue, poor concentration, poor memory, irritability, mood disturbance, skin irritation, anxiety attacks, aches, pains, memory loss, dryness of the skin and eyes. Not every woman will experience all of these symptoms, and they may not occur continuously.

The changes in oestrogen levels can result in intermittent symptoms around this time including hot flushes, sweating, increased susceptibility to anxiety, fatigue, and stress and sometimes memory loss. Hormonal changes associated with the menopause can affect a woman's future health as well as her experience of menopausal symptoms. Some women require medical advice and treatment such as Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). Seeking medical advice about menopause-related symptoms may mean the requirement of time off work to attend medical appointments and/or treatment. HRT can benefit some women (e.g. by helping to reduce risks of osteoporosis in high-risk groups). HRT is not suitable for everyone – medical advice and supervision is essential.

Women experiencing the menopause may encounter difficulties at work as a result of their symptoms. Some women find themselves feeling less confident as a result of significant and embarrassing symptoms. Tiredness and night sweats can make women more susceptible to fatigue and work-related stress.

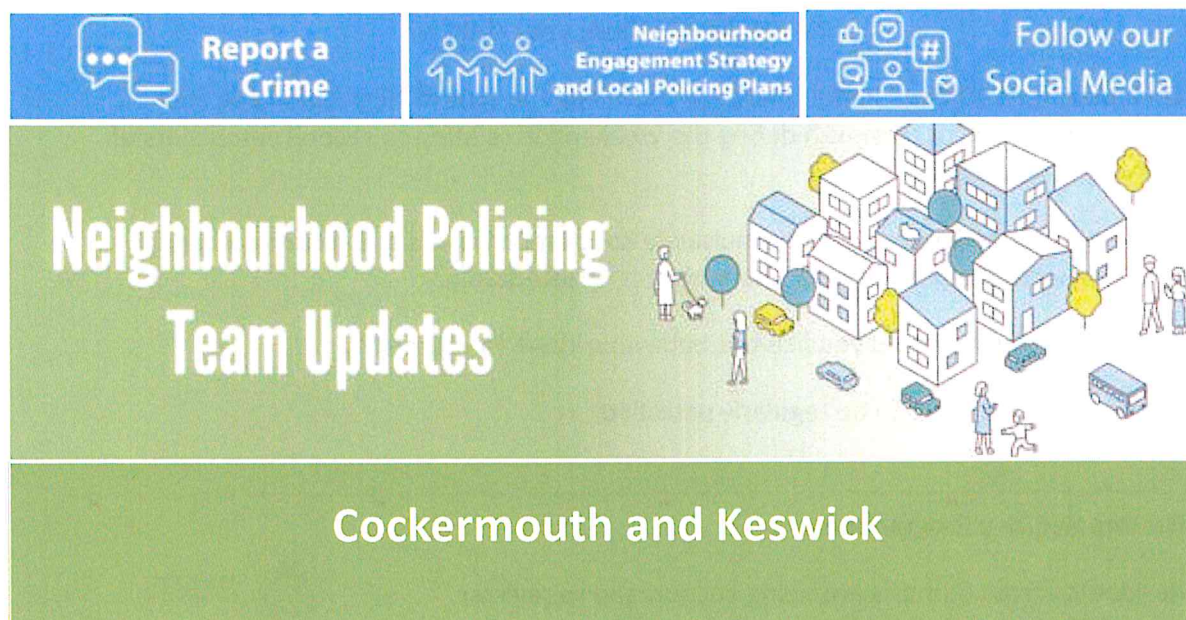
SOURCES OF FURTHER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

- Menopause Matters <https://www.menopausematters.co.uk>
- The Daisy Network (supporting women who experience premature menopause) <https://www.daisynetwork.org.uk>
- The Hysterectomy Association <https://hysterectomy-association.org.uk>
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellent (NICE) guidelines. These explain how your GP will determine what treatments and interventions they can offer you. You can find out more information by using the following link <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng23>
- Menopause Information. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists offer further information in a dedicated area of their website at: <https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/patients/menopause>
- Henpicked. This site provides information on managing menopause, and an insight into women's stories see <https://henpicked.net/menopause>
- The British Menopause Society (BMS), established in 1989, educates, informs and guides healthcare professionals in all aspects of post reproductive health. This is achieved through an annual programme of lectures, conferences, meetings, exhibitions and our interactive website. They offer a range of publications including our quarterly journal Post Reproductive Health and the definite handbook Management of the Menopause. Find out more at <https://thebms.org.uk>

Ania Mlynczak

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 14 March 2025 16:02
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: February & March 2025 - Cockermouth and Keswick

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In this months newsletter you will read about some of the things the team have been doing this month.

We continue to see extra patrols targeting anti-social behaviour and serious violence as part of Operation Enhance.

As of the end of February, the 18 hotspot areas have seen an average reduction in anti-social behaviour of around 36 per cent.



These are extra patrols funded by money secured by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner to target anti-social behaviour and violence in hotspot areas.

Inspector Pete Aiston



Keswick foot patrols

On 7 March, Community Beat Officer for Keswick PC Emma Fearon was on foot patrol around Keswick Town centre.

If you see us out on patrol feel free to stop and chat.

Do you know where your child is?

On 2 March, PCSO Clare Parker has been patrolling the area of High Sand Lane and Waterloo Street, Cockermouth during the weekend in relation to several complaints of anti-social behaviour.

Young people have been causing a nuisance knocking on doors and running off and throwing eggs at a property. This behaviour is unacceptable.

Please think twice, would you like this behaviour done to yourself?

This area will continue to be regularly patrolled.

Camera Registry Programme

Residents across Cumbria are being encouraged to register their CCTV or doorbell camera so officers can accelerate investigative enquiries and bring more criminals to justice.

Connect Cumbria enables officers to access a map detailing pre-registered CCTV or doorbell cameras in a location of a crime.

When a crime takes place, officers can look on the Fusus by Axon portal and see immediately which businesses and residential properties close to the scene have CCTV or doorbell cameras, and therefore may have vital evidence.

To register your CCTV or doorbell camera, please visit: [Home - Connect Cumbria](#)

If you are having problems registering your address, you can view the privacy FAQ's for the solution here: [Privacy FAQs - Connect Cumbria](#)



CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAMME

Register your CCTV and/or doorbell camera with Cumbria Constabulary:

connectcumbria.co.uk

School visit

PC Ellie Barrow recently attended Borrowdale School to talk about the job role of a police officer and what they get up to on a daily basis as Borrowdale school are currently learning about emergency services and how they help the community.

Some great questions were asked by the students.



On 25 February, PCSO Clare Parker has been into Broughton Moor school to speak to some of the year 5 & 6 students about Bullying, on and offline.

We discussed the effects of bullying and how it can make people feel.

The facts of bullying and malicious communications.

Who I can speak to that can help.

What we can do about it.

Challenge any bullying behaviour and please be kind.



Domestic abuse and coercive & controlling behaviour can have an effect on wellbeing and mental health, which may cause people to consider harming themselves.

If you or someone you know is suffering such abuse, please reach out for help.

You can access support services regardless of whether you have reported a crime to the police.

To access support services independently, contact Victim Support 24/7 on 0808 1689 111 – or go to: <https://orlo.uk/ruzeF>

Or via Every Life Matters - <https://orlo.uk/j2wHy>

If you have been the victim of domestic abuse, or are concerned for someone who is, you can report this by calling 101.

Always dial 999 in an emergency.

A poster for the Victim Support Service. It features a red banner at the top that says "HELP IS OUT THERE". Below this is the "VS VICTIM SUPPORT" logo. The text "VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICE" is written in a smaller font. The poster describes the service as having specifically trained advisors who support people experiencing domestic abuse. It mentions that they work with you to advise on putting a plan in place to help keep you safe and where needed, help you access safe accommodation. Contact information is provided: Call: 0300 3030 157, Email: supportline@victimsupport.org.uk, and Website: www.victimsupport.org.uk. A small police crest logo is visible in the bottom right corner.



Community engagement

On 18 February, PCSO Clare Parker has visited the T'Gether Knit & Natter group in the afternoon.

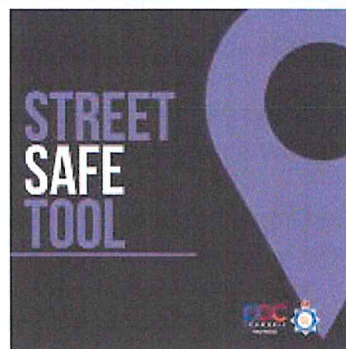
It was so nice to have a chat with all the lovely ladies there, what a friendly welcoming environment.

Thank you for having me.

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name.

This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Report an issue here: [StreetSafe | Cumbria Police](#)



Upcoming community police events 🚓



Keswick Library



Wed 26 March 2025



10:00AM - 11:00AM



Thu 24 April 2025



2:00PM - 3:00PM



Cockermouth library



Mon 31 March 2025



1:00PM - 2:00PM



Tue 29 April 2025



2:00PM - 3:00PM



Thu 29 May 2025



3:00PM - 4:00PM

For more information, please visit our website and enter your postcode in the Your Area section.

Your local officers

Want to know who your local officers are?

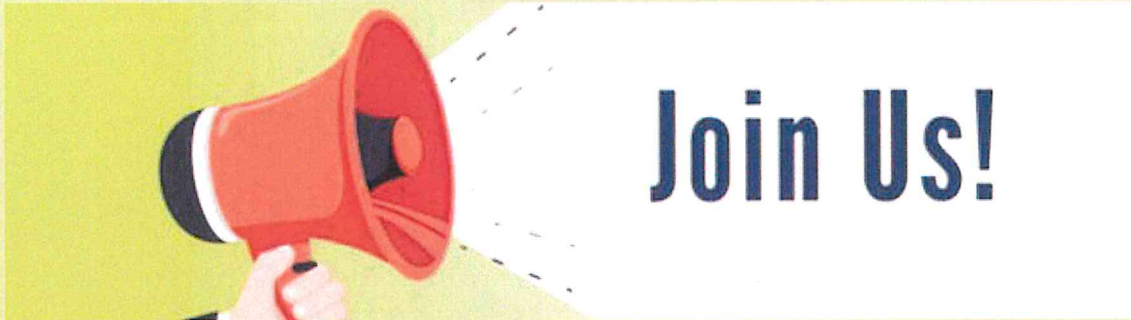
Simply go to our website - www.cumbria.police.uk



Scroll down the home page and you can browse different areas to see who your local team are - or enter your postcode.

Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.


Visit Your Area



Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

You could make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe.

Not sure if policing is for you?

This short quiz should be able to help 

Take the quiz

RECRUITMENT OPEN EVENINGS





We are hosting both in person and online open evenings for you to find out more about joining Cumbria Police.

You can find out more about the role of a police officer and the application process – we will have officers from across the force attending who will be able to share their experiences with you.

The open evenings are not just for police officer recruitment, you can learn more about our PCSOs, police staff roles and volunteering with us as well.

The in person open evenings are Wednesday 2nd April 2025 with two sessions, either 4pm – 5.30pm or 5.30pm – 7pm.

They are hosted across the county, with the same timings at the below locations –

-  Barrow Station (Andrews Way, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2UE)
-  Kendal Station (Busher Walk, Kendal LA9 4RJ)
-  Penrith Headquarters (LDC Building, Carleton Ave, Penrith CA10 2AU)
-  Carlisle Station (Brunel Way, Carlisle CA1 3NQ)
-  Workington Station, (West Area Headquarters, Hall Brow, Workington CA14 4AP)

Please register using this form, selecting which time slot you will be attending

[Register here](#)

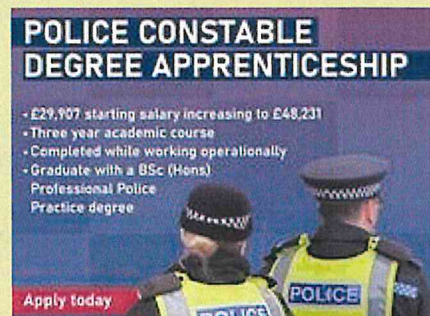
The online event will be hosted on Thursday 3rd April 2025 6.30pm-7.30pm.

[Register for our online event here](#)

Which route is right for you?

☐ **Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship**

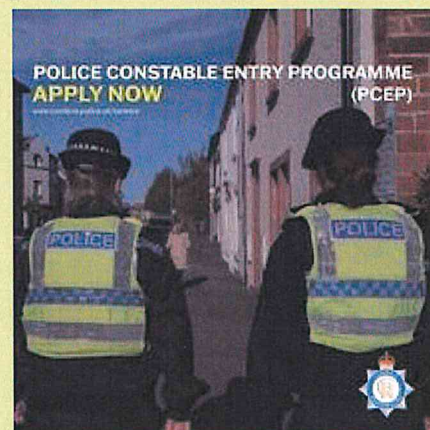
Did you know you can join Cumbria Constabulary as a degree apprentice and work towards a degree whilst serving as a student officer with active frontline duties?



☐ **Police Constable Entry Programme (PCEP)**

This is a two year programme which gives a blend of practical on-the-job experience and classroom-based learning.

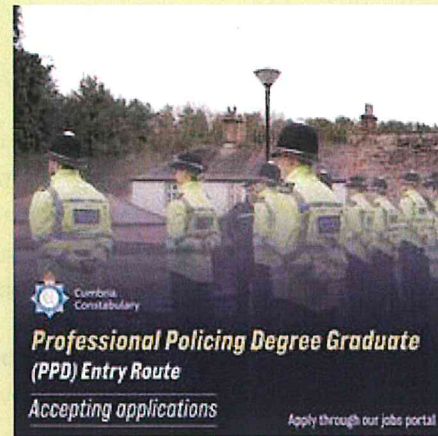
Once you leave training school, you will then go onto to your allocated station then eventually go onto independent patrols and will be assessed for the remainder of the two-year programme.



☐ Professional Policing Degree Graduate (PPD)

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have taken a three-year BSc professional policing programme offered by universities that are licensed and validated to deliver the degree by the College of Policing.

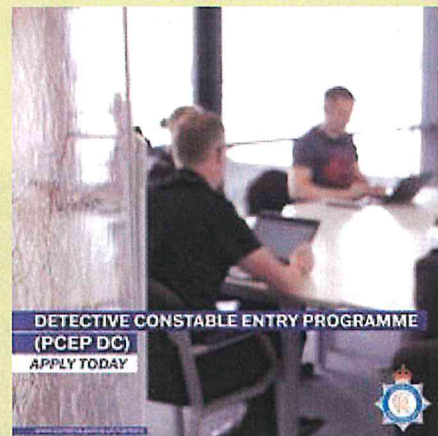
For more information about the entry route and the role visit: [Job profile](#)



☐ PCEP DC pathway

Our Detective entry programme (PCEP DC) is open for applications.

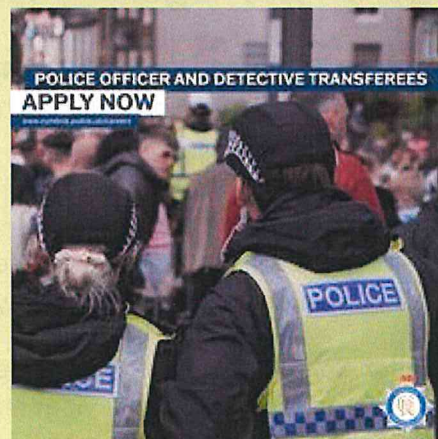
The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.



☐ Transferees

Do you or someone you know work for another force? Looking for a new challenge?

When you join Cumbria Police you will have new opportunities and with this, you will be able to make a positive difference to the lives of those who live here.



We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to apply now to join us.

For more information on police officer entry routes and staff roles, please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/careers.

Independent Advisory Group (IAG) Cumbria Police

Cumbria Constabulary are now recruiting for Independent Advisory Group (IAG) members from all communities that live and work within Cumbria. This is an exciting opportunity to contribute towards improving policing and wider service delivery throughout Cumbria.



This is a voluntary role and we welcome applications from all members of communities within Cumbria to contribute to providing, constructive and impartial advice that will enhance our service delivery.

To apply fill out the form here: [Apply to join an Independent Advisory Group \(IAG\) | Cumbria Police](#)



Operation Enhance Update: A dozen arrests made by officers targeting ASB and violence on dedicated extra patrols

Officers on dedicated Operation Enhance hotspot patrols made a dozen arrests whilst working to reduce anti-social behaviour and serious violence around the county.

Operation Enhance sees extra police patrols in areas identified as hotspots for anti-social behaviour and/or serious violence across the county.



The operation has been made possible thanks to £1 million of extra funding secured by Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner from the Government's Hotspot Response Fund to target anti-social behaviour (ASB) and serious violence in hotspot areas across the county.

The operation sees extra patrols in 18 areas identified by statistical analysis as the county's hotspot areas of anti-social behaviour and serious violence. These areas include areas of Carlisle, Barrow, Workington, Whitehaven, Kendal, Penrith, Maryport, Cleator Moor, Ulverston and Bowness-on-Windermere.

As of the end of February, the 18 hotspot areas have seen an average reduction in anti-social behaviour of around 36 per cent.

Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson said: “The data around the impact of these extra, high-visibility patrols is under constant review and is showing a consistent trend of reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour in the hotspot areas.

“The presence of the officers is having a positive effect, whilst it is also encouraging to see officers not hesitating to act when incidents occur whilst they are out on patrol, with 12 arrests recorded by patrol officers in February alone.”

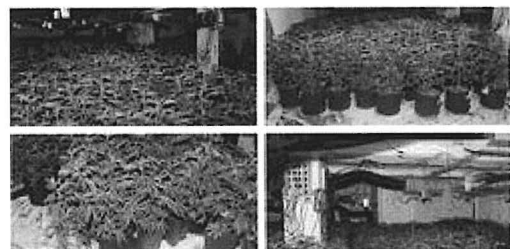
Those arrests included:

- The arrest of three youths on 7 February on suspicion of burglary following a report of a break-in at a shop in Dalton Road, Carlisle.
- The arrest of a man in Workington on 9 February on suspicion of being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a police officer.
- The arrest of a man in Penrith town centre on 8 February on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug and possession of an offensive weapon.
- The arrest of a woman in Ulverston on 11 February who was wanted for breach of a court order.
- The arrest of a man on 20 February on suspicion of shoplifting and being in breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from the store.

In addition to the arrests, Operation Enhance officers also recorded 33 traffic offences and 39 stop searches, as well as having received 46 intelligence submissions. [Read more here.](#)

Cannabis plants worth £550,000 seized in operation targeting serious and organised crime

Police in Cumbria seized nearly 700 cannabis plants with a street value of about £550,000 in their latest operation targeting serious and organised crime.



The plants were confiscated as warrants were executed over three days of action in recent weeks to crack down on commercial industrial-level cultivation.

The activity formed part of a nationally coordinated operation targeting cannabis grows – Operation Mille – and falls under the umbrella of Cumbria Constabulary’s overarching response to serious and organised crime – Operation Alliance.

This national operation has seen forces and regional crime units carry out search warrants aimed at stopping the work of organised crime groups.

Seizures were made at towns and places including Workington and Seascale. [Read more here.](#)

Man from Keswick sentenced to over 14 years in prison for historic child sex offences

A man from Keswick has been sentenced today to over 14 years in prison for historic sex offences committed more than four decades ago.

Raymond Harrison, aged 73, of Keswick, was sentenced today (18 February) at Carlisle Crown Court after a month-long trial where a jury found him guilty,

unanimously, of:

- Four counts of rape
- Two counts of indecency with a child
- Four counts of indecent assault



A jury had previously found Harrison guilty of three counts indecent assault.

The offences were committed against two schoolgirls in the Keswick area between 1979 and 1982. They were reported to police in 2017. [Read more here.](#)



Crime Figures

Further information can be found on [Police.Uk](#)

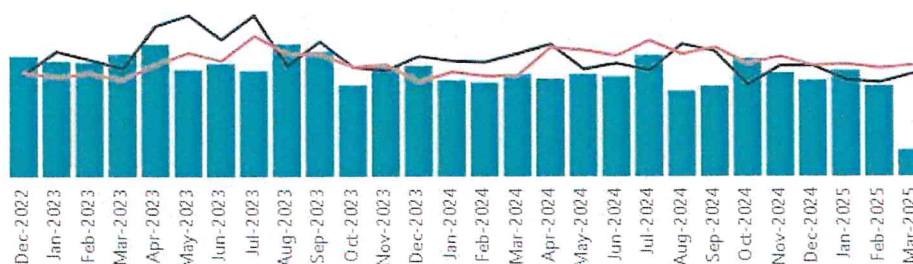
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OffenceGroup	Crimes	Same Period Last Year	Difference	% Change
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<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	4	2	2	100.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Drug offences	4	4	0	0.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	3	1	2	200.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Possession of weapons offences	1	1	0	0.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Public order offences	13	5	8	160.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Robbery	0	0	0	0.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual offences	2	8	-6	-75.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft offences	8	14	-6	-42.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Offences	1	3	-2	-66.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Violence against the person	36	29	7	24.1%
Total	75	78	-3	-3.8%

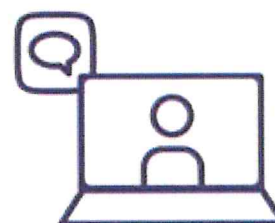
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Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Cumbria safe.

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report online at
<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it>



Our online Live Chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police Officer in real time. [More here.](#)

You can also phone on 101.
 Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



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