

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

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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10th July 2025

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Quaker Meeting House, Keswick on **Thursday 17th July 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 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 19th June 2025 (pages 7-11).
- 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 elected and co-opted 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 ten minutes and the Chair 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, with the consent of the Chair, 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 report to be circulated prior to the meeting).
- ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions.

8. Mayor's Report

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13 June 2025 –10 July 2025.

9. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council
- ii) For the Trusts

10. Visitor Management Working Group

To receive the minutes from the Visitor Management Working Group meeting on 3 July 2025.

11. Proposal – Grant request to Cumberland Council

To receive the updated report from Councillor Harwood.

12. Clerk's Report

To receive the report from the Clerk.

13. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council
- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative

14. Police Report

To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Prior to consideration of the following business, the Chair will move the resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'

15. Building Update

To receive an update from the Clerk (to follow).

To: All Councillors, Press, Police

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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Louise Dunn
Councillors

Natalie Evans	Steve Harwood	Chris Houghton
Claire Houghton	Denstone Kemp	Benita Laphorn
Jean Murray	Claire Peat	Richard Scott

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 1 member of the press, and one member of the public.

26. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Taylor. Her apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

27. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held Thursday 15th May 2025 (page 1-6).

28. Requests for Dispensations

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

29. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

30. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised from members of the public at this meeting.

31. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Murray brought up that the last of the Councillors surgeries had happened, and she was going to rethink how these were going to be held for the next three sessions, with a plan to vary the days, times and venues.

She also brought up that there would be a market stall set up during Convention, to allow local charities to showcase their work, and that there was only four sessions left, so encouraged charities to step forward and utilise these.

Councillor Kemp arrived at 19.05.

32. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
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- T/2025/0077 Fell 1 x Silver birch
Orchard House, 8 The Plosh, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DE
Support – subject to confirmation by Tree Surgeon
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2089 Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission 7/2024/2169, extend the property at the rear to achieve a ground and lower ground floor extension. Increase the projection of the lower ground floor and alter the width of the glazing on the upper ground floor.
10, Manesty View, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JF
Object – we maintain our support for the principle of the original application subject to concerns about the impact on nearby properties. The change in design increasing the glazed area to the first floor lounge will have a significantly greater impact on the perception of being overlooked. We believe this does not meet the criteria set out in Local Plan Policy 06 as it will have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of residents in the dwellings below on Grizedale Close due to visual intrusion, overlooking and overbearing effect
OBJECT
- 7/2025/2090 Approval of details reserved by all conditions on Planning Application 7/2022/2142 - Proposed temporary car park and store building following refusal of application ref 7/2021/2199.
Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NJ
No comments required
- 7/2025/2096 Erection of a single storey local occupancy dwelling
Land at Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 4EU
Object – the description is incorrect on the application as it now relates to a two storey dwelling.
We support the amended design to previously approved application 7/2021/2254.
We object to the local occupancy proposal as the original permission was granted for a local “affordable” occupancy dwelling subject to signing a Section 106 agreement. We object to the removal of the “affordable” criteria of the local occupancy condition
OBJECT
- 7/2025/2097 Conversion of an existing car park to form an external customer and landscaped area - variation of condition 4 (external opening hours) on planning permission 7/2021/2348 appeal decision APP/Q9495/W/22/3297944
2-6 The Chief Justice Of The Common Pleas, Bank Street, Keswick, CA12 5JY
Object – the original application for this external seating area allowed use by customers between 9.00am and 6.00pm on any day. An application submitted in Nov.2021 requested approval to extend this to 8.00 pm which was refused by the LDNPA because of the impact on nearby residents and businesses in the Conservation area. This was subsequently granted on appeal in august 2022. This application seeks to extend this further to 11.00pm on any day. As an open air beer garden it will inevitably have a greater impact than enclosed facilities which we believe will have an unacceptable impact on nearby residents trying to get to sleep. Details of noise levels submitted appear to have been selective to justify a point of view and do not in our view reflect an accurate position
OBJECT

- 7/2025/2100 Extension to dwelling
Coanwood, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AW
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2104 Proposed replacement of existing garage door with window
York House, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, Cumberland, CA12 4LR
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2107 Acrylic letters to existing refurbished fascia
28 Station Street, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5HF
No comments made
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2110 Two storey building providing ground floor restaurant (Use Class Eb)) or hot food takeaway (Sui Generis), with 3 local needs residential apartments (Use Class C3) at first floor, including associated access, parking, hard and soft landscaping and ancillary structures
Otley House, Otley Road, KESWICK, CA12 5LE
Support – this is sensitively designed new mixed use building on a prominent corner site off the main road through the town centre
SUPPORT
- 7/2025/2111 Single storey extension to dwelling
55, Trinity Way, Keswick, CA12 4HZ
No comments made
SUPPORT

ii) **RECEIVED** an update on National Park planning decisions.

- 33. Mayor's Engagements**
RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 9th May 2025 – 12th June 2025.
- 34. Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2025**
RECEIVED the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2025.
RESOLVED that the Internal Auditor's report be accepted.
- 35. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1**
RESOLVED that the Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chair.
- 36. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2**
RESOLVED that the Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024-25 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chair.
- 37. Annual Accounts**
RESOLVED that the statement for accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 be approved for signature by the Chair.
- 38. Details for the Arrangements for the Exercise of Public Rights**
RESOLVED that the period for the exercise of public rights will begin on Monday 23 June 2025 and conclude on Friday 1 August 2025 (Action – RFO).

39. Building Update

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

40. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 58 – 76, amounting to £51,351.16 (fifty one thousand, three hundred and fifty one pounds and sixteen pence)
- ii) For the Parks' Trusts, vouchers HP21- FP44, amounting to £29,562.08 (twenty nine thousand five hundred and sixty two pounds and eight pence)

41. Insurance Renewal

Consideration was given to the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the report of the Responsible Financial Officer be ratified, and that the Council renew insurance with Zurich for a three year period (Action – RFO).

42. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council - Councillor Lansbury gave an update on the work. Social care provision had improved, with good initiatives being put in place. Councillor Lansbury could arrange for a presentation to be put together.
She reported on progress being made on improvements to the Howrah's path with discussions between the LDNPA and Cumberland Council.
Councillor Lansbury had also seen draft plans which had been created for the Crosthwaite Road Junction, as a result of the Keswick Transport Study, however it was still very early stages.
She also gave an update regarding the Community Partnership, along with Councillor Murray, although again, it was still at very early stages.
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. **RECEIVED** the report of the LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

Councillor Chris Houghton arrived at 19.48.

43. Proposal – Grant request to Cumberland Council

RECEIVED the report from Councillor Harwood.

RESOLVED that this item be looked at in more detail by the Visitor Management Working Group, and brought back to Council next month (Action – Visitor Management Working Group)

44. Consultation

RECEIVED information regarding the draft electoral proposals for Cumberland Council.

45. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Prior to consideration of the following business, the Chair moved the resolution:

'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'

46. Town Hall Update

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that;

- i) the Clerk contact Option C, and explore options moving forward (Action – Clerk);

- ii) the Clerk contact Worknest to request a Health and Safety report on the building (Action – Clerk);
and
- iii) the Clerk seek legal advice regarding our position (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Chair

Data

Planning Applications received between 13/06/2025 - 10/07/2025			
Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
HRA/2025/0004	Not received for comments	Denton House Hostel, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JW	Prior approval for a pop-up camping site
7/2025/2069	16/07/2025 - ext requested	20, Blencathra Street, Keswick, CA12 4HP	Change of use from Hotel to HMO staff house
7/2025/2112	21-Jul-25	Little Bield, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, CA12 4LT	Exension to dwelling
7/2025/2115	21-Jul-25	Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12	Detached carport/garage and games room/gym
7/2025/2123	n/a - no comments required	Markholme, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5PW	Continued implementation of planning permission 7/2016/2034, 2 dwellings
7/2025/2124	24-Jul-25	Clarewood, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD	Demolition and new build dwellinghouse - variation of condition 6 (slate) of planning permission 7/2024/2250 to change slate colour to blue/grey
7/2025/2129	31-Jul-25	Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG	Variation of condition 3 (windows) of planning permission 7/2024/2140, house extension - variation of condition 1 (plans) on planning permission 7/2022/2224 (variation of permission 7/2021/2209 - construction of a single storey bedroom extension, conservatory, front porch and a first floor extension to accommodate a new stair with access to a first floor seating area) - change window opening from fixed to restricted opening
7/2025/2130	05-Aug-25	37, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT	Erection of rear and side extensions, raised patio and internal alterations
7/2025/2132	31-Jul-25	Craghills Boot Store, 41921, Tithebarn Street, Keswick, CA12 5ED	Replacement non-illuminated signage
<p>NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing or via email to: townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.</p>			

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 13/06/2025 & 10/07/2025

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2025/0077	May-25	Plosh, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, Cumbria,	CA12 5DE	Birch tree (marked with dot in notification) Fell to ground level.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2071	May-25	11, Crosthwaite Gardens, Keswick	CA12 5QF	Construction of a dormer to the left hand side main roof pitch	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2072	April-25	2, Manor Park, Keswick	CA12 4AA	Replacement windows	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2075	April-25	Quinta, Keswick	CA12 5RA	Construction of an 'acoustic' wooden fence to the front of the site, a small sec	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2077	April-25	Gatesgarth, High Hill, Keswick, Cumberland,	CA12 5PB	Extension to form domestic garage	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2107	May-25	28 Station Street, Keswick	CA12 5HF	Acrylic letters to existing refurbished fascia	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2111	May-25	55, Trinity Way, Keswick	CA12 4HZ	Single storey extension to dwelling	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17TH JULY 2025

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 13th June 2025 to 10th July 2025

Thursday 19 June	Town Council meeting
Thursday 26 June	attended press night for 'Noises off' at Theatre by the Lake
Saturday 28 June	attended Party in the Park
Sunday 29 June	attended Scruffs Dog Show
Tuesday 2 July	attended Annual meeting of Two's Company scheme

Visitor Management Working Group: 03/07/2025

Attendees: Claire Peat, Claire Houghton, Steve Harwood, Richard Scott, Vivien Little

Meeting Objectives: To review the terms of reference, and consider priorities for this council's term of office. Inaugural meeting for current constituent members.

CP appointed as administrative lead.

Issues defined as within scope:

Issue	Overview/actions
External Events	Would like an overview/calendar of events in town. Difficult to get from Cumberland. VL is notified of (not consulted on) all registered events in Cumberland ad-hoc. Action: Request meeting with Ellie Stamper (C'land) to discuss current process & consider KTC's role in scrutiny/objections/feedback
	Nuisance complaints from residents around certain events (Lakesman, KMF, 13 Valleys, Beer Festival). Common denominator for many is use of Crow Park. Action: Contact NT to request calendar of bookings/info on events using the area. VL to advise – L. Dunn building relationships
Public Toilets	Low provision in town for the # of visitors. Danfo operating Bell Close/Lakeside. Loss-making. Action: To be discussed at a future meeting, questioning influencing e.g. NT for provision around lakeshore of sustainable composting WCs
K2T Trail	Linking in with toilet provision. SH has long-term proposals combined with the pool. Action: SH to feed back following ongoing meetings w/ C'land
TROs	2025 consultation complete. KTC want to be ahead of the next round so residents can be consulted in advance & plans in place to work as a partner w/ Highways. Action: Work with Sally/Highways for timeframes – long term
Parking	<i>Car Parks:</i> Continue to monitor campervan usage. Signage now in place to highlight no overnight occupancy in Lakeside. Existing reporting group sending pics to C'land enforcement
	<i>Street Parking:</i> Linking with TROs. Need for more resident-priority parking & better enforcement. Further town consultations needed.
Traffic	Long-term need for park&ride, alternatives to current car usage
	Borrowdale Rd issues tied to # of car parks and Borrowdale traffic all feeding into the same mini roundabout. Actions: SH has made proposals to Highways. Further consultation needed – long-term including Sally Lansbury
"Responsible Tourism" (litter, fly camping etc.)	LDNPA's Visitor Mgt Group working with landowners & partners. Our liaison: Peter Walter

	Friends of Derwentwater: Original scope was bathing water quality but has grown to include shoreline issues. Liaison: Richard Scott & Louise Dunn
Holiday Lets/Housing	Crossover w/ housing group. VMWG Focus on neighbourhood issues e.g. reporting hedging encroaching on pavements.
"Street scene"	<p>Many areas looking tired. Keswick's tourism brings huge revenues to the area. SH proposing funding from C'land's Keswick car park revenue to look at issues including: refreshing railing painting; road maintenance e.g. Greta Hamlets/Southey Hill; dog wee cleansing, Keswick in Bloom's areas.</p> <p>Actions: SH to bring proposal to next council meeting to send to C'land re funding. CP to investigate costs of dog wee neutralising sprays and report back to next meeting.</p>

Next meeting planned for 18/08/25, minutes to be provided to the Council for the meeting of 21/08/25.

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17 JULY 2025

Proposal for Cumberland Council

Following on from last month's decision to bring this report back to Council this month, Councillor Harwood has added the following information, underlined in this report.

"Keswick is a prominent tourist destination in the National Park which provides significant income to the economy of Cumberland. The Town Council's ownership within the town is restricted to Hope Park and Fitz Park, including Townsfield, which are maintained to a high standard on a limited budget from the Council Tax Precept. It is evident that parts of the town have a run down appearance which shows a sign of neglect and does not reflect well on the importance of maintaining a high visual standard in all areas. Voluntary groups, such as 'Keswick in Bloom' provides award winning colour to the town throughout the year from individuals who give their time freely. However there are many key areas which require specialist contractors to carry out maintenance and repair work to keep the town looking its best. Whilst every effort is made by the Town Council to do what we can, we are faced with having to maintain a town serving 30K people on the Precept of a resident population of 5K.

We propose that Cumberland Council award a grant each year equivalent to 10% of the income generated from Keswick Car Parks to enable The Town Council to carry out an agreed programme of work to rejuvenate designated areas of the town, irrespective of ownership. As the party on the ground we are aware of the areas which would benefit from renovation work. This simple award each year would put finance back into Keswick which would benefit Cumberland Council enormously by saving the time and effort in doing this work. It would also showcase the town in the best possible light as one which is looked after by its local Council.

This proposal is not intended to be a criticism for lack of action in the areas concerned. Cumberland is a large geographical area and it is appreciated specific local knowledge in all areas is difficult to cover. This is considered to be a fair and reasonable way of putting finance back into our local community from income generated in the way outlined to make use of local knowledge. It will benefit both parties by investing in the town's ability to maintain a high quality visual experience to our many visitors throughout the year. I set out below some key areas which would benefit from this grant.

- *It is envisaged KTC would employ a project manager to liaise with CC and organise / oversee the work involved.*
- *Renovation works to paving and walls to the walkways leading into the Market Square from town centre car parks.*
- *Regular cleaning of the pedestrianised areas in the town centre to address the unsavoury atmosphere created by the high number of dogs brought into this area.*
- *Repainting the significant extent of rust covered railings along Penrith Road which is a main access route into the town.*
- *Renovation works to the paved areas and external seating on the well used Lake Road walkway to the Lakeside.*
- *Support where required for the Keswick in Bloom team which does so much to bring colour into the town throughout the year.*

- Repainting is overdue to Wivell Bridge over the river leading into Upper Fitz Park and Silver Bridge on Station Road.
- A new retaining structure is required to a section of the riverside wall near Silver Bridge to replace a failing timber structure to maintain the integrity of the riverbank in Lower Fitz Park.
- Formation of a durable access track from the top end of Stanger Street to the public footpath ramp down to Knight's Bridge into Fitz Park which is suitable for pedestrians and vehicles.
- Essential repair works to Carding Mill Lane leading into the Southey Hill Industrial Estate which provides access to many local businesses. This is in a very poor state of repair which reflects badly on the town.
- Assisting CC with maintaining the much reported poor condition of the Howrah's public footpath from the town to Portinscale which is an integral part of the Cumbria Way round the lake walk route.
- Renovation and reinstatement in a user friendly way of the stepped footpath at the bottom of Manor Brow."

Councillor Harwood recommends that the above proposal be approved, and a letter sent to Cumberland Council.

Vivien Little
8 July 2025

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17 JULY 2025

Clerk's Report

Local Plan Engagement

Recently, Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) have put out a call to all Town and Parish Councils within the Lake District, seeking to work with eight communities within the LDNPA area to feed into the forthcoming Local Plan review. I contacted the Development Officer there, putting Keswick forward as potentially one of those communities to work with.

The Development Officer was keen to come and talk to Councillors about what they are doing, and to find out some views from us. I am in the process of organising this for a future Town Council meeting.

Vivien Little
9 July 2025

LDNPA Report for the North Lakes

Issue 20 – June 2025

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Nature recovery

You might have seen [media coverage](#) of a letter best-selling author and conservationist Lee Schofield wrote to UNESCO recently.

In it, he argues that World Heritage Status – and its focus on the cultural heritage of sheep farming - compromises land-owners' ability to deliver nature-recovery projects. The RSPB have supported this stance: they manage the huge nature-recovery project Haweswater, which up until recently combined outstanding nature-recovery outcomes, with low density sheep flocks. Now, however, they have removed all their sheep and will only '*bring in low numbers of sheep as a tool for short periods, on certain parts of the site where it is appropriate*'.

The LDNPA's approach is that nature recovery and traditional hill farming can go hand-in-hand. It's even in our Statutory Purpose, which is: to '*Promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities the national park by the public.*' [Special Quality](#) number four is '*Unique farming heritage and concentration of common land*'.

There are many great partnerships working to deliver nature benefits and successful farming outcomes – the [Ullswater CIC](#) (led by Danny Teasdale) is a brilliant example; and there are hundreds of individual farmers doing great work – the most well-know of which is of course, James Rebanks. Our officers are working with all these different parties – from huge land owners like UU and Lowther, to farmer collectives like the Ullswater CIC and to individual farmers like James; to strike the right balance between nature-recovery, cultural heritage and successful farming.

Most of the reaction I have seen to Lee's intervention has been critical of it. For example, Tim Farron MP, described it as a '*misguided and poorly judged attack on hill farmers.*'

But the debate continues on: the CEO of the National Sheep Association [wrote to the Guardian](#) saying '*Farmers want to continue looking after the land they have farmed for centuries, ensuring public access, balancing farming with nature, and managing the landscape in a viable way for future generations*' and Lee Schofield replied with a [letter](#) in which he says '*For farmers and conservationists to be at loggerheads is madness. Once the dust settles, I hope we will be able to sit down and have some sensible discussion about these issues and how to resolve them.*'

Summer solstice at Castlerigg Stone Circle

I went up to the stone circle twice over the solstice weekend. On Saturday I met Neil Winder from the National Trust and Jack Beament (who lives in the house nearest the stone circle) to discuss the problems and some of the mitigations that have been put in place this year.

The Strategic Visitor Management Group (which the LDNPA chairs) funded a team of three security staff who were on site for two nights, from 4pm through to 9am the following morning. While there was still some fire damage and litter we can only hope that their presence, generally engaging positively with people, helped to *reduce* antisocial behaviour. They did have trouble with one small group of antisocial people who were letting off fireworks, but the police attended when called upon.

Parking, however, was a major problem with a significant stretch of the road inaccessible to emergency vehicles, should they have been needed. In our discussion Neil and I agreed that finding a suitable field for a 'pop-up' carpark is a priority for next year. Also funded by the SVMG were a number of toilets and extra bins which definitely helped reduce the negative impacts of the event. Finally, NT Rangers, LDNPA and English Heritage volunteers helped tidy up the site on the Monday morning.

A significant investment has gone into managing the event this year, and while there are still challenges, I think we're moving in the right direction.



Security staff on duty



Jack and Neil surveying the scene

Electric boats on Bassenthwaite

On Sunday I joined Marcus Campbell-Savours MP and Cllr Mark Fryer (Leader of Cumberland Council) to hear concerns from local fishermen about the potential impact of proposed changes to local bylaws on their ability to use small electric motors to power small fishing boats. I was able to explain that the intention behind the proposal is to prevent electric speed boats – which can travel at 40mph – from accessing the lake, not to penalise local fishermen.

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Proposals are already in place to allow exceptions for slow, low-power fishing boats and officers will consult further on how such exceptions should best be worded to meet the aims, we agreed, we all had in common. I also got to enjoy a quick trip out onto the lake.



Me going fishing





Me, Markus Campbell Savours MP and Cllr Mark Fryer with local fishermen.


Ania Mlynczak

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 13 June 2025 16:01
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: May & June 2025 - Cockermouth and Keswick

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Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

Welcome to the May and June edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Over the past month, our team has been working hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed. From tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable residents, to engaging with local schools and hosting community drop-in sessions, it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

In this issue, we're proud to highlight some of the key successes and update on priority issues and collaborative work with local partners.

We've also included upcoming events and ways you can get involved or share your concerns.

As always, your feedback and support are vital to the work we do.

Inspector Steven Waddell



PACT (Police And Communities Together) survey results - Keswick

Residents of Keswick

Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing team recently conducted a survey in relation to the Keswick area. The data has been analysed and the following concerns have been identified:

- Complaints of drug use around Fitz Park and Brundholme Road
- Road safety concerns in Embleton village following the introduction of the new average speed cameras on the A66

Our local officers will continue to address these issues and respond to crime and disorder in your area and encourage the local community to continue to report any incidents.

We will be conducting a further survey in 3 months time.

Please continue to report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour.

- You can report online at <https://orlo.uk/j5Ee2>
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You said, we did - drug use Fitz Park and Brundholme Road

We have received complaints about drug use in Fitz Park and Brundholme Road in Keswick.

We have carried out high visibility patrols as well as covert patrols, we are also proactively searching individuals believed to be in possession of drugs.

Mini police visit care homes

PCSO Clare Parker and Fairfield mini police went to visit the residents at one of the nearby care homes on 10 June.

It was a lovely opportunity to tell the residents all about the mini police and the great things they have all learnt over the past year.



The mini police spoke about what jobs they would like to do when they grow up.

Thank you to the care home for allowing us to visit, it was such a nice experience for all involved.

Mini police learn about water safety

The mini police at Fairfield school had an input on 4 June on Water Safety.

The mini police learnt so much about how to keep safe whilst having fun in water.

- S - is for spot the dangers
- A - is for take advice
- F - is for go with a friend
- E - is for Emergency! call 999



They also learnt what can help us float and people who help.

For water safety advice visit - [Water safety | Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service](#)

You said, we did - Speeding Embleton Village

PCSO Clare Parker has been in the village of Embleton on 28 May in relation to recent complaints of vehicles speeding through the village, following the introduction of average speed cameras on the A66.



Officers were also there in the afternoon with PC Emma Fearon and Special Constable Lightfoot have been conducting speed checks.

No cars were found to be exceeding the speed limit on this occasion however the area will continue to be monitored.

On 20 May, PCSO Pete Nichol was also in the village with the speed gun.

A street safe letter drop has been delivered to residents in the area, to try and identify any issues.

Polite Notice, this stretch of road is a maximum of 40mph. Know your speed limits to make our roads safer.

Police will be conducting regular patrols in this area.



You said, we did - Anti-social behaviour Cockermouth

Residents have reported incidents of young people involved in anti-social behaviour in Cockermouth.

As a result we have carried out high visibility patrols and had engagement with local school to educate young people on the impact of anti-social behaviour.

Joint operation

On 24 May, PC Emma Fearon and PC Alex Ostle had a joint operation with Lake District National Park Authority due to a number of issues raised regarding anti-social behaviour in the popular tourist hotspots, such as Buttermere and Langstrath Valley.

On this occasion there was no people found to be acting in an anti-social manner but the area will continue to be monitored and those found to be acting in such manners will be dealt with accordingly.



🌿 Respect the Lake District – Let's Keep It Beautiful 🌿

Whether you're here for a hike, a picnic, or a peaceful escape, please remember to:

🚗 Park Responsibly

Stick to designated parking areas. Avoid blocking roads, gates, or access for emergency vehicles and locals.

🔥 No Fires or BBQs

Open flames pose a serious risk to wildlife and landscapes. Fires and BBQs are strictly prohibited – help prevent wildfires.

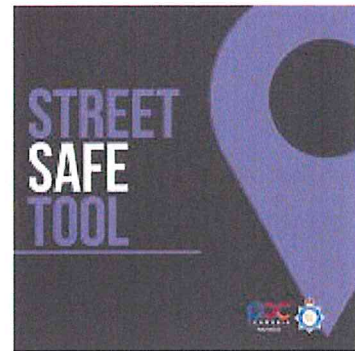
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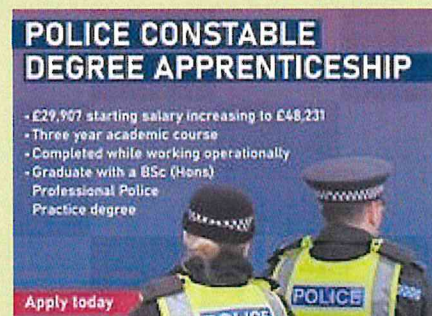
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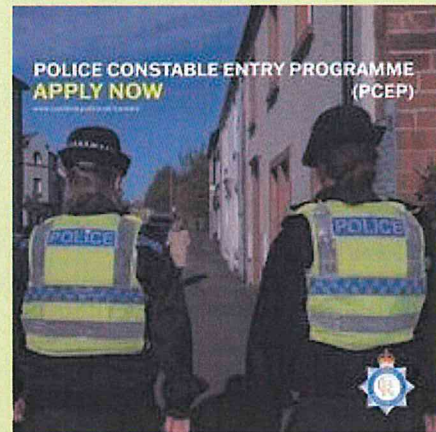
- £29,907 starting salary increasing to £48,231
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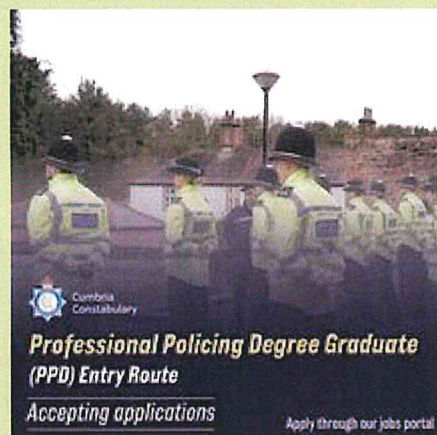
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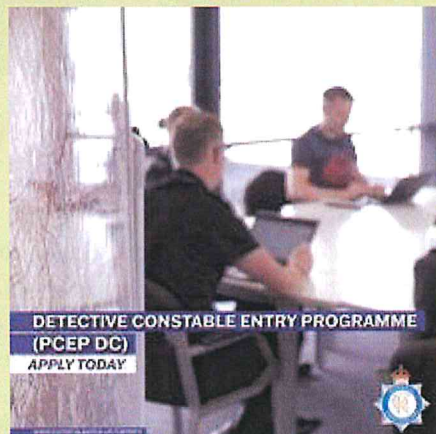
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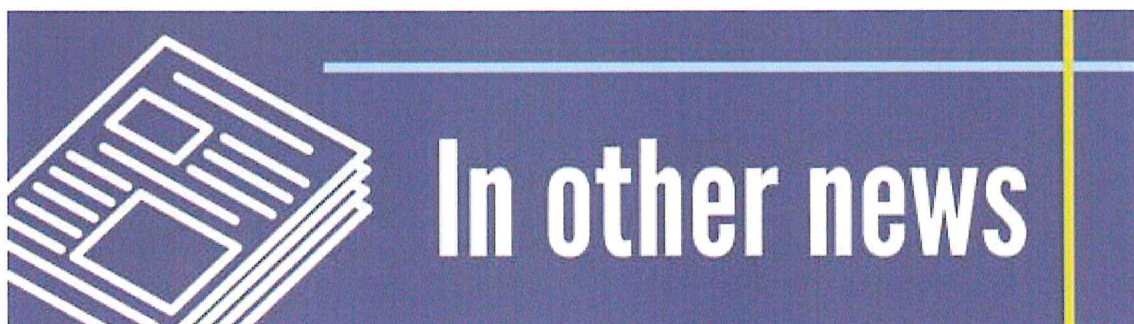
Do you or someone you know work for another force?
Looking for a new challenge?

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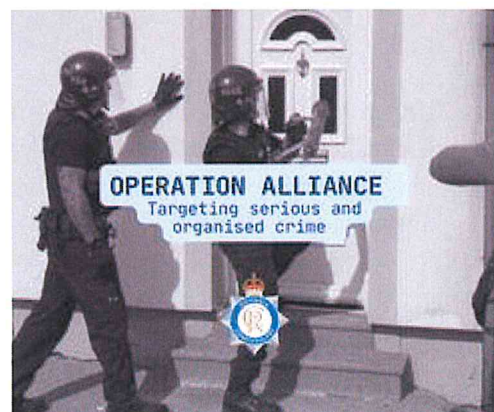
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Operation Alliance: Drug supply targeted across Cumbria

Four policing operations targeting drug supply in Cumbria has seen 26 arrests, seized over half a million in cash and thousands of pounds of drugs taken off the streets.

The operations, Apache in Penrith, Abington in Barrow, Bologna in west Cumbria, Huelva in Carlisle were funded by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner David Allen as part of the Drugs Fund. The fund takes money recovered from drug activities to target further those dealing and supply drugs.



The four days of action seen officers conduct 18 warrants and 15 stop searches, recovering:

- £612,300 in cash
- 81 cannabis plants
- Over 2,000 cannabis edibles and vapes
- Over 200 Pregabalin
- Numerous recoveries of cocaine, cannabis (herbal), Ketamine and other benzodiazepine

- Numerous weapons including samurai sword, knives and air rifles.
- Illicit Tobacco and cigarettes
- Cryptocurrency and associated paraphernalia.

Over 20 vehicles stopped with a number of Traffic Offence Reports issued for traffic offences and drug wipes conducted. [Read more here.](#)

Celebrating volunteers – National Volunteers’ Week 2025

This week (2-8 June) Cumbria Police are recognising the amazing contributions that volunteers make to our organisation.

Volunteers hold various different roles within the constabulary such as Police Support Volunteers (PSVs), Special Constables (volunteer police officers), cadets and cadet leaders, who all give up their free time to help keep Cumbria safe.



Over the past year, a team of 37 Special Constables volunteered 11,191 hours with 4000 duties assisting both response and rural officers, and 260 duties policing some of the county’s major events and operations. These hours volunteered equate to almost six full time officers throughout the year.

The force is also supported by 65 PSVs in roles in our cyber, rural, road safety and quality assurance departments. We also work closely with many young people across the county as part of our cadet programme and are supported by 24 volunteer cadet leaders. [Read more here.](#)

Statistics place Cumbria as one of the best performing forces in the country

A national survey has found Cumbria Constabulary to be the number one force in England and Wales for understanding residents’ concerns, with most people having confidence in local policing – and the majority of those asked in our county agreed officers in their community can be trusted.

Results from the survey, used by the Government to measure crime and develop ways of tackling it, also revealed:

- Nearly 85 per cent of people surveyed agreed police in Cumbria would treat them with respect.
- More than 72 per cent had overall confidence in policing in Cumbria – placing the county in the top five nationally.
- Cumbria was second in England and Wales for the percentage of people who agreed the force and their local council were dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that mattered.

Assistant Chief Constable Jonathan Blackwell said: “I am extremely proud of all the positive results the force continues to achieve.

"We are here to serve this county and our communities – and one of the best measures of how successful we are at doing so is what our residents think about the policing service they receive.

"What is particularly pleasing is most people taking part in this survey agree we understand their concerns and are proactively tackling anti-social behaviour and crime.

"It is also a reflection of the professionalism, empathy and caring nature of officers and staff that most people agreed they would be treated with respect and that they had overall confidence in what we do." **Read more [here](#).**

101 calls answered in just three seconds in Cumbria - national figures show

Cumbria Police's 101 call-handling was recognised as among the best in the country yesterday (29 May).

The national league tables for 101 non-emergency call waiting times reflects a national reduction in the time people are waiting for their call to be answered to 32 seconds. However, in Cumbria the waiting time is significantly shorter at just three seconds.

National 101 press release [Police 101 Call Waits Drop as Forces Boost Transparency & Speed](#)
Cumbria's 101 Performance Data: [101 performance data | Police.uk](#)

Chief Constable of Cumbria Constabulary Rob Carden said: "Reducing the waiting times on our 101 non-emergency line is a priority in Cumbria, and I am very proud to see that work recognised nationally through the results that were published this week.

"We have consistently been one of the best performing forces for 101 waiting times in recent years, which is why I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those officers and staff who work day-in and day-out in the Call Management Centre."

In Cumbria, the public are given a number of options for contacting the Constabulary in an non-emergency situation so people can opt for whatever works for them – whether online or via a phone call, with those opting for online helping keep the phone lines free for emergency 999 calls. **Read more [here](#).**



Crime Figures

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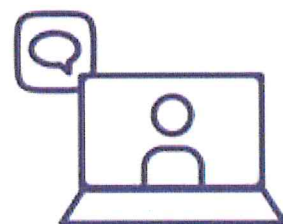
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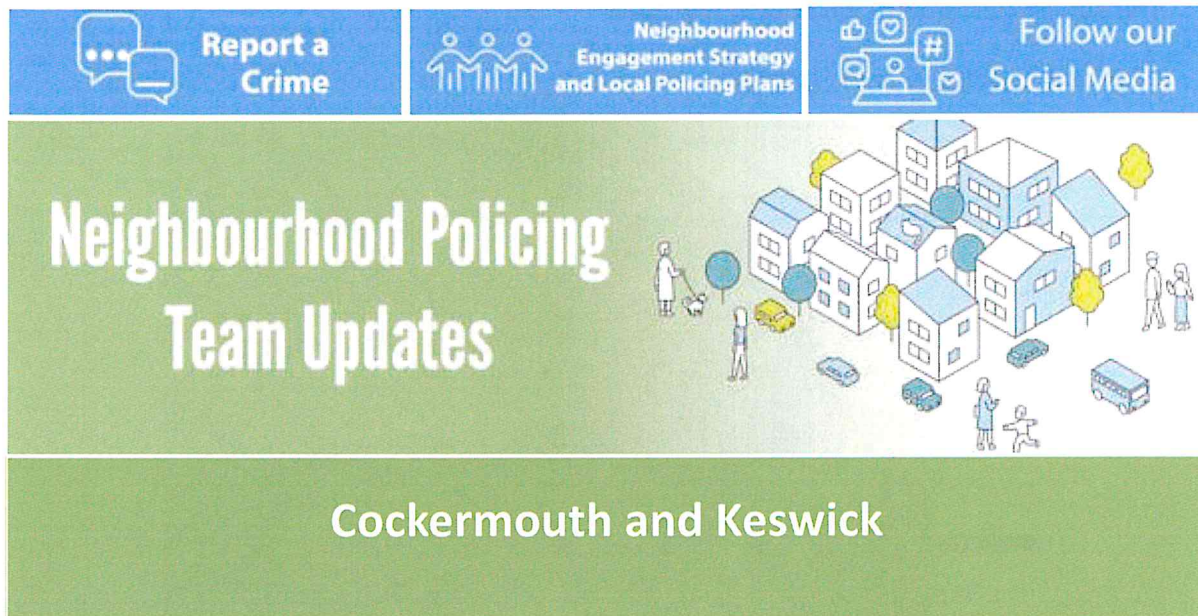
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Welcome to the June & July edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

You may have seen on our Facebook page we have been taking part in two campaigns, Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week(30 June - 6 July) and Neighbourhood Policing Week (23 - 29 June).

Across the two weeks we have been highlighting the work we do all year round with our partners.



Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed. From tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable residents, to engaging with local schools and hosting community drop-in sessions, it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

We've also included upcoming events and ways you can get involved or share your concerns.

As always, your feedback and support are vital to the work we do.

Inspector Steve Waddell

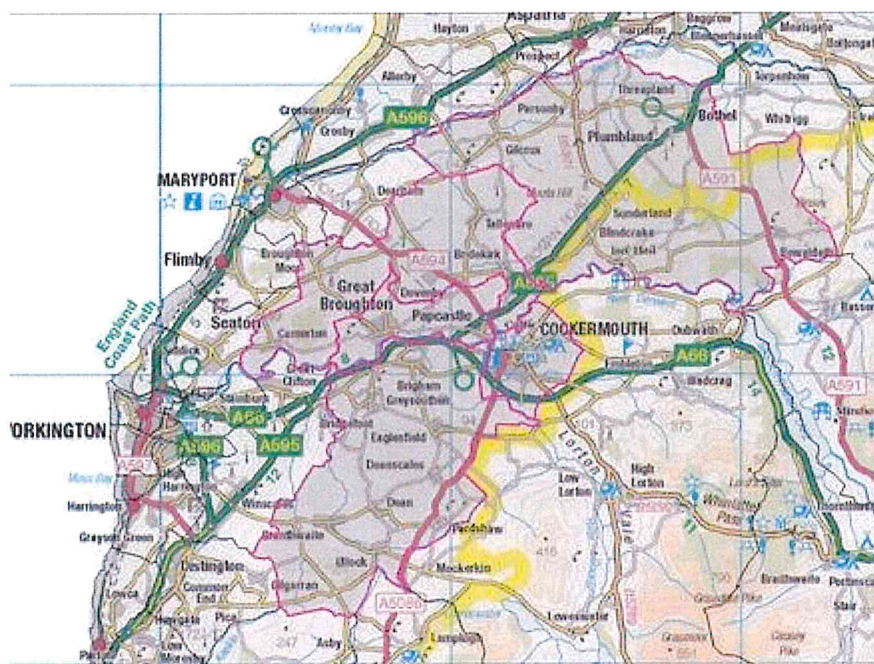
PACT (Police And Communities Together) survey

Residents of Cockermouth, Brigham and Broughton

If you have any ongoing neighbourhood problems in your area and would like the Police to consider them, we would like to invite all (within the enclosed area in Magenta of the attached map) who live in the Cockermouth area, to fill out the linked community survey within 2 weeks.

This survey closes on Monday 14th July 2025

Click here - <https://orlo.uk/1dZWD>



Neighbourhood Policing Week (23 - 29 June)

Throughout the week we have been highlighting and sharing some of the work we do all year round to help reduce crime and keep people safe.

As well as patrolling their neighbourhoods, they work to tackle local crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour related issues. They often do this by working with partner agencies such as local councils, housing providers and of course our local residents themselves.

Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson, Neighbourhood Policing Lead, said:

“Neighbourhood Policing Week gives us the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work that officers and staff in our NPTs are doing to keep our communities safe.

“They are at the heart of their communities and are a huge part of day-to-day policing in Cumbria.

“Having these visible, community focussed officers mean we are able to offer an accessible police presence and gain a greater understanding of the issues which need to be addressed – especially within our more rural locations.

“I am extremely proud of the role they perform, not just during this week, but every day.”

Read more about the week here - [Neighbourhood Policing Week 2025 - Cumbria Constabulary](#)



Anti-Social Behaviour Week - 30 June – 6 July 2025

At the start of July we took part in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week, a national initiative running from 30 June to 6 July, aimed at highlighting the impact of ASB and promoting safer, stronger communities.

This year's theme, **#MakingCommunitiesSafer**, focuses on supporting victims, improving justice system responses, and encouraging better information sharing between agencies.

In January, we launched the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge, which aligns us to the national pillars of Neighbourhood Policing and ensures we deliver the government

Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. The pledge focuses on ten core priority areas of neighbourhood policing, one of those is tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

As a priority, we launched Operation Enhance in July 2024, which has seen extra patrols in 18 areas identified as hotspots for ASB and serious violence. The operation whilst also being a visible presence has seen officers numerous arrests, stop searches, fixed penalty notices, community engagement and support given to local businesses.

As a result of Operation Enhance and the hard work carried out by the neighbourhood policing teams, the hot spot areas have seen a reduction in ASB by 35.2% between 1 July 2024 and 31 March 2025 compared to the same period in the previous year.

In relation to incidents of ASB involving young people in the hotspot areas over the same period there has been a reduction of 39.4% compared to the previous period.

Operation Enhance will continue throughout 2025/26.

Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson, the force's Neighbourhood Policing lead, said: "Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a priority, and this week highlights the work our teams and partners do every day to tackle anti-social behaviour.

"As well as responding to incident of ASB, a great deal of work is carried out behind the scenes to prevent further incidents occurring.

"ASB has a detrimental impact on our communities and encourage the public to tell us about incidents that are happening in your local area.

"Reporting allows us to create a picture of activity and allows to take appropriate action to investigate and deter further incidents."

Councillor Judith Derbyshire, Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety at Westmorland and Furness Council, said: "Anti-social behaviour causes real distress and disruption to residents' lives and has a damaging impact on our communities.

"The multi-agency work of the Community Safety Partnership and Local Focus Hubs is proactively delivering initiatives that address complex cases of ASB in our communities using education, support and, where necessary, enforcement. Alongside Cumbria Police and partners, our efforts bring us closer to achieving our vision of making Westmorland and Furness a safe and welcoming place to live, work and thrive."

Justin McDermott, Cumberland Council's Executive Member for Public Health and Communities, said: "Cumberland Council staff and councillors will be out and about all week talking to residents about their ASB concerns. With colleagues from the Community Safety Partnership, we hope to get a real insight into the effects of antisocial behaviour, which can have an incredibly negative impact on people's wellbeing.

“We’ll also be sharing the help we offer through our Local Focus Hubs and, more strategically, through the Community Safety Partnership – which has ASB as one of its four main priorities.”

We encourage everyone to stay informed and get involved by following **Allerdale Police on Facebook** for updates on local operations, safety tips, and opportunities to engage with your local policing team.

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Multiagency walkaround & school talks - ASB week

PCSO Clare Parker has been in the area of Highfield, Cockermouth today alongside housing association staff from Castles & Coasts and Cumberland Council.

The purpose of the door knocks in the area was to link in with the local residents. We listened to their concerns and advised them how to report such behaviour.



Support and advice was given to residents. It was a great opportunity to be visible in the area and work with other partner agencies to manage and deal with any anti social behaviour.

PCSO Parker then went onto Broughton Moor school to educate the Year 5 & 6 on ASB.

So many questions asked and lots of learning about this very relevant and important topic.



On 30 June, PCSO Parker also visited St Bridget's school Brigham and delivered an anti social behaviour presentation.

The class engaged so well and learnt lots from the session.

It's so important to educate children on this topic.

Some things discussed were:

- how victims of ASB can feel.
- what ASB is and how ASB could lead to a crime.
- how using public spaces, including play areas should be used respectfully.



Supporting communities - ASB week

On 5 July, PCSO Pete Nichol and Shirley Murphy from Allerdale Copeland autism support have been doing neurodiversity visits in the Cockermouth.

These visits help neurodivergent people that have been affected by anti-social behaviour.



Online safety talk

On 16 June, PC Emma Fearon and PCSO Pete Nichol have been into Eaglesfield paddle school with Fibrus to talk about online safety and bullying as well as cyber crime.

Year 4 were very knowledgeable with some excellent questions asked.

Drug Activity Community Appeal

On 16 June, Keswick Community Beat Officer PC Emma Fearon has completed a DACA leaflet drop in the town.

This allows local residents to report any drugs activity anonymously.

We are looking to challenge the use and supply of drugs in this area.

Tell us about:

- 👉 Suspicious activity on your street
- 👉 Suspicious people or vehicles on your street
- 👉 Drug supply in your community
- 👉 Any concerns about crime in your neighbourhood

Anyone with information can report online at www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it.

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You said, we did - parking

On 5 July, we responded to reports of cars parking inappropriately on Penrith Road, Keswick.

Two vehicles were given tickets for causing an unnecessary obstruction after blocking the pavements.

Please park considerately, taking into account other road users and pedestrians. Make sure to leave enough room for prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters to avoid people having to step into the road.

Unnecessary obstruction is a fixed penalty of £30.



PCSO invited to community group

On 3 July, West Cumbria Society for the Blind invited PCSO Clare Parker along to one of their meeting groups in Cockermouth.

We discussed so much including, crime prevention advice and how to prevent being a victim of phone call scams.



You can sign up to our Fraud Newsletter at the bottom of this newsletter.

It was such a friendly small group, and I was delighted to be asked to go along.



Fairfield school Careers Fayre

PCSO Clare Parker supported the event on 3 July, this was an opportunity to tell the students about my role as a PCSO.

The students engaged well and it was nice to share my career journey and day to day experiences.

Some students are thinking they may want to join the police in their future career.

Mini police get special visit

On 1 July, the Mini Police at Fairfield school had a special visit from the police dog handler and his two very special dogs, "Drake and Otto"

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It's fair to say, the mini police found this the most interesting session of the year.



You said, we did - speeding Eaglesfield

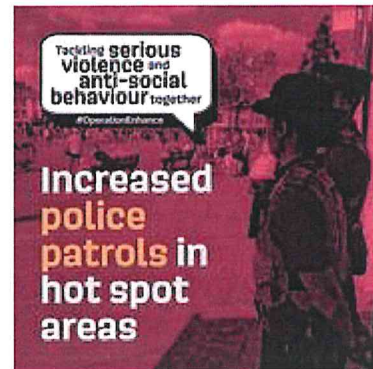
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Speed checks have also been used with the handheld laser as well as a traffic survey conducted by Cumberland Council.

OPERATION ENHANCE: Tell us your thoughts about anti-social behaviour and violence hotspots in Cumbria

We, the Police and Crime Commissioner and partners have secured £1 million of extra funding which will see 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.



More about [#OperationEnhance](#) here - [Commissioner and Constabulary to crackdown on anti-social behaviour and serious violence across Cumbria - Cumbria Constabulary](#)

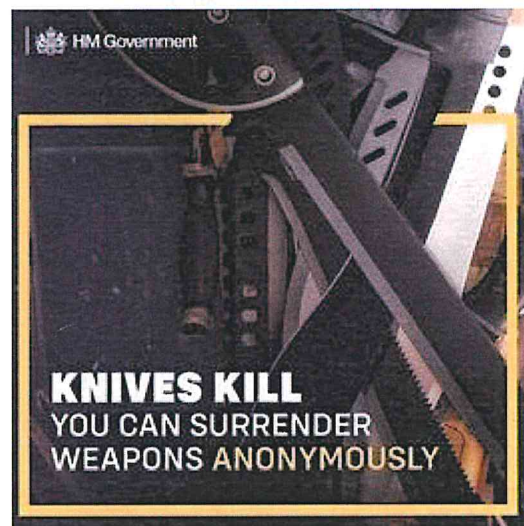
National Amnesty

Cumbria Police is supporting a national 'Ninja Sword' amnesty, ahead of a ban on owning such weapons coming into effect.

From August 1, it will be illegal to possess, sell, make or import the weapon. Those who currently possess a Ninja sword will not be permitted to keep it once the order comes into effect, unless a specific legal defence applies.

Ninja Swords are a sword which has length of at least 14 inches, but no more than 24 inches in length. The sword must have the following:

- A primary straight cutting edge
- A secondary straight cutting edge
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- And either a tanto style point or a reversed tanto style point



Ahead of the ban coming into place, a surrender scheme is taking place from today until July 31 to allow people to hand them in.

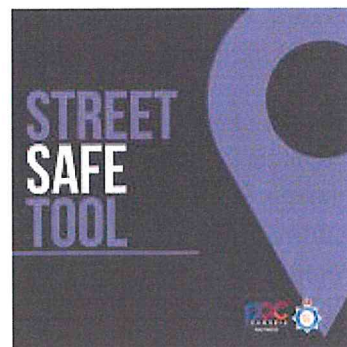
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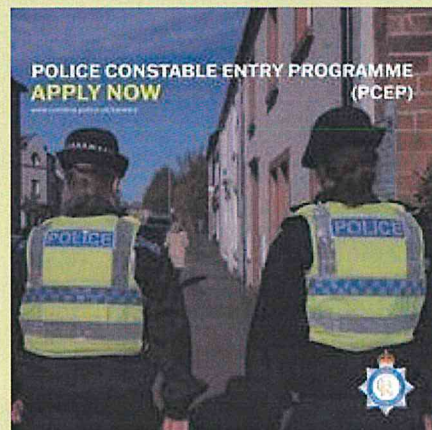
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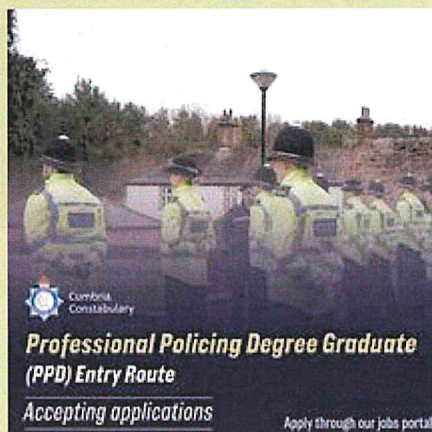
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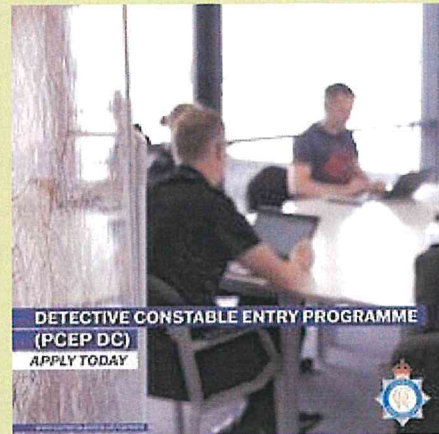
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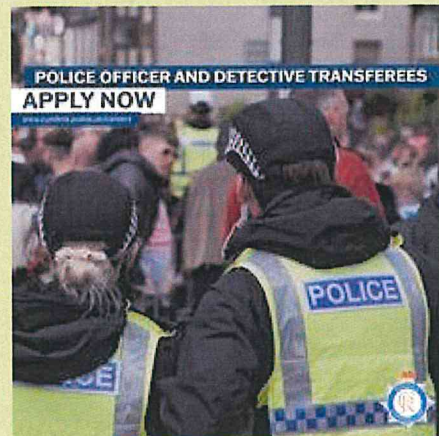
The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.



○ 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.



Partners working together to keep our town centres safe

Organisations across Cumbria are coming together this summer to keep town centres safe. The project, called Safer Streets Summer Initiative, introduced by the Home Office, launched today (Monday 30 June 2025) and runs for three months.

The initiative will be locally led by Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Commissioner), David Allen, and includes partners such as Cumbria Constabulary, Cumberland

Council, Westmorland and Furness Council, Public Health, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, Remedi, The Well Communities and Cumbria Youth Alliance.

The project aims to highlight the positive partnership work taking place over the summer to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB), reduce and prevent crime and restore confidence in local and will focus on Carlisle, Whitehaven, Workington, Kendal, Barrow-in-Furness, Penrith and Ulverston town centres.

Some of the work that will be promoted throughout the next three months include: the work of the Restorative Hope Workers; the benefits of the Commissioner's Community Fund for local groups; partners' use of fines, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), and use of Community Protection Notice; youth engagement activities and diversionary activities; work with local drug and alcohol treatment services; work with local businesses to tackle retail crime; tackling knife crime; and protection and prevention measures in place to protect those enjoying the county's night-time economy.

Temporary Superintendent Annette McClement, Cumbria Constabulary said:

"The summer months can be an incredibly busy time for our county, with large numbers of people visiting our area to attend events and experience all that Cumbria has to offer. Therefore, it is also one of the busier periods of the year for our policing teams.

"The Safer Streets Summer campaign will highlight the work we and our partner agencies do to keep people safe in town centres across our county.

"Our force is committed to providing visible and effective neighbourhood policing to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

"It is vital to have the trust and confidence of communities for us to carry out our work to keep people safe. A recent national crime survey placed ourselves as the leading force in the country for understanding residents' concerns and highlighted the confidence people have for police in Cumbria dealing with issues that mattered to them.

"I would encourage everyone to follow our social media channels to find out more about the work we will do throughout the summer and updates on our activities." **Read more [here](#).**



Operation Spotlight road safety enforcement to target the Fatal Four

Cumbria Police is supporting a nationwide Fatal Four road safety campaign running throughout July - Operation Spotlight.

The operation targets the Fatal Four - speeding, using a mobile phone at the wheel, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs – and the April Operation Spotlight resulted in more than 150 arrests in the county.

[Op Spotlight: More than 150 drivers arrested in road safety operation across Cumbria - Cumbria Constabulary](#)

Inspector Jack Stabler of Cumbria Constabulary leads the Roads Policing Unit and is Chair of Cumbria Road Safety Partnership.

He said: “Our officers are on the roads 365 days a year targeting dangerous driver behaviour.

“However, Operation Spotlight gives us the opportunity to shine a light on the most dangerous factors which can result in deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

“I urge everyone to analyse their own driving behaviours and those of their passengers and loved ones. By taking a critical look at our own behaviour and the behaviour of those around us, we can save lives.”

Road safety is always a top priority for Cumbria Police. [Read more here.](#)



Police education programme rolls out across schools in Cumbria

An educational programme to improve children’s understanding of risks, citizenship and the law is being rolled out to schools across Cumbria. Pol-Ed is a suite of free educational resources created by subject matter experts to assist teachers of children, aged four to 18.

The programme has been live for two weeks with more than 100 schools already registered. To date, the resources have been used across 120 sessions reaching more than 3,700 students. The resources are being used in Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons - covering topics such as consent, bullying, grooming and balancing freedom and the law. The Pol-Ed programme has been used by several police forces since being developed by West Yorkshire Police in 2021.

The programme in Cumbria is funded by money seized from criminals and distributed to police forces via the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS). [Read more here.](#)

Opportunity to surrender 'Ninja Swords' ahead of national ban

Cumbria Police is supporting a national month-long “Ninja Sword” compensation surrender throughout July.

The surrender begins on 1 July 2025 and is being run prior to it becoming illegal to possess, supply, sell, manufacture, or import a Ninja Sword from 1 August 2025.

This is a surrender compensation scheme so people surrendering qualifying items will be entitled to compensation via the Home Office.

Chief Inspector Sam Turner of Cumbria Police said: "This is an opportunity for people in Cumbria to surrender their items before they become illegal, in a safe manner and without fear of repercussions."

"Ninja Swords" can be handed in at the following police stations throughout July:

Cumberland

- Carlisle
- Whitehaven
- Workington

Westmorland and Furness

- Barrow
- Kendal
- Penrith – Hunter Lane

People who hand in their "Ninja Sword" at a police station and are seeking compensation will be provided, upon request, with a Surrender Compensation form to complete.

(Those wishing to claim more than the standard compensation need to provide appropriate proof of ownership and purchase to support the claim, at the time of surrender.)

People are urged to take care in transporting their item to a police station. They should ensure they do so safely and in a way that does not cause alarm to others. The item should remain covered securely stored until a police officer or member of police staff invite the owner to unwrap or otherwise present the item.



Crime Figures

Further information can be found on [Police.Uk](https://www.police.uk)

[Click here to visit the website](https://www.police.uk)

Please note the data contained on [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) is not live time



Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	6	10	-4	-40.0 %
Burglary	2	5	-3	-60.0 %
Drug Offences	4	6	-2	-33.3 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	3		3	0.0 %
Possession of Weapons	2	3	-1	-33.3 %
Public Order Offences	7	4	3	75.0 %
Sexual Offences	4	6	-2	-33.3 %
Theft	13	21	-8	-38.1 %
Vehicle Offences	2	3	-1	-33.3 %
Violence Against the Person	36	25	11	44.0 %
Total	79	83	-4	-4.8 %

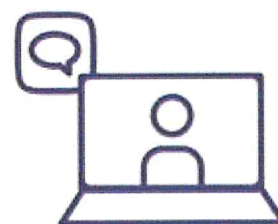
Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Cumbria safe.

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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