

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

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12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held 2026 at the Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at **7.00 p.m.**

Yours sincerely



**Catherine Parker**  
**Responsible Financial Officer**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Apologies**  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**  
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (pages 40 - 45).
- 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 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 9. Reports from Ward Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

  - i) Cumberland Council
  - ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative (if available).
- 10. Payment of Accounts**

To confirm the payment of accounts for February 2026 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated prior to the meeting) for:

  - i) The Town Council
  - ii) The Trusts
- 11. Quarterly Budgets**

To receive for information the quarterly budget comparisons.
- 12. Annual Risk Management Assessment**

To receive the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.
- 13. Review of Internal Control and Audit**

To receive the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.
- 14. Clerk's Report**

To receive the report of the Clerk.
- 15. Motorhomes**

To receive the report of Councillor Dunn.
- 16. Visitor Management Working Group**

To receive the report of the Visitor Management Working Group, and to appoint a Keswick Town Council Tour de France champion.
- 17. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
  - i) Keswick Flood Action Group – Councillor representative Claire Peat
  - ii) Keswick Tourism Association – Councillor representative Chris Houghton

**18. IT Policy**

To adopt the Council's IT Policy.

**19. 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 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at the Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick at 7.00 pm.

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**Present:**

**Chair**  
 Councillor Louise Dunn

<b>Councillors</b>		
Natalie Evans	Steve Harwood	Chris Houghton
Claire Houghton	Denstone Kemp	Benita Laphorn
Jean Murray	Claire Peat	Richard Scott
Lorraine Taylor		

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

**148. Apologies**

No apologies were received at this meeting.

**149. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2025 (pages 37-39).

**150. Requests for Dispensations**

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

**151. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

**152. Matters to be received from the Public**

A member of the public asked if the Town Council were able to do anything regarding the swimming pool in Keswick, following the recent announcement of the new Cumberland leisure contract, which was scheduled to last for 10 years with the exception of Keswick Leisure Centre, which was scheduled 3 years.

Councillor Harwood, along with Councillor Lansbury (Cumberland Council), explained that the contract had been drawn up this way was to ensure that there was time to work with the new contractor and evolve a potential programme of work with an long-term aim of reopening the pool. All being well the contract would then be extended through to the full length of 10 years. Although nothing was certain, it was hoped that the benefit to Keswick by refurbishing the pool would be seen by the new contractors, however there would be no progress until the new contract started on 1 April 2026.

***Councillor Kemp arrived at 7.08pm***

A member of the public brought up the general run down appearance of Keswick, with areas such as the Lakeshore, Calvert Way and the Railway path beginning to look tired and run down.

Councillor Harwood stated that he had written to Cumberland Council, requesting funding to help set up a 'Civic Pride' in Keswick to look at areas that needed to be improved, but the request had been rejected by Cumberland. The Tour de France, and associated increased tourism would be an ideal opportunity to press for funds for projects such as those. The Visitor Management Working Group were aware of a number of issues, and had a list ready in preparation of priorities to work on.

A member of the public spoke with regard to agenda item 17, the Christmas Lights event. They congratulated the Council on producing a successful Christmas Lights event in 2025, but was concerned about plans to downgrade the event. They agreed with a number of the suggestions which had been put forward in the paper for agenda item 17.

Councillor Dunn responded on behalf of the Events Committee. A point raised about the timekeeping of the event was well brought forward, but overall felt that given it was the Council Tax payers of Keswick who were paying for the events the Town Council ran, the focus was now very much local based, which is why one of the options brought forward was to look at moving it to a Wednesday, and making it a more traditional event.

Councillor Scott raised that the most important thing was to make it safe for all attending.

### 153. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Murray reported that redundancy notices had been served to members of staff at the Tourist Information Centre, as the LDNPA had been unable to secure alternative accommodation.

Councillor Dunn brought up the evening's announcement regarding the Tour de France stage beginning in Keswick, and was keen to ensure that the legacy which will be left behind had an overall positive impact on Keswick.

### 154. Outside Bodies Report

RECEIVED the report from the following representative:

- i) Keswick Youth Centre – Councillor representative Natalie Evans.

### 155. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2025/0239	T1 – Multi stem beech – Crown lift over summer house and remove 1 x stem touching summer house, marked with orange spray dot. T2 – Multi stem beech – Crown lift over summer house 21, Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5JU <i>Support – this relates to two multi stemmed beech trees within the Conservation Area which are having an impact on an adjacent summerhouse. We support the tree management proposals recommended by Julian Grave</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>
T/2025/0251	Tree work to be carried out, including creating clearance from buildings, clearance over parking areas, removing deadwood from a number of trees and felling any dead or unsafe tree Castlehead Medical Centre, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DB <i>Support – this relates to General Maintenance and Essential Risk Reduction works to a range of trees which have preservation orders and are within the Conservation Area alongside the access road and parking area to Castlehead Medical Centre. We support the recommended works as set out in the detailed Arboricultural Report prepared by Matthew Jones to be carried out by Paul Livesey of Precision Tree Servies</i> <b>SUPPORT</b>

- 7/2025/2037 Proposed ground floor extension to side of unit creating stockroom to serve the retail space. Demolition of the existing store room (originally a garage) Tarmac floor finish to external with jetwash areas formed Thermoplastic carpark areas indicated on floor finish  
Derwent Service Station, Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4JP  
*Support – we support the proposal in principle subject to the following observations: -*
- 1) *The site boundary on the site location plan does not currently include the area behind the dwelling at Yoden, which is included in the detailed plan as an extension of the parking area.*
  - 2) *Clarification should be requested to show that there is adequate turning space for the extremely long fuel delivery lorries and retail delivery vehicles around the rear corner of the new extension.*
  - 3) *The preferred design of the new extension would be to extend the profile of the existing roof over the new storage annexe in preference to a separate pitched roof. This would create more unified visual unit.*
  - 4) *We support the recommendation of the Countryside Officer regarding the fence height adjacent the public footpath at the rear*
- SUPPORT**

- 7/2025/2221 Change of use of guesthouse to a mixed use of guesthouse, holiday let or residential home.  
Laurel Bank, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ  
*Object*  
*We object to the “holiday let” element of this application as it contains no commitment to provide on-site management. We have no objection to the change to a residential home subject to a condition that it is occupied as an only or Principal Home i.e. not as a second home or for holiday letting accommodation.*  
*We completely support the representation submitted by the adjoining owner, P. Garner, who reinforces the argument we have frequently made that there are very real differences between B&B's, Guest Houses and holiday letting accommodation with no on-site management.*  
*We have submitted extensive reports on anti social behaviour in such situations. We consider that it is totally against the principle of Local Plan Policy 06, on Design and Development, which imposes a responsibility to ensure that the use does not have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of adjoining residents, etc. The only way this can be reasonably guaranteed is by insisting on provision of on-site management to create a similar situation as currently exists with its use as a guest house. This is a fundamental principle which goes beyond the saleability of a property.*
- OBJECT**

- 7/2025/2234 Single storey rear extension and extension of loft including proposed front and rear dormers, with detached garage  
Taiwan, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ER  
*Object*  
*Whilst supporting a significant part of the proposals we object to the fundamental principle of changing the hipped end roof form of this semi - detached dwelling. Whilst there are a variety of different properties on the Heads we feel the introduction of a gable end to this half is out of character with this largely symmetrical block.*  
*Note: if the other half of the semi proposed a similar change we would withdraw this objection.*

*We support the proposed single storey extension to the ground floor accommodation subject to any concerns of the adjoining owner given it is a projection on the joint rear boundary which could impact on the overshadowing of rear windows.*

*We support the proposed new garage at the rear of the garden. We have no objection to converting the loft space but this should be done sympathetically within the constraints of the existing hipped roof.*

**OBJECT**

- 7/2025/2235 Non-material amendment to application 7/2025/2074 (Rear extension to provide a larger kitchen/dining room, toilet and utility. Upstairs alterations to allow a midway bedroom, upstairs bedroom and office space) to change roof material from concrete tiles to slate, enlarge kitchen window, add 2 velux windows on front elevation, change dormer window to 2 velux windows on rear elevation, add solar panels to rear elevation, keep existing garage door on end elevation, add ensuite upstairs  
21, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT  
**No comments required**

- 7/2025/2236 Two storey extension, dormer addition to front roof and installation of pv panels to rear roof  
Rivington, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, CA12 5QB  
*Object*  
*Whilst the principles of what the applicant wishes to achieve is acceptable, the visual impact of the roof remodelling on the main entrance (North) elevation is totally out of character with the simple form of the existing dwelling and would have a detrimental impact on the entrance approach which is visible from the east side of Vicarage Hill. We support the principle of the new extension and other alterations proposed but we consider a serious reconsideration of the roof remodelling on the North elevation is required.*  
**OBJECT**

- 7/2025/2237 Change of use of existing use from B8 to a gym (Class E)  
Unit 2, Southey Hill Industrial Estate, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NR  
*Support*  
*We support the proposed Change of Use to a gym but would prefer the option of insulation being fixed to the underside of the roof instead of over the top.*  
*The existing access road to this site – Carding Mill Lane – is in extremely poor condition for the level of traffic accessing the services offered.*  
*We request that consideration be given to including a section 106 condition requiring the access road to be repaired to an acceptable standard. There is currently no formal footpath or streetlighting on this access road. We consider it essential that streetlighting should be provided for those accessing this facility on foot in hours of darkness*  
**SUPPORT**

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

**156. Mayor's Report**

**RECEIVED** details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 5th December 2025–8th January 2026.

**157. Reports from Ward Representatives**

**RECEIVED** reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council - Councillor Lansbury was in attendance. She brought up the marking of double yellow lines in the Back Streets, which has been moved to the end of this month.

The Cumbria Combined Authority has been set up in shadow form, and elections for Mayor will take place in 2027.

She also hoped that the Tour de France start will bring investment into Keswick, and was planning a proactive approach towards getting things done in preparation.

- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative. – **RESOLVED** that the report of the North Distinctive Area Parishes representative be received.

**158. Council Tax Base Confirmation**

**RECEIVED** the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

**RESOLVED** that the draft Council Tax Base confirmation be noted, with the expectation that it would not change.

**159. Budget for 2026/2027**

The draft Budget for the financial year 2026/27 was presented for approval.

**RESOLVED** that:

- i) the draft Budget for the financial year 2026/27 be approved; and
- ii) the precept for 2026/27 be set at £415,298.00 (Action – Responsible Financial Officer)

**160. Payment of Accounts**

**RESOLVED** that the payment of accounts for January 2026 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payment (Action RFO)

- i. For the Town Council, vouchers 231 – 253, amounting to £51,328.56 (fifty one thousand three hundred and twenty eight pounds and fifty six pence)
- ii. For the Trusts, vouchers HP146-FP169, amounting to £8,323.52 (eight thousand three hundred and twenty three pounds and fifty two pence)

**161. Keswick Ministries Forum**

**RECEIVED** the report from Councillor Dunn.

**RESOLVED** that Keswick Town Council withdraw its membership from the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum (Action – Clerk).

**162. Terms of Reference – Commercial Group**

**RESOLVED** to agree the Terms of Reference for the Commercial Group (for both Council and Parks Trusts) (Action – Clerk).

**163. Consultation Response**

- i. **RESOLVED** that delegated authority be given to the Visitor Management Working Group, with the addition of Councillor Dunn to respond to the Government Consultation on Visitor Levys (Action – Clerk);
- ii. **RESOLVED** that delegated authority be given to the Visitor Management Working Group, with the addition of Councillor Laphorn to respond to the Lake District National Park Partnership Plan consultation (Action – Clerk); and
- iii. **RESOLVED** that Keswick Town Council respond to the Environment Agency’s consultation on United Utilities’ license renewal, expressing concern over not being able to comment on flooding, and copying in Markus Campbell-Savours, MP and Cumberland Council (Action – Clerk).

**164. Christmas Lights Switch On/Events Minutes**

**RECEIVED** the report from Councillor Dunn.

**RESOLVED** that a consultation with residents be supported, and that the Clerk write a letter to Cumberland Council, requesting that they put removable barriers in place following advice from Cumbria Police (Action – Clerk).

**165. Police Report**

**RECEIVED** the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

**Prior to the following business the Chair moved the following 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’*

**166. Building Update**

**RECEIVED** the report from the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** that the amended approach be agreed, and the Commercial Group to look at the documentation in detail (Action – Clerk).

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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Chair

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Date

**Planning Applications received between 9/01/2026 - 12/02/2026**

<b>Plan ref</b>	<b>Reply by</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Proposed Development</b>
T/2026/0007	N/A	Hope Park, Golf Kiosk And Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DG	Conifer tree (marked with a red x on the map) over hanging woodland footpath - Crown lift branches over footpath to 2.5 metres. Lew tree (marked with a yellow x on the map) over hanging woodland footpath - Crown lift branches over footpath to 2.5 metres
T/2026/0008	20-Feb-26	20, Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AA	Fell 1 x conifer (T1). Crown raise 1 x conifer (T2)
T/2026/0014	24-Feb-26	3, Fenton, Keswick, CA12 4AZ	Remove 1 x dead silver birch. Prune the overhanging yew and laurel to a height of 8m
T/2026/0018	n/a - KTC	Hope Park, Golf Kiosk And Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DG	Fell x16 Common Ash trees suffering from Ash dieback within the woodland area of Hope Park, marked on the map as the following T132, T133, T128, T136, T137, T135, T134 and T030. These trees have been monitored over the last five years but are now in decline and we wish to remove them and replant new trees in their place
T/2026/0020	n/a - KTC	Lower Fitz Park, Station Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4NF	T046 Quercus cerris, remove cracked branch over river bank; T045 Aesculus hippocastanum, crown lift over footpath by 2.5 metres; T050 Fraxinus excelsior, fell due to Ash dieback; T093 Acer pseudoplatanus, fell due to Honey fungus
HRA/2026/0001	n/a	Denton House Hostel, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4JW	Prior approval for a pop-up camping site
7/2025/2189	05-Feb-26	Land at Vendace Court, Keswick, CA12 4EU	Erection of a single storey local occupancy dwelling - consult on amended plans
7/2025/2198	11 February 2026 - ext accepted	92 Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NH	Change of use of site to hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)
7/2025/2222	24-Feb-26	Lake Road Inn, 10, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5BT	The retrospective erection of a Anthracite grey pergola to the rear court yard of the Lake Road Inn Public House
7/2026/2001	18 Feb 2026 - ext accepted	The Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DJ	Proposed new lockable and roofed electric vehicle charging bay
7/2026/2014	06-Mar-26	Boat Repair Depot, Isthmus Bay, Keswick, CA12 5DJ	Erection of a building for the storage and maintenance of launch craft in association with Keswick Launch Company
7/2026/2024	11-Mar-26	19a, Blencathra Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4HT	Erection of approved garden store with minor amendments; replacement and alteration of garden boundary wall; widening of existing vehicular access

**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](mailto:townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk), prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 9/01/2026 & 12/02/2026

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2025/0239	Dec-25	21, Stanger Street, Keswick, Cumbria,	CA12 5JU	T1 - Multi stem beech - Crown lift over summer house and remove 1 x stem touching summer house, marked with orange spray dot.T2 - Multi stem beech - Crown lift over summer house	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2097	May-25	2-6 The Chief Justice Of The Common Pleas, Bank Street, Keswick	CA12 5JY	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 - 09.00-23.00	OBJECT	REFUSED	Appeal	
7/2025/2195	Nov-25	Twentyman Court, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4HQ		Replacement of 6 single glazed sash and case windows on the front elevation with double glazed sash and case windows	SUPPORT	REFUSED		
7/2025/2215	Nov-25	Castlehead Medical Centre	CA12 4DB	To carry out engineering operations to resurface and slightly enlarge the existing	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2234	Dec-25	Taiwan, The Heads, Keswick	CA12 5ER	Detached garage	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2235	Dec-25	21, Lakeland Park, Keswick,	CA12 4AT	Non-material amendment to application 7/2025/2074 (Rear extension to provide a larger kitchen/dining room, toilet and utility. Upstairs alterations to allow a midway bedroom, upstairs bedroom and office space) to change roof material from concrete tiles to slate, enlarge kitchen window, add 2 velux windows on front elevation, change dormer window to 2 velux windows on rear elevation, add solar panels to rear elevation, keep existing garage door on end elevation, add ensuite upstairs	No comments required	GRANTED		

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 19TH FEBRUARY 2026**

**MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE**

For period 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Tuesday 13 January	chaired Staffing Committee meeting
Thursday 15 January	attended regular catch up with Cllr Sally Lansbury (Cumberland)
Thursday 15 January	inspection of accounts
Thursday 29 January	meeting re community representation to National Park Authority
Friday 30 January	meeting with LDNPA to better understand planning constraints and possibilities for a park and ride on the edge of Keswick (as per the local plan).
Thursday 5 February	attended KTA meeting re tourist levy
Monday 9 February	attended Events Committee meeting
Monday 9 February	fundraising meeting re play area in Fitz Park

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATION**

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Budget Summary as at 31 December 2025 -3rd Quarter

<b>Expenditure:</b>	<b>AGREED Budget 25/26</b>	<b>Expenditure to 31.12.25</b>	<b>% of budget spent</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>
Salaries, Nat ins & Pension (18.6%)	131268	96,773	73.72	34495.00
Payroll - Outsource Costs	540	436	80.74	104.00
Rent	7100	1,775	25.00	5325.00
Building Service Costs	8000	-	0.00	8000.00
Repairs - Decorating/Carpets/Upgrades	500	232	46.40	268.00
Insurances	900	927	103.00	-27.00
Subscriptions	1100	1,000	90.91	100.00
STAFF - Conferences/Training	1985	337	16.98	1648.00
COUNCILLOR - Conferences/Training	650	30	4.62	620.00
Stationery	1000	484	48.40	516.00
Postage	250	200	80.00	50.00
Telephone, Website & Internet	1776	1,248	70.27	528.00
Photocopier/Printer/Scanner	2147	1,155	53.80	992.00
Computer maintenance/support	4602	2,218	48.20	2384.00
Office Equipment	200	-	0.00	200.00
Staff Expenses	250	164	65.60	86.00
Ex Employee Pension	1800	1,300	72.22	500.00
Health and Safety	70	-	0.00	70.00
Council Chamber/Meeting Expenditure	150	949	632.67	-799.00
Staff Recruitment Costs	200	0	0.00	200.00
Worknest	1336	1,561	116.84	-225.00
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>165824</b>	<b>110789</b>	<b>66.81</b>	<b>55035.00</b>

Room Hire due to Council Chamber being closed

<b>Income:</b>	<b>AGREED Budget 25/26</b>	<b>Income to 31.12.25</b>	<b>% of budget income</b>	<b>Budget Remaining</b>
Council chamber rental	100	0	0.00	100
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

To be allocated:	<b>165724</b>	<b>110789</b>
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<b>Allocation:</b>	<b>AGREED Budget 25/26</b>	<b>Allocation to date</b>
General Fund - (60%)	99434	66473
Hope Park - (20%)	33145	22158
Fitz Park - (20%)	33145	22158
	<b>165,724</b>	<b>110,789</b>

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Budget Summary as at 31st December 2025 - 3rd Quarter

Expenditure:	AGREED Budget 25/26	Expenditure to 31.12.25	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
General Administration	99434	66,473	66.85	32961.00
Grants to outside bodies	20315	20,315	100.00	0.00
Christmas Lights	35615	25,519	71.65	10096.00
Mayors Allowance	2000	1,500	75.00	500.00
War memorial	1600	1,295	80.94	305.00
Open Spaces	1000	750	75.00	250.00
Fitz Park - Grant from KTC (deficit)	<b>225988</b>	225,988	100.00	0.00
Communications (including Councillor surgeries)	600	360	60.00	240.00
Audit Fee/Accounts Preparation	2275	25	1.10	2250.00
Contingency Sum	3000	2,700	90.00	300.00
Keswick Events	8167	6,813	83.42	1354.00
Events Co-ordinator (inc email subscription)	6954	5,738	82.51	1216.00
Floral displays	600	600	100.00	0.00
Allotments Expenditure	2600	292	11.23	2308.00
Annual Parish Meeting (inc room hire & refreshments)	150	109	72.67	41.00
Advertising	490	241	49.18	249.00
CCTV Annual Maintenance Cost - Police	4200	2,033	48.40	2167.00
Elections	500	-	0.00	500.00
Grasscutting - Churchyards - TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY	4000	4,000	100.00	0.00
KCERP Support - General Fund	6500	6,500	100.00	0.00
KCHT - 2024, 25 & 26	3000	3,000	100.00	0.00
Card Reader	100	-	0.00	100.00
New External Notice Board	800	-	0.00	800.00
Reserves Top Up	20000	20,000	100.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE:</b>	<b>449888</b>	<b>394,251</b>	<b>87.63</b>	<b>55637.00</b>

Income:	AGREED Budget 25/26	Income to 31.12.25	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Precept	<b>401904</b>	401,904	100.00	0.00
Grant to Fitz Park - Cumberland	20000	20,000	100.00	0.00
Bank/Investment interest (inc War Memorial)	3000	5,626	187.53	-2626.00
Walker Park rent	14130	14,130	100.00	0.00
Allotments Income - Rent	600	945	157.50	-345.00
Keswick Events Contributions	8254	7,845	95.04	409.00
Christmas Light Contribution	2000	2,680	134.00	-680.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>449888</b>	<b>453,130</b>	<b>100.72</b>	<b>-3242.00</b>

Including Prepay

Designated Fund Balances	
Events Fund	<b>27,585</b>
K2T Toilet Contribution	<b>404</b>
Blue Finger Post	<b>40</b>

# KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

## Annual Risk Management Assessment

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Revised February 2026

Catherine Parker – Responsible Financial Officer

<b>KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT</b>					
<b>Key Decision Area</b>		<b>Establishment/Central Administration (Office)</b>			
<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Current Arrangements</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Action Amber</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>a) Insurable Risks</b>					
Council Offices	Buildings insurance arranged by Cumberland Council as landlord	No further action			*
	Contents organised direct by Town Council with Zurich	Policy amounts are annually revised for inflation			*
Accident – Member of the Public whilst on site (Public Liability)	Public Liability Insurance cover in place £15m	No further action			*
<b>Establishment</b>	<b>All covered within Zurich Policy</b>	<b>No further action</b>			*
Libel & Slander	Sum insured £250,000				*
Business Interruption	Sum insured – additional expenditure £100,000 – loss of Gross revenue £170,000	Hope Park, Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DJ			*
Money	Sum insured: – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of Non-Negotiable Money in the situations specified in items below - £250,000</li> <li>• Loss of money in custody of any member or employee or in transit by registered post (limit £250) or in a bank night safe £5,000</li> <li>• In the private residence of any</li> </ul>	No further action			*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>member or employee £500</li> <li>In the premises in custody of or under the actual supervision of any member or employee £5k</li> <li>In the premises in locked safes or strong rooms £5,000</li> <li>In the premises in locked receptacles other than safes or strong rooms £250</li> </ul>				
Fidelity Guarantee	Sum insured – all members and employees £1,000,000	No further action			*
Personal Accident	See <i>appendix A</i>	No further action			*
Civic Regalia (Mayoral chains of office x 2 & Deputy Mayors Jewel)	Sum insured £62,164	Revalued February 2018 – Northern Valuations, Kendal and details supplied to Vincent Liu at Zurich <b>Under All Risks items are insured anywhere within the UK postal code. They are insured whilst in a member’s home on the understanding that:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The member takes reasonable precautions.i.e. not leaving in plain site</li> <li>The member has informed their own insurance (home/contents)</li> </ul>		*	

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
Establishment cont. ....					
Tiled Mosaic – Subway Artwork, Lake Road	Sum insured £32,867	No further action			*
Street Furniture – Bins, Benches & Picnic Tables	Included in sum insured for street furniture – bins, benches & picnic tables - £24,581	No further action <i>Bus Shelter – New shelter built during 2019/2020 flood alleviation work – CCC now to take on full responsibility including insurance for this structure – Emailed Mathew Wanning (CCC) 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 for written confirmation – CONFIRMED THAT CUMBERLAND COUNCIL WILL BE TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY</i>			*
Subway Wall & Seating – Low Wall, Lake Road	Sum insured £9,294	No further action			*
Laptops – Office & Parks Managers	Sum insured £1,504	No further action			*
Council Office – as per asset register	Sum insured £11,912	No further action			*
Council Office Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Sum insured £6,134	No further action			*
Council Chamber Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Sum insured £7,017	No further action			*
Slate Seat Lower Lake Road	Sum insured £1,191	No further action			*
3 x Planters – Market Square & Derwent Close	Sum insured £6,721	No further action			*

<b>Establishment cont. ....</b>						
HP Copier/Printer leased item	Sum insured £17,348	No further action				*
SID (Speed Indication Device) – Chestnut Hill	Sum insured £8,682	No further action				*
CCTV Camera's (PCC) – Lower Main Street & Market Square	Sum insured £22,835	No further action				*
Water Colour – E Wake-Cooke	Sum insured £2,116	<b>Valued by Mitchells</b>				*
Bench – Manor Brow	Sum Insured £475	No further action				*
2 <sup>nd</sup> bench – Manor Brow	Sum Insured £518	No further action				*
Table Tennis Table – Fitz Park	Sum Insured £1,762	No further action				
<b>b) Third Party Arrangements</b>						
Internal Auditor appointed by Council under new Audit regulations following 'Lighter Touch Audit'	Regular internal audit work carried out to establish 'proportionate, affordable & sustainable' process to strengthen Council's own governance & to 'provide proper accountability for public money' and to enable the Council to 'properly address its risk and their management, the principles of good internal controls and the roles of internal & external auditors'.	No change				*
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>						
Back Up of Computer Information	Regular backups of Sage carried out and kept in safe. Arrangement in	2022 – Migration of data from NAS box to OneDrive carried out by KCS. Daily monitoring and backups plus				*

	place with KCS for to implement Datto 365 Saas protection plus backup of all staff and councillor emails etc.	mailbox backup			
Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	Standing Orders & Financial Regulations in place updated annually	No further action			*
Risk Assessments	In place	Review Risk Assessment Annually			*
Annual Budget including regular budget reporting	In place. Quarterly reports produced and circulated with agenda papers	No further action			*
Asset Insurance/Valuation	Assets register held inspected annually	No further action			*
Data Protection Act registration	Registered 01/04/06. Updated annually.	Town Council are registered. Training has been undertaken by Town Clerk & RFO. Procedures put in place by Town Clerk and archiving ongoing. Additional training took place in Spring 2022 for all office staff			*
HR & Health and Safety	5 year agreement with Worknest for legal advice and support pertaining to HR & Health & Safety	No further action			*
Unpaid Debts and Contract Issues	Debt Recovery and Contract Disputes Cover added to Zurich Policy May 2024	No further action			*

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT					
Key Decision Area	Current Arrangements	Comments	Keswick Parks (Hope, Fitz, Wivell & Townsfield)		
			Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>a) Insurable Risks</b>					
Accidents on site to members of the public	Public Liability Insurance cover in place £15m	No further action			*
Claim by members of the public e.g. collapsed seat, torn clothing, item falling on someone	Public Liability Insurance cover in place £15m Regular inspections take place.	No further action			*
Accidents involving children using designated play areas	Public Liability Insurance cover in place £15m Regular inspections take place	No further action			*
Injury to athletes	Liability left to individuals/clubs themselves	<b>Ensure all event organisers and athletic clubs organising events have appropriate cover</b>		*	
Impact damage to street furniture	Items covered under policy:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ornamental Gates, Walls &amp; Fences Sum Insured £15,337</li> </ul> Council stand loss re vandalism but counter claim possible.				
War Memorial	Sum insured £256,512	No further action			*
Buildings on site – Sports Clubs and Council (Parks) use	Buildings insured by Zurich:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hope Park £1,322,449</li> <li>Fitz Park £1,628,624</li> </ul> Contents in Council use buildings insured by Zurich	Properties (excluding Football clubhouse) revalued by Edwin Thompson 2013 & 2022. Copy of valuations supplied to Zurich. Buildings sum insured increases each year – index linked Proof of cover required from Sports Clubs supplied annually			*

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>Keswick Parks cont.....</b>					
	<p>Keswick Football Club insure buildings &amp; contents for clubhouse</p> <p>Contents to be insured by sports clubs/lessee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bowling Club</li> <li>• Sports Pavilion</li> <li>• Tennis Club</li> <li>• Football Club</li> <li>• Kiosk &amp; Café</li> <li>• Golf Hut</li> </ul>				
Loss of rent	Sum insured –Sum insured – Hope Kiosk & café £170,000	No further action			*
Wivell Bridge	Sum insured £521,166 Regular structural inspections organised by Parks Manager	No further action			*
Knight's Bridge	Sum insured £521,166 Regular structural inspections organised by Parks Manager	No further action			*
Play Equipment, CSA & BMX Track	Sum insured £380,934 Annual inspections carried out by ROSPA and Zurich. Any actions carried out by Parks staff with instruction from Parks Manager	No further action			*
Use of chainsaw	Only used by qualified staff member. Insured under All Risks Part C & Public Liability	No further action			*

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>Keswick Parks cont.....</b>					
Townsfild	Impact damage – covered under All Risks Part C (Ornamental gates, walls and fences)	No further action			*
Benches & Picnic Tables	Sum insured £24,581 – All Risks Part C Street Furniture	No further action			
Fitz Park – Garden equip, tools etc.	Sum insured £18,711 As per Material Damage – contents (a), (b), (c) & (d) – Zurich schedule	No further action			*
Hope Park Plant & Machinery – as per asset register	Sum insured £75,854 – All risks Asset register updated annually	No further action			*
Hope Park Open Spaces – Memorial Benches as per asset register	Sum insured £25,313 – All risks Asset register updated annually	No further action			*
Fitz Park Open Spaces – Memorial Benches as per asset register	Sum insured £20,846 – All risks Asset register updated annually	No further action			*
Fitz Park – Secure containers & Attendants Hut – Plant Machinery & Equipment as per asset register	Sum insured £15,337 – All risks	No further action			*
<b>b) Third Party Arrangement</b>					
Accidents to authorised contractors/workmen whilst working within the parks	Responsibility of contractors to arrange appropriate insurance cover	<b>Parks Manager to check contractors' liability details – counter claim would be made by Keswick Parks/Council if sued</b>		*	

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>Keswick Parks cont.....</b>					
Independent Examiner appointed by Trustees	Annual inspection of accounts to ensure compliance with SORP & Charities Act 2006	No further action require			*
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>					
Play Area, CSA, BMX Track & Parks Open Spaces	Annual inspection of Play Area, CSA & BMX Track carried out by ROSPA. Annual Inspection Contract carried out by Zurich contractor – as per Part K insurance schedule External Area Inc. Accessibility Assessment & checklist carried out by ROSPA every 3 years	Inspections carried out by Parks Staff/Manager at frequencies as stated in the Parks Risk Assessment – Inspection Policy Schedule Full documentation kept on file in office – Parks Manager delivers completed inspections to office at regular intervals			*
Inspection of seats and other Council/Keswick Parks owned property	Periodic inspections by Parks Staff	Annual seat/property inspections in place (as recommended). Memorials policies adopted January 2012			*
Tree Management for possible problems (falling branches etc.)	Regular checks carried out by Parks Manager. Annual Tree Survey carried out in parks and open spaces suitably qualified by third party contractor	No further action			*
Golf Hut – Staff security	Alarm bell & CCTV surveillance in place Responsibility transferred to lease holder	No further action			*

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>Keswick Parks cont.....</b>					
Crosthwaite Road – Community Car Park	Regular checks carried out by Parks Staff.  Car Park managed by Parking Infrastructure Services Ltd – responsibility of emptying pay machines and banking lies with the contractor	No further action			*
	Covered under Public Liability				

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT	
Key Decision Area	War Memorial

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>a) Insurable Risks</b>					
Public Liability e.g. if monument collapses on someone	Covered by Public Liability on Zurich policy – sum insured £15m	No further action			*
<b>b) Third Party Arrangements</b>	NIL				
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>	NIL				

<b>KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Key Decision Area</b>	Events & External Activities

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>a) Insurable Risks</b>					
Injury to person from accident on site	Public Liability in place via Zurich – Cover £15m	No further action			*
<b>b) Third Party Arrangements</b>					
Injury to individual performing or stall holder	Performers/traders/contractors to be advised to arrange suitable public/employers liability insurance cover & competed necessary risk assessments/inspection	No further action			*
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>					
Staging, stall & public safety	Suitably qualified contractors appointed to supply staging and stalls.  Barriers to be erected around the stage areas at a safe distance to be agreed in conjunction with contractors. Necessary signage put in place. Stewards to be appointed.  Risk assessment carried out by appointed person. Premises licence obtained from Cumberland Council (which includes notifying higher authorities & emergency services)	<b>Ensure risk assessments are adhered to</b>  <b>Ensure all contractors have suitable insurance cover</b>  <b>Follow any instruction/advise given by higher authorities</b>		*	

## KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

## Key Decision Area

Christmas/Festive Illuminations

**NOTE: FULL REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN INCLUDING PUBLIC CONSULTATION & CONTINUED TRAINING ON MARTYNS' LAW**

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
a) Insurable Risks					
Damage to property/person by falling festoon cable etc.	Public Liability in place via Zurich – Cover £15m	No further action			*
Electrocution by tampering or otherwise	Public Liability in place via Zurich – Cover £15m	No further action			*
Accident when helping with arrangements – members, employees & volunteers	Cover is limited to £500,000 any one person and £2,000,000 any one incident  Persons Insured: Employees – Capital Sum £50,000, Weekly Sum – This will be amended by Zurich to state '100% of weekly earnings'  Volunteers & Directors/Councillors Capital Sum £50,000 Weekly Cover £200 Cover Section 2 and 3 – Accident and Assault Cover	No further action			*
Damage to hired lighting displays whilst installed and in place	Sum insured £30,981	Amount reviewed each time new contractor is appointed via tender		*	

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
Christmas/Festive Illuminations cont.....					
<b>b) Third Party Arrangements</b>					
Negligence by Town Council's contractor	Copies of the following required from contractor prior to work commencing to cover any possible counter claim:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public &amp; employers Liability cover</li> <li>Risk Assessments &amp; Method Statements</li> </ul>	<b>No further action</b>			*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk Assessments &amp; Method Statements</li> </ul>				
	The responsibility for safe installation of all displays rests with contractors				
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>					
Accidental electrocution by member of the public	110v lamps with transformers used for Christmas Tree at lower level and safety barriers placed around the tree	No further action			*
Cross street displays falling down	Contractor instructed to carry out load testing no more than 6 months prior to installation, by a qualified contractor Contractor advised to supply and install wind resistant displays in the Market Square area	No further action			*

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT	
Key Decision Area	Allotment Site - Hawthorns

Identified Risk	Current Arrangements	Comments	Red	Action Amber	Green
<b>a) Insurable Risks</b>					
Accident – Member of the public whilst on site	Public Liability in place via Zurich – Cover £15m	No further action			*
Damage to property on site	None	Allotment holders to be responsible for insurance and safe keeping of their property on site			*
Accident when preparing site	See appendix A	No further action			*
<b>b) Third Party Arrangements</b>	NIL				
<b>c) Self-Governance</b>	NIL				

**Part O – Personal accident**

The cover		
Category:	Insured Persons:	Operative Time:
A	Employees	Engaged in Usual Occupation including Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of business
B	member	Engaged in the business including undertaking Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of business
C	volunteer	Engaged in the business including undertaking Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of business
D	key personnel as follows:	24 hours per day engaged in any activity worldwide not excluded from this cover.

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Excesses	
Excesses:	Not applicable

Table of benefits				
Benefit:	Category:			
	A	B	C	D
1. Death	5.00 times annual earnings	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£Nil
2. Loss of Limb (one or more) and/or Loss of Sight (in one or both eyes)	5.00 times annual earnings	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£Nil
3A. Total Loss of Hearing (in both ears) and/or Total Loss of Speech	5.00 times annual earnings	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£Nil
3B. Total Loss of Hearing in one ear	25% of 3A	25% of 3A	25% of 3A	25% of 3A
4. Permanent Total Disablement	5.00 times annual earnings	£50,000.00	£50,000.00	£Nil

5. Permanent Partial Disablement	See section 2.16	See section 2.16	See section 2.16	See section 2.16
6. Paraplegia	£75,000 if 1 is £50,000 or more, otherwise £Nil	£75,000	£75,000	£Nil
7. Quadriplegia	£125,000 if 1 is £50,000 or more, otherwise £Nil	£125,000	£125,000	£Nil
8. Temporary Total Disablement	1.00 times weekly earnings	£200.00 per week	£200.00 per week	£Nil
9. Temporary Partial Disablement	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil
Benefit Period – temporary disablement	104 weeks	104 weeks	104 weeks	104 weeks
Deferment Period – temporary disablement	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
Operative endorsements				
Endorsement title:	Endorsement wording:			
1	Special Exclusion 2 of Section 3 is inoperative provided always that the insurer will not make any payment of any benefit or in respect of any expense or loss arising from any Person Insured who has attained the age of 90 years unless such expense or loss arises during the period of insurance during which the Person Insured attains the age of 90			

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL  
REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROL AND AUDIT  
February 2026**

The regulations require councils to carry out an annual review of the effectiveness of their system of internal control and audit during the financial year. This review is an integral part of continually improving governance and accountability. The results of the review must be included in the annual governance statement which is Part 2 of the annual return. The review should, as a minimum, include making an assessment of each of the following:

- The scope of internal audit
- Independence
- Competence
- Relationships
- Audit planning and reporting

Ian Smithson was appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor in October 2025. This appointment was made to cover the next 2 years, with his final year being 2027.

Financial controls in place:

- The Town Council has fulfilled its statutory obligation to appoint a Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (LGA 1972 s 151). The RFO has made available a written record of all financial procedures which have been adopted by the Council and included in the Financial Regulations
- The supplier invoices are authorised with an initial by the Responsible Finance Officer/Parks Manager and countersigned by either the Responsible Finance Officer or Town Clerk. Invoices are coded to the relevant approved annual budget head and entered onto the payment list and posted onto Sage accounts.
- A monthly rota of two Councillors has been set up who, when signing cheques and BACS/Direct Debit payment authorities, counter check them to invoices and the schedule of payments approved at Council.
- Accounts are paid by the BACS system where possible or direct debit. Payments are entered onto the Sage Accounts system and made electronically. The payments are checked once again by the Responsible Finance Officer, prior to submission, to ensure that they correspond to the approved payments list. The payments are then submitted to suppliers and a copy of the Barclays payments report is attached to each approved payment list as an audit trail.

***The Council is asked to appoint two Councillors to carry out a review of the effectiveness of the current system. A copy of the Annual Review undertaken in 2025 is attached for information.***

**Catherine Parker  
Responsible Finance Officer**

## Keswick Town Council

### Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Financial Controls May 2025

The above review was undertaken by Councillor Kemp on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and Councillor Nelson on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

#### **Comments & Observations – Councillor Kemp: -**

I have read the internal audit report for the year ending 31 March 2025 and the financial regulations as updated April 2025 and I believe that the Council's system of financial control is in accordance with proper practices.

My only comment is that the liability of Cumberland Council to pay rent for Walker Park should be acknowledged in writing by Cumberland Council pending a formal agreement.

#### **Comments & Observations – Councillor Nelson: -**

The review was conducted on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. Based on this assessment, I am satisfied that the Council's audit arrangements are fully compliant with the regulations set out in *Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England* and are in accordance with the principles of 'proper practice' as defined by JPAG.

The internal audit of the Town Council, carried out by Mr. Ian Smithson in June 2024, resulted in no recommendations being made.

In conclusion, it is evident that the Council's financial controls are robust, diligently observed, and subject to appropriate oversight.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

19 FEBRUARY 2026

Clerk's Report

Keswick Hospital

I have recently had a query from a member of the public who has asked me to bring this to the attention of Councillors.

*Please can you tell me if Keswick cottage hospital is likely to close ??*

*When I tried to get an appointment last Monday , I was automatically transferred to Penrith hospital.*

*As I had had leg surgery I wasn't able to drive . Luckily I got an appointment at the doctors but it is a bit worrying.*

*My neighbour has also had the same experience this week after treatment in Carlisle hospital. She is finding it a bit difficult to get stitches taken out.*

*Would be interested to hear your thoughts.*

The hospital has recently had a number of days where the urgent care centre was closed. Councillors are asked if they would like to enquire about this further.

Binfluencers

I have been approached by a member of the public asking to give information about an animated film which is being created about the Binfluencers. The member of the public will be in attendance at the meeting to give information regarding this, and is seeking Town Council support for this.

Vivien Little

10 February 2026

**For Town Council:**

## **CAMPER VAN PARKING PROVISION IN KESWICK**

### **The problem:**

Camper vans are an increasingly popular way of travelling to the Lake District. However the increase in the popularity of this mode of travel and overnight stays is not being matched by provision of space for parking and waste disposal. Some camper van users are using spaces not intended for campervan overnight stays and this is resulting regular in issues (related to litter, human waste, fire risk etc.) in a number of locations:

1. Use of car parks e.g. Lakeside car park.
2. Creation of defacto camper van 'sites' e.g. Road to Portinscale. By Castlerigg stone circle.

### **What's new?**

A trend is now emerging of vans being occupied overnight on residential streets. The Town Council has been contacted by residents of Blencathra street and The Heads (see letters attached). These vehicles are parked legally in areas that are not intended for overnight stays, some with gas canisters/ fires in close proximity to other vehicles.

### **The solution?**

Given the popularity of camper vans, it seems appropriate for facilities to be provided in the National Park to accommodate them. KTC is supportive of the provision of Aires and waste disposal sites and this has been discussed previously.

However there has been difficulty in securing:

- Suitable locations in walking distance of the town
- The financial investment in necessary facilities (waste disposal and litter collection)
- An operator to run the facilities

### **What's being done?**

Cumberland council is responsible for parking enforcement in Keswick on the streets and council-run car parks. Their parking team has responded to KTC's concerns by:

- Placing signs re 'no overnight sleeping' at Lakeside car park. This has been partially effective, but there is little enforcement.
- A camper van strategy is being formulated to cover the whole of Cumberland. There is no clarity on when this will be ready.

### **Proposal for KTC:**

- Inform Cumberland that campervans are now parking in residential areas, as well as in car parks and the usual spots and request advice on how this might be discouraged.
- Request a time frame for delivery of the campervan strategy and express our support for increased facilities to cater to the volume of campervans.
- Offer to support Cumberland and the LDNPA in identifying suitable sites for campervan facilities or stand-alone waste disposal sites.

## E MAIL RECEIVED BY KTC 1 FEB 2026

Hello,

When you live in the backstreets of Keswick nothing is surprising when it comes to parking...



This large motorhome was parked, near a junction (NOTE: ON BLENCATHRA STREET) , for most of Saturday....then the blinds came down, the windows streamed up and the occupants settled down for the night. It isn't unusual for motorhomes and campervans to park here, very occasionally to be slept in even, but never right outside people's windows and never before in the middle of winter.

The problematic overnight parking of motorhomes and campervans is well known and has been raised before, but it was worse than ever last year. There appears to be a lack of enforcement (particularly in the Lakeside Car Park) and this, together with social media recommendations for 'free overnight parking' is contributing to the increasing numbers. Is there a policy to address this? If so it isn't working and that could possibly lead to even more overnight sleeping in the back streets. The residents and businesses already experience difficulties finding parking spaces and an ever increasing number of day/night visitors would make a parking permit scheme, for example, necessary, even if it isn't considered by the authorities to be so at present.

I'm a campervan owner myself and have friends who park off grid, but always legally (aires, lay-bys in Scotland or pubs that offer free parking if you buy a meal), responsibly and considerately. They leave nothing behind, the same cannot be said for some who come to Keswick.....the waste and rubbish left for us to tread in and clear up is the real issue.

Can I ask you and the Town Council to approach Cumberland and reiterate that the enforcement of the ban on overnight sleeping in inappropriate places is vital and there is an urgent need to develop a strategy to address it going forward. Maybe take advantage of the ever increasing numbers of campervans and motorhomes looking for overnight parking and waste disposal facilities by making such provision available and paid for which would generate income at the same time.

Yours,

Name and address redacted

E MAIL: THE HEADS 15 DEC 2025

I understand Cumberland are developing a strategy/policy for motorhomes. Do you know if there is any reference to air pollution from those that carry wood burning stoves? There was an awful smell emitting from this one on The Heads this morning, and 2 vans that were definitely being slept in given the window condensation.

Name and address redacted



Visitor Management Working Group: Minutes of Meetings

22.1.26

Present: CP, CH, RS, SH, VL

- 1) Joint review of LDNPP consultation on Local Plan – completed in meeting
- 2) Joint review of Government consultation on accommodation levy using briefing materials from CP & LD. Final draft to be submitted by VL.
- 3) Visitor Management “wishlist” – RS has created a list of priorities Keswick would like to see visitor levy funding spent on. To be further developed with potential costings in future.
- 4) Tour de France – SH due to meet with responsible portfolio holder 3.2.26, and will request further information on the process. Another VM meeting to be held 9.2.26, and request VL to set up an all-council meeting to discuss.

9.2.26

Present: CP, CH, RS, SH, VL

- 1) Council calendar of events in/affecting Keswick: Suggestions for improvement given to improve usability for internal use, and to publish externally with contact details hidden.  
RS to forward amendment list to VL
- 2) Cumberland Events Process – KTC to develop a “Keswick Code of Conduct” to be shared with Cumberland, and published on KTC website. To be shared with events organisers when SAG forms received. These will link to the areas of event impact, such as traffic, parking, accommodation, noise.  
VL & CH to produce a 1<sup>st</sup> draft.
- 3) Tour de France: SH met with Cumberland, who will appoint an officer, and are in process of setting up a working group that will have Keswick representation.  
VL to add TdF as a standing agenda item so updates can come to Council.

KCERP Keswick Town Council Report: Feb 2026

2025 was thankfully a year without flooding, but not without its challenges.

Office Relocation:

With the work needed on the Town Hall, we had to find temporary accommodation for a control base, kit storage, and office. We are incredibly grateful to Crosthwaite Church for accommodating us in their Parish Rooms, but look forward to returning to the Town Hall as soon as the works are complete.

Lengthsman:

We're into our second year having a lengthsman on board. We tweaked the funding to allow for some hours over the summer, preventing the culverts from becoming overgrown with weeds and brambles during the growing season. One of the issues we find is knowing who the landowners are for some of the culverts, but we are building knowledge and contacts as incidents arise.

Community Pump:

We discovered the community pump had been relocated to Highways' Lillyhall office. Lynne Jones and I went to try and negotiate its return in December, only for the engineer to have no record that the community had paid for the pump. Lynne has provided email trails with the Cumbria Lead Flood Manager at the time, but we need to follow this up. Keswick Ministries have agreed to store the pump in one of their garages at Skiddaw Street. There was some damage to the chassis of the pump so it was not on site when we went to visit.

Thirlmere:

KCERP has been working closely with KFAG regarding the flood management regime at Thirlmere. In December, we had an unexpected announcement that United Utilities had submitted their application to renew the abstraction licences specifically stating they would cease the releases that give storm space. We thank the Town Council for their support in objecting to the removal of this important flood relief measure. We have had 2 meetings including the Environment Agency and UU. In the most recent meeting, it was made clear that the release regime would not abruptly stop 1<sup>st</sup> April as expected. This is partially due to the licence process being slow, and not expected to be complete until September. All attendees at the meeting agreed that the releases should continue beyond the end of the current licence, until a new release scheme has been agreed and can be implemented. I am still unclear as to whether this means UU need to re-apply for the licence, to allow for a new consultation – as the removal of the KFAG releases is material to their current application.

The EA has commissioned a firm to model various scenarios that would allow for a forecast-driven release regime, which will take a few months to come back. For this to be a viable option, UU will need to ensure that all valves are fully operational – currently the upper scour valves are only tested blind operating one at a time for fear they may not be able to close them both again. UU have now commissioned a firm to cost the refurbishment/replacement of these original Victorian valves, and all are hopeful that this will go ahead. KFAG remain sceptical of the forecast-driven option, depending on

the quality of the forecast and UU's ability release sufficient water in advance of a storm. There are other obstacles to overcome, such as agreements with the landowners along St John's Beck who would need to agree to the amount of water released for flood relief if the beck goes out of bank.

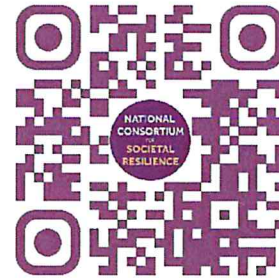
Operational Procedures:

The processes during a weather event are constantly being refined. This year, contact from Cumberland has been greatly improved. We are also reviewing communication channels to get the information from tactical and strategic group meetings during named storms, which has always been poor. CVS (Cumbria Volunteer Service) have stepped up to provide information, and have also set up regular meetings between coordinators across the county to share information, and have learning sessions. We'll be attending the EA's Penrith office in April to see their incident room, and understand the role of the duty officers who speak to us if the rivers reach various trigger points and when warnings are due to go out.

The amber weather warning in December was the first time we'd needed to look at setting up the control centre and deploying volunteers. The processes worked well, and thankfully town ended up just outside the band of disruptive heavy rain, despite Honister seeing over 360mm over the 48 hour period.

KCERP thanks Keswick Town Council for their continued support.

# Assessing the public value of societal resilience to disruption



Every £1 invested in societal resilience to disruption generates £35.12 of public value.

Our Social Return on Investment analysis reveals that helping individuals, communities, voluntary (VCFSE) and business sectors to become more resilient pays back more than thirty-five times over when a disruption occurs once every five years.

Whether the disruption is a flood, winter storm, industrial accident, wildfire, landslide, or a bout of severe weather, investing in resilience pays off.

## What resilience actually does

Investing in resilience strengthens people, places, and organisations so they can:

- **Avoid** disruptions by understanding risks and taking preventative actions.
- **Prepare** themselves, their household, their community, and their organisation.
- **Respond** together, with confidence, knowing what to do safely, when, and with the right resources.
- **Recover** quicker to reduce the impacts and get society back to normal sooner.

## How we reached the £35.12 figure

Our methodology was grounded in the lived realities of disrupted communities and the officials who prepare to help them.

- A **literature review** led to the selection of Social Return On Investment and a Theory of Change.
- **Evidence collected from 90 people** closely associated with disruptions – affected households, VCFSE, emergency planners, government.
- This led to a model with **74 measures** being refined through extensive consultation across the resilience sector.

The model offers a transparent calculation showing where investments in resilience are made and, as a result, where savings occur when a disruption hits.

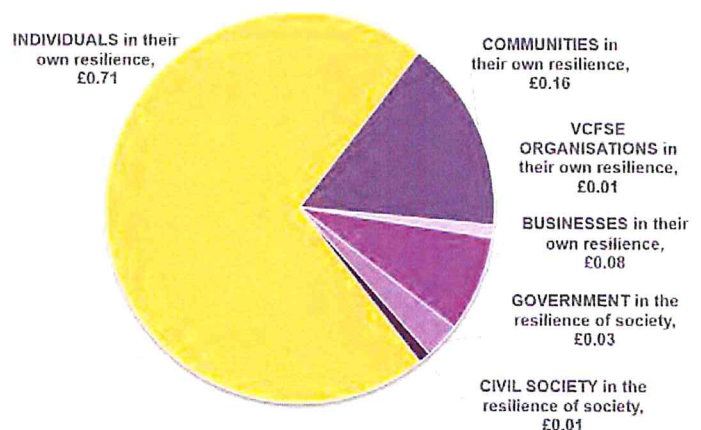
## Assessment

The assessment analyses:

- **24 investments** needed to strengthen societal resilience.
- **50 savings**, or avoided losses, from society being more resilient.

These are assessed for **individuals, communities, VCFSE, businesses, government** and **civil society**.

## Where the £1 is invested



The five largest investments for each £1 are:

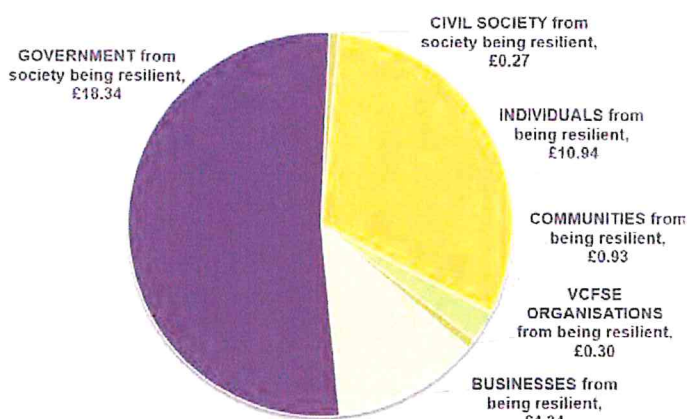
- £0.66 – household insurance.
- £0.05 – individuals improving their property.
- £0.05 – businesses insurance.
- £0.03 – community volunteer preparation.
- £0.03 – community volunteer equipment.

Government's extra investment is small – £0.026 (local government) and £0.006 (national) – but vital.

This is the investment to provide additional staff capacity to coordinate, guide, and facilitate society's

actions and negotiate grants for this – not to deliver business-as-usual resilience activities. Without extra government capacity, the effort of society would be less effective and £35.12 would not be saved.

### Where the £35.12 is saved



The five largest savings from avoided losses are:

- £7.75 – reduced lost economic value.
- £7.44 – reduced damage to homes.
- £7.06 – reduced non-fatal injuries.
- £3.59 – reduced direct costs to businesses.
- £1.72 – reduced psycho-social strain on people.

Despite its minor share of the £1, government benefits the most, saving £18.34 because strong societal resilience reduces the need for its emergency intervention and long-term support.

### What happens if disruptions happen more or less often?

Our baseline result assumes one disruption happens every 5 years. The public value from investing £1 diminishes as disruptions become less frequent (as savings are made less frequently), and increases as disruptions become more frequent (as savings are made more frequently).

In the unlikely situation of disruptions occurring every year then the return on a £1 investment in societal resilience would be £161.77. More likely, such as in Cumbria, disruptions happening every 5 years bring £35.12 of public value. Disruptions every 10 years still generate £18.10 in savings.

Savings for different 'times between disruptions':

Disrupted every 1 year	Disrupted every 2 years	Disrupted every 5 years	Disrupted every 10 years	Disrupted every 20 years
£161.77 saved	£84.59 saved	£35.12 saved	£18.10 saved	£9.48 saved

### The true value of resilience far exceeds £35.12

Whilst the resilience sector knows, intuitively, of its vital contribution to societal resilience, it has lacked

the quantitative evidence of its public value from that effort. Even now, the £35.12 figure captures only the benefits that can be monetarised so extensive public value remains uncaptured. Many vital contributions – such as long-term well being, community empowerment, and social cohesion – remain uncaptured by monetarised measures.

Being resilient offers even more value to people, property and places that are at risk and vulnerable and lack the awareness of what to do, the financial means to do it, or the agency to act. Investment is essential to unlock society's assets, knowledge, skills, and resources.

There is much goodwill available, but that alone cannot close the gap between the impact of a disruption and the abilities of vulnerable persons to protect themselves. Investment is essential for community coordination, training, and equipment.

### Using £35.12 in strategic conversations

Being resilient to disruption matters. Helping to create that resilience matters. Investing in resilience matters. Sometimes even without their knowledge, all of this matters to the most vulnerable parts of society.

£35.12 gives leaders clear evidence of the real benefit from investing in societal resilience to disruption. Now the sector can build cases for investing in societal resilience to disruption given that spending £1 will payback 35 times over.

### Investing £5,000 in a community group creates £176,000 of public value.

To put £35.12 into perspective, £1 invested brings benefits of £2.92 from UK construction, £3.98-4.12 from the NHS, £4.20 from physical activity, and £5.30 from investing in employee mental health. Societal resilience outperforms all these.

Use £35.12 to advocate for urgent, sustained investment in the resilience of society. Help society to help itself. Societal resilience offers extraordinary value – ethically, socially, financially.

**Project Team:** Prof Duncan Shaw and Dr Judy Scully (NCSR+, The University of Manchester)

**Commissioner:** Dr Carolyn Otley (Cumbria CVS)

**Full report:** [www.ambs.ac.uk/publicvalue](http://www.ambs.ac.uk/publicvalue)

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This project was supported by DEFRA/Environment Agency, via the Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience project, part of the £200m Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme (FCIP).



## **IT Policy**

**This document sets out Keswick Town Council’s guidelines and responsibilities for the use of email and secure Information Technology.**

**Vivien Little  
Town Clerk**

<b>Version control</b>	
<b>V1 drafted by Town Clerk</b>	<b>Approved XXX 2026</b>

**Based on a template from the Small Authorities’ Proper Practices Panel Practitioner’s Guide 2025.**

## **1. Introduction**

Keswick Town Council recognises the importance of effective and secure information technology (IT) and email usage in supporting its business, operations, and communications.

This policy outlines the guidelines and responsibilities for the appropriate use of IT resources and email by council members, employees, volunteers and contractors.

## **2. Scope**

This policy applies to all individuals who use Keswick Town Council's IT resources, including computers, networks, software, devices, data and email accounts.

## **3. Acceptable use of IT**

Keswick Town Council resources and email accounts are to be used for official council-related activities and tasks. Limited personal use is permitted, provided it does not interfere with work responsibilities or violate any part of this policy. All users must adhere to ethical standards, respect copyright and intellectual property rights, and avoid accessing inappropriate or offensive content.

## **4. Device and software usage**

Where possible, authorised devices, software, and applications will be provided by Keswick Town Council for work-related tasks.

Unauthorised installation of software on authorised devices, including personal software, is strictly prohibited due to security concerns.

## **5. Data Management and Security**

All sensitive and confidential Keswick Town Council data should be stored and transmitted securely using storage provided by the Council's IT provider. Regular data backups should be performed to prevent data loss, and secure data destruction methods should be used when necessary.

## **6. Network and internet usage**

Keswick Town Council's network and internet connections should be used responsibly and efficiently for official purposes. Downloading and sharing copyrighted material without proper authorisation is prohibited.

## **7. Email communication**

Email accounts provided by Keswick Town Council are for official communication only. Emails should be professional and respectful in tone. Confidential or sensitive information must not be sent via email unless it is encrypted. Encryption is provided by Keswick Town Council's IT providers.

Be cautious with attachments and links to avoid phishing and malware. Verify the source before opening any attachments or clicking on links. If you have any queries contact the Clerk or Responsible Financial Officer first.

#### **8. Password and account security**

Keswick Town Council users are responsible for maintaining the security of their accounts and passwords. Passwords should be strong and not shared with others.

#### **9. Mobile devices and remote work**

Mobile devices provided by Keswick Town Council should be secured with passcodes and/or biometric authentication. When working remotely, users should follow the same security practises as if they were in the office.

#### **10. Email monitoring**

Keswick Town Council reserves the right to monitor email communications to ensure compliance with this policy and relevant laws. Monitoring will be conducted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and GDPR. In the case of Freedom of Information/Subject Access Requests, the Clerk will if necessary contact the Council's IT provider in order to access information stored in email or on Council's servers to fulfil in the legal obligation of completing the request.

#### **11. Retention and archiving**

Emails and documents held on Council servers should be retained and archived in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements. Regularly review and delete unnecessary emails to maintain an organised inbox.

#### **12. Reporting security incidents**

All suspected security breaches or incidents should be reported immediately to the designated IT point of contact for investigation and resolution. Report any email-related security incidents or breaches to either the Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer (or Parks Manager in the case of parks staff) immediately.

#### **13. Training and awareness**

Keswick Town Council will provide regular training and resources to educate users about IT security best practices, privacy concerns and technology updates. All employees and councillors will receive regular training on email security and best practices.

#### **14. Compliance and consequences**

Breaches of this IT and Email policy may result in the suspension of IT privileges and further consequences as deemed appropriate.

## **15. Policy review**

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Updates may be made to address emerging technology trends and security measures.

## **16. Contacts**

For IT-related enquiries or assistance, users can contact staff in the office in the first instance. Staff will then escalate to the Council's IT provider if required.

All staff and councillors are responsible for the safety and security of Keswick Town Council's IT and email systems. By adhering to this IT and Email Policy, Keswick Town Council aims to create a secure and efficient IT environment that supports its mission and goals.

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**From:** Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** ?? January 2026 16:02  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Your Policing Update: Cockermouth and Keswick

[View as a webpage / Share](#)



## Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

December 2026

### New Sergeant joins policing team

Sergeant Josh Brown has recently joined the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Sergeant Brown has nearly 10 years of policing experience working in roles across Allerdale, he started his careers as as a PC in Workington and enjoyed the variety each day brought. He worked as a community officer for Keswick before moving to Wigton where he enjoyed getting stuck into local issues and challenges they faced.

Speaking about his time he said "After policing Wigton I moved on and was promoted into an acting sergeant role on response, which has last on and off for 4 years until I was promoted.

I was up for a new challenge and to learn another area of policing so started the NPT Sgt role very recently, I look forward to getting stuck into any local issues and getting to know the community. My work ethic is clear, I want residents of Workington to know we are here and in their communities looking to tackle criminality and provide a safe environment for them to live.



***Sergeant Josh Brown - Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team***

## Essential News and Updates

### Police and Communities Together Survey (PACT)

**Residents of Cockermouth, Brigham and Broughton.**

If you have any ongoing neighbourhood problems in your area and would like us to consider them, or would like to meet with us to discuss them please fill out the linked community survey.



This survey closes on Sunday 1st February 2026

Click here - [Cockermouth Police And Communities Together. Community Priority Survey.](#)

**Operation Limit: More than 160 arrests as drug and drink drivers targeted**

More than 160 drivers were arrested for drink or drug driving on Cumbria's roads during December, as part of Cumbria Police's Operation Limit.



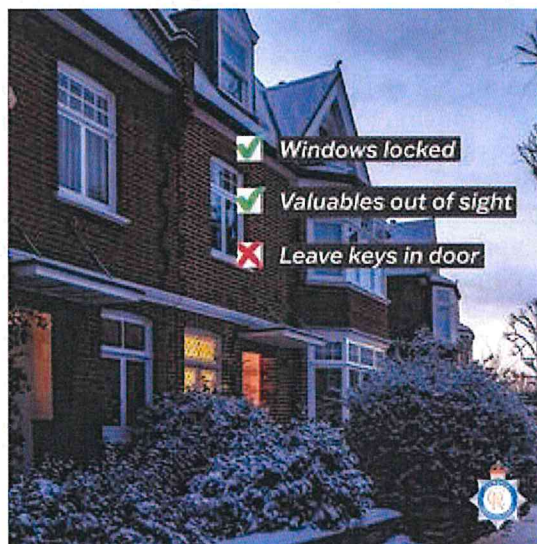
A total of 94 drivers were either arrested for being over the prescribed limit for drugs or being unfit through drugs, whilst 50 were arrested on suspicion of drink driving, being unfit through drink or being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle.

A further 21 were arrested for either failing to provide a specimen for analysis or failing to comply with a drugs wipe. [Read more here.](#)



**Over 200 arrests made during operational activity over Christmas and New Year**

Officers have made over 200 arrests during the festive period as part of efforts to keep people across Cumbria safe throughout Christmas and New Year.



**🏠 Keep your home secure this winter!**

As the nights draw in, burglars look for easy opportunities. Make sure your home isn't one of them.

Lock up, light up, and keep valuables out of sight.

Read more here

Read more advice here

## Celebrating Our Public Sector Champion 2025: PCSO Pete Nichol

We're proud to announce that PCSO Pete Nichol has been named Public Sector Champion 2025!

This award recognises individuals in public service who go above and beyond to support, protect and uplift their communities and Pete is a shining example of that commitment.

Through his dedication, compassion and proactive approach, Pete has made a real and lasting difference to the people he serves. His focus on inclusion, safety and community wellbeing reflects the very best of policing values.

Congratulations, Pete, a truly deserving winner!

Hear more from Pete [here](#).



## Community pay back

On 3 January, a young person conducted a litter pick in Memorial Gardens, Cockermouth.

Due to them acting in an anti-social manner and causing damage.

Life choices, Always do your best to make the right ones and always do your best to learn from the wrong ones.

We encourage people to report any anti-social behaviour that they may see or are aware of.



## Raising awareness of wildlife crime

On 21 December, local wildlife officers PC Alex and PCSO Pete attended the [Lake District Wildlife Park](#) to help raise awareness of wildlife crime and the illegal animal pet trade.

Working alongside wildlife experts, the officers reinforced the message that protecting animals is a shared responsibility. Visits like this help strengthen partnerships between the Police, conservation organisations, and the public to ensure wildlife is protected for future generations.



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## Cockermouth coffee morning



On 21 January, PCSO Parker attended the Cockermouth coffee morning group.

This group is so inviting and everyone always makes you feel welcome.

[Visit our news website here](#)

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## Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

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### Operation targeting retail crime



In December, our officers have been out and about across the county tackling retail crime, supporting local businesses, and helping to keep shoppers and road users safe.

Recently, we were in Keswick, carrying out high-visibility patrols to deter theft, reassure retailers, and conduct spot checks on traffic during the busy festive period.

Our aim is to ensure everyone can shop, travel, and enjoy local events safely, whether on foot, in store, or on the road.

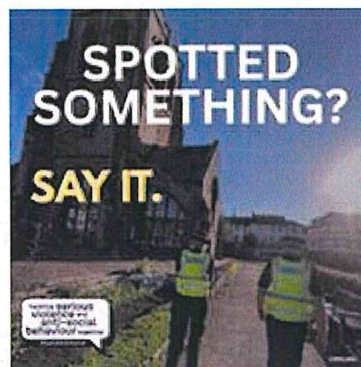
*Click the image to watch the video.*

## Operation Enhance keeping you safe in hotspot areas

Officers continue to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in our hotspots as part of Operation Enhance.

Across the county, ASB has fallen by 18.6% in the 15 hotspot areas between 1 August 2025 and 30 November 2025.

Our Officers were out speaking to residents and businesses over the festive season to ensure any concerns are addressed and that we are visible in our communities. See us hit the streets in our [local patrol videos](#) on social media.



Do you have any assumptions about Operation Enhance? Inspector Damien Mottram covers all your burning questions about the extra patrols in our [assumptions video](#).

Officers are out as part of Operation Enhance seven days a week across Cumbria. You might not always see us, but we're there – with officers deployed daily in hotspot areas, tackling anti-social behaviour and serious violence. We're out there, keeping communities safe. Want to see us in action? Head over to our [Facebook page](#) for videos of us out on patrol.

The Operation has been made possible thanks to £1 million of extra funding secured by David Allen, Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner from the Government's Hotspot Response Fund.

As part of the operation, the public is encouraged to report anti-social behaviour by visiting the constabulary's website <https://orlo.uk/gKvGc> or our non-emergency number 101. In an emergency always call 999. Information and intelligence from the public is vital so we can work together to tackle issues in their communities.

Find out more about Operation Enhance: <https://orlo.uk/ec9p7>

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## Upcoming community police events

### Cockermouth Library

 Fri 13 February 2026

 3:00PM - 4:00PM

### Keswick Library

 Thu 22 January 2026

 2:00PM - 3:00PM

 Tue 17 February 2026

 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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

[Visit your area](#)



## Your local officers

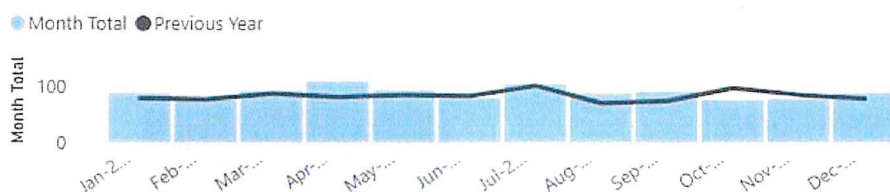
Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.

[Meet your local officers](#)

## Crime Figures

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

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	4	6	-2	-33.3 %
Burglary	3	4	-1	-25.0 %
Drug Offences	4	2	2	100.0 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5	6	-1	-16.7 %
Possession of Weapons	1		1	0.0 %
Public Order Offences	8	6	2	33.3 %
Robbery	1		1	0.0 %
Sexual Offences	3	6	-3	-50.0 %
Theft	17	7	10	142.9 %
Vehicle Offences	3	3	0	0.0 %
Violence Against the Person	39	38	1	2.6 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12.8 %</b>



## Join us!

### Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

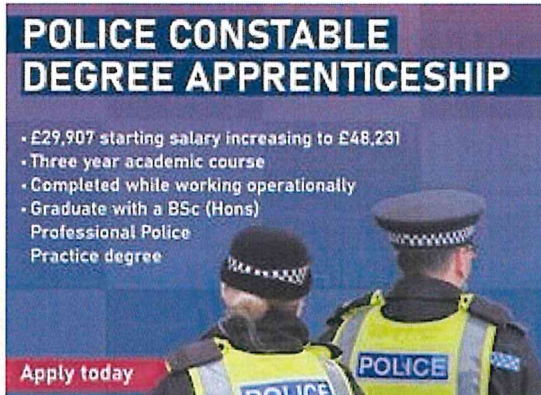
You could make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe.

Not sure if policing is for you? [This short quiz should be able to help](#) ↓

Take the quiz

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## 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. You will then go onto to your allocated station.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## 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.

Find out more

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