

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

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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9th April 2026

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Meeting Room, Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick on **Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 19th March 2026 (pages 52-55).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

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

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

5. Matters to be received from the Public

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

6. Matters to be raised by Councillors

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

7. Applications for Development

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

8. Mayor's Report

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th March 2026 – 9th April 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

10. Payment of Accounts

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

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

11. Budget Summary Comparisons as at 31st March 2026

To receive budget comparisons for the 4th Quarter.

12. Annual Review of Revised Financial Regulations

To receive the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

13. Clerk's Report

To consider the report from the Clerk.

14. Visitor Management Working Group

To receive for information the notes of the latest Visitor Management Working Group meeting.

15. Tour de France

To receive an update from Councillor Harwood.

16. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- i) Sustainable Keswick – Councillor Natalie Evans.

17. Police Report

To receive the newsletter of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

Prior to the following business the Chair will move 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’

18. Tour de France update

To receive an update from Councillor Harwood.

To: All Councillors, Press, Police

**KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held at the Quaker Meeting House, Elliot Park, Keswick on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair

Councillor Natalie Evans

Councillors

Steve Harwood	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 two members of the public.

186. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dunn and Chris Houghton. Their apologies were noted and received.

187. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 19th February 2026 (pages 46-51).

188. Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensation were received.

189. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Harwood gave a personal explanation with regard to planning application 7/2026/2026, as he was a Trustee of the Battersby Trust, who owned Moot Hall. He would remain in the room and vote on the item.

190. Matters to be received from the Public

No matters were raised by the public at this meeting.

191. Keswick Mountain Festival

RECEIVED an update from Richard Pearson, from Keswick Mountain Festival, on progress towards this year's festival. Councillors were given the opportunity to ask a number of questions.

192. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Taylor had been contacted by a member of the public who was concerned by anti-social behaviour caused by youths on bikes. It would be followed up on by the Clerk and Councillor Taylor (Action – Clerk).

193. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2026/0026	<p>Crown lift two holly trees to 4 metres numbered 1& 2 on map remove downy birch numbered 3 on map remove decayed/split limb from horse chestnut numbered 4 on map Upper Fitz Park, Station Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4NF <i>Declared interest</i></p>
7/2025/2193	<p>Change of use of garage to one additional holiday letting bedroom to be used as part of the apart-hotel. Alteration to layout of apart-hotel to reduce the number of bedrooms. Repairs and renovation of main front porch of dwelling Lairbeck House, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB <i>Support – Lairbeck House was approved for use as an “Aparthotel” in 2023. The original submission has been superseded with some minor changes. The proposal to convert an existing garage to provide one additional holiday letting bedroom (reduced from two) is supported. We also support the proposed layout of the Aparthotel to reduce the number of bedrooms and the renovation of the main entrance porch</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2026/2020	<p>Proposed two-storey side extension & internal alterations 8, Latrigg Close, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LB <i>Support – we support the design of the new extension to provide improved living accommodation with enhanced energy conservation measures which is in keeping with the style of the existing dwelling.</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2026/2026	<p>Replacement of an existing internal commercial kitchen extractor hood and replacement of an existing extractor wall fan. The proposed works are like-for-like replacements in the same locations as the existing installations. No new openings will be formed and no historic fabric will be removed or altered beyond the existing penetrations. The external appearance of the building will remain unchanged- Listed Building Consent application Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick, CA12 5JR <i>Support – the proposed changes will have no visual impact on the external appearance of this historic building in the Town Centre.</i> SUPPORT</p>
7/2026/2033	<p>Proposed rear extension to dwelling – CLPUD – Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development Burnmoor, Eleventrees, Keswick, CA12 4LW <i>No comments required</i></p>

- 7/2026/2042 Partial refurbishment of Senior Citizens Club; installation of solar PV panel to roof and installation of air source heat pump to external elevation
Drop In Centre, Keswick Senior Citizens, Heads Road, Keswick, CA12 5HA
Support – this proposal incorporates solar PV panels on the South East facing roof and a new air source heat pump to improve the energy efficiency of the existing building
SUPPORT

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

194. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 13th February 2026 – 12th March 2026.

195. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council Representative – Councillor Lansbury (Cumberland Council) was in attendance, and gave an update on progress of the Cumbrian Combined Mayoral Authority, or CCA. The first meeting had taken place, and would have full functionality from 1st April 2026, with the Mayor to be elected in May 2027. She also gave an update on the work from the Tactical Visitor Management Group at the LDNPA, which had produced a plan for Borrowdale this season, and consulted with parishes, but not Keswick Town Council. The Clerk was to arrange for the North Area Ranger to attend a future Visitor Management Working Group meeting (Action – Clerk).
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – **RECEIVED** the report of the Lake District North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

196. Consultations

- i) **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the Crosthwaite Road Traffic Consultation, supporting the plan (Action – Clerk); and
- ii) **RESOLVED** that individual Councillors pass their comments to the Clerk, who will respond to the consultation (Action – Clerk).

197. Assets Register

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

198. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for March 2026 (Action – RFO) as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments for:

- i) The Town Council, vouchers 277 – 296, amounting to £31,954.87 (thirty one thousand nine hundred and fifty four pounds and eighty seven pence)
- ii) The Trusts, vouchers HP191 – FP213, amounting to £15,343.54 (fifteen thousand three hundred and forty three pounds and fifty four pence)

199. Visitor Management Working Group

RECEIVED the report from Councillor Peat.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The Clerk write to Cumberland Council, requesting that we have a guaranteed enforcement team in the town seven days per week, with the ability to cover the whole town, not just a single sweep of the area. This request is specifically made for within the boundaries of Keswick, and is not made on behalf of the parishes that share the CA12 postcode, and have their own separate issues (Action – Clerk); and
- ii) The Clerk request that Cumberland’s event management team inform the parking enforcement team of all events planned in Keswick, so that adequate staffing levels are in the town, and there is awareness of when car parks are partially closed, which can cause knock-on issues around the town (Action – Clerk).

200. Events Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 9 February 2026.

201. Staffing Committee

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 28 October 2025.

202. Police Report

RECEIVED the newsletter 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’

203. Building Update

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the recommendation in the report be agreed (Action – Clerk and RFO).

204. Change in Accountant

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Responsible Financial Officer get a second quotation for the work, and be given delegated authority to make the best decision on behalf of the Council (Action – RFO).

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chair

Date

Planning Applications received between 13/03/2026 - 09/04/2026			
Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
T/2026/0046	14-Apr-26 - ext accepted	3, Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AB	T1 - Fell 1 x Red Cedar - outgrown garden - Tree Work in Conservation Area
T/2026/0048	17-Apr-26	6, Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AA	T1 - Cypress - reduce by 4 to 5 mtr to previous reduction height. T2 - Cedar - reduce by 1 to 2 mtr to previous reduction height
T/2026/0060	05-May-26	Highfield Hotel, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ER	Tree 1: mature monkey puzzle at front of property. Tree 2: mature/ dying fruit tree. Tree 3: Dead larch tree. Specification of works, Tree 1: remove dead wood/branches and low over hanging branches, Tree 2: fell due to tree dying/ unsafe, Tree 3: fell due to tree dying/ unsafe
7/2026/2029	10-Apr-26 - ext accepted	Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick, CA12 5JR	Installation of non-illuminated painted timber signage within existing archways, replacing existing signage. No fixings to historic stonework.
7/2026/2030	10-Apr- 26 - ext accepted	Moot Hall, Market Square, Keswick, CA12 5JR	Replacement of existing signage with two non-illuminated fascia signs displaying the business name "Twisted Willow" and willow tree logo (Advertisement application)
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing, prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.			

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 13/03/2026 & 09/04/2026

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
HRA/2026/0001	February-26	Denton House Hostel, Penrith Road, Keswick,	CA12 4JW	Prior approval for a pop-up camping site	No comments required	Temporary Consent Granted		
T/2026/0008	January-26	20, Manor Park, Keswick	CA12 4AA	Conifer tree (listed as T1 in notification) - Fell to ground level, Conifer tree (listed as T2 in notification) - Crown raise to 2.5m, from ground level	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
T/2026/0014	January-26	3, Fenton, Keswick	CA12 4AZ	Silver Birch trees (marked with green dot in application) - Fell to ground level	NEUTRAL	GRANTED		
T/2026/0018	February-26	Hope Park, Golf Kiosk And Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick	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.	Declared interest	GRANTED		
T/2026/0020	February-26	Lower Fitz Park, Station Road, Keswick	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	Declared interest	GRANTED		
T/2026/0026	February-26	Upper Fitz Park, Station Road, Keswick	CA12 4NF	2 x Holly trees (listed as 1 & 2 in notification) - Crown lift two holly trees t	Declared interest	GRANTED		
7/2025/2189	October-25	Land at Vendace Court, Keswick	CA12 4EU	Erection of a single storey local occupancy dwelling	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2025/2193	October-25	Lairbeck House, Vicarage Hill, Keswick	CA12 5QB	Change of use of garage to one additional holiday letting bedroom to be used as	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2198	January-26	92 Main Street, Keswick	CA12 5NH	Change of use of site to hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2026/2033	February-26	Burnmoor, Eleventrees, Keswick	CA12 4LW	Proposed rear extension to dwelling	No comments required	Certificate of Lawfulness Granted		

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 16TH APRIL 2026

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 13th March 2026 to 9th April 2026

This month the Mayor has not been as active as usual at face to face meetings as recovering from knee surgery. The Deputy Mayor chaired the KTC meeting on 19 March.

Wednesday 1st April

Meeting with Julie Edmonson from the Keswick Binfluencers

Wednesday 1st April

Meeting with Cumberland (with Steve Harwood) re Keswick Pool and Leisure centre

LDNPA Report for the North Lakes
Issue 26 – March 2026
peter.walter@lakedistrict.gov.uk

For this newsletter I thought I would give you a bit of an insight into what is involved in being a Member of the LDNPA.

Here is what has been in my diary this month:

DCC

The monthly Development Control Meeting in Kendal. The length of this meeting is dependent on what applications have to be decided, but typically lasts about three hours. I typically allow half a day to do the preparation.

Authority Meeting

At our quarterly meeting in Kendal we heard about future funding from DEFRA, discussed the new Business Plan and reviewed our financial strategy. I had proposed a new format for the business plan, to make *actions* clearer and easier to understand/monitor. I was pleased to see that Officers took my ideas on board and the new format seems to have been welcomed. The business plan is a public document available in the [meeting papers](#).

Community Transport Conference

The Quiet Site in Ullswater, was the venue for this event hosted by SITU (Sustainable Integrated Transport for Ullswater) and Action with Communities in Cumbria, which brought together a number of successful community transport initiatives from Cumbria and beyond. It was great to hear about exciting projects including one from the Peak District that is hoping to get £20 million of funding, to trial a new approach to integrated public transport in the Hope Valley. They are modelling the approach on Switzerland and have nick-named the project Mini Switzerland. It shows what could be possible here, and if you would like to see the report just drop me a line.

Grazing for Good

A group of local farmer organisations, under the banner 'Grazing for Good', have commissioned academics to better understand (and perhaps challenge) the Natural England guidelines around sheep stocking levels. I joined this project's meeting at the Braithwaite Institute, which included farmers, land owners and a range of stakeholders. The issue of stocking levels is a very complex one and a 'hefting strategy' is currently being developed.



Community Transport Conference



Grazing for Good meeting

Lee Schofield: Penrith to Kendal Arc

I attended (in a personal capacity) a presentation hosted by Natural Kendal, in which Lee talked about what is one of the largest nature restoration initiatives in the country. 'Covering around 5% of the Lake District National Park, the project brings together 39 land managers to improve wildlife habitats, public access and community engagement across the landscape'. It's controversial however, with some people describing the treatment of tenant farmers as 'the Cumbrian Clearance'. The nature recovery is fantastic, but it's hard to know what is actually happening on the ground with local farm tenants - but I am keen to learn more.

National Park Partnership Meeting

These meetings usually run from 10am to 3pm and are a great opportunity to talk to key people from all our Partners, face to face: which is so much more productive than endless email trails. We discussed some changes to the Partnership Plan that have been suggested following the public consultation, and discussed the detailed actions that Partners will deliver over the first two years of the plan. This will all be published when the plan is approved by the LDNPA later in the year.

'Tourism for Good'

...was the theme of a Cumbria Tourism meeting I attended at Reghed. CT holds these meetings a few times a year, and like the other meetings I attend, a key benefit of going is the conversations I have with key people from many different quarters. CT are very good at promoting the 'big numbers' – like the fact that 28% of the jobs in Cumbria are supported by tourism, a figure that will be higher within the National Park but I am pleased to see that we are now having a more honest conversation about the challenges visitor numbers bring – as well as the benefit.

Community Enquiry

Councillors in Buttermere, Keswick, Above Derwent and Borrowdale will know all about the project Action with Communities in Cumbria are doing. I have joined the Chairs of those councils on a couple of meetings recently, as part of the Steering Group that provides oversight to the project.

Coast to Coast opening

The Coast to Coast has finally been accredited National Trail status and I went to an 'opening' event at Ennerdale. The path has benefited from a major upgrade over the last few years which involved negotiating with numerous land owners to make route improvements, new bridges being installed, styles and gates being improved and businesses and communities engaged.

Walking meeting ☺

Finally, I joined Deputy Chair, Jim Jackson, and new Member, Mark Hatton on a tour of Coniston Copper mines. Mark is a well know historian and as well as talking all things finance, we were also treated to a fascinating insight into the history of the valley!



Coast to Coast opening event



Coniston Coppermines

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND - ADMINISTRATION

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Budget Summary as at 31 March 2026 - 4th Quarter - **PENDING YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS**

	AGREED Budget 25/26	Expenditure to 31.03.26	% of budget spent	Budget Remaining	
Expenditure:					
Salaries, Nat ins & Pension (18.6%)	131268	128,917	98.21	2351.00	
Payroll - Outsource Costs	540	584	108.15	-44.00	
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	1,638	148.91	-538.00	inc prepayments
STAFF - Conferences/Training	1985	662	33.35	1323.00	
COUNCILLOR - Conferences/Training	650	30	4.62	620.00	
Stationery	1000	638	63.80	362.00	
Postage	250	300	120.00	-50.00	
Telephone, Website & Internet	1776	1,593	89.70	183.00	
Photocopier/Printer/Scanner	2147	1,336	62.23	811.00	
Computer maintenance/support	4602	6,168	134.03	-1566.00	inc prepayments
Office Equipment	200	-	0.00	200.00	
Staff Expenses	250	218	87.20	32.00	
Ex Employee Pension	1800	1,735	96.39	65.00	
Health and Safety	70	12	17.14	58.00	
Council Chamber/Meeting Expenditure	150	1,185	790.00	-1035.00	Room Hire due to Council Chamber being closed
Staff Recruitment Costs	200	0	0.00	200.00	
Worknest	1336	1,561	116.84	-225.00	
Total Expenditure:	165824	149511	90.16	16313.00	

	AGREED Budget 25/26	Income to 31.03.26	% of budget income	Budget Remaining
Income:				
Council chamber rental	100	0	0.00	100
Total Income:	100	0	0.00	0.00

To be allocated:	165724	149511
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	AGREED Budget 25/26	Allocation to date
Allocation:		
General Fund - (60%)	99434	89707
Hope Park - (20%)	33145	29902
Fitz Park - (20%)	33145	29902
	165,724	149,511

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL - GENERAL FUND

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Budget Summary as at 31st March 2026 - 4th Quarter - PENDING YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS

Expenditure:	AGREED Budget 25/26	Expenditure to 31.03.26	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
General Administration	99434	89,707	90.22	9727.00
Grants to outside bodies	20315	20,315	100.00	0.00
Christmas Lights	35615	35,064	98.45	551.00
Mayors Allowance	2000	2,000	100.00	0.00
War memorial	1600	1,495	93.44	105.00
Open Spaces	1000	1,000	100.00	0.00
Fitz Park - Grant from KTC (deficit)	225988	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	2,740	91.33	260.00
Keswick Events	8167	6,955	85.16	1212.00
Events Co-ordinator (inc email subscription)	6954	6,361	91.47	593.00
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
Unity Bank Charges	0	25	0.00	-25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	449888	428,810	95.31	21078.00

Income:	AGREED Budget 25/26	Income to 31.03.26	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Precept	401904	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	6,282	209.40	-3282.00
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
TOTAL INCOME:	449888	453,786	100.87	-3898.00

Including Prepay

Designated Fund Balances	
Events Fund	27,144
K2T Toilet Contribution	404
Blue Finger Post	40

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

16th April 2026

ANNUAL REVIEW OF REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It is a requirement to review the Town Council's Financial Regulations on an annual basis to reflect any changes in general, recent changes in legislation or items for renewal by resolution.

There have been no general or legislation changes during the year.

Copies of the Financial Regulations can be viewed in the office or on the Town Council website – <https://keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/your-council/standing-orders-financial-regulations/> .

Catherine Parker

Responsible Finance Officer

9th April 2026

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

16 APRIL 2026

Clerk's Report

Fairer Housing, Stronger Communities

The Housing Group, along with myself, attended a meeting hosted by Markus Campbell-Savours MP where he met with members of Friends of the Lake District to discuss their recently produced report "Fairer Housing, Stronger Communities". This was an interesting meeting, and the report bears reading (the main summary document is available on the Friends of the Lake District website).

RECOMMENDATION that:

1. Keswick Town Council thank FoLD for producing such an important report to highlight the housing crisis in the Lake District National Park.
2. Keswick Town Council publicly support the findings of this response and the proposals with in; and
3. Keswick Town Council write to Markus Campbell-Savours, MP, the Lake District National Park Authority and Cumberland Council urging action on affordable housing for our community.

Vivien Little

9 April 2026

VWVG Meeting 31.3.26

Attendees: CP, CH, SH, VL, RS

Events:

- Resident raised concerns re events being organised on social media without following the SAG process, and stating they would raise money for charity. Resolved: KTC would not involve themselves in the process, but would alert Cumberland regarding the charity collecting licence. Act VL
- Pencil Factory events – large events space so has impact on visitor numbers and parking, but no SAG forms so KTC unaware. VL to meet with Ministries to discuss events calendar
- CP requested a future meeting be arranged with Cumberland to discuss when SAG forms are needed.
- Solstice: Noted KTC has heard nothing re visitor management plans at Castlerigg. VL to contact National Trust for update
- Mountain Festival: Some confusion around KMF's presentation at previous council meeting, particularly around numbers and growth strategy. VL to seek clarification.
- Large events – currently only 13 Valleys have held feedback briefings post-event. KTC want a debrief after each large event – request from Cumberland
- KTC interested in resident feedback following events. KTA are surveying their members. KTC to formulate a residents' survey for a regular pulse check.
- Resolved to use VM funding to purchase decibel meters before May to monitor event noise in targeted locations.

LDNPA/tourism season:

- Concerns we aren't engaged with the LDNPA's VM team. VL has requested dates for a meeting with Carl Bradford. Team to submit questions to VL in advance, aim to understand what is planned to manage issues in Keswick

Tour de France:

- SH shared briefing notes from 1st meeting. CP to bullet point & circulate some concerns/solutions for SH to share with the TdF project team.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

16 April 2026

Tour de France

TOUR DE FRANCE 2027 - Stage 2 Start - Keswick

The Grand Depart for the Tour de France in 2027 is taking place in the UK over the first three stages before moving to France.

This is a very special event up with the FIFA World Cup and the Olympics as the most watched around the world. TDF publicity confirms that each year 3.5 billion people watch the event in 190 Countries. It follows on from the extremely successful last staging of the event start in the UK in 2014 with an estimated 1.1 million people watching from the roadside.

Stage 1 on Friday 2 July 2027 is from Edinburgh to Carlisle.

Stage 2 on Saturday 3 July 2027 is from Keswick to Liverpool.

Stage 3 on Sunday 4 July 2027 is from Weshpool to Cardiff.

The TDF is organised by ASO (Amaury Sport Organisation) and a special group is being set up by Cumberland Council to liaise with them on all issues relating to the Stages in Cumberland. Josh O'Boyle has been appointed as Project Manager for Cumberland, who is a very experienced multi sport organiser including Cycle Races. Overall funding for the Grand Depart has been secured with funding from Central Government and UK Sport. Cumberland Council have a fixed budget for everything involved in implementing the staging of the event in our region. It is planned to have the initial proposals in place by May 2026 which will be refined in detail and developed to a final plan by November 2026.

Initial proposals advised by Josh O'Boyle.

Start of the race envisaged to be in the Market Square in front of the Moot Hall - normally at around midday. The sides would be barriered off for the riders to congregate in the Town Centre. There will be a stage/podium erected for presentation of the riders before the start which may be in the Market Square or possibly in the Central Car Park where the teams will be preparing. The race will start with a gentle roll out behind the commissaires car. It is proposed that the riders will exit the bottom of the Market Square onto Bank Street, up Victoria Street, turning at the traffic lights onto Station Street, up St. John's Street, Ambleside Road, Manor Brow and joining the A591 at the top of Chestnut Hill. It is envisaged that the actual race will start at some point after Dunmail Raise to be decided by the Commissaire.

About 1-2 hours ahead of the race there will be a leading entourage of publicity vehicles and team buses which need to get to the finish. There will be special police outriders and TV camera bikes ahead of the race with team cars following behind to provide support to the riders.

There will need to be road closures to be confirmed by ASO race organisers which will be facilitated by Cumberland Council. ASO are yet to confirm their requirements which are not expected until after this years TDF but full details will be publicised well in advance. Provision will be made for emergency vehicles at all times. There will be a huge requirement to accommodate the multitude of vehicles required to service the event. This will inevitably take up a high proportion of parking spaces within the town and consideration is being given to park and ride options for visitors to the event. Central Car Park will be used as a technical zone for

team vehicles and riders to prepare, hospitality and general parking. Bell Close Car Park will be used for officials parking. Lakeside Car Park will be used for technical HGV parking and ASO parking. These are in Cumberland's control but other car parking will need to be agreed to accommodate the publicity vehicles which will precede the race. With Stage 1 finishing in Carlisle at around 4 -5.00pm it is envisaged that setting up for the start in Keswick will commence at around 6.00pm on the Friday evening. These are all provisional details to be confirmed in due course and regular updates will be provided.

Councillor Steve Harwood
8 April 2026



Summary of Sustainable Keswick Activities from April 2025 – March 2026

A Report for Keswick Town Council

This report presents a brief summary of our activities over the past 12 months. A more detailed report will be prepared for our AGM in July which we will share in due course.

Energy

- We have continued to support Futureproof Cumbria's work to provide households in Keswick with home energy efficiency, retrofit and renewables advice. This has included a **heat pump event** at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms, **home energy pop-up advice sessions** at the Theatre by the Lake and **thermal imaging visits** for residents.

Biodiversity

- We have continued to engage with Cumberland Council regarding the management of the **Springs Road Flood Basin** and we have carried out maintenance activities e.g. tree pruning, verge cutting, hedge laying.
- We ran a **wildflower seeding event** at Springs Road with pupils from Keswick school, with support from the Woodland Trust.
- We ran an **Apple Day** at Springs Road in October 2025, using funding from the Food Cumberland Partnership. The day was a major success and we had over 200 people participating. We intend to run this event again in 2026.
- We've recently received **National Lottery Funding** to pay for an informative sign for the Springs Road site and will be working up the design soon.
- We provided volunteers for a wildflower plug planting event at **Manor Brow**, organized by Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Cumberland Council, funded by Fibrous.

- We organized a bioblitz at **Elizabeth's Wood**, with support from Woodland Trust and the Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre.
- We continued to manage the **wildflower meadow at Borrowdale Road**.

Transport

- **Keswick Eco Car Club** has been running successfully since January 2025 with 16 members, supporting a range of people including young families, canine therapy and the voluntary social car scheme. From Jan 25-Dec 25 the total hours during which the vehicle was in use was 1487 (approx. 17% of the year). We are looking into options for a second vehicle, to be located at Skiddaw Street Car Park.
- We provided feedback on the **LDNPA Active Travel Bid**.
- We hosted Emma Moody from LDNPA for a round table discussion about **sustainable travel**.

Waste

- We attended a **tour of Cumberland Waste and Biffa sites** in Carlisle to understand the process of our household waste and recycling.

Outreach

- **Five talks** to outside groups, including two to Penrith Action on Climate Transition (PACT), two to Kendal Quakers at their monthly vigils. And one in Keswick.
- Three **Green Screens** – November, January, and March: two at QMH: *Leaving it Better* and *Power Station* both very well attended; one in Keswick Film Festival *Common Ground*. Also free KFF showing: *Saving our Rainforests*.
- **Robert Craig's** Green Get Together talk: *Doing dairy Differently* on regenerative farming with First Milk and Nestlé. Inspiring and well attended. This was followed by a tour of Torpenhow Organic Dairy Farm organized by one of our core group members.
- Continuing relationship with **St Herbert's** eco-leaders and their new teacher, Corrie Reynard, who have been renovating their school pond with excellent

support from the National Trust. This too has been inspiring work as the children are very keen and committed.

- During **Great Big Green Week 2025** Jo and Joe worked with Bethany Winwood, at **Keswick School**, in project called *Brilliant Cumbria*, funded by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. There were twelve year 9 students in the group with whom Jo and Joe worked on two activities: wildflower seed sowing at the Springs Road Flood Basin, enabled by Pete Leeson from the Woodland Trust, and 'Philosophy for Children' sessions for year 7 students. The philosophy sessions explored the question: *Do I have a responsibility to care for the planet?* Six sessions (one per class) were facilitated by a pair of year 9 students, as well as by Jo, Joe and Bethany. The aim was not to debate and win, but to listen, think and learn. We have agreed to repeat the project this year.
- Also in **GBGW**, working with Rev. Charles Hope, Terry and Mike Hambrey put together a special service at the end of GBGW on the theme of Caring for our Common Home, at which Jo, Joe and Mike each gave a reflection, and the choir sang a beautiful anthem.
- We were also happy to promote two local farm events on **Open Farm Sunday** during GBGW: Low Netherscales Farm at Embleton, where a new farm shop had recently opened selling local organic produce, and Low Stanger farm at Lorton.
- The monthly **Climate Cafe** meets now at the Quaker Meeting House rather than the Drop-in Centre to discuss our concerns over the environmental crisis. This year topics have ranged from the *challenges of adaptation to hope to ecocide*.

Communications

- We have continued our **fortnightly columns**, *Notes from a Warming World*, in the Reminder. By the end of the year we shall be up to No.111. These have been mainly on global issues as press releases have dealt with our local activities. Subjects have covered *Net Zero, Climate Denialism, COP30, Climate Migration, Heatwaves, Tipping Points, The High Seas Treaty* and

Deep-Sea Mining. These articles are also published on our **website**. And they are also sent to 120 people worldwide.

- We issue **press releases** prior to and after all of our events.
- We are active on social media and have **255 followers** on our Facebook site and **330 members** of our public discussion group. We are also using Instagram.
- We keep in touch with our supporters by email; we have **165 people** on our mailing list.

Campaigning / Lobbying

- We lobbied Markus on the topic of the **Planning and Infrastructure Bill**.
- We responded to the **LDNPA Partnership Plan Consultation**.
- We submitted a response to the planning appeal about the **Rockcliffe Gasification Plant**, supporting our fellow sustainability group in Carlisle.

Other

- We have been supporting **Keswick Town Council's Events Committee** to ensure events are more sustainable.
- We are continuing to participate in the **Cumbria Sustainability Network** and have recently attended the **Zero Carbon Cumbria Summit**.
- We participated in a focus group with ACT about the **LDNPA Local Development Plan**.
- Thanks to one of our core group members, Elle, we now have a new **logo** suite, based on the previous one but much more striking. We have purchased a **banner** and an **A-frame** featuring the new logo, to support our events.
- **Finances** are sound with monthly income from regular donors, takings on the door at events and grants.

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Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

February 2026

A welcome from Inspector Dobson

Welcome to the February edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed.

If you have any concerns or issues you can report them to us online - [Report | Cumbria Police](#) or on 101.

You can find out your local area priorities and who your local officers are here - [Allerdale | Cumbria Police](#) select 'Your area', then 'On the team'.



Inspector Adrian Dobson - Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team

Essential News and Updates

West Cumbria quad theft update

The Good..

All 5 quad bikes stolen in February now recovered. Further stolen property including a dumper and an ATV buggy have also been recovered by Police.

The Bad...

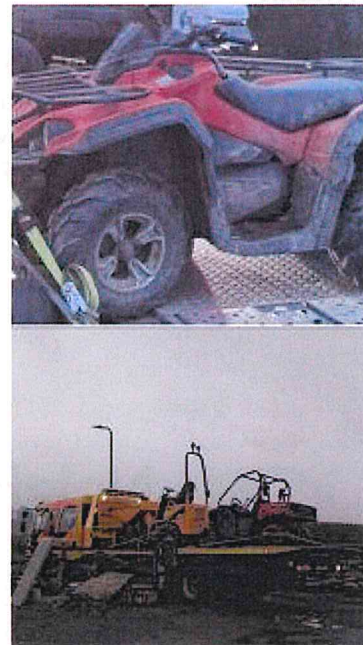
Four premises have been targeted in West Cumbria this year, and whilst the stolen quads have been recovered, some have sustained significant damage. We recognise the direct impact this has on the victims, and also the wider community.

The Ugly...

Seven males from West Cumbria have been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit burglary, and released on bail with conditions whilst investigations continue. These arrests relate to a burglary series in February last year in Allerdale and Eden, and a burglary series across Allerdale and Copeland this month.

We've had significant support from the rural communities across West Cumbria who've provided vital intelligence to aid our investigation. We're extremely grateful, and encourage people to continue to report suspicious activity.

We coordinated these arrests during two days of action which saw significant resources from Operational Support, Neighbourhood Policing, Response, Intelligence units and CID working together.



Cumbria Constabulary retains highest level Disability Confident Accreditation

Cumbria Constabulary has retained its Disability Confident Leader (Level 3) Accreditation – the highest level awarded under the Government's Disability Confident scheme.

The reaccreditation recognises the Constabulary's continued commitment to creating an inclusive workplace where



Cumbria Police ranked top force nationally by public in latest Crime Survey

Cumbria Police has been ranked the top force in England and Wales when people were asked about their overall confidence in policing.

The constabulary was also placed number one in a range of other categories in a national survey asking residents about their views on crime.

colleagues with disabilities and long-term conditions feel valued, supported and able to thrive. Level 3 Leader status is awarded to organisations that demonstrate sustained and meaningful disability confident leadership, recruitment, retention and development activity.

[Read more here](#)

Among these, the force came top when residents were asked whether they agreed officers both understood and dealt with local concerns.

[Read more here](#)

Mini police discuss importance of road safety

On 25 February, PCSO Clare Parker visited Fairfield school mini police to discuss the importance of Road Safety to the mini police.

They engaged well asking lots of interesting questions.

They did a great job learning about staying safe near roads and will now be able to deliver this message to the rest of the school.

Well done to you all!



School visit on online safety

On 26 February, PCSO Clare Parker attended All Saints school in Cockermouth to educate the children on online safety, including cyber bullying and scams.

The children learnt the importance of keeping their personal information protected.

Safe gaming and age appropriate games, they understand it's unsafe to chat to anyone they do not know.

PCSO then spoke with the Reception children about the role of a police person and how we help others.

The visit included questions and answers.



Police urge public to raise threat of phone fraud with vulnerable friends and relatives

Phone fraudsters continue to target vulnerable people in Cumbria – and officers are asking people to raise the issue with friends and relatives.



People such as older members of the community can often be the victim of crimes where people use phones, often landlines, to pose as officials to get at their cash.

This scam often fits the pattern of fraudsters pretending to be officials, such as bank fraud teams, police officers or HMRC officials.

The fraudsters often request bank details, money to be sent electronically, cash to be withdrawn at the bank for collection by a courier or expensive items to be bought for collection at a later time.

The key advice

Your bank, other agencies and the police would:

- Never ask you for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.
- Never ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via someone calling at your house – such as a courier or taxi – or by bank transfer or by any other means.
- Never ask you to send your bank cards or any other personal property to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.
- If you have any doubts about the identity of the person that you are speaking with, put the phone down and attend the bank or police station in person, wherever possible, to discuss the call you have received, or call a trusted number for the bank or police using a different telephone than the one that you have been contacted on.
- It's recommended you wait at least five minutes and make sure you can hear a dialling tone before you call, as there have been cases of fraudsters keeping the line open after a victim has hung up.

If you think you have been the victim of a fraud you can report this to police on 101. Always use 999 in an emergency.

Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

School parking



On 2 March, PCSO Clare Parker has been in the area of Cockermouth School.

Keeping parking outside of all schools safe is crucial to prevent accidents.

It was positive to see that no one was parked on the yellow zig zags.

Please refrain from parking on the double yellows, some drivers did need reminded of this.

Advice would be, never park on double yellow lines unless you are a blue badge holder.

Officers continue to tackle anti-social behaviour in Allerdale

Officers continued to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Allerdale as part of Operation Enhance.

Between 1 August 2025 and 31 January 2026, ASB across all 15 hotspots in the county dropped by 21.4%. However, the two Allerdale hotspots have seen a rise in anti-social behaviour, with an extra 20 reports compared to the same period the year before. Police are placed where they are most needed and reporting is essential this – local Officers are continuing to patrol these hotspots to reduce these figures to keep our communities safe. Thank you to everyone that has reported, please continue to do so – it makes a big difference to tackling anti-social behaviour and crime. To keep up to date about what local officers are up to, follow our [Allerdale Police Facebook page](#) for videos of us out on [patrol](#).



The extra patrols are also having a positive effect on other crime types. Across the 15 hotspots, shoplifting has reduced by 12.8%. In the Allerdale hotspots, this has fallen by 7.8% with eight less reports of shoplifting compared to the same period in 2024/25.

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 [Report antisocial behaviour | Cumbria Police](#) 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: [Op Enhance | Cumbria Police](#)

Upcoming community police events 🚓

📍 **Cockermouth Library**
📅 Fri 20 March 2026
🕒 2:00PM - 3:00PM

📅 Wed 08 April 2026
🕒 1:30PM - 3:00PM

📍 **Keswick Library**
📅 Wed 08 April 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

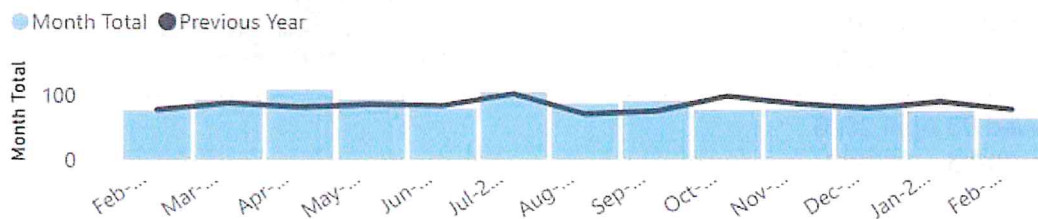
Not only will you be able to find out who your named local officers and PCSOs are, you will also be able to view our local policing priorities and details of any meetings or events we will be attending.

[Meet your local officers](#)

Crime Figures

Further information can be found on Police.uk

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	4	3	1	33.3 %
Burglary	5	3	2	66.7 %
Drug Offences	8	4	4	100.0 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1	3	-2	-66.7 %
Possession of Weapons		1	-1	-100.0 %
Public Order Offences	12	13	-1	-7.7 %
Sexual Offences	1	2	-1	-50.0 %
Theft	7	9	-2	-22.2 %
Vehicle Offences	2	1	1	100.0 %
Violence Against the Person	23	37	-14	-37.8 %
Total	63	76	-13	-17.1 %



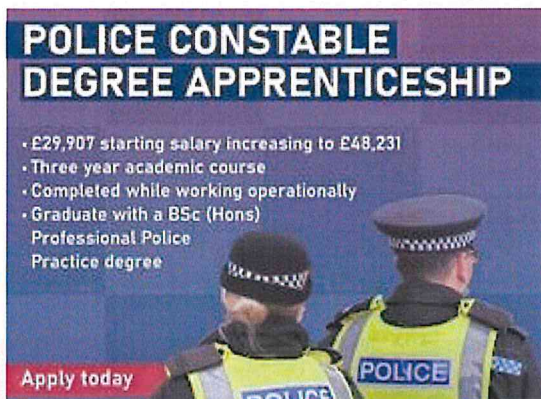
Join us!

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

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.

Professional Policing Degree Graduate (PPD)

To be eligible to apply, you will need to have taken a three-year BSc professional policing programme offered by universities that are licensed and validated to deliver the degree by the College of Policing. For more information about the entry route and the role visit: [Job profile](#)

PCEP DC pathway

Our Detective entry programme (PCEP DC) is open for applications. The two year programme is designed to equip you with all the skills and training necessary to ensure that on completion you will be a highly competent detective constable.

Transferees

Do you or someone you know work for another force? Looking for a new challenge? When you join Cumbria Police you will have new opportunities and with this, you will be able to make a positive difference to the lives of those who live here.

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

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