

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC LIFE
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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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9th July 2026

A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on **Thursday 16th July 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chair to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th June 2026 (pages 8-11).
- 3. Requests for Dispensations**
The Clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- 4. Declarations of Interests**
To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

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

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

- 5. Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however items raised should not be discussed for longer than ten minutes and the Chair reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.
- 6. Matters to be raised by Councillors**
An opportunity for Councillors to raise any **unforeseen** matters, with the consent of the Chair, which do not require a decision – items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes.

- 7. Applications for Development**
 - i) To examine applications for development and agree observations to be submitted to the Lake District National Park Authority (Planning Group report to be circulated prior to the meeting).
 - ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions.
- 8. Mayor's Report**

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 12 June 2026 –9 July 2026.
- 9. Payment of Accounts**

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

 - i) For the Town Council
 - ii) For the Trusts
- 10. Visitor Management Working Group**

To receive the minutes from the Visitor Management Working Group meeting on 6 July 2026.
- 11. Clerk's Report**

To receive the report from the Clerk.
- 12. Cobbles in Market Square**

To receive the report from the Clerk/Councillor Chris Houghton.
- 13. Correspondence**

To consider a piece of correspondence received from a member of the public.
- 14. Reports from Ward Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

 - i) Cumberland Council – no report available
 - ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative – no report available.
- 15. Police Report**

To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 16. Staffing Committee minutes**

To receive for information the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 3 June 2026.

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

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

- 17. Tour de France**

To receive a report from Councillor Harwood.

To: All Councillors, Press, Police

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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 18th June 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Chair
 Councillor Natalie Evans
Councillors

Steve Harwood
 Denstone Kemp
 Claire Peat

Chris Houghton
 Benita Laphorn
 Richard Scott

Claire Houghton
 Jean Murray

Also present was Vivien Little (Town Clerk), Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer), 1 member of the press, and 6 members of the public.

31. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dunn and Taylor. Their apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

32. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held Thursday 21st May 2026 (page 1-7).

33. Resignation of Councillor

The Mayor read out the letter of resignation from Councillor Rob Nelson, and wished him well. The Clerk gave an update on the process, and the expectation that any co-option would happen at the August meeting.

34. Requests for Dispensations

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

35. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

36. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke in objection to planning application 7/2026/2086. They raised concern over whether the building could be used as a HMO, as the vicinity had previous experience of this, and had anti-social behaviour related to it. They raised many of the concerns which were addressed in the Keswick Town Council response.

37. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Evans encouraged Councillors to attend the People's Emergency Briefing on Friday night at the Pencil Factory. She also stated that she hoped that Councillors would support her in writing a Councillor's column 'from the Chambers', to replace the Mayoral column every month in the Keswick Reminder. She finally congratulated the Archery Club on their successful campaign to find a permanent home.

38. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
7/2026/2086	Proposed renovation and conversion of an office to room only serviced accommodation and associated change of use 6 Borrowdale Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DB <i>Object – We fully appreciate the need for renovation and adapting the existing building to a new use as it is no longer in use as offices. We object to the principle of “room only serviced accommodation” with no on site control. This is different to previous applications for guest houses applying for Change of Use to holiday lets as it is not currently any type of holiday accommodation. Local Plan Policy 18 does apply in the section dealing with Holiday letting in advising that LDNPA will only support proposals where re- use of existing buildings for short term holiday letting would not utilise a building that is suitable for providing local or affordable needs housing. It is evident with the type of conversion proposed that it could be converted for local needs housing which is in far greater demand.</i> <i>This proposal creates 7 new bedrooms which could result in 14 people being accommodated with no on site supervision. The approach proposed by the applicant of visiting the property on a daily basis, does not provide the level of supervision necessary as those intent on causing anti social behaviour always target times when there is no comeback from property owners or public authorities who are never able to react in time.</i> <i>As currently proposed, this could be used as an HMO (House of Multiple Occupation). We are aware special protective conditions are imposed in such situations, and this should also apply here as safeguard.</i> <i>This is a substantial building over 5 floors built or converted at a time when fire safety considerations were less stringent. We have concerns about the practicality of meeting current fire escape standards on a restricted site when considered against what has been necessary on the adjoining property, Windsor House.</i> <i>It should also be noted that there is currently no parking available for this property which is also on a double yellow lines section of a constrained Borrowdale Road which is also a one way traffic system. This is a highly vulnerable location for people using it as a drop of point given its proximity to the Derwent Street junction.</i> <i>The nearby Central Car Park referred to may be in close proximity but does involve a long detour around the one way system going to and from.</i> <i>We are providing a compilation of anti – social behaviour reports over recent years which shows the impact it can have on any property affected in this way noting it is only a small proportion of actual complaints as many go unreported due to the failure of the system to protect them. This house is large enough to provide on site management accommodation which is essential</i> OBJECT
7/2026/2094	Bungalow alterations and extension Arkholme, Lonsties, Keswick, CA12 4TD <i>Support- the alterations and extension proposed are sympathetic to the scale and character of the existing bungalow to provide improved family living accommodation with one exception.</i> <i>We are concerned at the prominence of a new flue on the front elevation for a log burner in lieu of the existing chimney which we consider is out of character. This is a sloping site down towards the estate access road. We request</i>

conditions are imposed requiring the new car parking to be in permeable construction to prevent rainwater run off onto the access road

SUPPORT

7/2026/2095

To confirm the closure of 2 x bedspaces in the Lairbeck Apartments unit 6 and creation of 2 single bedspaces in proposed units 8 and 9
Lairbeck House, Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB

Support as this does not change the principle of previous approvals

SUPPORT

7/2026/2104

Change of use from guest house to a flexible use allowing use as a) guest house, b) dwelling house or c) holiday letting accommodation
25, Bank Street, Keswick, CA12 5JZ

Object – Swiss Cottage is currently operating as a 5 bed guest house with 3 bed owners accommodation. Although the application form indicates there will be no gain, loss or change of use of residential units, the Design Statement sites examples where properties are not owner or manager occupied. The applicant's address is also not this property.

We have no objection to its continued use as a guest house or to its use as a private dwelling house subject to a condition that it is occupied as an only or principal home, i.e. not as a second home or holiday let accommodation. We object to the holiday let element of this application as it contains no commitment to provide on site management.

We consider the failure to provide any on site control does not provide the necessary safeguard to satisfy the requirement of Local Plan Policy 06, referred to in the applicant's statement, that it should not have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of adjoining residents. Previous approved applications referred to in the Design statement have failed to recognise the impact anti social behaviour can have where there is no on site supervision or control. (We note the protection provided on application 7/2024/2208 at 21 Bank Street, when approved as an HMO).

We are providing a compilation of anti social behaviour reports over recent years which shows the impact it can have on any property affected in this way noting that this is only a small proportion of actual complaints, many of which go unreported due to a failure of the system to protect them. It is time to correct this by insisting on site supervision must be maintained as currently exists with all guest houses

OBJECT

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

39. Licensing Application

RECEIVED the Planning and Licensing Group report on two licensing applications that had been received.

40. Mayor's Engagements

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 15th May 2026 – 11th June 2026.

41. Internal Auditor's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2026

RECEIVED the report of the Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2026.

RESOLVED that the Internal Auditor's report be accepted.

42. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 1

RESOLVED that the Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chair (Action – RFO).

43. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) – Section 2

RESOLVED that the Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025-26 – of the AGAR be approved for signature by the Chair (Action – RFO).

44. Annual Accounts

RESOLVED that the statement for accounts for the year ending 31 March 2026 be approved for signature by the Chair (Action – RFO).

45. Details for the Arrangements for the Exercise of Public Rights

RESOLVED that the period for the exercise of public rights will begin on Monday 22 June 2026 and conclude on Friday 31 July 2026 (Action – RFO).

46. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 57 – 73, amounting to £34,309.08 (thirty four thousand three hundred and nine pounds and eight pence)
- ii) For the Parks' Trusts, vouchers HP36 – FP51, amounting to £22,303.56 (twenty two thousand three hundred and three pounds and fifty six pence)

47. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council - no report received.
- ii) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative **RECEIVED** the report of the North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

48. Keswick in Bloom

RECEIVED the report from the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the Council agree to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Cumberland Council for the patch of land by Keswick Park Hotel (Action – Clerk).

49. Tour de France

RECEIVED a verbal update from Councillor Harwood.

50. Police Report

No report received.

The meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Chair

Data

Planning Applications received between 12/06/2026 - 09/07/2026			
Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2026/2055	05-Aug-26	Easedale House, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4HL	Change of use from Guest House with Managers accommodation (C1) to self-contained residential dwellings (C3)
7/2026/2092	31-Jul-26	Lane Rigg House, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES	Installation of an external flue for a wood burning stove
7/2026/2109	23-Jul-26	Rogerfield House, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AP	Proposed extension to the rear, side and front
7/2026/2123	05-Aug-26	9, St. Johns Terrace, Ambleside Road, Keswick, CA12 4DP	Change of use from C1 (Guesthouse) to C3 Use (Dwelling)
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Interested parties are invited to let the Town Clerk have their comments, in writing or via email to: townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk prior to the meeting regarding any of the planning applications on this sheet.			

Decisions Received from LDNPA

Planning Decisions Received between 12/06/2026 & 09/07/2026

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
7/2026/2001	January-26	The Waters Edge, Lake Road, Keswick	CA12 5DJ	Proposed new lockable and roofed electric vehicle charging bay	OBJECT	REFUSED		
7/2026/2090	May-26	Riverside, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick	CA12 5PG	Installation of solar panels - CLPUD - Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development	No comments required	REFUSED		
7/2026/2095	May-26	Lairbeck House, Vicarage Hill, Keswick	CA12 5QB	Change of use of garage to two holiday letting bedrooms, containing one bed space in each, to be used as part of the apart-hotel (units 8 and 9). Alteration to layout of unit 6 within the apart-hotel to limit bedspaces to two.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2025/2222	January-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	SUPPORT	REFUSED	<i>Appeal</i>	

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 16TH JULY 2026

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE

For period 12th June 2026 to 9th July 2026

Monday 15 June	Meeting with Rev Charles Hope re Keswick community partnership
Thursday 18 June	Chaired Keswick Town Council meeting
Thursday 18 June	Meeting with Chief Exec Nurse re Keswick Cottage Hospital
Friday 19 June	Attended People's Emergency Briefing screening and discussion facilitated by Sustainable Keswick
Sunday 21 June	Lakesman Triathlon
Monday 22 June	Attended pre-events committee meeting for Party in the Park
Tuesday 23 June	Attended Two's Company 5th anniversary tea party.
Wednesday 24 June	Attended CALC climate change/ net zero session.
Saturday 27 June	Party in the Park
Monday 6 July	Attended Visitor Management Working Group meeting.
Monday 6 July	Meeting with David Thomas from Keswick Rugby Club re fundraising
Wednesday 8 July	Meeting with Town Clerk re July KTC agenda
Wednesday 8 July	Meeting with Sally Lansbury Cumberland Councillor
Thursday 9 July	Attended Sus Kes AGM
Thursday 9 July	Attended Charitable Trust meeting.

Visitor Management Group Meeting 6.7.26

Attendees: R Scott, V Little, S Harwood, C Peat, C Parker, N Evans

1. Suggestion to discourage campers putting black waste down drains in Lakeside Car Park by marking up drains and a campaign to highlight surface water only drains that flow direct to the lake.

Decision: This is a Cumberland responsibility, not KTC; we should suggest to Sally. Online software to see if drainage maps are available (action C Parker)

2. Feedback from recent events

Car parking is an ongoing issue. Events should have to find replacement parking equivalent to the amount they are removing from the town if using for their infrastructure. Workers and residents who have paid for permits are unable to park.

Otherwise, the major events haven't resulted in complaints this year. Organisers happy to meet with KTC so the opportunity for feedback is open.

Cumberland council developing an App, hopefully ready to go live soon, that all events should use to get information to the right departments for SAG meetings.

TdF 1 year to go – both C Peat and S Harwood attended the depart in Market Square. No major issues with traffic at the start as low traffic volumes, however problems observed on Manor Brow with cyclists dismounting to walk up the steep windy section, with cars also trying to navigate the route. Around 100 ended up at Café HNW after the ride – noise was audible to residents in the back streets until 10pm. Parks Trust to discuss noise levels to ensure the lease gives control over noise nuisance. To be raised in Trust meeting 9.7.26

Solstice – while out of our parish boundary, residents still affected. This year, lack of clarity on whether security should have been preventing tents being erected or fires being lit. No contact other than 101/PSPO given on the day. C Peat tried reaching numerous parties from NT and LDNPA with no response. Group to feed back to the Castlerigg steering group.

3. Meeting with LDNPA Ranger – Carl Bradford has changed roles to become ranger for NW area. Decision taken to postpone meeting until the new ranger is in place to discuss communications and working better together.

4. Aires/motorhomes

Clerk for Castlerigg & other parishes keen to work with us on solutions for aires in the CA12 area so we can put forward joint proposals for black waste disposal areas. Aire advertised in Applethwaite, but is just hard standing, no waste facilities. Noticeable increase in “wild” camping in vans during events. Looked at various facilities in other tourist locations (linked to sewer v free standing tanks). VL to ask Windermere what facilities they are using CP to arrange meeting with Binfluencers so we can join efforts in lobbying for waste disposal.

5. Alleyways – SH has identified routes from Bell Close to Market Square that need attention to enhance the TdF experience. Hoping to get a nominated person from Cumberland to look into this. RS/SH/NE to do a walkaround to plan a proposal for Cumberland.

6. Discussion around SH's most recent TdF update. Request for SH to feed back to Cumberland the need to provide parking for workers who travel in and to consider cycle storage.

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

6 JULY 2026

Clerk's Report

Keswick Town Crier

Following a query on Facebook by Councillor Louise Dunn about what happened to the former Town Crier of Keswick, with Bob Bryden and then Dave Hall taking on the role. Since then, there has been a great deal of discussion about this

Marc McAdam, who compered Party in the Park recently has expressed a keenness to take this on, and would be a great individual to do this. Councillor Dunn has sourced a costume, through the Theatre by the Lake repurposing a costume, for which we offer them many thanks, and we are trying to source an appropriate hat and bell to be able to continue this. It may be that we have to contribute some money towards purchasing this, but it will be taken from contingency, and will not be a huge amount of money.

I have been talking to Phil Byers regarding the 750th anniversary market of Keswick's Market charter, which is scheduled to be on 8th August, and if we can pull it together in time, it would seem to be an ideal opportunity to resurrect this tradition. This market has started to be advertised on Facebook.

This is as much to inform Councillors that work towards this has been happening in the background. The Town Crier will not have any official standing in the town or with the Council, but will be a bit of fun for Keswick.

Vivien Little

6 July 2026

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

16 July 2026

State of Cobbles on Market Square

Councillor Chris Houghton has recently contacted myself regarding the recent work undertaken by BT in Market Square, where they have put down tarmac instead of the original cobble stones.

Given the upcoming visit by Tour de France, I think that it is imperative that Market Square looks the best it can, and would like the repairs to be undertaken.

In the office this was submitted to Cumberland Council on 19th May 2026, bringing up the very poor standard of works. We got the following response from Cumberland:

“The reinstatements in the attached photo are just a temporary reinstatement. BT have further works planned starting from 8 June, and therefore will complete the full reinstatements once the works are completed.

BT is responsible for any further assessment and to take action, you will need to contact them directly.”

Obviously the concern is that they have removed the cobbles, and therefore we do not know where the originals have gone – this is a concern as they could be used to make things right.

A similar situation is outside the former Golden Hills Chinese, where BT Openreach dug up the area twice, and replaced with tarmac instead of the original paving slabs.

I have attached photographs of the above for people to see, and Councillors are asked whether they would like me to request that Cumberland look into this further.

One other thing I would like to bring up with Market Square to take up with Cumberland is the sheer number of vehicles who are ignoring the signs that Market Square is pedestrianised between 10.30am and 4.30pm every day. The amount of vehicles which are now making deliveries between those hours is becoming ridiculous, and giving that we are leading up to the full summer holidays, when Market Square is at its busiest, I do think this needs to be highlight and something done about it.

Vivien Little

6 July 2026







Re: Fw: Request for Town Council Support Regarding Safety Concerns at the New Pedestrian Crossing near The Pheasant

From >
Date Tue 2026-06-30 16:07
To Town Clerk <townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk>

Good afternoon Vivien,

I support the scheme and its aim of making the road safer. However, I am concerned that it has been poorly executed and is unintentionally creating new hazards, particularly increasing the risk to children.

I drive this route every day, both during the morning school crossing period and later in the day. Since the road layout was changed, I have witnessed a number of near misses, with cars weaving in and out of traffic and vehicles coming close to colliding with one another.

In my opinion, one of the main issues is that the double yellow lines do not extend far enough down the road, which is contributing to these problems. I would encourage the council to visit the site and observe the traffic for yourselves, as the issues are very apparent during busy periods.

I would appreciate it if you could feedback to Highways that there are genuine concerns from road users that the scheme requires further refinement to reduce the risks. Unfortunately, the current layout appears to be encouraging poor driving behaviour, and in my experience, the situation is now worse than it was before the changes.

My only concern is making the road safer for everyone, especially the children who use it every day.

I hope the council will take these concerns seriously and review the scheme before a serious incident occurs. I would hate to see someone injured when changes could be made now to improve safety.

Regards

On Tue, 30 Jun 2026, 12:53 Town Clerk, <townclerk@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk> wrote:

Thank you for your email which my colleague has passed onto me.

Keswick Town Council had been pushing for an improvement on Crosthwaite Road, following a communication from the headmaster at Keswick School, as at certain times of the day, the bus stop which was already in place, serving students coming into Keswick School, and could have over 70 children at once crossing the road (it had been counted on a number of occasions), again, so close to the A66. The new crossing and road design was created by Cumberland Council as an alleviation scheme, and Keswick Town Council were consulted at various stages through the process, and in the end supported the scheme, as Councillors felt that it generally improved visibility and awareness, and by extension helped to protect students.

It isn't a perfect solution, but Councillors felt that it was a distinct improvement over what was in place already.

I am uncertain how you wish me to proceed with this, given how Keswick Town Councillors feel about the scheme.

Kind regards

Vivien

Vivien Little
Town Clerk

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If you are concerned with any interaction with the Town Council with regard to your personal details please contact the Clerk.

From

Sent: 29 June 2026 20:14

To: Ania Mlynczak <office@keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Request for Town Council Support Regarding Safety Concerns at the New Pedestrian Crossing near The Pheasant

Dear Town Clerk and Councillors,

I am writing to ask whether Keswick Town Council would be willing to raise an ongoing road safety concern with Cumberland Council's Highways Department regarding the new pedestrian crossing and junction near The Pheasant pub in Keswick.

I recently reported my concerns to Cumberland Council Highways, as I believe the new crossing and changes to the junction have made this area less safe for pedestrians and motorists. Unfortunately, the response I received was unsatisfactory. It does not appear that the specific issues I raised have been properly considered, and no changes have been made to address the concerns. What is already in place has just been restated to me.

I remain concerned that the current layout of the crossing and junction presents an increased safety risk, particularly given the volume of pedestrians and traffic using this area.

Below is both the details of my concerns and the response I have received from the Highways Department.

I would be grateful if the Town Council could provide assistance with these concerns.

Yours sincerely

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Cumberland Highways <noreply@cumberland.gov.uk>

Date: Mon, 29 Jun 2026, 14:43

Subject: An action on your Highways Problem: EI/306081

To: <chescawhitaker@gmail.com>



Please do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored

Hi

We've reviewed your enquiry

Thank you for your enquiry.

The No Waiting at Any Time restrictions have been designed to ensure that the pedestrian island and its approaches are kept clear of any parked vehicles. This is necessary to maintain sufficient carriageway width and to allow all vehicles, including larger ones, to pass safely.

If vehicles are found to be parked within these restrictions, our Parking Enforcement team will investigate and take the appropriate action.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention

You can track the progress at any time using this link:

[Track report progress](#)

Here's a summary of what you've reported:

Enquiry reference: EI/306081

Date Submitted: 25-June-2026

Problem Description: A crossing has just been redone outside the pheasant inn at Keswick. The bus stop has been placed on the road in front of the crossing and the double yellow lines are only place just passed the crossing. The crossing is directly following the a66 roundabout junction. The issue is people are parking on both sides of the road as there are no double yellows which is causing the road to get blocked and the crossing to become dangerous. The road also gets blocked when the bus stops and the crossing becomes dangerous due to people crossing, and cars weaving passed parked cars. It is also causing problems and the junction next to thw biker cafe due to the flow traffic.

Kind regards,
Cumberland Highways

Ania Mlynczak

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 22 June 2026 17:03
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: Your Policing Update: Cockermouth and Keswick

[View as a webpage / Share](#)



Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates



Cockermouth and Keswick

May 2026

Parking Enforcement in Borrowdale and Buttermere

Parking in Borrowdale and Buttermere continues to be a policing priority following its adoption in May 2025. This focus has been reviewed and will remain in place throughout the 2026 summer tourist season.



Since the priority was issued on **11 May 2026**, a range of proactive measures have been implemented to improve road safety and reduce disruption caused by inappropriate parking.

Action being taken includes:

- **High-visibility patrols** during peak visitor periods to deter unsafe or inconsiderate parking
- **Joint working** with the Lake District National Park Authority and Cumberland Council parking enforcement teams
- **Proactive enforcement**, including prosecution of drivers whose vehicles are causing unnecessary obstruction or are parked in locations that pose a danger to other road users

These efforts aim to ensure that roads remain safe and accessible for residents, visitors, and emergency services, particularly during the busy summer months.

We continue to encourage all visitors to park responsibly, use designated parking areas where available, and respect local communities.

Essential News and Updates



Stay Safe During the World Cup

Heading out to watch the World Cup? Let's make sure it's a night to remember - for the right reasons.

Excitement and celebrations can sometimes spill over, and situations can escalate quickly. A moment of anger can have lasting consequences. We're asking everyone to stay calm, look out for one another, and walk away from conflict.

If you feel unsafe or spot trouble developing, please don't hesitate to act.

In an emergency, always call 999 – we're here to help.

Let's enjoy the atmosphere, support our teams, and keep our communities safe.



Scam Call Warning

Received a call that doesn't feel right?
Trust your instincts.

Fraudsters can make calls appear genuine by spoofing numbers, so don't rely on Caller ID as proof of identity. If something seems suspicious, take a moment to pause and verify before taking any action.

You can report scam calls by texting 7726, including the word "Call" followed by the suspicious number.

By reporting these calls, you help us identify patterns and protect others from falling victim.

Stay alert and help us tackle fraud.

E-Scooters: Know the Risks

E-scooters may seem like a fun, affordable, and convenient way to get around - but it's important to understand the reality.

In many areas, privately owned e-scooters are **illegal to ride on roads, pavements, or cycle lanes**. We have also seen first-hand how quickly incidents can occur, particularly in busy areas with pedestrians and children.

Our goal isn't to take away anyone's enjoyment, but to **keep people safe and uphold the law**.



Riders risk:

- A fine
- Points on their driving licence
- Having their scooter seize

We will continue to **educate and raise awareness**, but where necessary, enforcement action will be taken.

Please help us keep our communities safe by following the rules.

Buttermere Bash 2026

PCSOs Clare and Pete attended this year's Buttermere Bash, joining the community for a vibrant and enjoyable weekend in the beautiful surroundings of Buttermere.

During the event, they had the opportunity to speak with several of the organisers, learning more about the Bash's longstanding tradition of giving back. Over the years, the event has raised and donated funds to a range of local causes, including Mountain Rescue and the Air Ambulance - both vital services that support the safety and wellbeing of the community and visitors alike.



It was a pleasure to be part of such a well-supported and worthwhile event. We hope everyone who attended had a fantastic time and enjoyed all the activities on offer.

A big thank you to the organisers for the warm welcome and for allowing us to come along.

Fairfield Mini Police Reward Session

Fairfield Mini Police recently took part in a reward session, which included a special visit from a police dog handler and their dogs.

The session was a great success, with pupils learning about the role of the dog handler and the important work carried out by police dogs. This included searching for missing persons, tracking suspects and supporting investigations.



The pupils were highly engaged and enjoyed the opportunity to see the dogs in action and ask questions about their work.

Many thanks go to the dog handler and their police dogs for delivering such an informative and enjoyable session.

Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

Dream BIG at Broughton Primary School

PCSOs recently took part in a "Dream Big" session at Broughton Primary School.

The aim of the session was to encourage children to think about their future, explore the opportunities available to them and consider the skills they may need to achieve their ambitions.


Dream BIG Aspiration
Workshop

Dare to Dream BIG about your futures



During the visit, pupils learned about the role of the police and the key skills required to work within the service.

Fly camping in and around Keswick and Derwent Water has been identified as a key priority for the 2026 tourist season.

Reports last year highlighted issues of persistent unauthorised camping, leading to **anti-social behaviour (ASB)** and **damage to the natural environment**. In response, a coordinated approach has been developed to address these concerns.



This priority was issued on **11 May 2026** and will remain in place throughout the summer period.

Action being taken includes:

- **Joint working** with local landowners, the Lake District National Park Authority, and the National Trust to agree a consistent and effective approach
- **High-visibility patrols** during peak demand periods to deter fly camping and respond quickly to incidents
- **A targeted media campaign** launched ahead of the summer season to educate visitors and discourage fly camping
- **Enforcement action** under the Cumberland Council Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address nuisance behaviour and environmental harm

These measures are aimed at protecting the area's natural beauty, reducing disruption for local communities, and promoting responsible tourism.

Visitors are reminded to use designated campsites and to respect the landscape in line with the Countryside Code.

Upcoming community police events

 **Keswick Library**
 Sat 18 July 2026
 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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

[Visit your area](#)

 **Main Street, Cockermouth**
 **Fri 03 July 2026**
 **2:00PM - 3:00PM**



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.

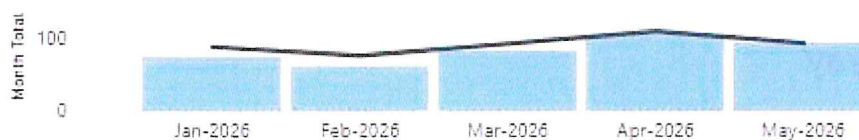
Meet your local officers

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	10	10	0	0.0 %
☐ Burglary	6	6	0	0.0 %
☐ Drug Offences	2	4	-2	-50.0 %
☐ Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	4	4	0	0.0 %
☐ Possession of Weapons		2	-2	-100.0 %
☐ Public Order Offences	11	10	1	10.0 %
☐ Robbery		1	-1	-100.0 %
☐ Sexual Offences	4	6	-2	-33.3 %
☐ Theft	16	16	0	0.0 %
☐ Vehicle Offences	6	5	1	20.0 %
☐ Violence Against the Person	34	35	-1	-2.9 %
Total	93	93	0	0.0 %

 Month Total
  Previous Year



Join us!

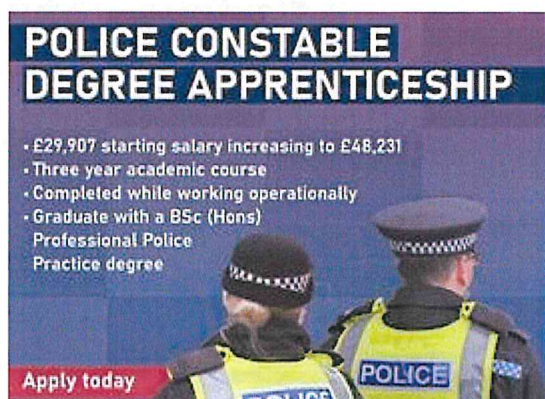
Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

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.

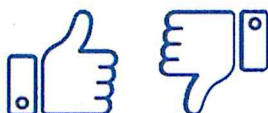
Transferees

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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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of the Staffing Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on
Wednesday 3 June 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Natalie Evans (Chair)
Councillor Louise Dunn
Councillor Chris Houghton
Councillor Claire Houghton
Councillor Jean Murray
Councillor Lorraine Taylor
Vivien Little – Town Clerk
Christine Fawcett – Parks Manager
Catherine Parker – Responsible Financial Officer

1. Election of Chair

Councillor Evans was elected as Chair of the Staffing Committee for the 2026/27 municipal year.

2. Apologies

No apologies for absence were received at this meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

4. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes, as a correct record, of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 13 January 2026 (page 7).

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’

5. Clerk’s Report

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the timetable contained within the report be agreed;
- ii) the grading and the hours for the post be agreed; and
- iii) the discussion regarding the Parks Van be approved;
- iv) two small air-conditioning be purchased for the office/Council Chamber
(Action – Clerk).

Councillor Dunn left the meeting at 2.50pm

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 3.39 p.m.

Chairman

Date