

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

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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A meeting of Keswick Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 17th September 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 the 20th August 2026 (pages 16-20).
- 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 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. Keswick Community Partnership Report

To receive the report of the Clerk. Reverend Charles Hope will be in attendance for discussion of this item.

8. Applications for Development

- i) To examine applications for development and to agree observations for submission to the Lake District National Park Authority (Planning Group report to be circulated at the meeting).
- ii) To receive update on National Park planning decisions.

9. Mayor's Report

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14 August – 10 September 2026.

10. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

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

11. Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive the report of the Clerk.

12. Payment of Accounts

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

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

13. Keswick Town Council Survey results

To receive the paper from Councillor Dunn.

14. Clerk's Report

To receive the Clerk's report.

15. Consultation

To receive information on the Cumberland Council consultation on Polling Stations.

16. Tour de France Update

To receive the verbal update from Councillor Harwood.

17. Police Report

To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (if available).

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'

18. Building update

To receive the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

To: All Councillors, Police, Press, Library

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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 50 Main Street, Keswick on Thursday 20th August 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Chair
Councillor Natalie Evans
Councillors

Louise Dunn
Claire Houghton
Jean Murray

Steve Harwood
Denstone Kemp
Richard Scott

Chris Houghton
Benita Laphorn
Lorraine Taylor

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

68. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hardy and Peat. Their apologies were noted and accepted.

69. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 16 July 2026 (pages 12-15).

70. Co-option of a Councillor

- i) **RECEIVED** a presentation from one co-option applicant giving the reasons they would like to be a Town Councillor, and what they feel they can offer to the community.
- ii) A vote took place and it was **RESOLVED** that Emily Hardy be co-opted as the candidate to fill the vacancy in the West Ward.

71. Requests for Dispensations

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

72. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

73. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public raised that at the recent Community Inquiry, one of the actions was relating to improvement in communication over what each level of local government did. They had noticed the improvement in the Town Council's Facebook communications, and that it was much welcomed and hoped it would continue.

74. Matters to be raised by Councillors

The Clerk read out a statement from Councillor Peat, stating that the releases at Thirlmere would continue through this winter, although the future after that was uncertain. Councillors thanked the work of Councillor Peat as well as Lynne Jones from Keswick Flood Action Group in their tireless work in fighting on the town's behalf.

Councillor Evans updated Councillors that she had been in touch with Keswick Youth Club, encouraging them to get clarity on their future following the news that the Derwent Pencil Museum would be moving to Rawnsley Hall.

Councillor Dunn stated that the survey on holiday lets had received 111 responses so far, and that it was continuing to be responded to.

75. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description, Location, Comments Recommendation
T/2026/0132	Fell one conifer tree Hope Park, Golf Kiosk and Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DG Declared interest
7/2026/2101	Installation of a stainless steel extract flue 3, Museum Square, Keswick, CA12 5AF <i>Support – We understand this is required to address concerns to prevent odours from the existing café kitchen spreading towards the adjoining Oxfam premises. Cumberland Environmental Health have confirmed that this proposal meets their technical requirements. It is located at the rear of the café extending above roof level in what is a service area for all the commercial premises from 1-7 Museum Square, including one property which has a similar extract flue. In this context we consider it is acceptable.</i> SUPPORT
7/2026/2124	Proposed modification to existing flat roof areas and existing ground and first floor areas, to form a hotel spa. Proposals include outdoor rooftop swimming pool, warm lounge, roof garden seating and bar area, with associated internal alterations to provide reception, changing rooms, thermal room, plant areas, new staircase and lift. Inn On The Square, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JF <i>Support – This is a 4 star hotel in a prominent location in the town centre which was extensively refurbished to a high standard in 2014/15. This application is an innovative approach to enhance what the hotel can offer and raise it to a new level. The building is within the Conservation Area but main visual impact will be the roof level at the rear of the hotel overlooking Bell Close car park towards Latrigg and Skiddaw beyond. Whilst we may have reservations about the practicality of maintaining an open air swimming pool in our Lake District climate, this is a subjective judgement and we would not wish to restrict the imagination of the applicant. Given the proposed opening hours to 22.00pm on weekdays we request that adequate protection measures are included to minimise noise transmission to adjacent residential properties. We support this unique proposal.</i> SUPPORT
7/2026/2134	Variation of condition 3 (manager's accommodation) on planning permission 7/2023/2214 Change of use of guest house (Use Class C1) to a holiday let with managers accommodation (sui generis use) - removal of managers accommodation. 13 Lakeland View, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5NY <i>Object – We strongly object to the principle of removing the requirement that the holiday let accommodation permitted must have a manager</i>

occupying the managers accommodation and be resident overnight. We consider the removal of this condition to improve profitability of the premises is totally irrelevant as a reason. To claim that there has been no problems since the permission was granted reinforces case for this to remain. At our Town Council meeting on 16th July 2026 we had a number of representations from the public about anti social problems regularly experienced as parties intent on this type of activity appeared to be targeting holiday lets without on-site management. This was accompanied by one of the main letting agencies in Keswick outlining provisions in place to address such issues but it was clear to all present that it is simply no replacement to the principle of having an on site presence. We have provided numerous reported incidents of anti social behaviour in such situations. It should be also noted that removal of the managers accommodation would result in the loss of a home creating a demand for relocation elsewhere. We consider that the planning permission condition was correct in acknowledging the need to protect the amenity of adjoining residents as planning policy 06.

OBJECT

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

76. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 10 July 2026 – 13 August 2026.

77. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Cumberland Council – Councillor Lansbury requested that Councillors and residents keep reporting issues for Cumberland via the Cumberland website, and the reporting system. The Clerk agreed that communications could be done around this to ensure that it was easy for people to follow.

Councillor Lansbury then reported on a meeting which was had with teams members from Cumberland, the Clerk, Councillor Peat and herself, on the issue of street furniture, A-boards, and the PSPO, all of which were looked after by different areas, including the LDNPA. This would be followed up on. Councillor Lansbury also informed Councillors that the PSPO covering Cumberland would be redone next year, and that we should get in any comments early.

She also said that after a good deal of back and forth, the St Herberts School Field would get a bypass pipe in place, which will go into the River Greta, so it was hoped that it would solve the issue of flooding in the field.

Councillor Houghton left the meeting at 7.50pm

Councillor Kemp left the meeting at 7.52pm

Councillor Houghton returned to the meeting at 7.53pm

Councillor Kemp returned to the meeting at 7.54pm

- ii) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative – no update was available.

78. TRO information for Cumberland Council

RECEIVED the report of the Clerk.

RESOLVED that work on this list be delegated to the Visitor Management Working Group in order to be refined before being passed onto Cumberland Council (*Action – Clerk*).

79. Payment of Accounts

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

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 96 – 124 amounting to £58,081.15 (fifty eight thousand and eighty one pounds and fifteen pence)
- ii) For the Trusts, vouchers HP77 – FP92 amounting to £13,261.08 (thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty one pounds and eight pence)

80. Audit for the year ending 31 March 2026

RESOLVED to approve and accept the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2026 including the certificate of conclusion of the External Audit.

81. Lake Road Subway Art Work – Vandalism

RECEIVED the report from the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Responsible Financial Officer be granted delegated authority to find out how much it was likely to cost for accommodation and travel and try and get a complete quotation to pass to the Councillors insurers, and if necessary, fund the out of pocket expenditure from the Visitor Management Working Group fund (*Action – Responsible Financial Officer*).

82. Quarterly Budgets

RECEIVED for information the quarterly budget comparisons.

83. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from Battersby Charity – Council representative Councillor Harwood.

84. Visitor Management Working Group

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Visitor Management Working Group on Monday 17 August 2026.

85. Tour de France update

RECEIVED a verbal update from Councillor Harwood. He informed Councillors that it was likely that the Tour de France route was not going along Manor Brow, but instead along Penrith Road. The town will likely be closed down from somewhere around 3am on the Saturday, but special provision will be made for essential workers. Everything will be finalised by November.

Any comms from our part should be directed to Cumberland Council, and their dedicated website.

86. Correspondence

RECEIVED correspondence from a member of the public.

RESOLVED that

- i) a balanced letter be sent from Keswick Town Council to the Chief Executive and Leader of Cumberland Council, raising concerns, but acknowledging that a lot of the issues are caused by the sheer number of tourists to the town, which they have no control over (*Action – Clerk*); and
- ii) seek to bring up the issue of Civic Pride at the next meeting of the Lakes to Sea Panel (*Action – Clerk*).

87. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

88. Staffing Committee

RECEIVED the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 10 August 2026 (pages 2-3).

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

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

89. Tour de France update

RECEIVED the report from Councillor Harwood.

RESOLVED that Councillor Harwood and the Clerk write a letter to Cumberland Council, setting out our concerns over the proposed event, and highlighting solutions that could be used (Action – Councillor Harwood and Clerk).

90. Office Upgrade

RECEIVED the report of the Responsible Financial Officer.

RESOLVED that the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer be given authority to spend up to £5000 on the work, to be taken from accruals as set out in the report (Action – Clerk and RFO).

The meeting closed at 9.04p.m.

Chair

Date

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Keswick Community Partnership update and Web Directory.

In June 2024, Rev Charles Hope and Mr Tony Welton made a presentation to Keswick Town Council together with a request for support from members. There was unanimous support for the principles of such a group.

In 2026, the partnership is Chaired by Reverend Charles Hope and managed by a core group of volunteers who arrange meetings, develop communications and administrate the partnership. Following several meetings and workshops with local groups. The role of the partnership has been established as covering four themes of work that are important to Keswick:

- Support to local community groups
- Improving access to support services
- Improving communication between groups and information for residents
- Initiating and/or supporting community projects, activities and events

Some Council members have commented that some of these objectives overlap the work of the Council. That is a good point. The partnership will complement and add strength to the work of the Council as it has access to other people and to other opportunities – widening the scope of what we can achieve for Keswick.

Following the workshops, it became clear that the first priority for local groups and organisations was the creation of a directory of groups and services for our local residents. Think of an updated and enhanced version of what KESMAIL used to offer.

The core group of the partnership have now designed and are populating a web directory www.keswickcommunitypartnership.org.uk and it is looking great. We now need to make a plan for the hosting and administration of the Keswick Community Partnership web directory and we are looking for KTC who are key to the Community Partnership, for support.

The cost of design and creation of the site so far has been around £1500 + VAT. That cost has been covered by Keswick Community Asset Company who are a core member of the partnership and KCP are very grateful for that support.

A contribution from Keswick Town Council will help to secure the sustainability of the new web directory and allow it to grow. It will also indicate core support for KCP which will help in the future. Importantly it will show future funders that this is a well-supported community network. The involvement of Keswick Town Council as a core member of the Partnership is absolutely key to its success and will benefit both teams.

The partnership is requesting a contribution of £1570 per annum for a three-year period. This will cover all web hosting support and training costs for the Keswick directory, including the VAT. Having the security of a three year period of support gives security for ongoing work and as mentions above helps us to grow through other sources of funding.

Recommendation:

1 That Keswick Town Council actively supports the work of Keswick Community Partnership – with at least one nominated member representative on this outside body.

2 That Keswick Town Council supports the work of improving awareness about access to services and activities by contributing £1570 per annum for three years to Keswick Community Partnership from 1 April 2027.

Vivien Little/Councillor Sally Lansbury
8 September 2026

Planning Applications received between 14/08/2026 - 10/09/2026			
Plan ref	Reply by	Location	Description of Proposed Development
T/2026/0154	05-Oct-26	Prior Holme, 9 Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DD	Felling of a dead bird cherry tree in boundary hedge
T/2026/0156	05-Oct-26	Nether Place Nursing Home, Chestnut Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LS	T1 Dying conifer - Remove. T2 Norway Maple - Remove to facilitate safe removal of dying conifer. T3 Norway maple - prune to create 2m clearance of phone wire. T4 Yew prune branch ends to create 2m clearance of phone wire. T5 Ash - Fell (Roadside and pavement clearance). T6 Norway Maple - Fell (Roadside and pavement clearance). T7 Norway Maple - Crown raise (Roadside and pavement clearance). 8 Beech - Crown raise (Roadside and pavement clearance). T9 Norway maple - crown raise for roadside and pavement clearance. G1 Laurel - Fell or reduce to clear phone line. G2 Laurel - Fell or reduce to create space below T1 to facilitate safe removal
T/2026/0163	07-Oct-26	The Coach House, Greta Hall, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NH	T1 - Section fell 1x Dead Beech Tree
T/2026/0166	08-Oct-26	17, Manor Park, Keswick, CA12 4AB	T1 - Cypress Tree, reduce back to previous pruning points as shown in picture. T2 - Larch Tree, reduce extended branch
7/2026/2084	30-Sep-26	Pack Horse Inn, Pack Horse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB	Proposed removal of the existing kitchen extraction system from the side elevation of the rear outrigger, including installation of a new kitchen extraction duct with roof penetration through the rear roof slope. Formation of new access flooring at ceiling level within the kitchen and installation of a new suspended grid ceiling. Removal of existing cooker hoods and replacement with new units - - full application
7/2026/2085	30-Sep-26	Pack Horse Inn, Pack Horse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB	Proposed removal of the existing kitchen extraction system from the side elevation of the rear outrigger, including installation of a new kitchen extraction duct with roof penetration through the rear roof slope. Formation of new access flooring at ceiling level within the kitchen and installation of a new suspended grid ceiling. Removal of existing cooker hoods and replacement with new units - Listed Building Consent application
7/2026/2140	18-Sep-26	12, Derwent Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5AN	Proposed alterations to rear elevation
7/2026/2151	18-Sep-26	37, Lakeland Park, Keswick, CA12 4AT	Erection of side extension to replace garage, front porch, raised patio and internal alterations to provide rear living room/space, walk-in-wardrobe and ensuite
7/2026/2152	No provision for consultation on this type of application	Low Briery Holiday Village, Keswick, CA12 4RN	Approval of details reserved by condition 8 (construction environmental method plan) on appeal decision APP/Q9495/W/23/3330570 (application 7/2022/2247) - Extension to existing holiday park, formation of access, landscaping and ancillary works
7/2026/2154	No provision for consultation on this type of application	Boat Repair Depot, Isthmus Bay, Keswick, CA12 5DJ	Non-material amendment to application 7/2026/2014 (Erection of a building for the storage and maintenance of launch craft in association with Keswick Launch Company) for the addition of 3 windows and 2 doors to east elevation, new rooflights, omission of approved gable link
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 14/08/2026 & 10/09/2026

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2026/0132	July-26	Hope Park, Golf Kiosk And Putting Green, Lake Road, Keswick	CA12 5DG	Conifer tree -Fell to ground level.	KTC application	GRANTED		
7/2026/2101	July-26	3, Museum Square, Kewick,	CA12 5AF	Installation of a stainless steel extract flue	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2026/2123	July-26	9, St. Johns Terrace, Ambleside Road, Keswick	CA12 4DP	Change of use from C1 (Guesthouse) to C3 Use (Dwelling)	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2026/2124	June-26	Inn On The Square, Main Street	CA12 5JF	Proposed modification to existing flat roof areas and existing ground and first floor areas, to form a hotel spa. Proposals include outdoor rooftop swimming pool, warm lounge, roof garden seating and bar area, with associated internal alterations to provide reception, changing rooms, thermal room, plant areas, new staircase and lift.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17TH SEPTEMBER 2026****MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE**

For period 14th August 2026 to 10th September 2026

Sunday 16 August	Attended Keswick Games
Monday 17 August	Parks manager interview panel
Tuesday 18 August	Attended Keswick community partnership core group meeting
Thursday 20 August	Chaired KTC August meeting
Tuesday 25 August	Attended Events committee meeting
Tuesday 25 August	Attended Keswick Youth Club session
Thursday 27 August	Visited Keswick Senior Citizens Club to see new roof and facilities
Sunday 30 August	Attended Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association(AMYA) national charity challenge in Fitz Park
Sunday 30 August	Attended AMYA charity reception
Monday 31 August	Attended Keswick Show and judged horse and pony fancy dress class
Tuesday 1 September	Attended Sustainable Keswick core group meeting
Wednesday 2 September	Chaired Staffing committee meeting
Saturday 5 September	Attended Keswick Senior Citizen Club monthly coffee morning
Sunday 6 September	Attended Aspatria Civic Service
Sunday 6 September	Attended Wigton Civic Service
Monday 7 September	Attended PFCC and Cumberland councillor joint surgery
Monday 7 September	Attended Keswick Community Partnership public meeting

LDNPA Report for the North Lakes

Issue 29

August 21st 2026

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Tourist Information stand in Booths.

We've managed to secure a presence in Keswick Booths that will allow our staff to provide face-to-face information for tourists. As you know, we have been keen to maintain some kind of visitor information service in the town and it's great to see this new service in place. The trial will run until the end of October after which we will be able to judge how successful it has been.

**New Community Panel**

October will see the first meeting of a new Forum that will ensure community voices are regularly heard at the highest level of the Lake District National Park Authority and the National Park Partnership.

This is something that I proposed a few months ago, and I am delighted it is now happening. Quarterly, from October 7th representatives of the LDNPA leadership will hold a meeting with the Chairs of Parish and Town Councils (or their representative).

This Forum will elect its own Chair who will subsequently attend the Lake District National Park Partnership (LDNPP) meetings. The LDNPP meets roughly four times a year (dates listed below), and this Forum will aim to meet a few weeks before each Partnership meeting to

ensure community issues are raised at the Partnership meetings. As a reminder the Partnership Plan (now with actions) can be seen [here](#).

This will give parish councils a much stronger and more direct voice in discussions about the future of the National Park at both an LDNPA and a Partnership level.

The Forum will decide its own agenda and identify the topics it would like to discuss. So, at your next Parish/Town Council meeting you might like to consider:

- what you would like to discuss at the first meeting
- what the group should be called
- who your representative will be

This new approach will replace the Parish Cluster meetings that the LDNPA have hosted in recent years and create more regular contact between parish councils and the LDNPA allowing issues to be discussed more quickly.

I look forward to seeing your reps at the first meeting at 7pm, October 7th in Grasmere.

Partnership meeting dates:

2026

21st October

2027

28th January

13th May

15th July

20th October

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Nomination of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Lake District Town and Parish Council Forum

I have attached an email from Gavin Capstick, CEO of the Lake District National Park Authority, which came to us via CALC. This was regarding setting up a new LDNPA Parish and Town Councils. This will be made up from representatives from each Town and Parish Council within the boundaries of the Lake District, either the Chair, or a nominated person. The person elected as Chair of this group will go on and sit on the Lake District National Park Partnership, ensuring a greater voice on that body. Peter Walter has alluded to this in his report as well.

Councillors are asked who they would like to nominate to this important position.

Keswick Community Partnership representative

The previous representative on the Keswick Community Partnership for the Town Council was Rob Nelson, who has since resigned from the Town Council. Given the good work that the Community Partnership has begun to do, Councillors are asked to nominate a new representative to this outside body.

Vivien Little
8 September 2026

New Lake District Parish and Town Council Forum

From Hutchinson, Sonia D <Sonia.Hutchinson@cumbria.gov.uk>

Date Fri 2026-08-14 10:43

To Cumbria Association, of Local Councils <calc@cumberland.gov.uk>

Cc Cumbria Association, of Local Councils <calc@cumberland.gov.uk>

Dear Colleagues

Please find information below from Gavin Capstick CEO LDNPA on a new Lake District Parish and Town Council Forum: -

“New Lake District Parish and Town Council Forum

I am writing to tell you about a new Forum that will ensure community voices are heard at the highest level of the Lake District National Park Authority and the National Park Partnership.

Quarterly, from October 7th the Chairs of Parish and Town Councils (or their representative) will be invited to an in-person meeting with the senior LDNPA leaders.

This Forum will elect its own Chair who would become CALC's representative on the Lake District National Park Partnership (LDNPP). This would give parish councils a much stronger and more direct voice in discussions about the future of the National Park. The LDNPP meets roughly four times a year, and this Forum will aim to meet a few weeks before each Partnership meeting to ensure community issues are raised at the Partnership meetings.

Meetings would be organised by CALC and held at different locations agreed by the group.

The Forum would decide its own agenda and identify the topics it would like to discuss. Representatives of The LDNPA's senior leadership team would attend meetings to provide updates, answer questions and discuss issues raised by councils.

This new approach will replace the Parish Cluster meetings that the LDNPA have hosted in recent years and create more regular contact between parish councils and the LDNPA allowing issues to be discussed more quickly. Crucially it will give councils a much greater opportunity to influence the actions of the Partnership and shape the conversation at the Partnership level.

To all Chairs – please ensure that October 7th at the Village Hall in Grasmere, is in your diary. We will share information about how a Chair could be elected shortly.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact either CALC or the LDNPA ”.

Kindest Regards
Sonia Hutchinson

Sonia Hutchinson – Chief Officer

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**Lake District
National Park
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Parish and Town Council Forum

Agenda

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Parish and Town Council Forum will take place on:

Date: 7th October 2026

Time: 07.00pm

This meeting will be held at Grasmere Village Hall but for those members who are unable to attend in person the first meeting of the Forum will also be held remotely using Microsoft teams. Please find the link to join the meeting below: -

Sian Thornthwaite

Chief Officer CALC

AGENDA

1. In attendance
2. Apologies
3. Election of a Chair
4. Election of a Vice-Chair
5. Approve Terms of reference (appendix 1)
6. Agree key items for discussion to be taken to next LDNPP meeting
7. Matters for the LDNPA – Please submit in advance of the meeting to calc@cumbria.gov.uk by 23 September 2026.
8. Date of next meeting



**Lake District
National Park
Partnership**



Parish and Town Council Forum

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

The purpose of the Parish and Town Council Forum (PTCF) is:

- to provide a regular opportunity for Parish and Town Councils to meet with the Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA), to discuss issues and influence its activity.
- to provide a mechanism for Parish and Town Councils to be represented on the Lake District National Park Partnership (LDNPP) and influence its activity.

Membership:

- Any Parish or Town Council (or Parish Meeting) within the boundary of the LDNPA is eligible for membership;
- Each eligible council can nominate one representative.

Observers:

- Other people may attend meetings at the discretion of the Chair, but do not have a vote.

Chair and Vice-Chair:

- A Chair and a Vice-Chair will be appointed from the PTCF membership through a majority vote of members at the first meeting of the forum.
- They should be a nominated representative from a member parish or town council or meeting. Their role is to chair the meeting and when engaging with the National Park Partnership to represent all member parish and town councils.
- The period of office should be 2 years, after which time an election should be called.
- There is no maximum number of terms that a person can be elected as Chair or Vice-Chair.

Relationship to the Partnership

- The Chair (or Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair) will act as the Partnership Representative for the PTCF, attending the LDNPP at its quarterly meetings. The CO of CALC will also attend the Partnership meetings but in a non-voting capacity.
- The Chair may request an agenda item(s) at Partnership meetings in order to update the Partnership on PTCF matters.

PTCF administration:

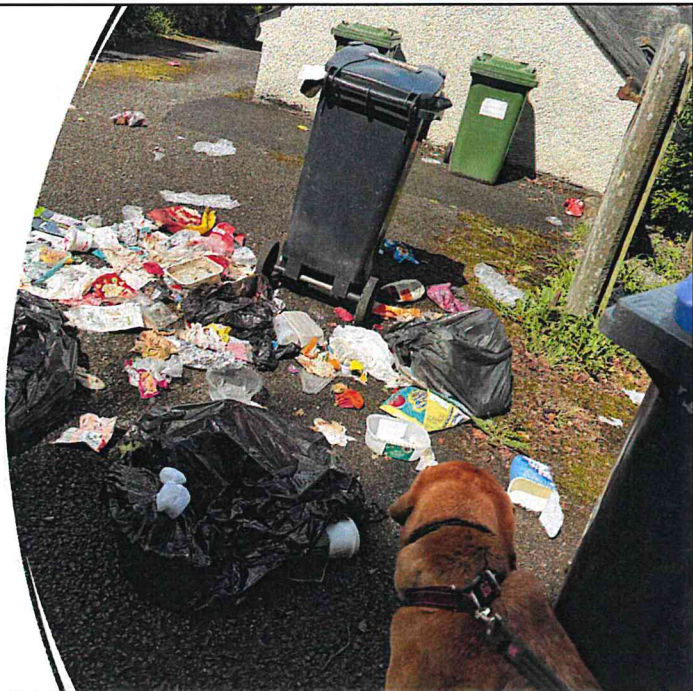
- Meetings of the PTCF are organised by CALC;
- Secretariat is provided by CALC;
- A meeting of the PTCF will be convened quarterly;
- PTCF meetings should precede Partnership quarterly meetings so that the Chair (or Vice-Chair) may report on any matters of note to the Partnership;
- The following should be standing items on the agenda:
 - Apologies,
 - Review of actions from the previous meeting,
 - Matters for the LDNPA, and
 - Matters arising;
- Any additional Agenda items that member councils would like discussed at a PTCF meeting should be forwarded to the Chair of the PTCF [add address] and the CO of CALC [calc@cumbria.gov.uk] two weeks prior to the next meeting;
- Minutes of the PTCF, once approved, are circulated to PTCF members and meeting attendees. They are available to others on request to the Partnership Team;
- Where voting is required, there will be one vote per member council.

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Holiday Let Nuisance Survey 2026

Keswick Town Council &
Keswick Community
Partnership

Cllr. Louise Dunn
September 2026



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Background: Why is this such a problem now?

- Volume in a small town:
 - Keswick has 575 holiday lets or second homes.
 - Around 34% of housing is not available to live in (25% is the upper limit for a 'healthy' town)
 - Large increase since 2020, trend of B&Bs switching to large holiday lets
- Lack of accountability:
 - Increasingly, owners are absent/ investors and letting agencies are arms length booking platforms with no high street presence.
 - No on-site management or out of hours support.
 - The agencies have helplines for owners and for visitors but are almost impossible to contact in a timely manner if you are a neighbour encountering issues.
- Lack of consequences:
 - Little regulation compared to short term lets, HMOs, hotels or other hospitality businesses.
- Holiday lets are encouraged by:
 - Business rates waiver incentive, no community charge, high profitability
 - Planning system has no protections and few restrictions
 - Increasing regulation of other property investments: long-term rentals and HMOs

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Background: What has been done already?

- Keswick Town Council set up a **holiday let nuisance reporting scheme** in 2022 because issues of noise, litter and nuisance were growing. KTC receives many reports and follow up every one with the managing agent or the owner (where they can be identified). <https://keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/holiday-nuisance-complaints/>
- In most cases when the owner and letting agency is alerted to issues of noise and nuisance, they take steps to manage it, using guidance from KTC. We have had some great success stories. We have also produced **guidance for holiday let owners** to prevent issues: <https://keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Measures-for-owners-to-address-holiday-let-issues.pdf>
- KTC has been working closely with Sally Lansbury, our Cumberland Councillor to address issues with enforcement re trade bins and parking. This work is ongoing and will continue.
- BUT we have come across a small number of properties where neither the owner or the agency cares about the impact upon the neighbours. Plus, visitor behaviour seems to be getting worse. **Only better regulation and enforcement will fix this.**

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Regulation requires national legislation

- Rachael Maskell MP introduced a Short-term Let Accommodation Bill which calls for licensing of holiday lets, guidance on management of holiday lets, removal of small business rates relief and changes to planning. This bill is supported by Markus Campbell-Savours MP.
- <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/59-01/0026/240026.pdf>
- The bill also proposes that local authorities have powers to remove licences and control the proportion of housing that is used as short term letting accommodation. The Bill has had its second reading and will need support to progress.

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Keswick Town Council's Position:

- Holiday lets are businesses and they exist in local neighbourhoods.
- Owners of holiday lets must be held accountable for preventing or managing the nuisance behaviour of their customers.
- A licensing system for short term letting accommodation (similar to that for HMOs) would help protect our local communities in popular tourist areas.

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Balancing the
needs of the
community with
the tourism
economy

Yes, tourism is essential to Keswick's economy.

But that does not mean that local residents can not call for better regulation and protections for the community (and for visitors).

Tourism must be sustainable and there has to be a balance.

"There are lots of lovely respectful holiday makers and tourism is so important for Keswick for the economy. It would be good for the minority to remember they are staying in residential areas and to act more responsibly."

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Our survey: Things to note

- The survey was intended to gain the view of Keswick residents who had encountered issues with holiday lets, to see what the issues were in resolving them. It's not a survey of all residents.
- The survey was live from 10 - 26 August 2026 (shortly after the Keswick Convention)
- Survey was publicised via local Facebook pages and in local media.
- Limitations: Participants were self-selecting, anonymous and may have undeclared interests
- The response was excellent:
 - There were 118 full responses from residents, 5 from local holiday let owners
 - Respondents who did not answer any Qs were deleted from the analysis (60)
 - Non-residents and non-local holiday let owners were directed out of the survey.
 - A small number of respondents (2-3) objected to the survey. One was removed from the analysis.

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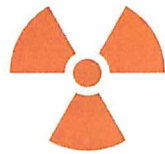
The top nuisances identified were:

- Inconsiderate parking (76%)
- Noise disturbance (66%)
- Overflowing bins and rubbish (51%)
- Poor maintenance (30%)
- In 'other' category, the major issue was dogs (barking and poo)

"Refuse collection is a real problem. Holiday lets do not all have trade waste. Incorrect bins are often put out and not returned. Bins are often not emptied due to incorrect use. Resident's bins are often used by holiday lets"

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The major impacts of this were



Stress (62%)



Sleep disturbance (52%)

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Plus... wider issues for the town, e.g. lack of housing for locals, no long-term rentals

'This street has changed beyond all recognition. There is no sense of community and a total disregard for the residents.'

'The impact of HLs on the local community has been horrific. The numbers of HLs has reached unsustainable levels ie the town won't function if things don't improve.'

'The holiday lets have contributed significantly to house prices being so high and therefore young local people moving away.'

'This was a quiet residential street with a strong sense of community. Local people are fed up of not being listened to'

'There are too many holiday lets and not enough residents. The balance is wrong and impacts the local community and the ability to have a community.'

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Neighbours have trouble resolving issues:

- 50% do not have a way to contact the owner or managing agent
 - When the owner or managing agent is contacted the issue is resolved in only 20% of reports
 - The response is variable in 23% of cases
- The most common way to try and fix things is to go round and talk to the occupants (43%) but there are reports of aggressive responses/ verbal abuse (20%) and the problem continuing (20%).

"Keswick is saturated with holiday let's, the agents & owners don't care as they know the guests will be leaving and a new lot will be arriving."

"They do not care. On holiday and they do what they want."

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Many do not complain

- They are scared:

"I would not try to talk to anyone directly as I'd be worried about the response particularly late at night when people have been drinking."
- They don't know who to complain to:

"We have asked Cottages.com on several occasions to pass on our contact details to the holiday let owner but have never received a response."

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Issues can easily
be resolved by
owners & agents
who are motivated
to help.



RESPONDENTS WHO WERE
HAPPY WITH THE
RESPONSES TO THEIR
COMPLAINTS GENERALLY
KNOW THE OWNER OR THE
AGENT.



"THE OWNERS ARE TRYING
TO SOLVE THE NOISE
DISTURBANCES AND HAVE
PHONED ME TO CHECK THE
NOISE IS LESS"



"LUCKILY, SINCE I USED THE
TOWN COUNCIL'S HOLIDAY
LET CONTACT FORM, THE
PROBLEM HAS NOT YET
RECURRED THIS YEAR."



"PROBLEMS WERE
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GET ON WITH & VISIT THE
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STAY THEMSELVES."

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Key finding: Support for a licensing scheme.

Respondents have encountered issues from holiday lets and have had trouble resolving them so (unsurprisingly):

- 78% were in favour of a licensing scheme
- 16% are unsure and want to know more
- Only 6% were against

"Highly unregulated industry needs far better control."

"ANY residential property should be that's changed to a holiday let should need Planning Permission. And be subject to licencing/registration."

"Councils should issue fines to landlords if noise levels continue after 11pm regularly and there should be clear instruction when booking that noise after 11pm won't be tolerated and a fine may ensue."

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And some practical measures.....

Guidance for holiday let owners from Keswick Town Council:

<https://keswicktowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Measures-for-owners-to-address-holiday-let-issues.pdf>

"There (are) various measures they could take to reduce the amount of disruption caused such as, not locating hot tubs adjacent to a boundary, vetting residents, clear instructions, etc. The owners of the holiday let next to us are responsive and apologetic. However, their primary concern is their revenue."

"Serious work needs to be done across the entire sector. Poor management, disrespectful holiday makers and no consideration for locals."

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.....and
support for a
tax
contribution
to local
infrastructure

"It's ridiculous that HLs don't pay business rates. I'd stick a much larger Tourism Tax on them than hotels or BnBs. The Business Rates they pay are laughable."

"It would be great to introduce a tourist tax to help contribute more towards funding schemes or at least see a realised financial benefit to tourists staying overnight beyond people who own businesses."

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Problems that would be helped by licensing:

Incentive for owners to solve issues to retain license

Regulation and enforcement:
Bins
Maintenance
Noise & ASB

Planning restrictions

Control of numbers/
proportion of
holiday lets in a
community

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Problems that will NOT be helped by licensing

Lack of housing for residents (although long term: more housing may become available for long term rental or resident occupancy)

Scarcity of parking for local residents and visitors (could be addressed by resident parking schemes, park and rise, more buses etc.)

Bad parking (needs more enforcement from Cumberland – unforthcoming - and more TROs – happening but can it accelerate?).

Volume of dogs and irresponsible dog owners.

Anti-social visitor behaviour.

Burden of investment in infrastructure for tourists borne by local residents via council tax (see FOLD 'who pays for the Lake District?' report 2026)

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What this survey tells us:

- **Some local residents are experiencing major issues with badly managed holiday lets to the point where their quality of life is majorly impacted.**
- We need enforcement of *existing* controls on parking and refuse (by Cumberland).
- We need new legislation to regulate short term rentals. Currently there is no regulatory mechanism to address issues.
- There is support in the town for:
 - A licensing system to address holiday let issues and manage the volume.
 - Review of small business waiver/ council tax exemption for short term lets.
 - Change in planning classification of short-term holiday lets

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Recommendations:

- Share the survey findings with:
 - Cumberland Council
 - LDNPA
 - MPs
 - Keswick Tourism Association
 - Cumbria Tourism
 - Holiday let companies
- Continue to lobby for a licensing system for short term holiday rentals.
- Encourage residents to write to their MP, asking them to support the bill.

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Further reading:

- Fairer housing, stronger communities: Friends of the Lake District, 2026:
<https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/work/fairerhousing/>
- Who Pays for the Lake District? Dr Davina Stanford, 2024:
https://www.friendsofthelakedistrict.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/who_pays_for_the_lakedistrict_reportd_v2.pdf
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KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Paperless agendas

As part of the Town Council's commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030, we have been looking at a number of initiatives to ensure that we make progress towards that. One of the things that has to be considered is the amount of paper that is produced from the office, especially with agendas, which can vary in size from small agendas to much larger ones.

There is a clear direction of travel from a number of Councils even at this level to transition to paperless meetings, and it is expected that it will become standard practice over the next few years. It will give an opportunity for members to demonstrate that they are embracing new forms of technology which will delivery savings, embrace more efficient working practices and reduce the Council's carbon footprint.

Not only is there a demonstrative environmental impact, but there will also be cost savings with regard to reduced paper usage and also reduced postage costs.

For the likes of the Planning and Licensing Working Group, the planning reports can be set up on a laptop ahead of the meeting, and viewed on the installed screen in the Council Chamber. This can also be done with the main Town Council and Trust meetings, meaning that members of the public as well as Councillors will be able to view the documentation for the meetings. There will have to be some work done to the agendas to ensure that they are fully compatible (there are a few issues currently), which will be relatively easily resolved. This will also ensure that any items which go onto our website meet the latest accessibility standards.

There are a number of considerations to bear in mind. Firstly is that not all Councillors have easy access to technology to enable them to fully read agendas, and under the Local Government Act 1972, we do have to give Councillors who wish the option for paper copies that chance. There may well be costs involved – it is likely that we will have to purchase software to allow staff to edit pdfs, but that should fall within existing budgets. It may be that Councillors consider purchasing tablets for all the Councillors moving forward, which would ensure that all Councillors are fully able to access their KTC email addresses and can engage fully with Council business.

A realistic timescale would also have to be worked out for this, but it is a topic which which we should be exploring moving forward.

Vivien Little

8 September 2026

Background

Within each local authority area, legislation requires councils to carry out reviews of the Polling Districts and Polling Places in that area. Cumberland Council area is divided into polling districts, with one or more polling districts making up a Ward, and with a polling place being an area or building within a polling district in which a polling station is situated.

The last full statutory review was held in 2024. The Electoral Registration & Administration Act 2013 governs the timings of compulsory reviews. The next compulsory review is due to commence in the 16-month period beginning on 1 October 2028. A council can conduct a review at any time, but it will still have to conduct a full review during the compulsory timeframe.

This is an interim review taking into consideration the Final Recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission following their review of Cumberland. It is also reviewing the designated polling stations where the existing venue is no longer available or suitable to act as a polling station.

This review effects all Wards in Cumberland, which will increase from 46 to 55 wards from May 2027. As a result of the increase, there are significant changes in some areas, whilst other areas may only see minor changes proposed to polling district codes.

This document has been distributed to local community groups, action groups, disability groups, charities, political parties, ward Councillors and Parish Councils. The (Acting) Returning Officer has also been consulted and has given his recommendations.

The initial proposals within this document will be consulted on, and comments received will be considered, before final recommendations are made. This process will lead to the publishing of the revised Register of Electors planned for 1 December 2026.

WARD			KESWICK	
PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY			PENRITH & SOLWAY	
CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT	PARISH	CURRENT POLLING PLACE	(ACTING) RETURNING OFFICER PROPOSALS
AL_CO3	KES3	Keswick – West Ward	Millbeck Village Hall, Millbeck, Keswick, CA12 4PS	Propose that polling place moves to Keswick Methodist Church as current polling place is in a different Parish and Ward. Rename polling district
AL_CO2	KES2	Keswick – West Ward	Keswick Methodist Church, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4HH	No changes proposed to polling district boundary or polling place. Rename polling districts only.
AL_CO1	KES1	Keswick – West Ward	Crosthwaite Parish Room, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5NN	
AL_CN3	KES6	St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn	Derwent Valley Children's Centre, Trinity Way, Keswick, CA12 4HZ	
AL_CN2	KES5	Keswick – East Ward	Keswick Methodist Church, Southey Street, Keswick, CA12 4HH	Propose to extend polling district boundary to include 1-4 Blencathra Court from AL_CN1 (KES4). Rename Polling District.
AL_CN1	KES4	Keswick – East Ward	Derwent Valley Children's Centre, Trinity Way, Keswick, CA12 4HZ	Propose to amend polling district boundary to move 1-4 Blencathra Court to AL_CN2 (KES5). Rename polling district.
AL_CC	KES7	St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn	Thirlmere Recreation Hall, Stanah Lane, Thirlmere, CA12 4TJ	No changes proposed to polling district boundary or polling place. Rename polling districts only.
AL_CB	KES8	St Johns, Castlerigg and Wythburn	Thirlmere Recreation Hall, Stanah Lane, Thirlmere, CA12 4TJ	
AL_AP	KES9	Borrowdale	Grange Methodist Church, Grange, Keswick, CA12 5UQ	
AL_AO	KES10	Borrowdale	Borrowdale Institute, Rosthwaite, Keswick, CA12 5XB	

Ania Mlynczak

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 21 August 2026 18:12
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: Your Policing Update: Cockermouth and Keswick

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Neighbourhood Policing Team Updates

**Cockermouth and Keswick****August 2026**

A welcome from Sergeant McKinnell

Welcome to the August edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

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

Over the last month we have targeted your area priorities.

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'.



Sergeant Neil McKinnell - Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team

Essential News and Updates

PCSOs Conduct High-Visibility Patrols in Keswick Parks

PCSO Holly and PCSO Pete carried out high-visibility foot patrols in Fitz Park and Hope Park, Keswick, following a number of reports relating to anti-social behaviour and criminal damage in the area.

The patrols form part of ongoing efforts to address community concerns, provide reassurance to residents and visitors, and deter further incidents from occurring. By maintaining a visible presence in the parks, officers are able to engage with members of the public, gather information and respond to issues affecting the local community.

Cumbria Police takes reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage seriously and will continue to work proactively to identify those responsible and prevent further incidents.

Residents are encouraged to report any concerns or suspicious activity to police to help ensure Keswick's parks remain safe and welcoming spaces for everyone.



Officers Attend Cockermouth Agricultural Show

PCSOs and officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team attended the Cockermouth Agricultural Show at The Fitz, joining thousands of visitors for one of the area's most popular community events.

The show provided a fantastic day out for families, with a wide range of attractions, displays and activities celebrating the region's rich agricultural heritage. Officers enjoyed the opportunity to meet residents, speak with visitors and engage with members of the local community throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see so many people attending the event and enjoying



New Speed Indicator Device Deployed on Lorton Road Following Speeding Concerns

A Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been deployed on Lorton Road in Cockermouth after completing a month-long period of monitoring traffic speeds in Stainburn.

The device has been installed in response to concerns raised by members of the public about vehicles travelling at excessive speeds along the stretch of road near the cemetery. As well as reminding motorists of their current speed, the SID will collect valuable data on vehicle speeds to help inform future enforcement and road safety activity.

everything the show had to offer. Community events such as the Cockermouth Agricultural Show provide a valuable opportunity for police and the public to connect in a positive setting while supporting local traditions and bringing people together.

Speeding remains a key concern for many communities, and the information gathered from the device will assist officers in identifying any ongoing issues and determining where further action may be required.

Motorists are reminded that the speed limit in this area is 30mph, and all road users are encouraged to drive responsibly and remain mindful of the safety of others.

Reminder Issued Following Increase in E-Scooter Reports in Keswick

Officers met with partner agencies to discuss a number of issues affecting the Keswick area, including an increase in reports of young people using e-scooters on footpaths, in parks and within the town centre.

As part of the discussions, officers took the opportunity to remind residents, particularly parents and guardians, that it is a criminal offence to ride a privately owned electric scooter in public places, including on roads, pavements and in parks. Those found using e-scooters illegally may face prosecution, fines or penalty points on their driving licence. Police also have the power to seize the scooter, with release and impound fees potentially applying.



Officers encouraged anyone who was unsure about the legal use of e-scooters to speak with a police officer for advice. Information on e-scooter legislation is also available on the Government website.

The issue will continue to be monitored as part of ongoing work with partner agencies to address community concerns and improve safety across the Keswick area.

Our Priorities - *You said, we did*

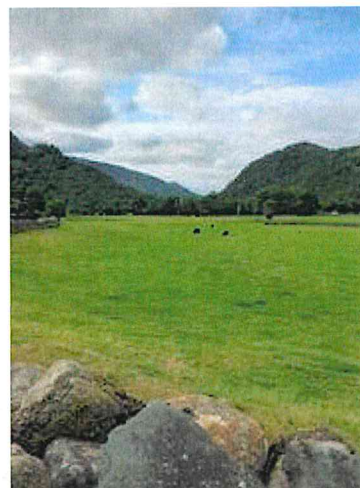
Joint Patrols Tackle Fly Camping and Illegal Parking in the Lakes

As part of local policing priorities, PC Chris recently joined Cumbria County Council's Environmental Crime Team for a day of joint patrols in the Borrowdale, Buttermere and Crummock areas, targeting fly camping and illegal parking.

The patrols proved successful, with three unauthorised campsites dispersed, a traffic offence dealt with for illegal number plates, and a number of positive interactions with visitors to the area.

Joint operations such as these provide officers and partner agencies with the opportunity to engage with people visiting the Lake District, offering advice on responsible and legal camping practices while highlighting the impact that fly camping can have on local communities and the environment. They also help raise awareness of the consequences for those who cause damage, leave litter or engage in anti-social behaviour.

The Lake District is a popular destination for visitors from across the country, and officers continue to work closely with partners to protect the area's natural beauty while ensuring everyone can enjoy it responsibly. Anyone planning to camp in Cumbria is encouraged to familiarise themselves with the difference between wild camping and fly camping, as well as the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in place across the county.



Upcoming community police events 🚓

📍 Drop in Session - Cockermouth Library

📅 Fri 25th September

🕒 11:00am - 12:00pm

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.

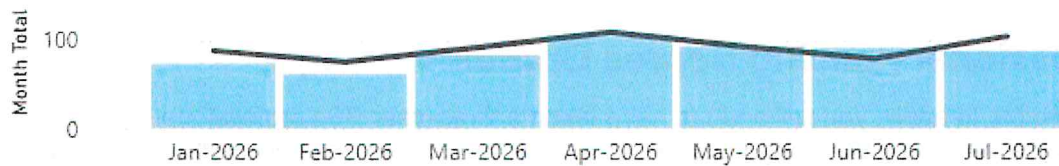
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Crime Figures

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

Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	7	12	-5	-41.7 %
Burglary	4	2	2	100.0 %
Drug Offences		2	-2	-100.0 %
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	4	3	1	33.3 %
Possession of Weapons	1	3	-2	-66.7 %
Public Order Offences	16	13	3	23.1 %
Sexual Offences	3	3	0	0.0 %
Theft	7	21	-14	-66.7 %
Vehicle Offences	1		1	0.0 %
Violence Against the Person	45	45	0	0.0 %
Total	88	104	-16	-15.4 %

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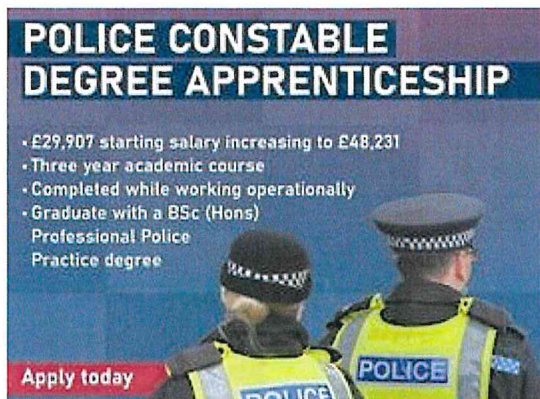
Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

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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