

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

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

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10th November 2022

A meeting of Keswick Town Council to be held at on Thursday 17th November 2022 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick at **7.00 pm**.

Yours sincerely



Vivien Little
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2. Minutes**
To authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 20th October 2022 (pages 28-32).
- 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 Interest**
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).

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. Police Report**
To receive the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team for September & October.
- 6. Matters to be received from the Public**
Such matters may be received throughout the meeting, however, items raised should not be discussed for longer than 10 minutes and the Chairman reserves the right to curtail repetitious matters. Public participation shall not be longer than half an hour throughout the meeting.
- 7. 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.

8. Churchyard Maintenance

To consider a request from Councillor Daniels.

9. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

To receive a report from Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership – Council representative Councillor Lansbury. Kimberley Ward, Project Officer of Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership will be in attendance.

10. Applications for Development

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

11. Licensing Applications

To receive Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

12. Mayor's Report

To receive details of the Mayor's engagements and meeting attendance for the period 14th October – 10th November 2022.

13. Reports from Ward Representatives

To receive reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council
- ii) Cumbria County Council
- iii) Cumberland Council
- iv) LDNPA North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative

14. Clerk's Report

To consider the report of the Clerk.

15. Payment of Accounts

To confirm the payment of accounts for November 2022 as approved by the Inspection Committee (to be circulated at the meeting):

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

16. Consultation

- i. To consider if Keswick Town Council wish to respond to the proposed amendments to the Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme Funding Strategy Statement (distributed in October);
- ii. To consider the consultation on the new proposals for parliamentary boundary reviews, and to consider if Keswick Town Council wish to respond.

17. Correspondence

To consider correspondence received from the Lake District National Park Authority.

To: All Councillors
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Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Keswick on Thursday 20th October 2022 at **7.00 pm**.

Present:

Chairman
Councillor Steve Harwood

Councillors		
David Burn	Allan Daniels	Alan Dunn
Louise Dunn	Sally Lansbury	Tony Lywood
Duncan Miller	Jean Murray	Adam Paxon

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

114. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Forsyth and Titley. Their apologies were noted and accepted by Councillors.

115. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 29th September 2022 (pages 23-27).

116. Requests for Dispensations

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

117. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

118. Police Report

RECEIVED the report of the Allerdale Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Councillor Paxon updated members on the recent issues in Helvellyn Street, and that he had not received an update from the police following the local hub meeting. Councillors wished to develop better relations with the police.

Councillor Lywood joined the meeting at 7.05pm

119. Matters to be received from the Public

A member of the public spoke in support of planning application 7/2022/2247.

120. Matters to be raised by Councillors

Councillor Paxon informed Councillors that he had received word that the intake for feeder schools into Keswick was down this year, which was a matter he intended to substantiate, as he was concerned that it was the beginning of a trend. He would monitor the situation and update Councillors as he found out more information.

121. Applications for Development

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

Plan Ref.	Description of Development Location Comments Recommendation
T/2022/0164	Ash tree and poplar tree to be crown reduced by 1m to 1.5m all over to balance shape 3, Shu Le Crow Gardens, Keswick, CA12 4HG No comments made SUPPORT
7/2021/2367	2no. local needs dwellings following the withdrawal of application 7/2021/2228 Bristowe Hill, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5PG <i>Support – much improved design for the new houses proposed</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2172	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of new single storey extension to the rear of Alverna, High Hill, Keswick Alverna, High Hill, Keswick, CA12 5PB <i>Support – subject to no objections from adjoining owner at Brooklyn who have a side window in their rear extension looking towards Alverna</i> SUPPORT
7/2022/2201	Change of use from a guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation Brookfield, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LJ <i>Object - Following clarification from the applicant that the owner's accommodation is not being retained, Keswick Town Council object to this application for a change to a whole house holiday let. This displaces yet another family home and in the absence of a licensing scheme for holiday accommodation would result in a further increase of properties with no on-site management. We maintain our concern that the significant number of recent approvals granted is changing the balance of holiday accommodation available in a downward spiral which we consider is unacceptable. We acknowledge the representations of 3 neighbouring properties and we share their concerns</i> OBJECT
7/2022/2218	We propose to install a microgeneration installation on two of the slate roofs which face south east and south west. The external component will comprise up to 40 solar panels (80 sqm) Alhambra Cinema, St. Johns Street, Keswick, CA12 5AG No comments made SUPPORT
7/2022/2223	To remove the existing wooden, single glazed, sliding sash windows to the front elevation of the cottage and replace with double glazed, heritage style, UPVC, sliding sash windows to match existing exactly 12 Poplar Street, Keswick, CA12 5BW No comments made SUPPORT
7/2022/2236	Proposed change of use of first and second floor levels from mixed use as managers accommodation and staff use associated with the Public House to mixed HMO use and staff use Golden Lion Inn, 20, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JD <i>Support – we recognise the benefits of providing on site staff accommodation in a situation where this type of accommodation is in short supply locally</i> SUPPORT

7/2022/2239	<p>Replacement of existing timber sliding sash windows with upvc sliding sash windows to matching design and opening methods Greta Grove House, Flat 1, Elliott Park, Keswick, CA12 5NF No comments made SUPPORT</p>
7/2022/2242	<p>Erection of single-storey extension to enhance the kitchen and owners accommodation West View, The Heads, Keswick, CA12 5ES No comments made SUPPORT</p>
7/2022/2246	<p>Remove first floor conservatory and ground floor store below. Alterations to garage to form two storey rear extension. Re-tile and insulate existing roof. Replacement double glazed timber sash dormer windows Skiddaw Lodge, Crosthwaite Road, Keswick, CA12 5QA No comments made SUPPORT</p>
7/2022/2247	<p>Extension to existing holiday park, formation of access, landscaping and ancillary works Low Briery Holiday Park, Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RN <i>Defer recommendation on this significant application to allow proper consideration of extensive documents submitted</i> DEFER</p>
7/2022/2252	<p>Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2022/2106, (proposed two storey extension to side of existing house in place of existing outbuildings to provide improved living accommodation and storage/domestic workshop space). Amendments to extension plans including alterations to kitchen/shower room and roof over, store/workshop, bedroom 4 and first floor bathroom 3, Latrigg Close, Keswick, CA12 4LB No comments made - For information only</p>
7/2022/2254	<p>Replacement of ground floor and first floor sash windows and front entrance door 13, The Plosh, Borrowdale Road, Keswick, CA12 5DE <i>Support – despite the inaccurate drawing provided we support the proposed new timber windows and doors in the same style and detail as the existing on this house which is part of a Grade II listed terrace</i> SUPPORT</p>
	<p>ii) RESOLVED that the following observations be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:-</p>
E/2020/0184	<p>Appeal against breach of planning control Land at Fell View, Ashtree Avenue, Keswick, CA12 5PF <i>Keswick Town Council wish to support the LDNPA on the enforcement action proposed to rectify a breach of planning control relating to the erection of a boundary fence and timber building at the rear of Fell View, which do not comply with permitted development regulations. The LDNPA have suggested a reasonable approach to rectify these breaches by reducing the fence height and relocating the timber building set back from the highway. We do not consider it acceptable to allow a clear breach of these regulations</i> SUPPORT</p>
	<p>iii) RECEIVED update on National Park planning decisions</p>

122. Licensing Applications

RECEIVED Planning and Licensing Group report on licensing applications received.

123. Mayor's Report

RECEIVED a report from the Mayor covering the period 23rd September 2022 – 13th October 2022.

124. Clerk's Report

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report.

RESOLVED that the Busker's Code of Conduct be revised to say 'no amplification'.

125. Reports from Ward Representatives

RECEIVED reports from the following representatives:

- i) Allerdale Borough Council – Councillor Lansbury gave an update on the projects she had been working on, and was trying to ensure they were taken on by Cumberland Council. On 2-9 November, there was a disabled aids amnesty planned, to take equipment no longer required back and redistributed as required. This would happen at Keswick Library. A large number of people had gone through Carbon Literacy training, and it would be good to get Town Councillors and staff through it as well.
- ii) Cumbria County Council – Councillor Lywood and Councillor Campbell-Savours had hosted a meeting regarding the parking in Borrowdale, getting a feel from the locals about how the parking was, and what solutions they would like to see.
- iii) Cumberland Council – no update was provided.
- iv) Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes' Representative - **RECEIVED** the report from Dr Geoff Davies, Lake District National Park Authority North Distinctive Area Parishes Representative.

126. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

RECEIVED a report from the following representatives:

- i) Keswick in Bloom

127. Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the payment of accounts for October 2022 as approved by the Inspection Committee be authorised for payments

- i) For the Town Council, vouchers 125 – 143, amounting to £44,702.12 (forty four thousand seven hundred and two pounds and twelve pence)
- ii) For the Trusts vouchers HP102 – FP134, amounting to £20,576.45 (twenty thousand five hundred and seventy-six pounds and forty five pence)

128. Quarterly Budgets

Consideration was given to the quarterly budget comparisons.

RESOLVED that the overspends on the staffing budget heads be agreed.

129. Neighbourhood Plan Discussion

Consideration was given to a discussion following a meeting between Keswick Town Council and the Lake District National Park Authority.

RESOLVED that Keswick Town Council do not proceed with preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage, but work in conjunction with the Lake District National Park Authority to prepare a case which shows a change in this evolving situation which they can use within existing provisions in the Local Plan to support a change in their consideration of these applications.

130. Consultations

Consideration was given if Keswick Town Council wish to respond to the proposed amendments to the Cumbria LGPS Funding Strategy Statement.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be requested to seek clarification on what impact there would be on the employees, and defer this item until the November meeting.

131. Green Spaces to Grow

Consideration was given to a request from Councillor Lansbury.

RESOLVED that a press appeal for information be sent out, and any information which came in to be passed onto Councillor Lansbury.

132. Minutes

RECEIVED for information the minutes of the Keswick Ministries Town Liaison Forum held on 13 September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.


Chairman


Date


Ania Mlynczak

From: Cumbria Police <CumbriaPolice@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: 02 November 2022 17:02
To: Ania Mlynczak
Subject: September & October 2022 - Cockermouth & Keswick

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FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

September & October 2022 - Cockermouth & Keswick

A word from your local Inspector

In this month's newsletter you will read that we are continuing to resolve issues of anti-social behaviour within our community.

We continue to ask that if you are a victim to report incidents to us so we are aware of the issue and can respond alongside our partners.

We are also continuing to tackle issues around off-road bikes below you can see some of the work done by officers



T/Insp Scott Adams

Policing priorities

Residents of Keswick, Braithwaite, Bassenthwaite and St Johns

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

The survey is open for two weeks and will close on 16th November.

[Click here to fill out the community survey](#)

Off-road bikes

We have received reports regarding off-road bikes causing a nuisance around the Wakefield Road area in Cockermouth.

Following the concerns raised by local people, we have acted:

- PCSO Clare Parker has conducted high-visibility patrols routinely in the area
- We have engaged with persons affected
- We have provided crime prevention and reporting advice
- We have signposted members of the public to Allerdale Borough Council
- We continue to monitor the situation currently

Please continue to report incidents to us via the reporting options at the bottom of this newsletter.

Criminal Damage - Slatefell Drive

PCSO Clare Parker has been supporting officers with an investigation into criminal damage at a property on Slatefell Drive, Cockermouth.

Clare conducted house-to-house and CCTV enquiries in the area on the 19 September.

Anyone with information relating to this incident can report online at www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it, quoting incident number 4 of 12th September. You can also phone on 101.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Anti-social behaviour

Brigham

PCSOs Clare Parker and Megan Jones have been conducting reassurance visits to residents in the area of Brigham in relation to anti-social behaviour involving young people.

It was reported that young people that have been knocking on doors in the area.

We have visited and spoken to those involved in relation to their behaviour.

We have also conducted high visibility patrols and contacted the local secondary school in relation to the incidents.

Rubby Banks

On 28th September PCSO Clare Parker held an engagement event at Cockermouth Library.

Issues were raised about ant-social behaviour in the area of Rubby Banks. Clare conducted reassurance patrols in the area and went door to door to speak with residents, provided crime prevention advice and gave leaflets to residents.

Clare also conducted a StreetSafe letter drop, if you have received one, please fill out and return to us with any issues so we can address them.

Clare has also carried out passing patrols in the area.

StreetSafe

On 19 September, PCSO Megan Jones posted StreetSafe surveys in the area of Main Street, Keswick, following an issued raised regarding a resident being victim to anti-social behaviour by another resident.

The surveys were distributed to establish if anyone else was affected.

Street Safe surveys are an opportunity for you to raise any concerns or observations you have that are impacting your area for our team and partners to look into.

If you have received one of these surveys, please let us know your thoughts by completing the form and sending it back in the accompanying return envelope.

We wish to remind members of the public if they do not feel confident to report issues via the online reporting form or directly to Police, you can also call independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Begging

We have received several reports regarding begging in Keswick town centre and have been working with partners in the Allerdale Local Focus Hub on this issue.

Several people have been identified with support and help offered through the hub.

As part of this work PCSO Megan Jones has conducted a walkaround with the Allerdale Rough Sleeping Coordinator.

People wishing to assist those in need should consider making donations to relevant charities such as Shelter or the Salvation Army. Anyone with concerns should contact the police on 101.

Anyone who finds themselves in difficulty in relation to housing can contact the Allerdale homeless team on 01900 702660. You can find out more information here - [Homelessness and Homelessness Prevention \(allerdale.gov.uk\)](https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/homelessness)

Scam calls

PCSO Clare Parker visited Wordsworth Court coffee morning to provide advice and guidance to the residents about scam calls.

Many phone companies offer services that can protect you from scammers and other nuisance callers. These include:

- caller display
- incoming call blocking
- anonymous call rejection

For more information, contact your phone provider or read [Ofcom's Nuisance calls: phone services](#) that can help

You can find out how to report scam calls here → [Report a scam phone call - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/report-a-scam-phone-call)

If you want more information on fraud you can sign up to our monthly Fraud Newsletter here → [Cumbria Police \(govdelivery.com\)](https://govdelivery.com/cumbria-police)

Please let us know how useful these newsletter updates are



Patrols increased after man approaches woman

On 29 September, we were alerted to instances of a man approaching lone women on the Threlkeld Railway walk. Whilst there was no physical contact and the words spoken by the man did not include threats or abusive behaviour, some of those approached understandably felt intimidated and threatened by the approach.

Officers take such instances seriously and patrols have been increased in the area.

Dedicated Violence Against Women and Girls Detective Inspector Matthew Belshaw said: "Women should be free to walk the streets – at any time of the day or night – free from harassment.

"Men should consider their behaviour when approaching women in the street – particularly women who are alone – and that their approach may be considered inappropriate, alarming, intimidating or threatening.

"Cumbria Police takes such experiences seriously. We encourage anyone who has experienced such an incident or believes they may be in danger due to the actions of someone else to contact the police immediately – via 999 if the crime has just occurred or is in progress or via our numerous non-emergency options including online reporting and 101 phone line.

"It is important that such incidents are reported direct to the police so that we can direct resources accordingly to help make people feel and be safe."

We will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Neurodiversity support

On 7th October, PCSOs Pete Nichol and Megan Jones visited a family in Keswick to offer support to an individual with possible undiagnosed traits of neurodisability to signpost them to support services.

Pete is carrying out work across Allerdale to support others using his lived experience having been diagnosed with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, a Chromosome disorder, and traits of OCD.

Join us!

Have you ever thought about being a police officer?

Could you make a real difference to people in Cumbria and help keep them safe?

Recruitment is open now. We are looking for enthusiastic and dedicated people to apply now to join our teams.



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Recruiting police officers now

For more information on the role of a police officer and the numerous entry routes, please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/careers.

Your local officers

Want to know who your local officers are?

Simply go to our website - www.cumbria.police.uk

Scroll down the home page and you can browse different areas to see who your local team are - or enter your postcode.

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.



In other news

Police joined by partners to tackle hate crime

Emergency services and health services across Cumbria are partnering together to support hate crime awareness week.



T/Detective Superintendent Matt Scott Strategic lead for hate crime said "We know that hate crime within Cumbria often goes unreported.

"We are reaching out to our communities and the many people that visit Cumbria to report incidents to us so we can investigate, bring offenders to justice and signpost victims to the appropriate support."

You can report a crime in several ways:

- If it's an emergency and the crime is taking place, call 999 and ask for the police.
- In a non-emergency, you can report online - [Report a Hate Crime - Cumbria Constabulary](#) - or speak to an officer via 101.
- You can go to your local police station.
- You can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you want to remain anonymous.
- If you've experienced hate crime, you can also report the incident online through True Vision

Read more [here](#).

Cumbria Constabulary support national home burglary commitment

Cumbria Constabulary is fully behind a national commitment by police chiefs to attend all home burglaries – with such crimes already receiving specialist CID expertise in this county.

In Cumbria, every burglary where someone's home is entered is already investigated by a detective, meaning the offences become the focus of specialist investigative skills from the outset.



Read more [here](#).



Neighbourhood policing awards 2022

Neighbourhood policing officers have been recognised for their hard work within our communities at the neighbourhood policing awards. **Read more [here](#).**

Think SPEED and become a better, safer driver

Speed enforcement operations are taking place across the country in October – including here in Cumbria – as part of a national drive to highlight the risk of driving above the speed limit.

Cumbria Constabulary is supporting the National Police Chiefs' Council enforcement operation. [Read more here](#).



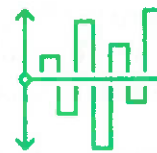


Crime Figures

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

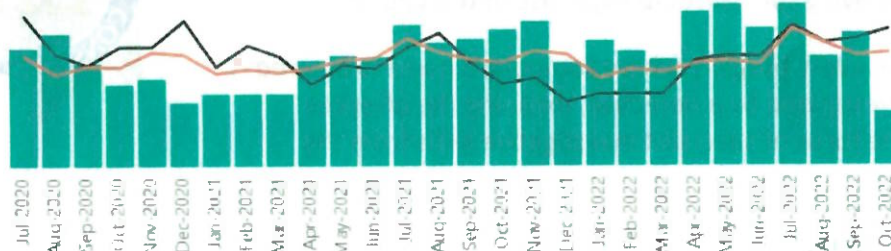
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Please note the data contained on [Police.uk](https://www.police.uk) is not live time



OffenceGroup	Crimes	Same Period Last Year	Difference	% Change
Arson and Criminal Damage	23	27	-4	-14.8%
Burglary	7	8	-1	-12.5%
Drug offences	0	8	-8	-100.0%
Hate Incident	2	0	2	0.0%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	4	1	3	300.0%
Possession of weapons offences	1	1	0	0.0%
Public order offences	18	30	-12	-40.0%
Reported Incidents	0	0	0	0.0%
Robbery	1	0	1	0.0%
Sexual offences	4	4	0	0.0%
Theft offences	10	8	2	25.0%
Vehicle Offences	3	3	0	0.0%
Violence against the person	77	63	14	22.2%
Total	150	153	-3	-2.0%

● Month Total ● Previous year ● Average Previous 2 Years



Allerdale Police want you to report all anti-social behaviour and crime

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

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can report online at <https://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it>

Our online Live Chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police Officer in real time. [More here.](#)

You can also phone on 101.

Alternatively you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

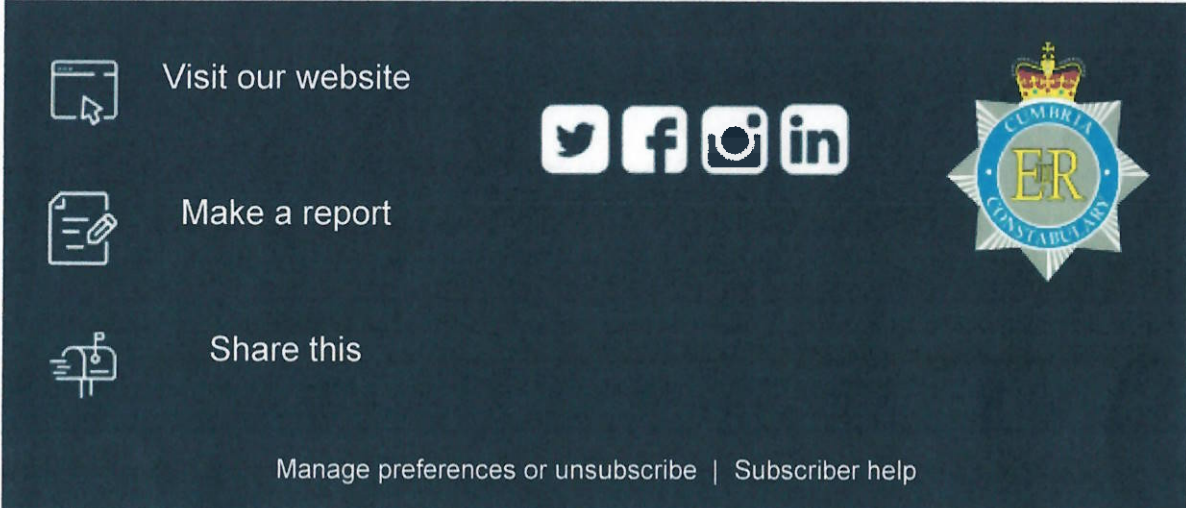


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Churchyard Maintenance

As you may have seen on social media and in the press, there has been a great deal of press coverage over the rewilding of St John's Churchyard, with people complaining about the state of the graveyard at St John's.

On 20 October 2022, there was a meeting with myself, the Responsible Financial Officer, Revered Andy Murphie and Linda Rigg (Crosthwaite Parish Church), Reverend Charles Hope (St John's Church) and Councillor Allan Daniels, to discuss the possibility of Keswick Town Council making a regular contribution towards the upkeep of the both churchyards.

Following discussion at the meeting, a figure of £4,000 has been requested, to be split evenly between the two churchyards to help fill the deficit in their budgets for grass cutting. Please see attached letter from both Revered Hope and Reverend Murphy setting out their explanation (enclosed)

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has stated that Town and Parish Councils should not get involved with maintenance of churches, however under the Local Government Act 1972, s214(6), a Town Council has the power contribute to the maintenance of churchyards. I consider this to have a multi-faceted benefit to the people of Keswick – not only would it keep the churchyards tidy, but churchyards have a mental health benefit to the community, as they are seen as a serene place open to all, regardless of faith.

It is up to Councillors to decide whether they wish to support this request or not. We are expecting both vicars to attend the meeting.

Vivien Little
10 November 2022

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Dear Town Councillors

Re: Churchyard Maintenance in Keswick

We're writing on behalf of the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) of Keswick St. John and Crosthwaite Church Keswick to ask that the Council consider regular financial support for the on-going maintenance of the town's two churchyards.

As you're probably aware, churchyards in the Church of England are public facilities, operated by the church for the benefit of all the residents of the parish, irrespective of their faith position. The right to be buried in a churchyard is for everyone who dies in the parish or who lives in the parish. By convention this right is also extended to those who have a substantial connection with the Parish – for example, they used to live in the area or already have family buried in the churchyard.

It's also a well-established practice that both our churchyards are able to be used on a daily basis by local people as a place to find peace and personal reflection. For those coming to terms with grief and loss, a churchyard can be an important help to think things through. We are very happy that our churchyards can be of benefit to the whole community in this way.

The cost of maintaining our two churchyards falls on the two PCCs and is noted in our annual accounts. As with all charities, these accounts are public documents, lodged with the Charity Commissioners and available for any who wish to see them. In broad terms, the annual cost of maintenance is around £9,000 per churchyard per year, which cost would include grass cutting, hedge trimming, and other maintenance needs specific to each churchyard.

The income we receive from churchyard fees covers approximately half this cost, with the remainder – some £4,500 - borne annually by St. John's and Crosthwaite PCCs. Crosthwaite funds this deficit out of its general funds but has to make provision to support this with legacy funds in the event general funds will not cover the entire cost. (General funds being largely the regular giving of church members.) St. John's funds the deficit on the churchyard from a separate restricted fund which was established from the sale of land for the Hopes housing project. (The lump sum from the Hopes project has only a limited lifespan.)

We understand that the Town Council has significant commitments for its funds, but we do feel that there is a case to make the request for a regular contribution to each church in their efforts to maintain our local churchyards as community assets that are for the benefit of the whole community of our town, its residents and visitors. The Town Council may care to think of sharing half of the short fall for both of the churches making a total of £4,000 p.a. shared equally. The Town Council may also think of sharing in a joint working group on churchyard management to oversee how its contribution it being used for the good of all people in the town.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Revd. Charles Hope
Revd. Andy Murphie

Papers attached.



Community Emergency Recovery Partnership

Report to Keswick Town Council – November 2022

Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership is a volunteer led organisation employing a project manager on a part time basis (averaging one day per week). We have a board of trustees, 7 lead volunteers and a further 81 volunteers on standby in the event of an emergency. We have an annually updated Community Emergency Plan, which is implemented at the point when a flood warning is issued by the Environment Agency which will have an impact on residential properties in Keswick.

Over the previous 12 months we have experienced a relatively dry period with one incident of river levels being particularly high. When this happened there was little impact which supports the flood defences and the positive impact they are having.

Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership has an emergency plan which is updated on an annual basis and circulated to trustees, lead volunteers and statutory agencies including the Environment Agency, the Police, Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council.

Over the last twelve months Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership has achieved the following;

- Successful funding bid of £4200 for new replacement radios for KCERP following advice from Keswick Mountain Rescue
- Updated annual emergency plan which has been identified by Cumbria County Council and the Environment Agency as the best that they have seen
- Annual flood advice leaflets distributed to the residents
- Emergency radio training to lead volunteers

The Partnership is grateful for the support of Keswick Town Council and the use of the council chamber in the event of an emergency. We welcomed Andy Murphie as our incoming Chair this year and we appreciate the ongoing support of all trustees including Vivien Little.

The financial support given is essential for the ongoing maintenance of the critical voluntary response and Keswick Community Emergency Recovery Partnership thanks the Town Council for the ongoing support.

Should you have any questions regarding KCERP or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Kimberley Ward, Project Manager at keswickfloodrecovery@gmail.com.

Planning Applications received between 14/10/2022 - 10/11/2022

Plan ref	Location	Description of Proposed Development
7/2022/2247	Low Briery Holiday Park, Penrith Road, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4RN	Extension to existing holiday park, formation of access, landscaping and ancillary works
7/2022/2258	Golden Lion Inn, 20, Main Street, Keswick, CA12 5JD	Proposed alterations to the front elevation of the public house building to provide new timber framed opening windows at ground floor level to replace the existing, new painted metal railings and guarding externally in front of the proposed window openings and to redecorate the exterior faces of the front elevation
7/2022/2260	Workshop/store, Shorley Lane, Keswick, CA12 4HN	Non-material amendment to planning permission 7/2021/2081 (Change of use of ground floor workshop/store into part of first floor flat to create single dwellinghouse) to add to the approved elevations gas box, vents and pipes; replace the current old upvc windows with new upvc windows; to change the glass block windows to upvc windows
7/2022/2261	6, Grange Park, Keswick, CA12 4AY	Amendment to condition 2 (plans) on planning permission 7/2019/2270 for demolition of conservatory & porch. Addition of dining and play room extension with porch
7/2022/2262	5 Southey Street, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4HH	Move main entrance to left and replace the existing window with one identical to the window in Unit 4
7/2022/2268	Beeches Guest House, Penrith Road, Keswick, CA12 4LU	Change of use from a guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation
7/2022/2271	8, Latrigg Close, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 4LB	Demolition of conservatory and erection of proposed single storey rear extension
7/2022/2274	23 Rivendell Guest House, Helvellyn Street, Keswick, CA12 4EN	Change of use from C1 Guest House to C3 Holiday Let

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

AGENDA ITEM 10.ii)

Planning Decisions Received between 14/10/2022 & 10/11/2022

Plan Ref	Date of Application	Location	Postcode	Description	KTC Observations	LDNPA Decision	Appeal	Appeal Decision
T/2022/0134	August-22	Keswick Ministries, Skiddaw Street, Keswick	CA12 4BY	T1 - Beech Tree - Crown lift limbs to pruning points marked on photos. T2 - Cherry Tree - Crown lift to highway (5.2 mtr) clearance over car park. T3 - Oak Tree - Remove 1 x lower limb - limb marked on photos.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2050 & 2051	February-22	Royal Oak, Main Street, Keswick, Cumbria	CA12 5HZ	Air conditioning installation works to upper floors and replacement of first and second floor windows to internal flat roof well	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2197	July-22	41, Briar Rigg, Keswick	CA12 4NN	Demolition of existing garage and sun room, to be replaced with side extension.	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2198	July-22	The Rowans, Ambleside Road, Keswick	CA12 4DN	Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension to dwelling	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2201	August-22	Brookfield, Penrith Road, Keswick	CA12 4LJ	Change of use from a guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2203	August-22	Badgers Wood, 30, Stanger Street, Keswick	CA12 5JU	Change of use of guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2209	August-22	Paddock House, Wordsworth Street, Keswick	CA12 4HU	Change of use from guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation.	OBJECT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2210	August-22	3, Poplar Street, Keswick	CA12 5BW	Replacement of the existing windows and door	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2212	September-22	21, Bank Street, Keswick	CA12 5JZ	Change of use from guest house to self catering holiday letting accommodation	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2221	September-22	11, Heads Mount, Keswick	CA12 5EY	Extension to dormer window over bathroom	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2227	September-22	Golden Lion Inn, 20, Main Street, Keswick	CA12 5JD	Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2136	May-22	Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick	CA12 5NJ	Proposed youth centre and residential development following refusal ref 7/2019/2166	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2238	October-22	10 Greta Grove House, Elliott Park, Keswick	CA12 5NF	Replacement of all 4 existing wooden frame windows with upvc window frames	Not received for comments	Withdrawn		
7/2022/2142	May-22	Keswick Youth Centre, The Old Mill, Main Street, Keswick	CA12 5NJ	Proposed temporary car park and store building following refusal of application ref 7/2021/2199	SUPPORT	GRANTED		
7/2022/2252	October-22	3, Laitrig Close, Keswick,	CA12 4LB	Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2022/2106, (proposed two storey	For information only	GRANTED		

AGENDA ITEM 11. LICENSING GROUP REPORT ON LICENCE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Business Name	Location	Details of Application	Date Consultation Period Ends	Comments	Date Comments sent to ABC Licensing Dept.
Lake Side House	40 Lake Road, Keswick, CA12 5DQ	<p>Supply of alcohol - Mon – Sun 11:00 to 00:00 on the premises</p> <p>Hours premises are open to the public- Mon – Sun 00:01 – 00:00</p> <p>No special extensions for bank holidays, Christmas Day etc</p>		Support – No comments made	27.10.22
Lake District Wine Ltd	Lake District Wine, Unit 6, Packhorse Court, Keswick, CA12 5JB	<p>Exhibition of Films(indoors) – Mon – Sun 10:00 to 23:00 The company would like to have the option of screening wine documentaries as part of an organised event but it is something that would only happen on possibly a quarterly basis and not regularly.</p> <p>Live music (indoors) – Mon – Sun 10.00 – 22.00 There will be a piano in the shop and so we would like to organise a pianist to come in and play at certain times. We may have an acoustic guitar and singer, but all live music will be unamplified and not on a regular basis. All music will be to suit the ambience of the shop and will be for background enjoyment.</p> <p>Recorded music(indoors) – Mon – Sun 10.00 – 23.00 We would like to have recorded background music for the shop in order to create atmosphere and ambience. We will use a small sonos speaker system with one speaker positioned up high in the rear far right corner of the shop and the other positioned up high on the left wall in front of the bar.</p>		<p>Support – we support the application but would like to draw the attention of the licensing authority that the wrong premises has been outlined in red on the location plan, unit 7 is outlined in red when it should be Unit 6 (Unit 6 being the recently vacated premises of the Hungry Caterpillar café)</p> <p>We are concerned about one small toilet. Our understanding is that one toilet would be OK for this size of property provided it is a unisex disabled toilet, which would be larger in size to that shown. However, this is a matter which would be dealt with by Allerdale Building Control.</p>	09.11.22

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 17TH NOVEMBER 2022****MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS & MEETING ATTENDANCE**

For period 14th October 2022 – 10th November 2022

Tuesday 18 October	Attended public meeting at the Borrowdale Institute re Parking issues on the road between Keswick and Seatoller in the Borrowdale valley organised by Tony Lywood and Markus Campbell Savours.
Thursday 20 October	Attended meeting of Events Committee at Council Offices.
Tuesday 25 October	Attended Opening Night performance of "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" at Theatre by the Lake
Wednesday 26 October	Attended meeting re Local Government Reorganisation and possible transfer of responsibilities / properties from the new Cumberland Council after 1 April 2023.
Wednesday 2 November	Attended meeting of Fitz Park User Group in Council Offices.
Wednesday 2 November	Attended meeting of Sports Clubs in Council Offices to discuss progress on provision of Future Sports / Leisure facilities and Swimming Pool following meeting between Allerdale and appointed consultants on 1 November. Update provided by Markus Campbell Savours.
Friday 4 November	Attended evening event for "Cash for Kids" Charity at the Greenhill Hotel, Wigton at the invitation of the Mayor of Wigton.
Saturday 6 November	Accepted invitation to attend the Keswick Lions Charter Dinner at the Skiddaw Hotel, but event cancelled due to lack of numbers able to attend.

Report from the North DA Parishes Member of the LDNPA – October 2022

In March, I reported that the LDNPA had been successful in securing a place on Government's pathfinder programme to produce a local Design Code. A Design Code sets out a number of specifications for new developments in a simple, concise and illustrated way that is specific to an area. The Code is intended to help deliver more beautiful and sustainable places that function well in matters of accessibility, energy efficiency, biodiversity and carbon neutrality, and to provide guidance to homeowners, developers and the local community on what constitutes good design.

The process of developing a Design Code must give local communities the chance to have their say on what good design looks like in their area. This applies to new homes, shops, workplaces, amenities, and public spaces. Over the next six months the LDNPA will be engaging with the community, developers and other stakeholders to establish a Design Code vision for the Lake District to ensure the Design Code is based on what is popular locally. There is a section¹ on the LDNPA website that explains the purpose of the Design Code and, among other things, allows people to sign up for updates on progress and to receive notifications on how and when they can take part in forthcoming consultations. There is also a facility that allows you to drop a pin on a map of the Lake District and indicate what you like, do not like, or would like to see improved in different places. You can also upload pictures to illustrate the points you are making. Views are particularly sought on what constitutes good design under the general headings listed below. You can click on each heading on the website for further explanation.

- Context and identity
- Movement and public space
- Climate Change and Resources
- Homes and Buildings, Built Form and Use
- Nature

Paragraph 128 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the expectation that all Local Planning Authorities will produce a Design Code or Guide. They are to be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. If an LPA does not prepare such a document, then the NPPF specifies that the National Design Code and National Model Design Guide should be used instead. Hence, it is important to develop a Design Code specifically for the Lake District.

Geoff Davies

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¹ [Design Code : Lake District National Park](#)

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL
17 NOVEMBER 2022

CLERK'S REPORT

Free parking in Keswick

I have been in contact with Allerdale Borough Council to sound out the possibility of getting free parking for some dates in the lead up to Christmas.

I have now heard that we will be allowed free use of **Central Car Park** on the following dates:

- Friday 18 November – 4pm-7pm for Christmas Lights switch on
- Sunday 4 December – 7am-7pm for Victorian Fayre
- Saturday 24 December – 7am-7pm for Christmas Eve Shopping

Keswick Town Council will have to manage covering up the car park machines in Central Car Park, and uncovering them at the end, but that can easily be arranged, I am sure.

Be a Councillor

Following recent discussions regarding encouraging people to stand for the next election in May, I have sat down with Councillor Louise Dunn to start planning what Councillors and officers can do to help recruitment. We will organise press releases to inform people about what is involved in being a councillor, and use our Facebook page to promote it. I would request that all Councillors promote our Facebook page, and try to inform as many people as possible, especially women and people of working age, about the Town Council and the work it does.

We will plan, if Councillors agree, to hold open sessions prior to the meetings in December and January, to give people a chance to come and see what the work of the Town Council is like. Councillor Louise Dunn will also separately contact the Reminder to ask if a piece outlining her experience as a new Councillor can be put in.

I would appreciate as much support from Councillors as possible in order to help us recruit new Councillors.

Local Government Reorganisation

Councillors Daniels, Harwood, Titley and myself had a meeting recently to discuss Local Government reorganisation, and what assets Keswick Town Council may be interested in taking over. We have come up with an initial list, however it was felt that it would be a good idea to involve the public in discussions.

Therefore, we are proposing following approval from full Council, to host an open event, in a venue to be confirmed, in order to ask the public what they feel is most important to the residents of Keswick, and to be able to be in a position to discuss any potential financial impact on the precept of taking services on. Finding out what is important to the people of Keswick will impact what Keswick Town Council consider taking on, therefore this is considered to be an important exercise.

Vivien Little
4 November 2022

Dear colleagues,

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is redrawing constituency boundaries in order to rebalance the number of electors represented by each MP, and a final consultation on proposed new constituencies is now open. A new revised map of constituency proposals, which takes into account feedback sent in by the public on the initial proposals, has been published on the consultation website bcereviews.org.uk.

BCE would like to hear from local councils in this final consultation, which is open until 5 December, so we would be grateful if you could please share details with your members. To help you do this please see [BCE's Partner Toolkit](#) with a range of resources including sample bulletin and website text, blogpost, sample posts for social media, posters and flyers.

If you have any questions about either the consultation or the Partner Toolkit, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Jessica

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North West region – Revised proposals summary

Who we are and what we do – ‘The 2023 Review’¹

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body, which is responsible for periodically reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

We are currently conducting a review on the basis of legal rules most recently updated by Parliament in 2020, which will conclude with a final report and recommendations from us by 1 July 2023. The rules require there to still be 650 constituencies across the UK, but more equally distributed across the four parts of the UK, which will see the number of constituencies in England increase to 543. Each (apart from five ‘protected’ constituencies) must also contain a number of electors that is no smaller than 69,724 and no larger than 77,062 (as at the fixed date of 2 March 2020).

We published our initial proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England on 8 June 2021 and there have been two rounds of statutory consultation relating to those to which we received over 45,000 responses. We have considered all of the comments received and taken them into account in developing our revised proposals, which we are now publishing for final consultation. For each region, a full report sets out a summary of the responses received to previous consultation on our initial proposals, our analysis of those, and the conclusions we have reached as to how the proposals should be revised as a result. The Appendix to each report contains details of the composition of each constituency we are now proposing, and maps to illustrate these can be viewed on our website or in hard copy at a local place of deposit.²

What are the revised proposals for the North West region?

We have revised the composition of 32 of the 73 constituencies we proposed in June 2021, and maintained our initial proposals for the remainder. We have revised the name of 17 of our initially proposed constituencies. Our revised proposals would leave 13 existing constituencies in the North West region wholly unchanged, and five unchanged except to realign constituency boundaries with local government ward boundaries.³

As it is not always possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties, we sometimes group these into sub-regions, meaning some constituencies cross county boundaries. After consideration of the responses to the sub-regions in our initial proposals, our revised proposals are based on unchanged sub-regions, as follows: Cumbria and Lancashire (allocated 20 constituencies); Merseyside and Cheshire

¹ Further details about the BCE and 2023 Review are published on our website: <https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>

² A list of places of deposit is published on our website (as above).

³ Where the Order to make such wards was made by 1 December 2020.

(allocated 26 constituencies); and Greater Manchester (allocated 27 constituencies). 30 constituencies would cross local authority boundaries (three more than our initial proposals): four would contain parts of more than two local authorities (the same as our initial proposals).

We are proposing comprehensive change in both Cumbria and the south of Lancashire, reflecting the evidence received in opposition to the initial proposals. There are very few revisions across Merseyside, aside from the introduction of two split wards. The changes in Cheshire centre around Northwich, Middlewich and Winsford. The west of Greater Manchester has a small number of revisions, with more significant reconfiguration of constituencies proposed in Tameside and the east of the City of Manchester.

We are proposing four constituencies that would cross county boundaries: Morecambe and Lunesdale; Southport; Ellesmere Port and Bromborough; and Widnes and Halewood. We are proposing no changes to the initially proposed composition of Southport, and Ellesmere Port and Bromborough constituencies (although proposing a name change for the latter). We propose to split Whiston & Cronton ward in the proposed Widnes and Halewood constituency. The proposed Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency would no longer include any part of the Bowness and Levens ward, and the Skerton East and Skerton West wards would be united within the Lancaster and Wyre constituency.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our revised proposals for a four-week period, from 8 November 2022 to 5 December 2022. We encourage everyone to use this final opportunity to contribute to the design of the new constituencies – the more views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when we make our final recommendations and report to Parliament. Our consultation portal at www.bcereviews.org.uk has more information about our revised proposals and how to give us your views. You can also follow us on Twitter [@BCEReviews](https://twitter.com/BCEReviews) or at facebook.com/BCEReviews.

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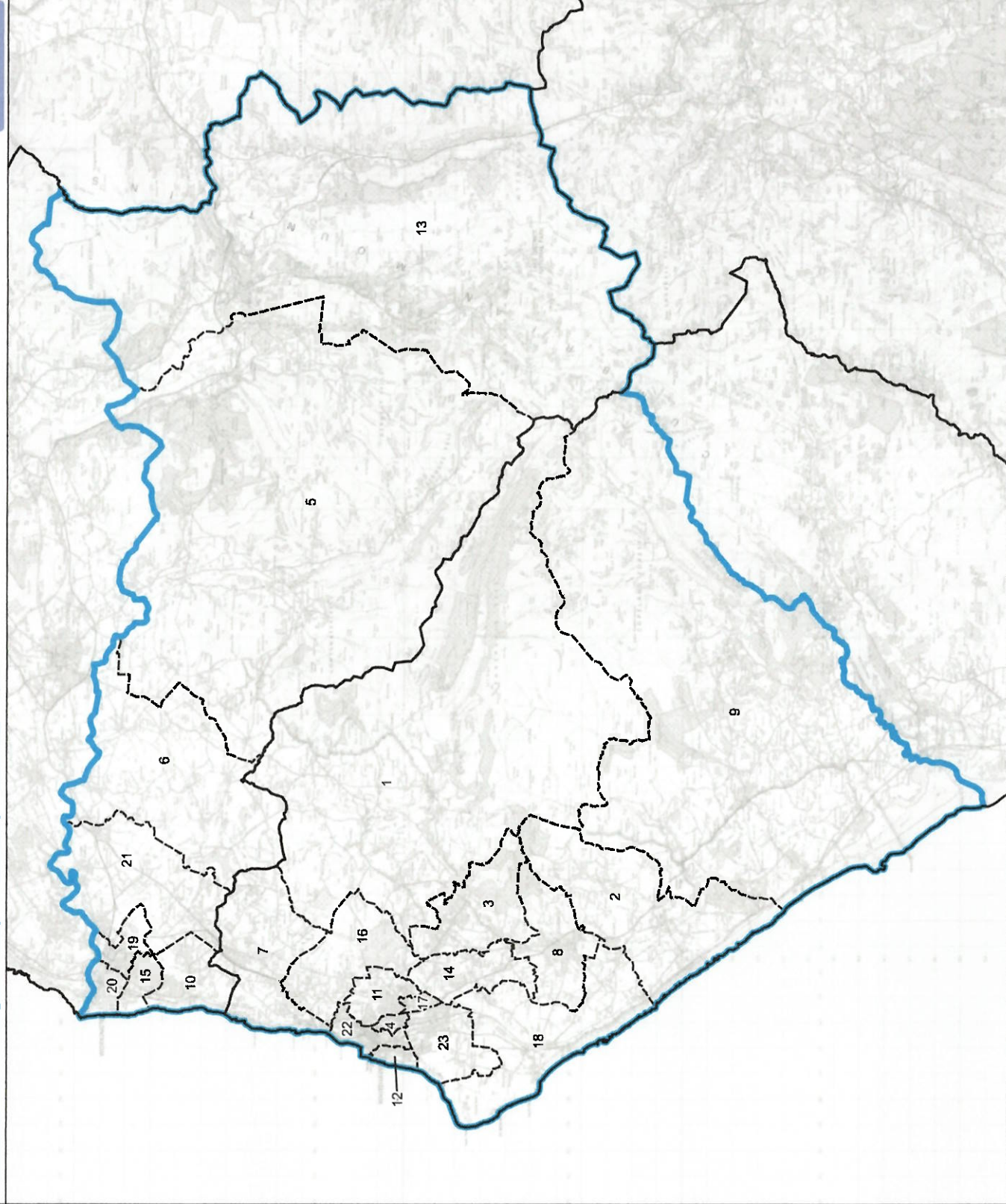
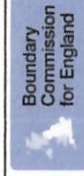
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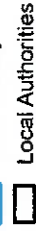


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- 1 Arlecdon & Ennerdale
- 2 Beckermat
- 3 Cleator Moor
- 4 Corkickle
- 5 Crummock & Derwent Valley
- 6 Dalton
- 7 Distington, Lowca & Parton
- 8 Egremont
- 9 Gosforth & Seascale
- 10 Harrington & Satterbeck
- 11 Hillcrest
- 12 Kells
- 13 Keswick
- 14 Moor Row & Bigrigg
- 15 Moorclose & Moss Bay
- 16 Moresby
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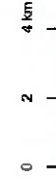
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Local Authorities



Wards



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Have your say here

To submit your comments to us, please enter below your personal details and your views on our proposals. You can also add attachments to support your comments.

In commenting on our proposals we ask you to remember that every constituency we propose must contain between 69,724 and 77,062 Parliamentary electors. This often makes it hard for us to come up with an ideal solution that suits everybody. What is particularly valuable to us is evidence from the local area of community ties that we can balance against the need to ensure the right amount of electors in each constituency.

This is a public consultation and the Commission is required to publish all comments it receives: however, by default we will only publish the town/city of your address, unless you specifically ask us below to publish your name and/or detailed address.

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Your details

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Comment

Have your say below:*

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Ward

Keswick Ward

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I consent to my comment, organisation and my town/city being made available for public review in later stages of the consultation (required to submit a comment)

Preview submission

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**Lake District
National Park**

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08 November 2022

Dear Vivien

Your Reference: KTC/2022-107/VL
Our Reference: ExBd/RL/CM
Subject: Lighting the Keswick to Threlkeld trail

Thank you for your letter dated 30 September 2022 and I apologise for a delayed response.

I do appreciate the concerns of Keswick Town Council and some users of the trail, but I cannot support your ask that we install lighting along part of this permitted trail, for reasons previously outlined in a letter to you from Carl Bradford, my Area Ranger. I ask the Town Council to appreciate this is not a pedestrian right of way or highway, but rather is a permissive route owned by the National Park Authority, providing a valuable non-urban corridor designed to take vulnerable users (walkers and cyclists) off the A66, and as a recreational route. Other reasons stated in the previous Authority's letter to you also remain pertinent.

Since first responding to the Town Council on this matter I now, sadly, have also to reflect on the very challenging financial outlook for the Authority. The Authority simply does not have the capital resources available to install lighting on any section of the trail, nor the revenue budget to support the ongoing costs and maintenance of lighting. In addition, the installation and maintenance of lighting equipment would not be something that we could look to reduce costs by managing in house as it is beyond our internal areas of expertise.

Finally, whilst appreciating the concerns of certain members of the Keswick community, I would ask that the Town Council also considers other views. On a number of matters relating to the reinstatement of the trail you will appreciate we have come across very diverse and at times polarised opinions regarding the trail from different user groups and residents. It can be challenging to find and maintain the balance in respect of these issues, and although lighting may well be welcomed by some users of the trail, it may well prove less popular with other stakeholders or residents who live nearby.

I am sorry this may not be the response you are seeking but hopefully it does help to explain our position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Leafe'.

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Chief Executive

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cc. Steve Ratcliffe

Andrew Smith