

**ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL – NEWSLETTER MAY 2019 -**  
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**CCC – HIGHWAYS**

The Parish Council wrote in March to CCC requesting action and notification of the outstanding problems in Allithwaite and Cartmel which have been raised with CCC over the last 24 months, eg: white lining, pot holes, drainage/drains, grass verges, retaining walls, direction posts, etc.

CCC Highways responded by stating the service they provide is to ensure that our issues are responded to in a timely manner going forward. CCC installed a reporting management system some time ago and residents are reminded that it would be advantageous if they could ensure that issues are logged directly onto the County Council's Highway Management system (HIMS) via their website. By doing this, the person reporting the defect or enquiry will receive a unique reference number which can be used to follow up in future if required.

Defects are assigned to a works supervisor and then to a highways team and the person reporting the defect will receive system updates and confirmation that the defect has been attended to. Enquiries are passed to an appropriate officer to respond.

To report problems in relation to roads and highways, including potholes, road closures, road signs, gritting and pavements, contact Cumbria County Council either by phone using the hotline: 0300 303 2992 or via e-mail: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/> and make sure you obtain a HIMS reference number to follow up your problem.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – 2018-2025**

The Parish Council have now formed a steering group to move this forward, it comprises councillors and residents of Allithwaite and Cartmel. The meetings of the group will be minuted and a copy placed on the LAPC website. A copy of the Terms of Reference can be found on the parish website.

The Parish Council are continuing the work of delivering the schemes that residents had identified as part of the Consultation process and your views and suggestions would be again welcome. Contact the parish clerk on [lpc.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:lpc.clerk@gmail.com). Further information can be viewed via the website [www.allithwaiteandcartmel-nplan.co.uk](http://www.allithwaiteandcartmel-nplan.co.uk) where all the documents relating to the plan can be viewed.

**A REMINDER - A WORD OF WARNING TO WALKERS!**

If you are out in the countryside this summer and end up in an unknown field, here is what to do: STOP, LOOK and LISTEN. Keep to paths and be prepared for cattle to react (aggressively?) if you have a dog with you. Move quickly, quietly and calmly.

DON'T hang on to your dog if you are threatened – dogs can run much faster and reach safely quicker if you let them go. DON'T panic or run. If cattle follow you, just walk on quietly.

**CUMBRIA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LAUNCH NEW RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLES**



Two new additions to Cumbria County Council's Fire and Rescue Service's fleet were revealed for the first time this week.

The innovative vehicles, which will be crewed by three firefighters, have an ultra-efficient firefighting pump, and also carry new equipment that is designed to be operated with fewer staff than previously required.

The obvious benefit the RRVs have are that they are far more flexible and agile than full sized appliances. They are all-terrain and given some of the challenges we have in rural areas and with severe weather events that can make areas hard to reach, these vehicles will be invaluable in providing immediate intervention to save lives and prevent escalation of incidents.

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The community speed watch teams have been operational recently in the 30 MPH zones within Allithwaite, Cartmel and Lower Holker. In the main most drivers were compliant with the speed limit or just slightly over but within the Chief Constables Recommendations.

However a small percentage of drivers were recorded by the teams at speeds between 35 and 55 miles per hour within the 30 mph areas of the villages and these details were passed to Cumbria Constabulary who will issue safety warning notices. The teams will in the near future target areas within the Parish which have been risked assessed by the Police so teams can operate safely, this will be a continuous rolling process.

The equipment used has been authorised by the police and is calibrated on a regular basis as recommended, training of teams has been given by Cumbria Police.

## ALLITHWAITE FREE MINI LIBRARY

Since the library opened the response has proved very positive; no incidents of misuse and the comment sheets (in double figures) and many verbal comments have been extremely positive and appreciative.

We have a generous supply of books of all genres. There have been requests for books on military history and books for teenagers so if anyone can help please leave the books at the Post Office which is the collecting point. Phil and Paula have been really helpful to us.

The library is frequently monitored, and stock rotated.

Some examples of comments:

*We've been here a week on holiday. Used your library, took two books and returned to same place. A brilliant idea.*

*Great selection of books.*

*Thanks for a great facility in the village.*

## CERVICAL SCREENING SAVES LIVES



Cervical screening isn't a test for cancer, it's a test to help prevent cancer and checks the health of the cervix.

If you're a women aged between 25 - 64, please don't ignore your cervical screening invite and if you missed your last one, book an appointment with your GP practice today.

Cervical screening only takes five minutes and you only have to go once every three or five years depending on your age. That's five minutes that could save your life. For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/cervicalscreening](http://www.nhs.uk/cervicalscreening).

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of all planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website:

[www.allithwaiteandcartmel.co.uk](http://www.allithwaiteandcartmel.co.uk) and the SLDC website at

[www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/planningapplications).

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