

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL – COVID-19 NEWSLETTER – 7 AUGUST

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GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

Restrictions are under regular review by the government. Please find below some useful links to help you and your family stay safe:

[Latest Gov.uk advice](#) - Travel, FAQ's, Accessing green spaces & The countryside code

[Cumbria County Council - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Latest Information](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Local Communities](#)

[Face Coverings](#)

[Guidance for owners and operators of urban centres and green spaces to help social distancing](#)

[Working safely during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



Please keep up to date with the COVID-19 Outbreak Control by visiting Cumbria County Council's website [here](#).

This details current situation updates, Outbreak Control Plan, Cumbria weekly COVID-19 situation reports and Health Protection Board minutes.

PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that Lower Allithwaite Parish Council has five vacancies for councillors. Three for Allithwaite and two for Cartmel.

Anyone interested in serving the community in this way and who want to become a councillor for co-option should write to the clerk, Mr Phil Turner: lapc.clerk@gmail.com.

UPDATES TO TRAVEL CORRIDORS

Updates to the guidance in regard to travel corridors have been released by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). The latest updates reflect changes to the list of countries and territories from where you can travel to from England and may not have to self-isolate.

To keep up to date, visit this link to the governments website: [here](#).

WHAT3WORDS

Being able to give your precise location in an emergency can save vital time and lives.

Make sure you're prepared this summer by downloading the free [what3words](#) app so you can help 999 [#KnowExactlyWhere](#) the emergency is.

RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES SET TO BENEFIT FROM BROADBAND UPGRADE FUND



Cumbria County Council has welcomed the recent launch of the government's Broadband Upgrade Fund campaign designed to help businesses, employees and rural communities take advantage of all the benefits associated with faster, and more reliable, internet connections.

The government is offering rural residents up to £1,500 and small to medium sized businesses up to £3,500 to upgrade to gigabit broadband, which is capable of download speeds of 1 gigabit (1000 megabits) per second.

As part of the £394.5m Borderlands Growth Deal, up to £4 million of additional Government funding will 'top up' these vouchers in Cumbria and Northumberland so even more money is available to improve digital connectivity and boost the regional economy.

The £4 million made available will be used to match the level of funding available under the Broadband Upgrade Fund in areas where available services are less than 30Mbps download speed, so that eligible businesses can now apply for up to a maximum of £7,000 and eligible residential properties up to £3,000. [Read more](#)

LIBRARY SERVICE LAUNCHES BOOK COLLECTION SERVICE

Cumbria County Council's library service has launched a new Select & Collect service for its members. Select & Collect will make it possible for library members to order a selection of books by phone or email which they can collect from designated areas in the 6 main libraries.

To protect the health and safety of library staff and customers, libraries will have new Covid-secure measures in place, including visitors being required to wear [face coverings](#).

Select & Collect will complement existing services, like the council's online library services, which have seen a surge in new online memberships and borrowing

WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE - CUMBRIA

Small increase in cases in Cumbria and community urged to remain vigilant. COVID-19 status report for Cumbria has been published. The weekly report sets out key statistics relating to COVID-19 infections in the county.

It can be found at www.cumbria.gov.uk/stophespread

This week's report shows a small increase in the number of cases in the county and has prompted a renewed call for people to continue to be vigilant and follow social distancing guidelines.

The latest figures also show that Carlisle and Eden have some of the highest testing rates in England. There are also high levels of contact tracing by the local teams across Cumbria. [Read more](#)

FACE COVERINGS - KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE AND WELL

Face coverings now mandatory in additional public spaces.

Under new regulations members of the public will need to wear face coverings – for example, a fabric covering, scarf or bandana – that covers the nose and mouth in additional enclosed public spaces from Friday 24 July.

Face coverings will not be mandatory for:

- anyone under the age of 11
- those with disabilities or certain health conditions, such as respiratory or cognitive impairments that make it difficult for them to wear a face covering

It will be compulsory to wear a face covering when buying food and drink to take away from cafes and shops. If a member of the public is in a premises where they are able to sit down and consume food or drink that they have bought, then they can remove their face covering in order to eat and drink on-site.

As well as shops and supermarkets, face coverings must be worn in banks, building societies and post offices.

Wearing a face covering will not be made mandatory in other venues that have measures in place to protect staff and the public from coronavirus. These include:

- eat-in restaurants and pubs
- hairdressers and other treatment salons
- gyms and leisure centres
- cinemas, concert halls and theatres

For further information and guidance go to: [See the latest on GOV.UK](#)

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION



Thieves are on the lookout for high value items to steal. By taking some basic precautions, you can significantly lower your likelihood of being targeted.

Advice on home security and securing your vehicles can be found by visiting the website [here](#)

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DIRECTORIES LAUNCHED TO KEEP KIDS BUSY THIS SUMMER!



To support parents and carers looking for childcare and activities to help keep young people occupied during the school summer holidays, Cumbria County Council and partners have launched an online directory for each district of Cumbria which lists local options for holiday camps, childcare providers and other support services and activities.

The aim of the directories is to make it easier for parents and carers to find information about available services, whilst supporting childcare and activity providers to publicise their offers to parents and carers as they begin to restart activities. Find directories by district on [the county council's website](#)

KEEP FIRE DOORS CLOSED TO SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT PROPERTY



Businesses re-opening after the easing of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions are being reminded to keep fire doors closed to protect premises, customers and staff.

The advice comes from Cumbria County Council's Fire and Rescue Service, which says fire doors should never be propped open as they play a crucial role in fire protection.



JOINT OPERATION TO TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, ASSOCIATED WITH CAMPING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.



Police officers are working alongside partner agencies including the Lake District National Park Authority, United Utilities and the National Trust in a joint operation to tackle anti-social behaviour that has been associated with camping during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Camping on the Lake District fells (and England generally) is not expressly permitted in law without landowners' permission, but responsible hill walkers who leave no trace after staying overnight on the high fells (known as wild camping) have long been tolerated as part of outdoor adventure in upland areas of the country. A number of bye-laws are in place to deal with any problematic camping.

For more details on wild camping, please [click here](#) to visit the Lake District National Park's website.

#RespectSocialDistancing

The virus does not spread itself - it is only spread by people