

## **ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL**

### **BE ALERT TO ALARMS FOR A SAFER HOME**

Smoke alarms save lives and in the event of a fire they can provide precious time to escape. Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service (CF&RS) and the National Fire Chiefs Council are highlighting the importance of installing alarms. CF&RS are asking householders to ensure their whole home is covered by installing a smoke alarm at least on each level of their property.

### **ALLITHWAITE COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND MEADOW**

This year has been a fantastic time for fruit and Allithwaite Community Orchard is no exception, most of the older trees in the orchard produced good crops which were made available to the community and younger trees have grown extensively.

Tree losses this year have been minimal which has meant trees grafted by volunteers a number of years ago have not been required and costs kept to a minimum. Trees in the orchard waiting bed are also doing well and will be shortly replanted in large pots with new compost.

Thanks go to our volunteers who have regularly weeded and maintained the area and thanks also to Tony Dickson for cutting and bailing the grass and contractors Dean Shaw and Tim Woodyatt for keeping the area clean and tidy. Unfortunately, a little vandalism took place in the area, but this was sorted quickly by our volunteers. Appreciation for his work in apiary also goes to Dick Smith who keeps the bees happy and contented. Volunteers are most welcome to help particularly for pruning and weeding. Please contact David on 07714591757 or 01539534501.

Winter pruning is now progressing and will be completed shortly allowing our trees to grow and fruit well next year. The orchard has been placed in the proposed Parish Neighbourhood Plan as an official green space and if the plan is accepted by the community, it will be an established green space not to be built on.

### **WINTER READY CAMPAIGN**

This year's campaign will reflect the winter travel and weather preparations, and up to date public health information and guidance, including information about covid and flu boosters. A wide range of information about winter-related items is available on the county council's website at: <https://cumbria.gov.uk/winterready>.

The campaign provides advice and assistance on everything you need to know to help you be prepared and to get winter ready, including:

- The latest information, guidance and support available to people regarding Coronavirus.
- Emergency planning - advice on how to protect your home from flooding and find out if you are at risk.
- Winter travel - how to stay safe, keep up to date with road and weather information and make sure your vehicle is ready for winter.
- General health advice - staying well this winter.

### **THE QUARRY**

Volunteers Sam Hillcox and Dave Jackson have been helping Wendy Nelson, to clear and burn brash; you may have seen the smoke rising from the quarry. This burning of waste scrub is an important part of maintaining the ecological balance in the quarry and is included on the ten-year plan for the quarry. As part of planned Health and Safety activities work will soon commence to fence off the quarry face and to fence off the northern boundary of the quarry.

A warning to residents that there will be loud noises as the stakes are driven into the limestone. There will be machinery on the quarry floor and may be tree felling so residents should observe the **CLOSED** sign on the quarry gate.

Start date for the fencing depends on the weather. Thank you for your cooperation. The sooner the Health and Safety work is done then the sooner the quarry can reopen. Everyone who works in the quarry has the Risk Assessment and Volunteer Guidance which has been provided by the Parish Council and volunteers Sam and Dave have First Aid training, are experienced in leading environmental groups and doing conservation work.

### **ALLITHWAITE FREE MINI LIBRARY**

The new and larger library is much more accessible to users and continues to be well used. Just a reminder, and for those people who may be new to the library: Borrowed books should be returned to the library and placed in the white box along with any books you would like to donate.

### **CARTMEL FREE MINI LIBRARY**

The library adjacent to Cartmel Village Hall continues to be well used and most borrowed books are being returned. There is a larger selection of children's books now and plenty of adult books both fiction and non-fiction, so we don't need a lot of donations due to limitations on space.

### **HOME SAFETY ADVICE**

Detectives covering the south Lakeland area have seen a significant increase in dwelling burglaries over the last few months. There are dishonest people that look for opportunities to benefit from other people's hard-earned valuables. Please continue to report all information, concerns and crimes to us around burglaries so that we can build intelligence on those involved and make arrests.

Residents can help to make their homes more secure from opportunist offenders by taking some simple crime prevention steps:

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Consider installing a doorbell camera, internal camera and/or monitored burglar alarm.
- Consider installing external motion detection lighting.
- Use timer switches in your home to control internal lights if you are away.
- Keep keys and valuables secure and out of sight.
- Ensure fences are secure and gates are locked.
- Secure bins at night and put garden furniture away for the winter as these can be used by burglars as climbing aids to gain access to upper floor windows.
- Ensure your vehicle is locked and remove all valuables as burglars often check to see if doors are left unlocked.

### **HOW DO I REPORT TO POLICE?**

- If you wish to report to police you can do so online at [www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it](http://www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it).
- You can also phone on 101.
- Always phone 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.
- Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### **DOG FOULING**

A small number of requests have been received by the Parish Council this month for the chalk paint stencil asking dog owners to "pick it up" outside properties in the Parish. If residents are having persistent issues outside their own property, the service is available by contacting the clerk on the Parish Council web site and the bright temporary notice can be sprayed outside the property.

### **WARM SPACE**

Allithwaite & Cartmel Parish Council are running a WARM SPACE in Cartmel Village Hall Supper Room EVERY THURSDAY until March from 10am - 2pm, free homemade soups and hot drinks, charging points and Wi-Fi available. Parking is available in the Village Hall car park. For Access issues contact Caroline on 07891 237230