

ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council has three vacancies for councillors for Allithwaite. Anyone interested in serving the community in this way and who want to become a councillor for co-option should write to the clerk at: clerk@allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk.

HIGHWAYS – HIAMS

The reporting of potholes or other highway problems is via the interactive website: www.allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk, scroll to the bottom of the page and under 'Quick Links' click on Report a Highway Problem.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Details of all planning applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website: www.allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.co.uk and the Westmorland and Furness link to the planning applications of the South Lakes: www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/planningapplications.

HOW TO DRIVE SAFELY IN SNOW AND ICE

The roads can be dangerous in winter when there's snow, ice or sleet. Our top tip is to take it slow. **Stopping distances** can be 10 times longer when it's icy. Gentle manoeuvres and slow speeds are the key to safe **driving in ice and snow**.

In the season of winter colds, don't **drive with a cold** if you're feeling unwell and are on any medicine that could make you drowsy. It could affect your reaction times.

What do you need in your car for winter driving?

There are a few essentials you should keep in your car when you're driving in winter. These will help you deal with ice, snow and dark winter nights. Here are a few things to keep in your car:

- Ice scraper
- De-icer Torch and spare batteries
- First aid kit

You should also keep a fully charged mobile phone and power bank. That way you can let friends or relatives know if your journey's taking longer than usual or call for help in an emergency.

ALLITHWAITE QUARRY

Residents will be aware that Allithwaite Quarry has been closed to the public for some time. Having completed works recommended to the PC the area is now again open to the public. Work in removing fallen trees, replacing boundary fencing and new safety signage is complete, much rubbish has been removed in skips and this will be a continual process by volunteers as required.

Visitors are advised not to ignore the warnings on the new safety signage for their own safety, it should be remembered that the area is an unsupervised site and although the area is a tranquil, secluded area rich in wildlife, flora and fauna it is an ex industrial site which should be approached as such. Work will continue on the quarry as per the ten year ecology plan which is available on the Parish Council website along with a general risk assessment.

Please enjoy this quiet tranquil site which can be enjoyed by most but please be aware of the limitations the site may have and your own safety over the rough and uneven ground.

KEEP WARM, KEEP WELL

Cold weather can be seriously bad for your health. That's why it's important to look after yourself, especially during the winter. If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice from your pharmacist.

It is important to keep warm - both inside and outdoors as it can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems, such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression. Heat your home to at least 18°C (65°F), if you can, you might prefer your living room to be slightly warmer.

Keeping an eye out for elderly relatives and neighbours and supporting them in the cold weather can help them Stay Well This Winter too

INCONSIDERATE CAR PARKING

Once again residents have contacted councillors about irresponsible parking. The Parish Council would ask motorists to be aware of where they are parking and not to park across dropped kerbs which are there to enable people with restricted mobility, and children in pushchairs, to get around.

Parking at road junctions and corners obstructs viewing for both motorists and pedestrians causing potential major road hazards. The Police and County Council Traffic enforcement are aware of these problems. Please use a little common sense and park with a thought for other road users and pedestrians.

20MPH – ALLITHWAITE AND CARTMEL

Allithwaite and Cartmel Parish Council (ACPC) are in the preparatory stages of applying to Westmorland and Furness Council (W&FC) to implement 20mph travel restrictions in Allithwaite and Cartmel.

Before holding a public meeting, we would like to hear from as many residents as possible their opinions, concerns, suggestions and also if you know of any vehicle related accidents in and around Allithwaite and Cartmel in the last 10 years, these DO NOT need to have involved pedestrians or police and will remain confidential. Please send your emails to: clerk@allithwaiteandcartmel-pc.gov.uk