


Town Councils and Parish Councils' Update: Devolution

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Town Councils and Parish Councils' Update Tuesday, 8 July 2025

Request to Government to defer Cumbria Mayoral Election

As you're aware, it was announced that Cumbria was included in the Government's Devolution Priority Programme in February this year.

Both councils were invited to join the Priority Programme after earlier expressing interest in exploring what greater devolution of powers could mean in Cumbria. The new Government set out its intention to widen devolution across England, giving regions more powers and decision-making over matters such as economic development, transport, employment support, planning, and housing.

The decisions pave the way for the next stages of looking at creating a new strategic authority for Cumbria with a directly elected Mayor. A Government-led public consultation exercise was held earlier this year.

Since then, there has been regular dialogue with Government and work has been underway to prepare for potential devolution in Cumbria.

As local elections for Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council are both scheduled for 2027, the councils' have requested that, if required, a Cumbria Mayoral Election is deferred by a year to May 2027.

Holding a Mayoral Election on the same date would save significant resources, around £1 million if held as a stand-alone election, and would support a higher turnout of voters.

The Government has yet to confirm that statutory tests have been met and that Devolution in Cumbria can proceed. If it can, both councils then still need to make a formal decision to agree to a Mayoral Combined Authority, which would then require an election.

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent to Rt Hon Jim McMahon MP, Minister for English Devolution and Local Governance from the Leaders of both Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council.

Copy of Letter

The deferral would also provide more time to prepare for the establishment of the new combined authority, in particular the emerging Industrial Strategy which sets out how Cumbria's economy can grow in the future.



Rt Hon Jim McMahon OBE MP
Minister for English Devolution and Local Governance
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

(sent via email - PSJimMcMahon@communities.gov.uk)

Dear Minister McMahon,

Request to defer Cumbria Mayoral Election to May 2027

We are writing jointly as the Leaders of the two Councils in Cumbria to formally request a deferral of the proposed mayoral election for Cumbria from May 2026 to May 2027. This request is made in the spirit of constructive partnership and with a shared ambition to ensure the strongest possible foundations for a successful new governance model that delivers for the people of Cumbria.

As Government is aware both Councils have yet to make a decision to consent to a Mayoral Combined Authority. This letter is in no way intended to fetter our discretion in that regard, both Councils will make decisions in the Autumn (assuming the Government agree that the statutory tests are met).

A deferral of the mayoral election would allow us to focus on putting in place the strong institutional and partnership arrangements in a timely manner. This would provide the foundations for the establishment of a successful Mayoral Combined Authority in Cumbria, subject to the formal consent of the Councils.

The case for deferral is based on several interlinked considerations:

- **Local Government Reorganisation:** Both of our councils are continuing to implement major programmes of reform following the creation of the two new unitary authorities. Extending the timescale for the mayoral election would ensure that local government capacity is not overstretched and that high-quality service delivery remains our primary focus while preparing for the new combined authority.
- **Democratic Alignment and Cost Efficiency:** A deferral to 2027 would allow for the alignment of the inaugural mayoral election with the scheduled local elections, Town and Parish Elections improving value for money, reducing voter confusion, and supporting higher turnout.
- **Strategic Readiness:** A modest delay would also allow the region to more fully align its emerging industrial strategy with the opportunities devolution offers, ensuring that the combined authority hits the ground running with a coherent

economic agenda.

- Partnership and Governance Development: This additional year would give us the necessary time to further develop governance arrangements, deepen joint working, and foster a strong collaborative ethos across partners — all of which are vital for the long-term success of the combined authority.
- Public Engagement and Legitimacy: A longer run-in will support a more deliberate and inclusive process of public engagement, helping build legitimacy and understanding of the benefits a mayoral model can bring to our communities.

In support of this request, we would also welcome:

- Confirmation of capacity funding for the next two financial years to support the establishment of the Combined Authority and maintain momentum towards the creation of a Mayoral Strategic Authority in 2027;
- Early engagement with government on our economic development agenda, including key opportunities linked to clean energy, skills, and innovation;
- Support to bring forward the delivery of key schemes — helping demonstrate the value of devolution through visible impact on the ground;
- A shared commitment to working with us to fund and deliver the economic priorities that matter most to our communities.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and would be happy to meet with you or your officials at your convenience.

Yours sincerely




Cllr Mark Fryer
Leader of Cumberland Council



Cllr Jonathan Brook
Leader of Westmorland & Furness Council

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Town Councils and Parish Councils' Update Devolution Update - Friday 18 July

We have had a [formal response](#) from Government regarding devolution in Cumbria.

The Government confirmed it believed the introduction of a mayoral authority for Cumbria would improve people's economic, social and environmental wellbeing and reflect the identities and interests of local communities.

In the Government's public consultation, held earlier in the year it said all areas would need to pass its tests to be allowed to progress to the next stage of the devolution process.

The two councils will now need to formally decide whether they both want to introduce a Mayoral Strategic Authority. The councils are set to consider this in September.

The Government also confirmed it has agreed to a joint request from the councils to delay a proposed May 2026 election. If the councils do move forward with a Mayoral Strategic Authority, an election would be held in May 2027, alongside elections for the two authorities, thereby saving an estimated £1 million in costs.

The Government also published a summary of the public consultation it ran in the spring, which received more than 1,200 responses from groups, business and individuals. The consultation feedback will be considered as part of September's decision-making process for both councils.

If the councils do agree to setting up a Mayoral Strategic Authority, it is anticipated this would become a legal body early in 2026, with leadership until May 2027 coming from the two constituent authorities, Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

Last week, the Government published its English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill which sets out in detail the powers and responsibilities that will be available for new Mayoral Strategic Authorities.

These include key areas for economic and community growth such as transport and local infrastructure, skills and employment support, housing and strategic planning, economic development and regeneration, health, wellbeing and public service reform, and public safety.

We will provide further updates when they are available.

20.08.2025 - Training bulletin

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Dear Clerks, Chairs & Councillors,

I hope this message finds you well.

Just a reminder that Sonia and Lindsay are both currently off on medical leave, their inboxes are being forwarded on, so we will respond to any queries which come through.

I'm pleased to share the **CALC & Parkinson Partnership Training Programme for September–December 2025** (attached). All sessions will be delivered on **Microsoft Teams**, and your joining link will arrive about a week before each course. To reserve your place, simply email office@calc.org.uk.

CALC Annual General Meeting

We're delighted to announce that this year's **AGM** will be held on:

Saturday, 4 October 2025 – 10:30am

Venue opens from 9:30am for registration.

Location: Braithwaite Institute, Braithwaite

We hope you'll join us for this important gathering. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect, share ideas, and stay informed. The agenda and further details will follow closer to the date.

Tailored Training for Your Council

Our **council-specific training** continues to be popular. Whether you're looking to focus on governance, finance, or community engagement, CALC can design a **virtual or in-person training package** just for your council.

- **Virtual sessions:** £130–£150 (depending on course length)
- **Face-to-face sessions:** £200–£230 (depending on course length)

These bespoke sessions bring the expertise directly to you—offering great value and practical learning tailored to your needs.

CALC News – Get Involved

Do you have a success story, upcoming project, or community update to share? Send your contributions for the next issue of **CALC News** to your Parish Support Officer. We'd be delighted to highlight your work.

Clerk Mentoring Scheme

We're excited to launch a **Clerk Mentoring Scheme** for new clerks.

- If you'd like to be a mentor
- Or if you're a new clerk looking for support

Please get in touch—we'd be happy to connect you.

Feedback & Support

Your feedback helps us improve our training. Please complete the course evaluation forms after each session, and let us know if there are **new topics** you'd like to see included.

If you need **advice or assistance**, your local Support Officer is here to help (contact details are at the bottom of this email).

Thank you for your continued commitment and involvement. We look forward to working with you over the coming months.

Kindest Regards

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Parkinson Partnership Training

September to December 2025

Parkinson Partnership are a dedicated accountancy practice focused exclusively on supporting parish, town, and community councils across England and Wales. Their experienced team has a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by local councils, including their responsibilities as trustees of local charities.

Working in partnership with 36 County Associations of Local Councils (CALCs), they deliver expert finance-related advice and training to the sector. Each year, they respond to around 500 council queries and provide over 2,000 online training places, ensuring councillors and clerks have the knowledge and confidence they need.



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Parkinson Partnership trainers

Steve Parkinson, The Parkinson Partnership LLP

Steve is a former Town Clerk & an accountant with 30 years' experience in public sector finance, who specialises in advice & training for the local council sector.

Tim Light, Lightatouch

Tim has 29 years experience of internal audit with Hampshire County Council. A past President of the Association of Accounting Technicians, he has undertaken internal audits at parish councils for the last ten years and delivers training on related topics.

Debra Smith

Debra is an experienced consultant and former VAT inspector, as well as being a parish councillor.

The training sessions are all interactive sessions, you will need a device with a reasonable screen size such as a PC, laptop or tablet to be able to participate fully.

Your booking confirmation will contain a link to the online event. Please ensure that you log in at least 10 minutes before the session starts, make sure that your screen name includes your first and last names.

The costs of sessions are £42 each



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Upcoming Training

Budgeting	11 Sept 2025	10am
Finance for Councillors	16 Sept 2025	10am
Internal Controls	24 Sept 2025	10am
Budgeting	30 Sept 2025	10am
Budgeting	14 Oct 2025	10am
Finance for Councillors	23 Oct 2025	10am
Internal Controls	29 Oct 2025	10am
Finance for Councillors	4 Nov 2025	10am
Budgeting	6 Nov 2025	10am
The Role of Internal Audit	19 Nov 2025	10am
Finance for Councillors	25 Nov 2025	10am
Internal Controls	10 Dec 2025	10am
Finance for Councillors	11 Dec 2025	10am



Budgeting

This session is designed for officers of parish and town councils who are responsible for preparing and monitoring their council's budgets. It covers key areas including setting a budget and precept, managing contingencies and reserves, understanding how the council tax base impacts the budget, factoring in inflation, and effective budget monitoring. By the end of the session, attendees will understand how and when to prepare a budget, know how to approve and issue a precept, be aware of the factors that can affect a budget, and have the confidence to manage it effectively.

Finance for Councillors

This councillor-only session is designed to give members a clear understanding of their duties in relation to the council's finances. It covers roles and responsibilities, setting a budget and precept, financial controls, the Annual Governance & Accountability Return, internal and external audit, and how VAT law applies to local councils. By the end of the session, attendees will understand the council's duties regarding financial management, be aware of relevant legislation and sources of guidance, know how the council's accounts are prepared and audited, recognise the importance of internal controls, and understand how VAT applies to their council.

Internal Controls

This interactive session equips councillors and officers with a clear understanding of why internal controls are essential and how to put them into practice. Using real-life examples and case studies, we will explore roles and responsibilities, how to identify and manage financial risks, the purpose and value of internal controls, practical examples of controls in action, and when and how to review them. By the end of the session, you will understand the council's and RFO's duties in relation to internal controls, recognise their importance in reducing risk, be able to identify appropriate controls within your council, and know how and when to carry out a review.

The Role of Internal Audit

This session is designed for councillors and officers who want to gain a clear understanding of the internal auditor's role, what to expect from them, and how to appoint one (please note, this is not training for those wishing to carry out internal audits themselves). The session explains how internal auditors provide assurance that the council has sound financial controls and covers legislation and guidance, roles and responsibilities, internal controls, how to appoint an internal auditor, the scope of internal audit, reviewing internal controls, and understanding internal audit reports. By the end of the session, attendees will understand the purpose of internal audit, be aware of relevant legislation and guidance, know how to appoint an internal auditor, recognise the importance of internal controls, and appreciate the need to review their effectiveness.

Booking training

How to Book a Place on Parkinson Partnership Training

All Parkinson Partnership courses are £42

When making a booking, please provide:

- The course name and date
- The name(s) of the delegate(s) attending
- The email address for each delegate
- The name of the council you represent

Joining instructions will be sent directly to delegates approximately one week before the course. Invoices and all correspondence will be sent by email.

If you're booking your own place, please ensure you have the necessary council approval for any training costs.

Invoices will be sent to the council's clerk after the training has taken place.

Non-members are welcome! Please contact CALC for details on fees and availability.



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CALC Training & Development

**Welcome to CALC's Training & Development
September to December 2025**

Supporting strong, resilient councils begins with confident, well-informed people. Whether you're stepping into a new role or looking to deepen your expertise, CALC's training programme offers a comprehensive range of sessions designed to empower councillors, clerks, and council officers across Cumbria. From governance and finance to digital engagement and community planning, each course blends practical guidance with peer learning—equipping you with the tools to lead effectively and serve your community with confidence.



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CALC Training

Why Take Part in CALC Training?

Local councils work in a constantly changing environment – shaped by new legislation, emerging challenges, and evolving community expectations. Ongoing training ensures that councillors and council staff remain informed, capable, and confident in navigating these demands. By investing in learning and development, you not only enhance your own effectiveness but also strengthen your council's ability to serve its community.

At CALC, we offer training designed to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence of both new and experienced councillors, clerks, and council officers. Our sessions bring together participants from across Cumbria, fostering collaboration, shared learning, and the exchange of good practice. By learning with and from your peers, you'll gain practical insights you can apply directly to your council's work.

CALC Training Helps You To:

- **Keep Pace with Change:** Stay up to date with legislation, best practice, and the changing needs of your community.
- **Deliver Effective Governance:** Develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed for good decision-making and responsible leadership.
- **Build Capacity and Confidence:** Whether new to your role or seeking to enhance your expertise, our training equips you with practical tools for effective service.

Benefits of Attending CALC Training:

- Gain valuable insights to strengthen your role as a councillor or officer.
- Connect with fellow councillors and officers – share experiences, challenges, and solutions.
- Access practical resources and ongoing professional support.

We are always looking to meet the needs of our member councils. If there's a topic or area of training you would like us to offer, please get in touch – we welcome your ideas.



Upcoming Training

Chair training

New Chair	2 Dec 2025	7pm
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Councillor training

Effective Councillor Module 1	15 Sept 2025	7pm
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Effective Councillor Module 2	22 Sept 2025	7pm
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Effective Councillor Module 1	17 Nov 2025	7pm
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Effective Councillor Module 2	24 Nov 2025	7pm
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Clerk Training

Clerk Induction Module 1	2 Sept 2025	7pm
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Clerk Induction Module 2	9 Sept 2025	7pm
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Clerk Induction Module 1	4 Nov 2025	7pm
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Clerk Induction Module 2	11 Nov 2025	7pm
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Finance

End of Year Accounts & Audit	9 Dec 2025	7pm
Finance	10 Dec 2025	7pm
HMRC Basic Tools	25 Nov 2025	7pm

Clerk & Councillor Training

Community Engagement & Developing a Community Plan	16 Sept 2025	7pm
GDPR	23 Sept 2025	7pm
Social Media	30 Sept 2025	7pm
Code of Conduct	22 Oct 2025	7pm
Health and Safety	23 Oct 2025	7pm
Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS)	15 Dec 2025	7pm

External provider events

Banking is Changing Event	October - TBC	7pm
Trees	16 Oct 2025	7pm
Website	26 Nov 2025	7pm



Clerk Training

Clerk Training

(£30 per session for members, £50 for non members)

This training is a 2 part training session which is essential for new clerks and for experienced clerks who want to refresh their knowledge. The first session includes understanding the mechanics of effective council operation. The session clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Clerk, Chairman, and Council, delves into legal compliance, and covers key topics such as meetings, agendas, minutes, and powers and duties. By focusing on good governance, teamwork, and the essentials of local government law, this module sets the stage for confident and competent service. Councils investing in this induction ensure a smooth transition for new members and lay the groundwork for high-functioning, transparent governance. The second session will equip you with essential skills in budgeting, financial management, VAT reclaiming, year-end audit preparation, and risk assessment—all tailored to local council needs. Dive into practical strategies for managing the cashbook, understanding precepts and revenue budgets, ensuring compliance with transparency regulations, and enhancing community resilience. You'll gain confidence in your role, sharpen your systems, and help your council operate with greater efficiency, accountability and public trust.

Certificate in Local Council Administration

(£200 for members, £250 for non members, plus SLCC Fees)

Elevate your council's professionalism and unlock new powers with CiLCA –the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This nationally recognised Level 3 qualification equips clerks and council officers with the essential knowledge to confidently navigate legal duties, financial management, and community engagement.

Endorsed by CALC and delivered by experienced trainers, CiLCA not only boosts your credibility but also enables your council to adopt the General Power of Competence. Invest in your future and help your council thrive. CALC's training consists of 6 sessions, alongside mentoring and support.

We encourage all clerks to work towards this qualification. It's based on the submission of a portfolio of evidence and our sessions provide help, support and individual mentorship to put this portfolio together giving you the maximum support we can.

Please note that due to changes in the CiLCA Portfolio, training will resume once the new portfolio has been released.

Finance Training

Finance Training

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Gain essential financial skills and practical confidence with our Local Council Finance Training—your gateway to smoother governance and smarter budgeting. This interactive session demystifies the financial cycle, from budget setting and revenue vs. capital distinctions to VAT reclaiming and end-of-year audits. Designed for clerks, councillors, and RFOs, it delivers step-by-step guidance on cashbooks, bank reconciliation, powers and duties, and risk management. Empower your team to make informed decisions, boost transparency, and stay compliant with legal and audit requirements—all while helping your council thrive.

Year End training

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

This essential course guides councils through the year-end accounts and audit process, explaining their legal responsibilities under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. We cover everything from preparing your accounts, completing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), and managing internal controls, to understanding exemption criteria for smaller councils, the role of internal and external audits, and how to comply with transparency and public rights requirements. The session also highlights key accounting practices, including accruals, bank reconciliations, and charity account considerations, ensuring your council is fully equipped to meet both governance expectations and statutory deadlines with confidence.

HMRC PAYE Basis Tools

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Get to grips with HMRC's Basic PAYE Tools in this practical, hands-on training session tailored for local council clerks and officers. Learn how to register as an employer, install and navigate the software, manage employee details, calculate tax deductions, and submit key end-of-year forms like the P60. With expert guidance and a supportive discussion forum, this session ensures you'll leave feeling confident in your PAYE responsibilities and ready to keep your payroll accurate, compliant, and efficient.

Councillor Training

Councillor Training

(£30 per session for members, £50 for non members)

This is a two-module Course to Build Confidence, Skills, and Knowledge, whether you are a newly elected councillor finding your feet or a seasoned member looking to refresh your knowledge, external provider training sessions are a valuable part of your ongoing development. These sessions, delivered by sector experts with real-world experience, offer up-to-date insights on key topics such as council finance, governance, community leadership, risk management, and legal compliance. They go beyond the basics, providing practical tools, case studies, and real examples that can help you tackle current challenges and make informed decisions for your community.

This training also gives you the chance to connect with fellow councillors from other councils, share experiences, explore different approaches, and build a supportive network of peers. You'll gain confidence in your role, sharpen your skills, and return to your council better equipped to lead, influence, and deliver positive outcomes for your parish or town.

No matter how long you've been serving, there is always more to learn, new legislation to understand, and good practice to adopt. Make the most of these opportunities – invest in your personal effectiveness and help raise the standard of local governance for the communities you serve.

Clerk & Councillor Training

Code of Conduct

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Equip your councillors with the clarity and confidence they need to uphold the highest standards of conduct with CALC's Code of Conduct training. This engaging session breaks down the legal framework, including the Localism Act 2011 and the Nolan Principles, and explains how the Cumbria Code applies in real scenarios—from social media use and conflict of interest to bullying, impartiality, and public trust. With clear guidance on responsibilities, complaint procedures, and maintaining professional boundaries, this training ensures councillors are prepared to lead ethically and with integrity in both public and private settings.

General Data Protection Regulations

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Protect your council and build public trust with CALC's Introduction to GDPR training—an accessible, jargon-free session designed specifically for parish and town councils. Learn the key principles of data protection, what personal data really means, and why it matters. With clear guidance on audits, lawful processing, privacy notices, handling subject access requests, and managing data breaches, this session helps councils stay compliant and confident. From allotment records to email lists, you'll leave with practical steps to review your current practices and future-proof your data governance.

Social Media

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Strengthen your council's digital presence while safeguarding its reputation with CALC's Social Media training—a must-attend session for clerks and councillors navigating today's online landscape. Learn how to harness platforms like Facebook and X to engage your community, promote services, and support local democracy—all while managing risks such as online abuse, press interactions, and councillor conduct. With practical tools, real-world scenarios, and clear guidance on civility, data protection, and policy alignment, this training empowers councils to connect confidently and responsibly in the digital age.

Health & Safety

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

Ensure your council meets its legal obligations and fosters a safer workplace with CALC's Health & Safety for Small Councils training—a session designed specifically for the unique challenges faced by parish and town councils. Covering key legislation, risk management, accident reporting, workstation safety, personal security, and practical lifting techniques, this course provides clerks and councillors with the tools and confidence to identify hazards, implement safe systems of work, and protect both staff and the public. Empower your team to prioritise safety with informed, proactive leadership.

Bullying and Harassment

(£30 per session for members, £50 for non members)

Designed for both councillors and council staff, this vital training addresses the increasingly important issue of civility in public service. The session explores the definitions and impact of bullying, harassment, and incivility, while offering practical strategies councils can implement to create a respectful and inclusive culture. It includes preventative measures for online and physical abuse, outlines legal responsibilities, and highlights the importance of supportive leadership. With the National Civility and Respect Pledge gaining traction, this course is an essential step for councils committed to maintaining a professional and safe working environment for all.

Being a good employer

(£30 per session for members, £50 for non members)

This comprehensive training session equips councils with the essential knowledge and tools to fulfil their responsibilities as good employers. Covering everything from recruitment and contracts to dispute resolution and managing change, it helps councils navigate the complex legal landscape while fostering a healthy, productive workplace. With recent updates to employment legislation, including the new duty to prevent sexual harassment and changes to statutory rights, this session ensures councils stay compliant, avoid costly mistakes, and build strong staff relationships. Attendees will leave with practical guidance and confidence to implement best practices that protect both the council and its employees.

These sessions currently have no scheduled dates; however, if there is sufficient interest, a date will be arranged.

Community Engagement & Developing a Community Plan

(£20 per session for members, £40 for non members)

CALC's Community Engagement & Planning training is a vital resource for councils aiming to build stronger relationships with their communities and deliver truly representative local services. This session guides clerks and councillors through the process of developing inclusive, effective engagement strategies that go beyond tick-box consultation. You'll learn how to identify different types of communities—whether place-based, of interest, or circumstance—and tailor your approach to engage residents meaningfully across all demographics, including hard-to-reach groups. Through practical exercises, attendees explore how to conduct a situational analysis, ask open and inclusive questions, and use co-production techniques to ensure the community's voice not only informs decision-making but actively shapes it.

The training demystifies tools such as surveys, public meetings, and workshops, helping councils choose the right format and communication channels for their local context. By highlighting the importance of trust, accessibility, and ethical engagement, this session empowers councils to create plans rooted in real community needs—from affordable housing and environmental improvements to transport, health services, and digital inclusion. You'll also explore the differences between Parish Plans, Community Plans, and Neighbourhood Plans, and how to build a credible engagement strategy that leads to clear, actionable outcomes.

Importantly, the course offers insights into developing Community Resilience Plans—equipping councils to work collaboratively with residents and emergency services to prepare for adverse events and ensure quick, coordinated responses. With support from CALC officers and real-world examples of successful plans across Cumbria, participants will leave with confidence to create inclusive, strategic, and effective engagement plans. Whether your council is starting fresh or refining an existing process, this training offers the knowledge, tools, and encouragement to make community-led planning not only achievable, but transformative.

Local Council Award Scheme

Free session for members

CALC's Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) training helps councils showcase their achievements and raise their professional standing through national accreditation.

This session offers step-by-step guidance on applying for the Foundation, Quality, and Quality Gold awards—each designed to support councils at different stages of their improvement journey.

The Foundation Award confirms that a council meets minimum standards for lawful operation and has policies in place for training and development.

The Quality Award builds on this by recognising good governance, effective community engagement, and council improvement—also enabling councils to adopt the General Power of Competence.

The Quality Gold Award celebrates councils at the forefront of best practice, demonstrating excellence in leadership, planning, and performance management.

Based on the framework developed by NALC and the Improvement and Development Board, this training equips clerks and councillors with the tools, mentorship, and confidence to compile strong evidence, avoid common pitfalls, and submit a successful application that reflects their commitment to excellence.

Chair Training

Chair training

(£30 per session for members, £50 for non members)

Step into leadership with confidence through CALC's Chair Training—a dynamic session designed to support newly elected and aspiring parish and town council chairs in navigating their role with clarity and authority. Explore the responsibilities of the chair, clerk, councillors, and the council as a whole within the current legal framework, while learning practical skills such as agenda planning, conflict management, chairing styles, and forward-thinking leadership. With insights into empowering your clerk, managing meetings effectively, understanding standing orders, and preparing for strategic planning, this training equips chairs to lead with fairness, confidence, and professionalism from day one.

External provider events

Our external provider events offer a unique opportunity to learn from trusted industry experts who bring a wealth of experience and fresh perspectives to every session. These expert-led training programmes are carefully designed to deliver practical skills and valuable insights that can be applied immediately in the workplace. By partnering with highly regarded external providers, we ensure that participants gain access to the latest thinking, proven strategies, and innovative approaches that drive meaningful results. Whether you're looking to broaden your knowledge, enhance specific competencies, or stay ahead of emerging trends, our external provider events deliver engaging, impactful learning experiences that make a real difference.

Tree Management

(Free session for members, £5 for non members)

Protect your parish from unnecessary risk and promote responsible stewardship of natural assets with CALC's Tree Risk Management training—scheduled for 16th October. Led by expert arboriculturist Joe Lambert of Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd, this session provides practical insights into balancing the incredible benefits of trees with proportionate, legally sound risk management.

From understanding your duty of care and spotting early warning signs to managing survey recommendations and statutory restrictions like TPOs and felling licences, you'll gain the knowledge to build a robust tree policy that protects both people and biodiversity. Essential for councils looking to plan wisely, act responsibly, and preserve their green spaces for future generations.

Is Your Website Accessible?

(Free session for members, £5 for non members)

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FW: Community Governance Review - Aligning Parish Council Elections in Cumberland Council

 **From** Thornley, Scott <Scott.Thornley@cumbria.gov.uk>
Date 2025-07-22 11:23

Dear Clerks, Chairs and Councillors,
Please find below information regarding a consultation into the Community Governance Review to align Parish Council Elections in Cumberland.
Please use the email address in the email below if you wish to make any comments.
Regards
Scott

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From: Sally Little <Sally.Little@Cumberland.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 July 2025 11:13
To: office@calc.org.uk
Subject: FW: Community Governance Review - Aligning Parish Council Elections in Cumberland Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

At a meeting of Cumberland Council on 8th July, it was agreed to conduct a Community Governance Review to align the parish council elections with those of Cumberland Council (the seven parishes concerned are all in the former Carlisle City Council area).

For your information, an online public consultation will commence on 28th July and will run for 8 weeks and following this, all comments/concerns will be considered and a decision will be made and implemented by the end of the year.

If you have any comments on this matter, please respond to the consultation document online or email elections@cumberland.gov.uk or if any further information is required, please get in touch with me either by email or 01228 817555.

Kind regards

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Report to Full Council

Meeting Date – 8 July 2025

Public/Private – Public

Portfolio – Financial Planning and Assets

Directorate – Corporate & Transformation Services

Report Author – Monitoring Officer

Title - Community Governance Review

Brief Summary: To consider a Community Governance Review to align all scheduled parish council election dates to those of Cumberland Council.

Recommendations:

Council is recommended to:

- Agree to the commencement of a Community Governance Review by approving the Terms of Reference (Appendix 1).
- Approve the Draft Recommendations for the Review (Appendix 2) for public consultation.
- Note the next stages of the Review

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	N/A
Council:	08 July 2025

1. Background

- 1.1. Section 100 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (LGPIHA) 2007 sets out the process by which Principal Authorities such as Cumberland may carry out a Community Governance Review of parish arrangements in its area.
- 1.2. A community governance review can cover issues such as:
 - Changing boundaries of existing parishes
 - Reviewing ward boundaries within a parish, and ward names
 - Setting up a new parish in an unparished area
 - The electoral arrangements of a current or new parish, and
 - The grouping or de-grouping of parishes
- 1.3. When Cumberland Council was established through local government reorganisation, the scheduled election dates for a number of parish and town councils remained unchanged. Due to the former Carlisle City Council electoral cycle of electing by thirds (as opposed to all-out elections), some parish council elections are currently scheduled to take place in years where there is no election to this Council.

2. The Proposal

- 2.1. In general, the alignment of scheduled parish and town council elections is considered desirable for all participants. Holding combined elections minimises the cost to the parish and town council (who are required to cover the costs of their elections, and if not combined with the upper tier authority elections these are considerably more expensive); reduces cost to this Council (for the same reason); reduces unnecessary pressure on electoral services teams as elections take place on the same day and same timetable; and, most importantly, reduce confusion and uncertainty for electors by holding elections on the same day instead of in separate years. In addition, where standalone parish council elections take place, an uncontested poll can lead to considerable confusion as electors are advised (via a poll card) that an election is to take place, but no polls are open on polling day. A number of affected parish councils have already requested that their election dates be amended to align with those of this authority.
- 2.2. The next scheduled elections for Cumberland Council are in May 2027 in line with the Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022. Scheduled elections to parish and town councils in the authority area are due to take place in 2026, 2027, and 2028.

2.3. For parish councils whose next scheduled elections are taking place in 2026, the elections in 2026 would be cancelled and the terms of office of sitting councillors extended by one year. The next scheduled elections will then take place in 2027 and four-yearly thereafter to coincide with those of Cumberland Council. The affected parish is:

- Dalston Parish Council

2.4. For parish and town councils whose next scheduled elections are taking place in 2027, there will be no changes. The next scheduled elections will take place in 2027 and four-yearly thereafter to coincide with those of Cumberland Council.

2.5. For parish councils whose next scheduled elections are taking place in 2028, the elections in 2028 will be cancelled and the terms of office of sitting councillors shortened by one year. The next scheduled elections will then take place in 2027 and four-yearly thereafter to coincide with those of Cumberland Council. The affected parishes are:

- Brampton Parish Council
- Carlatten & Cumrew Parish Council
- Castle Carrock Parish Council
- Cumwhitton Parish Council
- Hayton Parish Council
- Wetheral Parish Council

3. Considerations

3.1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has begun a review of the Electoral Arrangements for Cumberland Council, the review includes Ward Boundaries and the Number of Councillors. This review began in November 2024 and recommendations are expected to be published in February 2026.

3.2. It is likely that a review of both internal and external parish boundaries will be required upon completion of the review, as well as a review of the number of councillors serving each parish community. The LGBCE advise that a review of parish boundaries can lead to unintended and undesirable consequences if undertaken at the same time as an LGBCE review.

3.3. Given the general view that aligning parish election dates is preferable, and that scheduled elections are taking place in 2027, it is pertinent to undertake a CGR of this issue now. The recommendation is that this remains a single issue CGR,

looking only at parish council election dates. A further review can then take place after completion of the LGBCE review, by which time the nature and extent of further necessary considerations will be apparent.

4. Community Governance Reviews

4.1. A CGR must be undertaken:

- in accordance with the relevant legislation (Chapter 3 of the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007);

4.2. Legislation and statutory guidance set out the requirements for a CGR. These include that the Council must;

- draw up Terms of Reference (ToR) for the review, specifying the area/s under review and any consequential matters that need to be considered.
- consult local government electors for the area under review and any other person or body (including a local authority) who appears to have an interest in the review.
- have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review “reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area and is effective and convenient”
- consider any representations received in connection with the review.
- publish recommendations as soon as practicable after making them and take steps to ensure that those who may be interested in the review are informed of those recommendations.

4.3. Subject to these duties, it is for the Council to decide how to undertake the review.

4.4. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 sets out two statutory criteria:

“The principal council must have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under review –

- a) reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area, and
- b) is effective and convenient.”

5. Terms of Reference

- 5.1. The Terms of Reference for a CGR set out the scope of the review and the timetable for the work. Once agreed by Council, the Terms of Reference must be published, and they form one of the foundations for the CGR.
- 5.2. The draft Terms of Reference, including the timetable for the review, are set out in Appendix 1. Members are invited to consider and agree these Terms of Reference. Once approved, the Terms of Reference shall be published, signifying the formal start of the CGR.

6. Timetable

- 6.1. Given the scope of this CGR, which is focused solely on scheduled election dates, the timetable includes one stage of public consultation.
- 6.2. The anticipated timetable is set out below

Date	Action
July 2025	Full Council approves the Terms of Reference, signifying the start of the CGR, and Draft Recommendations.
August to September 2025	Public consultation, lasting 2 months, allowing affected parish councils to meet and discuss.
October to November 2025	Review by Officers and development of Final Recommendations.
November 2025	Full Council discuss and agree Final Recommendations.
December 2025	Reorganisation Order made.

7. Draft Recommendations

- 7.1. It is important to note that, at this stage, no decisions have been made. The outcome of the CGR relies upon the public consultation. However, the public consultation must include Draft Recommendations to be considered. These are set out in Appendix 2.

8. Consultation

8.1. When undertaking a CGR, the authority is required to consult with residents and interested parties. We will consult with the following by sending details of the CGR and a link to the online feedback form:

- Electors
- Parish councils (those subject to the proposed changes)
- Cumberland Councillors
- Local political parties
- Member of Parliament (Carlisle Constituency)
- Police Fire & Crime Commissioner (Cumbria)

8.2. Given the nature of this review, it is not considered prudent to deliver hardcopy literature to potentially affected households. However, residents in affected parishes will be encouraged to respond to the consultation through local media, social media, e-newsletters and via parish council communications.

9. Future work

9.1. Following the close of the public consultation, Officers will review the responses and collate the Final Recommendations for Council and any changes agreed by Full Council will be implemented through a Community Governance Order, which will be made later this year.

10. Alternative options considered

10.1. The Council is not required to amend the parish council election cycles and may prefer to leave them as-is without consultation and without undertaking a CGR. However, this is unlikely to be conducive of effective and convenient local government and will lead to increased costs for both affected parishes and this authority.

11. Reasons for recommendations

11.1. The launch of a CGR will allow the Council to amend the scheduled parish council election dates, if appropriate, following a consultation period if supported by that process.

Implications:

Legal and Governance - The Council, as principal council, has authority to take decisions about parish electoral governance arrangements under Sections 79 and 102(2) the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Sections 81 – 84 of the said Act cover relevant aspect of the Terms of Reference for the review.

Functions relating to Community governance are reserved to Council as referred in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have confirmed that they are satisfied that, provided the scope of the CGR is purely on the dates of election and election cycles (aligning election dates to those of Cumberland Council), this CGR would not conflict with their ongoing review work.

Finance - The costs associated with a CGR, and the costs associated with the consultation exercise will be met from the existing elections budget.

Parish and Town Councils are required to cover the costs of their elections, and if not combined with the upper tier authority elections these are considerably more expensive; the alignment of election dates would address this issue.

The proposed alignment of election dates would reduce pressure on electoral services teams as elections take place on the same day and same timetable.

Contribution to the Cumberland Plan Priorities - The timing of the Parish Council Elections does not directly impact on the Council Plan Priorities.

Consultation / Engagement – If Council agree to proceed, a public consultation will be undertaken, to ensure the views of parish and town councils and local residents are heard and taken into account in developing the Final Recommendations.

Relevant Risks:

There are three potential risk areas through this CGR:

- i. The Council chooses to not launch a CGR and is then faced with a petition to start one by affected residents. The timetable for a petition-launched CGR is tighter, more resource intensive and, given the need to complete it ahead of local elections taking place, would be considerably more challenging to undertake.

- ii. ii. The Council undertakes a CGR but chooses, following consultation, to not amend election dates. This may lead to increased financial impacts and reduced staffing capacity.

Impact Assessments –

Have you completed an Impact Assessment. No

If no, please state why. This is a decision to undertake a community governance review or not. It does not have any wider impact apart from the Parish Councils that are affected, any impacts will be assessed (if required) during the review process

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Background Documents:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

Guidance on community governance reviewed; Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), last published in March 2010

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf

Appendices attached to report:

- Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference for CGR
- Appendix 2 – Draft Recommendations for CGR

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy

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Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Pre-Publication Launch

On 18th August 2025, Westmorland and Furness Council took a major step forward by submitting the revised Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) to its **Supporting Authorities**. This submission marks a key milestone, initiating a crucial **28-day pre-publication review** period. The Supporting Authorities (Cumberland Council, Lake District National Park Authority, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and Natural England) will now conduct a final review and provide their approval.

Next Steps

This latest version of the Cumbria LNRS includes all the approved changes that resulted from the comprehensive public consultation. It's an exciting moment, as the Supporting Authority approvals will allow Westmorland and Furness Council to issue an "Intention to Publish" date to Defra (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs), bringing the strategy one step closer to implementation.

Consultation Response

The LNRS team is thrilled to share a glimpse into the feedback received during the six-week public consultation, which ended on 22nd June 2025. The Cumbria LNRS Steering Group has been busy reviewing and scoring an incredible 82 responses, along with thousands of comments to inform the final strategy. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with comments describing the draft strategy as a

"superb piece of work" and a "magnificent achievement."

One respondent's feedback stood out: *"You have certainly encouraged me to take much more note of what is going on in the natural world. I think this marks quite a change in life, moving from a concerned person to actively looking to encourage wildlife and biodiversity on my property."* This is exactly the kind of passion the LNRS aims to ignite across Cumbria.

All consultation responses are now available on the Cumbria LNRS website which provides full details on how the Cumbria LNRS team has used this information to help shape the revised strategy and local habitat map.

While some of the feedback may have been out of scope for the LNRS, or lacked adequate supporting evidence, all comments received are valued. They will be logged and shared with key stakeholders to ensure they are considered in other relevant nature recovery initiatives both within Westmorland and Furness Council and beyond.

The team would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a response. Your passion and expertise are invaluable to this process and are helping to make the LNRS an even more robust and effective plan for Cumbria.

Summary: Local Habitat Map

A total of 46 comments led to suggested changes to the Local Habitat Map. Here's a summary of the key revisions:

Built Environment Network: In response to concerns about urban areas, the map will now include a new built environment network, highlighting existing open habitats and greenspaces.

Grassland Expansion: The grassland network will be expanded to create more opportunities

for restoration, reflecting feedback that felt this habitat was underrepresented.

Manual Site-Specific Changes: Where detailed plans and funding were in place, 18 site-specific manual changes have been made to the map, allowing for localised habitat creation.

Statement of Biodiversity Priorities

Revisions are being applied to the Statement of Biodiversity Priorities to strengthen the document. Key updates include:

Geodiversity: The document will be updated to better reflect geodiversity, which includes the natural and man-made processes that shape the landscape.

Woodlands: The vision for woodlands will now emphasise both "well managed" and "connected," while a measure on grey squirrel management will be added.

Hedgerows: The document will be updated to reflect the national target of restoring and establishing 2,000 miles of hedgerows by 2050, as well as including more detailed management practices.

Limestone Pavements: Descriptions will be enhanced, and a legal definition will be added to the glossary

Stayed Tuned for Further Updates.

To ensure you receive all the latest updates and news on the strategy's progress, we encourage you to **stay signed up to our Cumbria LNRS Newsletter** and **regularly check our website**

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Fw: June & July 2025 - Maryport, Aspatria & Silloth

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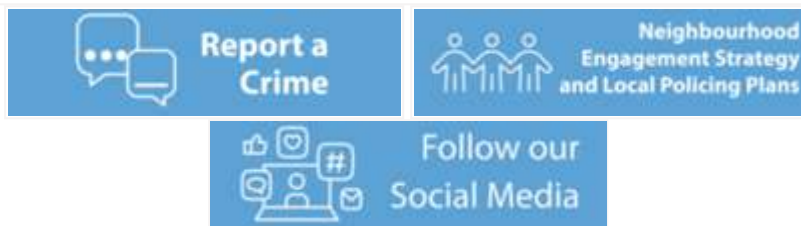
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Maryport, Aspatria & Silloth

Welcome to the June & July edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

You may have seen on our Facebook page we have been taking part in two campaigns, Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week (30 June - 6 July) and Neighbourhood Policing Week (23 - 29 June).

Across the two weeks we have been highlighting the work we do all year round with our partners.



Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed. From tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable residents, to engaging with local schools and hosting community drop-in sessions, it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

We've also included upcoming events and ways you can get involved or share your concerns.

As always, your feedback and support are vital to the work we do.

Inspector Steve Waddell

PACT (Police And Communities Together) survey

Residents of Silloth and Aspatria

We conducted a recent survey in relation to the North Allerdale area including Silloth and Aspatria. The responses have been analysed and no significant issues have been identified.

Our local officers will continue to address local concerns and respond to crime and disorder in your area and we encourage the local community to continue to report any incidents.

We will be conducting a further survey in 3 months time.

Please continue to report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour.

You can report online at <https://orlo.uk/IEGFO>

Our online live chat function is a new service giving you an alternative way to communicate with a Police officer in real time.

If a crime is in progress always call 999.

You can also phone 101.

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

Neighbourhood Policing Week (23 - 29 June)

Throughout the week we have been highlighting and sharing some of the work we do all year round to help reduce crime and keep people safe.

As well as patrolling their neighbourhoods, they work to tackle local crime, disorder and anti-social

behaviour related issues. They often do this by working with partner agencies such as local councils, housing providers and of course our local residents themselves.

Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson, Neighbourhood Policing Lead, said: “Neighbourhood Policing Week gives us the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding work that officers and staff in our NPTs are doing to keep our communities safe.

“They are at the heart of their communities and are a huge part of day-to-day policing in Cumbria.

“Having these visible, community focussed officers mean we are able to offer an accessible police presence and gain a greater understanding of the issues which need to be addressed – especially within our more rural locations.

“I am extremely proud of the role they perform, not just during this week, but every day.”

Read more about the week here - [Neighbourhood Policing Week 2025 - Cumbria Constabulary](#)



Anti-Social Behaviour Week - 30 June – 6 July 2025

At the start of July we took part in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week, a national initiative running from **30 June to 6 July**, aimed at highlighting the impact of ASB and promoting safer, stronger communities.

This year’s theme, **#MakingCommunitiesSafer**, focuses on supporting victims, improving justice system responses, and encouraging better information sharing between agencies.

In January, we launched the Neighbourhood Policing Pledge, which aligns us to the national pillars of Neighbourhood Policing and ensures we deliver the government Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee. The pledge focuses on ten core priority areas of neighbourhood policing, one of those is tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

As a priority, we launched Operation Enhance in July 2024, which has seen extra patrols in 18 areas identified as hotspots for ASB and serious violence. The operation whilst also being a visible presence has seen officers numerous arrests, stop searches, fixed penalty notices, community engagement and support given to local businesses.

As a result of Operation Enhance and the hard work carried out by the neighbourhood policing teams, the hot spot areas have seen a reduction in ASB by 35.2% between 1 July 2024 and 31 March 2025 compared to the same period in the previous year.

In relation to incidents of ASB involving young people in the hotspot areas over the same period there has been a reduction of 39.4% compared to the previous period.

Operation Enhance will continue throughout 2025/26.

Chief Superintendent Andy Wilkinson, the force's Neighbourhood Policing lead, said: "Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a priority, and this week highlights the work our teams and partners do every day to tackle anti-social behaviour.

"As well as responding to incident of ASB, a great deal of work is carried out behind the scenes to prevent further incidents occurring.

"ASB has a detrimental impact on our communities and encourage the public to tell us about incidents that are happening in your local area.

"Reporting allows us to create a picture of activity and allows to take appropriate action to investigate and deter further incidents."

Councillor Judith Derbyshire, Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety at Westmorland and Furness Council, said: "Anti-social behaviour causes real distress and disruption to residents' lives and has a damaging impact on our communities.

"The multi-agency work of the Community Safety Partnership and Local Focus Hubs is proactively delivering initiatives that address complex cases of ASB in our communities using education, support and, where necessary, enforcement. Alongside Cumbria Police and partners, our efforts bring us closer to achieving our vision of making Westmorland and Furness a safe and welcoming place to live, work and thrive."

Justin McDermott, Cumberland Council's Executive Member for Public Health and Communities, said: "Cumberland Council staff and councillors will be out and about all week talking to residents about their ASB concerns. With colleagues from the Community Safety Partnership, we hope to get a real insight into the effects of antisocial behaviour, which can have an incredibly negative impact on people's wellbeing.

"We'll also be sharing the help we offer through our Local Focus Hubs and, more strategically, through the Community Safety Partnership – which has ASB as one of its

four main priorities.”

We encourage everyone to stay informed and get involved by following **Allerdale Police on Facebook** for updates on local operations, safety tips, and opportunities to engage with your local policing team.

🔗 **Follow Allerdale Police on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/AllerdalePolice>



Multiagency walkaround - ASB week

As part of anti-social behaviour awareness week PCSO Pete Nichol and PC Lisa have been out in Harriston.

They joined Castle and Coasts, Aspatria Town Council and Cumberland Council to engage with residents to see what local issues are affecting them in particular antisocial behaviour

Partnership working and breach of court order

On Monday 30 June, as part of Antisocial Behaviour Week, officers were out on patrol in Maryport with Home Group Housing.

It didn't take long before we received a report about someone keeping a dog in breach of a court order that bans her, for life, from having animals.

The report turned out to be true — she was arrested, and the dog was safely seized by officers.

We can confirm: she's a very good dog and received plenty of tummy rubs. 🐱 ❤️

Unfortunately for the owner, officers also found a not-so-fetching surprise — a bag of suspected heroin tucked away nearby.

One suspect is now helping us with two investigations:

- ◆ Breaching a court order
- ◆ Possession with intent to supply heroin

One good dog is off to be rehomed with a loving new family.

One not-so-good owner could be off to be rehomed at His Majesty's pleasure.



School talk - ASB week

As part of Anti-Social Behaviour awareness week PCSO Pete Nichol on 30 June, has been into Allonby primary school to explain about antisocial behaviour.



This is part of our intervention work to make young people aware of the issues.

There were some brilliant questions from the students.

On 30 June, PCSO Nichol also visited Solway Community school in Silloth.

He spoke about about hate crime and the negative impact it can have for the victims.



Mini police receive end of year certificates

On 29 June, PCSO Pete Nichol has been into Richmondhill school Aspatria with the mini police to give out the end of year certificates.

The mini police have worked really hard this year raising awareness about speeding both in the school for the other pupils and in the town.

They have been into a residential home to visit the residents and have worked really hard all year!! Well done Richmondhill school mini police you are a real credit to the school and the town of Aspatria.



Disqualified driver

On 28 June, officers stopped a vehicle after it drove at speed past officers on Allonby Coast Road.

The driver was disqualified and didn't have insurance so his vehicle seized.

Day of action - 20 June

On 20 June, we conducted a proactive day of action in Workington, Aspatria and Silloth.

Using our drone in Silloth, officers spotted a vehicle that tried to evade Police. The drone tracked it, guiding ground units to intercept. The driver was arrested under Section 5A of the Road Traffic Act after failing a drug wipe for Cannabis.

Later, on Eden Street, Silloth, officers stopped another vehicle. The driver failed a drug wipe for Cocaine, and a search uncovered a quantity of drugs, leading to the arrest of the male driver and female passenger for Possession with Intent to Supply Class A Drugs. The male was also arrested for possession of a bladed article.

All suspects have been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

We're committed to keeping our communities safe. If you have information about crime in your area, contact us on 101 or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

National Amnesty

Cumbria Police is supporting a national 'Ninja Sword' amnesty, ahead of a ban on owning such weapons coming into effect.

From August 1, it will be illegal to possess, sell, make or import the weapon. Those who currently possess a Ninja sword will not be permitted to keep it once the order comes into effect, unless a specific legal defence applies.

Ninja Swords are a sword which has length of at least 14 inches, but no more than 24 inches in length. The sword must have the following:

- A primary straight cutting edge
- A secondary straight cutting edge
- A blunt spine
- And either a tanto style point or a reversed tanto style point

Ahead of the ban coming into place, a surrender scheme is taking place from today until July 31 to allow people to hand them in.

Please follow guidance on the Home Office website and have the relevant paperwork completed before handing in the swords before visiting a police station.

More: <https://orlo.uk/z9o8Y>



Officers help Scouts with gardening

Good to see the scouts maintaining the pocket park in Maryport.

We thought we would lend them a hand while on foot patrol.

Lately the area is being used for shop bought cans/bottles of alcohol. This is causing some issues.

There is a Public Space Protection Order in town, which means you cannot drink alcohol in the town centre.

Keep it at home or in the pub and don't ruin the work being done by these heroes.



You said, we did - speeding

Aspatria town Council have raised the issue of cars speeding within the town.

On 24 June, PCSO Pete Nichol has been out with the speed camera in the town.

This stretch of road has a play park and a school around the corner there are no excuses for speeding so please stick within the speed limit.

Drug dealing in Silloth & Maryport

We have received reports of drug dealing in Silloth and Maryport and have been taking proactive action.

Silloth

Officers have carried out patrols and utilised drones to identify and trace suspected drug dealing activity.

This resulted in two drivers being stopped and arrested for drug driving offences.

Two individuals were also located and arrested for drug supply offences and a quantity of drugs and cash seized - Offences remain under investigation.

Maryport





High Visibility and covert proactive patrols

Property closure on Rydal Street - Joint agency work with housing partners resulting in a Closure Order for a residential address on Rydal Street due to high levels of drug related disorder.

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Speeding Abbeytown area

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We have also been visiting school talks to educate teenagers on road safety and the dangers of speeding.

OPERATION ENHANCE: Tell us your thoughts about anti-social behaviour and violence hotspots in Cumbria

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More about [#OperationEnhance](#) here - [Commissioner and Constabulary to crackdown on anti-social behaviour and serious violence across Cumbria - Cumbria Constabulary](#)



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📅 Mon 11 August 2025
🕒 2:00PM - 3:00PM

📌 Fairy Dust Emporium, Silloth
📅 Tue 05 August 2025
🕒 11:00AM - 12:00PM

📌 Aspatria Library
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In other news

Partners working together to keep our town centres safe

Organisations across Cumbria are coming together this summer to keep town centres safe. The project, called Safer Streets Summer Initiative, introduced by the Home Office, launched today (Monday 30 June 2025) and runs for three months.

The initiative will be locally led by Cumbria's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (Commissioner), David Allen, and includes partners such as Cumbria Constabulary, Cumberland Council, Westmorland and Furness Council, Public Health, Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, Remedi, The Well Communities and Cumbria Youth Alliance.

The project aims to highlight the positive partnership work taking place over the summer to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB), reduce and prevent crime and restore confidence in local and will focus on Carlisle, Whitehaven, Workington, Kendal, Barrow-in-Furness, Penrith and Ulverston town centres.

Some of the work that will be promoted throughout the next three months include: the work of the Restorative Hope Workers; the benefits of the Commissioner's Community Fund for local groups; partners' use of fines, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO), and use of Community Protection Notice; youth engagement activities and diversionary activities; work with local drug and alcohol treatment services; work with local businesses to tackle retail crime; tackling knife crime; and protection and prevention measures in place to protect those enjoying the county's night-time economy.

Temporary Superintendent Annette McClement, Cumbria Constabulary said: "The summer months can be an incredibly busy time for our county, with large numbers of people visiting our area to attend events and experience all that Cumbria has to offer. Therefore, it is also one of the busier periods of the year for our policing teams.

"The Safer Streets Summer campaign will highlight the work we and our partner agencies do to keep people safe in town centres across our county.

"Our force is committed to providing visible and effective neighbourhood policing to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour.

"It is vital to have the trust and confidence of communities for us to carry out our work to keep people safe. A recent national crime survey placed ourselves as the leading force in the country for understanding residents' concerns and highlighted the confidence people have for police in Cumbria dealing with issues that mattered to them.

"I would encourage everyone to follow our social media channels to find out more about the work we will do throughout the summer and updates on our activities." **Read more [here](#).**



Operation Spotlight road safety enforcement to target the Fatal Four

Cumbria Police is supporting a nationwide Fatal Four road safety campaign running throughout July - Operation Spotlight.

The operation targets the Fatal Four - speeding, using a mobile phone at the wheel, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs – and the April Operation Spotlight resulted in more than 150 arrests in the county.

[Op Spotlight: More than 150 drivers arrested in road safety operation across Cumbria - Cumbria Constabulary](#)

Inspector Jack Stabler of Cumbria Constabulary leads the Roads Policing Unit and is Chair of Cumbria Road Safety Partnership.

He said: “Our officers are on the roads 365 days a year targeting dangerous driver behaviour.

“However, Operation Spotlight gives us the opportunity to shine a light on the most dangerous factors which can result in deaths and serious injuries on our roads.

“I urge everyone to analyse their own driving behaviours and those of their passengers and loved ones. By taking a critical look at our own behaviour and the behaviour of those around us, we can save lives.”

Road safety is always a top priority for Cumbria Police. **Read more [here](#).**



Police education programme rolls out across schools in Cumbria

An educational programme to improve children’s understanding of risks, citizenship and the law is being rolled out to schools across Cumbria. Pol-Ed is a suite of free educational resources created by subject matter experts to assist teachers of children, aged four to 18.

The programme has been live for two weeks with more than 100 schools already registered. To date, the resources have been used across 120 sessions reaching more than 3,700 students. The resources are being used in Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons - covering topics such as consent, bullying, grooming and balancing freedom and the law. The Pol-Ed programme has been used by several police forces since being developed by West Yorkshire Police in 2021.

The programme in Cumbria is funded by money seized from criminals and distributed to police forces via the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS). **Read more [here](#).**

Opportunity to surrender 'Ninja Swords' ahead of national ban

Cumbria Police is supporting a national month-long “Ninja Sword” compensation surrender throughout July.

The surrender begins on 1 July 2025 and is being run prior to it becoming illegal to possess, supply, sell, manufacture, or import a Ninja Sword from 1 August 2025.

This is a surrender compensation scheme so people surrendering qualifying items will be entitled to compensation via the Home Office.

Chief Inspector Sam Turner of Cumbria Police said: “This is an opportunity for people in Cumbria to surrender their items before they become illegal, in a safe manner and without fear of repercussions.”

“Ninja Swords” can be handed in at the following police stations throughout July:

Cumberland

- Carlisle
- Whitehaven
- Workington

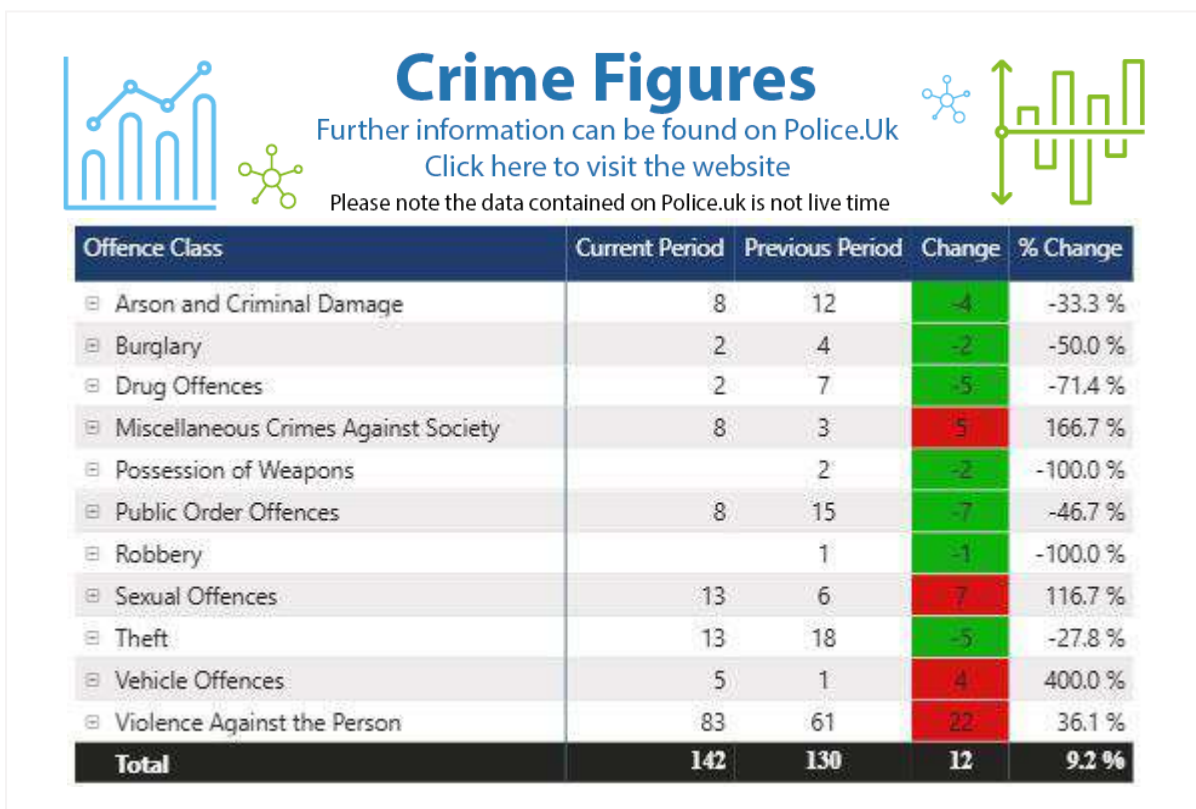
Westmorland and Furness

- Barrow
- Kendal
- Penrith – Hunter Lane

People who hand in their “Ninja Sword” at a police station and are seeking compensation will be provided, upon request, with a Surrender Compensation form to complete.

(Those wishing to claim more than the standard compensation need to provide appropriate proof of ownership and purchase to support the claim, at the time of surrender.)

People are urged to take care in transporting their item to a police station. They should ensure they do so safely and in a way that does not cause alarm to others. The item should remain covered securely stored until a police officer or member of police staff invite the owner to unwrap or otherwise present the item.



Please report any incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour to us, to help us keep Cumbria 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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Maryport, Aspatria & Silloth

Welcome to the July & August edition of your Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.

Our team continue to work hard to keep our community safe, connected, and informed. From tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting vulnerable residents and hosting community drop-in sessions, it's been a busy and productive few weeks.

We've also included upcoming events and ways you can get involved or share your concerns.

As always, your feedback and support are vital to the work we do and we want to hear from YOU.

The National Policing Social Media Survey is now live, and it's your chance to shape how we connect with our communities online.

Whether you follow us for updates, advice, or the occasional police dog post your opinion matters.

Take the survey now [👉 Social Media Survey 2025](#)



Inspector Steven Waddell

Woman given Criminal Behaviour Order

A woman from Maryport has been given an anti-social behaviour injunction on 29 July at Workington Magistrates' court.

The injunction was secured against Stacey Turner, 28, of Eaglesfield Street, Maryport by the Allerdale Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The injunction is in effect for five years.

The conditions granted are as follows and will result in arrest if breached:

- Engaging in conduct which causes, or is capable of causing a nuisance or annoyance to any person (for the avoidance of doubt, this includes leaning out of any window of any premises and shouting)
- Engaging in any conduct which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person
- Using any insulting language towards, or threatening violence towards, any person
- Causing any person to fear the infliction of harm
- Harming any person by the direct application of force against them
- Entering any private property, land or garden without the occupier's express permission
- Requesting or demanding money, property or illicit drugs, either directly or indirectly, from any individual person, save for a person who is engaging in a lawful business activity



- Permitting the possession, use or supply of any illegal controlled drugs on any premises owned or controlled by the Respondent
- Owning or possessing a dog, or permitting any dog to be present, on any premises owned or controlled by the Respondent
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs in public
- Having an open container of alcohol in a public place.

Community Beat Officer for Maryport, PC Sam Steele said “We are pleased that the court has granted the injunction against Turner.

“Turner’s behaviour has caused significant issues within Maryport which has been resource intensive for emergency services.

“The injunction will help manage the individual’s behaviour and restrict Turners activities.

“If the conditions are ignored, she will be arrested and put before the courts who have greater powers to sentence any breach.

“If you witness the conditions being breached, please report it to us.”

Residents who are having any issues with this type of behaviour in their communities are encouraged to speak to their local Community Beat Officer or PCSO.

Find out your local officer here - [Allerdale](#) | [Cumbria Police](#)

Report online - [Report](#) | [Cumbria Police](#)

Alternatively, issues can be reported via Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Cumbria Constabulary have increased police patrols in the area around creating safer Town Centres. The Safer Streets Summer Initiative is putting neighbourhood policing back at the heart of our communities. Cumbria’s dedicated officers are now visible and accessible in town centres where they’re needed most, tackling the issues that matter to local residents.

There are also increased patrols in Whitehaven as part of Operation Enhance to target anti-social behaviour (ASB) and serious violence in hotspot areas across the county.



Operation Colossus

We have been hitting some areas of local concern for speeding.

Especially along the A596 and A594 in small villages where the speed limit is lower.

Multiple people pointed out that they were aware of our [#OpColossus](#) campaign, you can find more info on it below. 📌

Unfortunately, they were still caught going well



Unfortunately, they were still caught going well over the speed limit. One car also having two bald tires.

Moped seized

On 11 August, whilst PCSOs were on patrol in the Blennerhasset area, a male was seen riding a moped down a road.

He then tried to evade officer, due to the officers having local knowledge, they parked their vehicle up knowing where the bike would come out at, which it did.

The rider then decided to stop the bike, which had no tax, insurance or MOT and ending going on the back of a wagon to the compound.

The vehicle was seized by our PC colleagues under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act with the driver due to be dealt with for offences.



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Register your CCTV and/or doorbell
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You said, we did - speeding through villages including Birkby, Crosby, Prospect and Dearham

As a result of complaints of speeding through villages we have carried out high visibility patrols and use of handheld speed guns

Numerous motorists prosecuted for speeding and vehicle defect offences.



You said, we did - Waverbridge

On 4 August, due to concerns been raised about vehicles speeding in Waverbridge PCSO Pete Nichol was out in the afternoon with the speed camera.

Please stick within the speed limit and keep residents and other road users safe.

You said, we did - Bankmill & Beckfoot

It has been raised about vehicles speeding along the coast road around Bankmill and Beckfoot.

On 22 July, PCSO Pete Nichol has been out with the speed gun as a high visible deterrent.

Please stick within the speed limit as pedestrians and cyclists use this area.



Fraudsters are targetting older and vulnerable people in Cumbria

Help us to warn people who are not on social media

The police or bank will:

Never contact you to withdraw cash or transfer money to help secure your account.

Never phone and ask you for your PIN or banking information.

Never ask you to send cash or other expensive goods via post for safekeeping.



Drug Activity Community Appeal

On 10 July, PCSO Pete Nichol has completed a DACA (Drug Activity Community Appeal) leaflet drop in Harriston.

This allows people to report any drugs activity, drugs can be a blight on any community and increase crime and antisocial behaviour. This leaflet drop allows us to gain information in order to tackle the issue.

We are looking to challenge the use and supply of drugs in this area.

Tell us about:

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- 👉 Drug supply in your community
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Vehicle seized again

Do you remember the driver who was caught on the 28 June for disqualified driving and no insurance?

Well, he enjoyed having his car seized so much that he wanted to do it again with his new car.

Shock, he still has no insurance and is disqualified.



Going away on holiday? Lovely stuff. Just don't tell the whole internet.

Burglars don't need a boarding pass—they just need your Facebook/Instagram.

📷 Post your beach pics after you're back.

🏠 Tell your neighbour, not your followers.

Let's keep your home safe!

Teenager jailed and made subject of a ten-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order

A 19-year-old who admitted charges including rape has been jailed on 25 July.

Leo Wilson, of School Drive, Flimby, was sentenced at Carlisle Crown Court after pleading guilty to rape and attempted penetrative sexual activity with a child at a hearing earlier this month.

The court heard how two girls had been in the company of Wilson at his home address in 2021, playing computer games, when they fell asleep.

One of the girls woke in the early hours of the morning to find Wilson on top of her, first sexually assaulting her and then raping her.



The girl and her friend then left.

Wilson was arrested but refused to answer questions put to him in his police interviews.

However, at court he entered a guilty plea to both offences and was sentenced to three years and two months in prison.

He was also made subject of a ten-year Sexual Harm Prevention Order and an indefinite period on the sex offenders register.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Simon Quinn of Cumbria Police said: “Wilson sought to take advantage of a girl, younger than him, who had fallen asleep in his room.

“His actions were predatory and he was fully aware that he did not have the consent of the victim.

“I’d like to thank the victim in this case for her bravery and courage throughout the process – first in coming forward to report what had occurred and then in giving statements which ultimately resulted in a guilty plea and Wilson being held accountable for his actions in court.

“I would encourage anyone who has been victim to a sexual offence to contact police so that our officers can investigate, and you will be supported.

“Support is available, and the Constabulary works closely with trusted partner agencies to provide the appropriate support which is tailored to an individual’s circumstances.”

HOW DO I REPORT TO POLICE?

If you wish to report to police you can do so online at [Report a crime | Cumbria Police](#).

You can also phone on 101.

Always phone 999 in an emergency or if a crime is in progress.

WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

A list of services available in your postcode area are summarised here: [Find Specialist Sexual Violence Support in The North West](#)



Maryport Taste of the Sea





On 10 August, we attended the Maryport taste of the sea festival.

It was a really nice day and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves

Meeting someone for the first time?

Whether it’s a first date or a meetup from online, always let someone you trust know:



-  Where you're going
-  What time you're meeting
-  Who you're meeting
-  When you expect to be back



Trust your instincts. If something feels off, leave.

If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation in a bar or a pub, consider going to the bar and 'Asking for Angela'

Support visit

On 9 Aug, PCSO Pete Nichol has been out to do a neurodiversity visit in Silloth for someone that has been affected by anti-social behaviour.

Neurodivergent people often have hidden disabilities and sometimes struggle along on their own.

These visits are to reach out to those people and sometimes sign posting to get a diagnosis is done.



OPERATION ENHANCE: one year on

Operation Enhance has been active in your community and in 18 hotspots across the county for twelve months tackling anti-social behaviour and/or serious violence. In these hotspots, we have seen a reduction in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and serious violence by 37% and 5.4%, respectively, when comparing 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 with the same period in 2023/24.

In the Allerdale hotspots alone, ASB dropped by 21.4% from 112 reports to 88.

So, what does this mean for you? These reductions mean your streets are safer and more welcoming to residents and visitors looking to enjoy our communities. You've had more Police on your streets deterring criminals from committing their crimes and, most importantly, it means less victims of crime in your area.

These extra patrols have also attributed to residents feeling safer with more visible policing across the county. Some feedback* received by Officers included:

"Saw some young children hanging out a top window. Knocked on the door, spoke to the family and gave them some safeguarding advice. They appreciated that we were out on foot patrol."

"Local business owner stated it is good to see police and that it has made her and others feel safer."

In the west of the county, Elaine, told us about the difference Operation Enhance has made in her local community and the importance of reporting all incidents to the Police.

She said: "There were eight kids on the roof of the library a couple of months ago and I called it in. The next two or three days, there were patrols around here and the kids have scattered, they've



moved away.”

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[Watch Elaine speaking on the work in her community.](#)

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See more updates from our Allerdale officers by following them on [Facebook](#).

The Operation has been made possible thanks to £1 million of extra funding secured by Cumbria’s Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner from the Government’s Hotspot Response Fund.

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Detective Superintendent Matt Scott, from the force's Public Protection Unit, said: "We are grateful to Amazon for their support. This initiative is a lifeline for those who leave everything behind to escape abuse.

"The grab bags offer more than just practical help - they show survivors that they are not alone and that their safety and dignity matter.

"We know that reporting abuse can be incredibly difficult, but we want people to know they are not alone. If you are being subjected to any form of domestic abuse, please report this to police and we can work with trusted safeguarding agencies to support you." **Read more [here](#).**

Operation Spotlight: More than 100 arrested for drink or drug driving offences during month-long Fatal Four operation in Cumbria

More than 100 drink and drug drivers were arrested in Cumbria during July's road safety operation targeting the Fatal Four.

Operation Spotlight is a national road safety operation which focuses on the Fatal Four:

- Speeding
- Using a mobile phone at the wheel
- Not wearing a seatbelt
- Driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs

Here in Cumbria, the operation was led by the Constabulary's dedicated Roads Policing Unit and resulted in 117 arrests:

- Sec 5a (drug driving): 55
- Sec 5 OPL (drink driving): 41
- Fail to provide: 15
- Unfit through drink or drugs: 6

Read more [here](#).





Crime Figures

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

[Click here to visit the website](#)

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



Offence Class	Current Period	Previous Period	Change	% Change
⊕ Arson and Criminal Damage	8	10	-2	-20.0 %
⊕ Burglary	2	4	-2	-50.0 %
⊕ Drug Offences	2	7	-5	-71.4 %
⊕ Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	8	3	5	166.7 %
⊕ Possession of Weapons		2	-2	-100.0 %
⊕ Public Order Offences	8	15	-7	-46.7 %
⊕ Robbery		1	-1	-100.0 %
⊕ Sexual Offences	13	6	7	116.7 %
⊕ Theft	13	18	-5	-27.8 %
⊕ Vehicle Offences	5	1	4	400.0 %
⊕ Violence Against the Person	83	58	25	43.1 %
Total	142	125	17	13.6 %

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Cumberland Council celebrates national recognition at the Empty Homes Network Awards

8 July 2025



Representatives of Cumberland Council's Environmental Health team Laura Moss and Sarah Nelson attended the event to accept the awards, which highlight the Council's innovative approaches to tackling long-term empty homes and creating vibrant communities.

Cumberland Council was honoured with the following awards and commendations:

- "Meeting the Challenge" award – Joint Winners: Recognizing a transformative, multi-agency effort to restore a property that had been unoccupied for nearly 20 years.
- Best before & after photo – Highly Commended: Celebrating the incredible transformation of a long-neglected property into a welcoming, liveable space.
- The "Rising Star" award – Highly Commended: Awarded to Laura Moss for her outstanding dedication, leadership, and drive in addressing empty homes.

The Meeting the Challenge Award reflects the Council's commitment to working collaboratively. By pooling resources and knowledge through the Local Focus Hub referral pathway, the team addressed a long-standing issue and created a lasting positive impact.

A spokesperson for the Empty Homes Network said: "Cumberland Council's response to a decades-long empty home showcases exceptional persistence and partnership.

"Despite legal hurdles, failed auctions, and anti-social behaviour, their team worked tirelessly to resolve the case, leading to the restoration of the property and revitalisation of the neighbourhood. This achievement truly merits the Meeting the Challenge award."

The restored property is now a permanent home for a first-time buyer family, marking a significant milestone for both the residents and the community.

Laura Moss, nominated for the Rising Star Award by her colleagues, was recognized for her passion, enthusiasm, and ability to drive change.

The project recognized by the Meeting the Challenge award serves as an inspiring case study of how collaboration and innovative problem-solving can bring long-term empty homes back into use.

Cllr Bob Kelly, Cumberland Councillor and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Planning, said: "This recognition is a testament to the dedication and innovation of our teams at Cumberland Council.

"There are still many empty and dilapidated buildings in parts of Cumberland that urgently need attention. But these empty homes are not just wasted spaces—they're missed opportunities to provide much-needed housing, restore community pride, and create a sense of belonging. These awards show how effective partnerships and determination can turn challenges into transformative success stories."

Colin Cox, Director of Public Health, Customer and Community Wellbeing, said: "Returning empty properties to use is not only about addressing housing needs but also about fostering healthier, more resilient communities. This work demonstrates how strategic collaboration and a focus on community well-being can create lasting, positive change for individuals and communities alike.

"A big "well done" goes to everyone involved in these projects".

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RE: Invitation: Introduction to Age-friendly Communities Webinar – 10 September

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Dear Clerks, Councillors & Chairs

Further to the below email, please note the correct date is **Wednesday, 10 September 2025**.

Kindest Regards

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Dear Clerks, Councillors & Chairs

The Centre for Ageing Better is carrying out some excellent work with parish and town councils to help create and develop **age-friendly communities**.

As part of this work, they are hosting an **Introduction to Age-friendly Communities Webinar on Tuesday 10 September, 10:00–11:00am**.

This one-hour online session will:

- Explain the **Age-friendly Communities framework** as defined by the World Health Organization
- Share **practical examples** from UK members working to make their places better for people of all ages
- Offer guidance for councils, voluntary organisations, and health systems interested in taking first steps or strengthening their age-friendly approach

This webinar is ideal for:

- Parish and town councils
- Professionals in local authorities, voluntary sector organisations, and health systems

- Partners of existing Age-friendly Communities or those wanting to learn more

Event details:

Date: Tuesday 10 September

Time: 10:00–11:00am

Register here: [Introduction to Age-friendly Communities – Zoom Registration](#)

We encourage all members with an interest in community wellbeing and inclusion to take part.

Kindest Regards

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Local Resilience Plans

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Dear Clerks, Chairs and Councillors,

How prepared is your community for severe weather and other challenging events? Would you be interested in helping to create local Resilience Plans to help your community to deal with whatever comes its way?

Colleagues from the voluntary sector and unitary authorities will deliver a conference on Resilience in Autumn 2025 and would like to extend an invite to any community that's interested in planning ahead for emergencies. We'll cover a range of topics ranging from practical help for groups, learning from past events, and finding out about how the emergency services and other responders work in these situations. Most importantly, we want to help communities to prepare for the future and this will be a good starting point for anyone who's interested but isn't sure where to start.

If you'd like to help to shape the event and would like to be invited when the time comes then please visit our MS Form at <https://forms.office.com/e/UhPTPr3gNj>. If you have any queries in the mean time please get in touch with Liam Ryan, Community Resilience Coordinator, at liam.ryan@cumbriacvs.org.uk.

Regards

Scott

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FW: (Small!) Grant Funding Opportunity for Groups in Cumberland Council Area

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Dear Clerks, Chairs and Councillors,

Please find below details of an opportunity for small grants to enable a Harvest Fest this Autumn.

Should you wish to apply please use the link in the email below.

Regards

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Subject: (Small!) Grant Funding Opportunity for Groups in Cumberland Council Area

Hello Scott,

I hope you don't mind me emailing you.

On behalf of the Food Cumberland Partnership, we have small grants of £150 available to community groups, schools, Parish Councils to organise and host a Harvest Fest event this autumn. Designed to bring communities together, the events should promote locally grown, low-carbon food, be low waste and single-use plastic free.

I wonder if you would be able to share this opportunity with the parish councils in the Cumberland area?

There are full details, event ideas and the application form here:

<https://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/uncategorized/host-a-harvest-fest/>. Applications close Friday 12th September.

Thanks in advance.

Best wishes,

Georgina

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Subject: C&YPP - West Cumbria Volunteering Fair CVS

Hi all

Please find attached and below, details of the upcoming CVS Volunteering Fair, please share across your networks:

INFO:

West Cumbria Volunteering Fair

Date: Thursday 18th September 2025

Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Where: The Solway Hall

Address: Lowther Street, Whitehaven , CA28 7SH

This event aims to attract the general public to come along and to meet local groups, charities or organisations to find out about local volunteering opportunities and how individuals interested in volunteering can register and become a volunteer.

By attending the event the general public will find out more about which organisations are looking to recruit new volunteers, the wide range of local volunteering opportunities available, when and where volunteers are needed and how to become a volunteer.

You will have the opportunity to speak informally with local organisations at this drop in event to find out more about volunteering.

Organisations attending include:

- Growing Well (Egremont)
- Samaritans West Cumbria
- Howgill Family Centre
- Whitehaven Egremont and District Credit Union
- Safety Net UK
- RSPB West Cumbria Local Group
- Citizens Advice Copeland
- AbilityNet
- Cumberland Council - Community Transport
- Cumbria Deaf & Hearing Loss services
- Endometriosis UK
- Cumbria CVS Step Forward into Volunteering and Employment

And more!

Drop in at anytime to find out more about volunteering in West Cumbria. For more information on this event or volunteering in Cumbria CVS, please email: info@cumbriacvs.org.uk or call Cumbria CVS on 01768 800350 or visit: [http: Cumbria CVS Events](http://Cumbria CVS Events)

This event is funded through the Bedrock Basics programme funded through Sellafield and supported by Cumbria Community Foundation

Warm regards,

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