

# The Gill

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Merry Christmas

## **WIND FARMS—Stonechest, Black Knors and Moss Grove**

Banks Renewables Ltd (previously 'Developments') have said recently that while they await the outcome of the Ministry of Defence review of wind farm developments in the vicinity of Eskdalemuir seismological recording station they want to continue to survey the proposed wind farm sites and to model wind speeds while doing this.

The Company plans to submit planning applications to erect single masts each of 80m tall and a few inches in diameter with supporting guy ropes at the sites at Black Knors and Moss Grove. The information gathered at Black Knors will be used to model both that site and Stonechest because of their close proximity. It is likely that a public meeting will be called to allow Parish Councillors to get the view of residents.





## **POLICING – PCSO Pete Aiston**

As Christmas fast approaches, criminals and thieves tend to go on a "shopping spree" resulting in crime increasing in our area. These are mainly thefts from sheds, outbuildings and vehicles. There is no better time to check your security. Please make sure you lock up any valuables and do not have them on view, always lock your car and report any suspicious activity to the Police. Remember if we do not know about it, we can't do anything about it.

If you want any advice on security or anything else please feel free to get in touch with us. We have a range of products and information available to help make you feel safe and reassured at home. We are always happy to help. You can get in touch through Winter time is now upon us and it has brought snow and freezing conditions.

There have been numerous Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's) across the county due to the roads being hazardous to drive on. Please can we make sure we take extra care when driving in this weather and check your car is suitable for the conditions before you drive i.e. tyres, brakes and lights.

You can get in touch through the details below or check our website for future meetings you can come to.

Thank You.

PCSO 5243 Pete Aiston.

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[www.cumbria.police.uk](http://www.cumbria.police.uk)

Longtown Police Station, Graham Street, Longtown CA6 5NR.

**Stop Crime, call – Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111**



## Highways

Making sure the roads are gritted and there is enough salt in the roadside bins is the main task of the County Council highways Dept. 7 tonnes of grit has been placed in the grounds of the Parish Hall. It is there for volunteers to use on the local roads (not private property)- and thanks in advance to those who help keep things safe.

**Great news** - the Netherfield pavement has been fully restored with a tarmac surface by the County Council - big thanks to Richard Hayward the Area Highways Engineer for arranging everything.

**Knorren Bridge** is likely to be closed until the end of December - diversions are in place

It's important to ring the Highways Hotline 0845 6096 609 or Cllr Heaton 01228 675328 if you see things that need attention





## Broadband

The survey reported in the last issue of the Gill has found that nearly three quarters of rural Carlisle has patchy and often non-existent broadband. Things have got to improve.

Using funds from "NW Together We Can" and working with Cybermoor, the Carlisle Parish Councils Association will build on work done so far. "This will look at practical steps to improve broadband in the home, stimulate demand to encourage investment by service providers, map the demand for faster services and examine the willingness to pay for the service."

Rory Stewart MP is at the forefront of the Cumbria initiative and has already signed up 150 Champions for parishes across the County. Cumbria is to be one of 4 Broadband Pilots and it is hoped that the most sparsely populated constituency in England will be one of the first to develop superfast broadband. The Government has also recently announced that it wants to see "Superfast Broadband" available to 95% of the country, especially the rural areas by 2015. The idea is to create "Hubs" in each community that we would all connect to. The Cumbria pilots will no doubt give us a guide about what to expect.

***But I don't have a computer and don't see the need for one either!"*** Increasingly food/goods ordering, further education, working from home and that all important contact with friends and relatives is encouraging more people to get a computer - the free internet "Skype" service allows us to see the grandchildren on the other side of the world. If you are frightened about using a computer you are not alone.

There are plenty of courses for the terrified in the area - so who's getting a computer for Xmas then?!

## Getting us more involved

Involving us more in decisions affecting the quality of our lives is a major theme of the Government's Big Society vision. The Localism Bill about to go through Parliament contains proposals that would mean greater involvement in vetting planning applications and the opportunity for more volunteering. Funds could be earmarked through an "Big Society Bank" Parish Councils are expected to gain greater powers to make things happen locally. The new year is certainly full of promise!

## Parish Hall

This time last year we reported the start of the Supper room project. More tables and chairs have been purchased and the new room is now in use - the Parish Council met for the first time in the new room in November and congratulated the Hall Committee on the high standard of the new facility. The room is available to hire for business meetings and functions. Call Norman Elliott on 675336 for more information



## Notice board

The noticeboard at Hethersgill Crossroads is going to be upgraded to include a community notice panel. It's also being re-varnished. It may go missing for a while to get the work done

## Recycling

The period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 the Hethersgill Parish Hall centre saw some terrific recycling figures:-

Cans	- 0.556 Tonnes	Clear Glass	- 1.6 Tonnes
Green Glass	- 1.1 Tonnes	Brown Glass	- 3.706 Tonnes
Cardboard	- 4.31 Tonnes	Plastics	- 2 Tonnes

The Christmas period usually sees an increase in recycled materials. Weather conditions may however delay collections

from the Parish Hall Centre. The City Council advise us to keep recyclables until things improve rather than taking it to the main collection centres.

### **FOOTSTEPS PODIATRY**

Carlisle and Penrith Clinics, plus home visits available.

*For all the gentle foot care you need.*

Basic nail cut and callus removal 25.00

(5.00 discount on first appointment)

Kirsty Hiatt BSc (Hons)

Tel. 07874000160

Email. FootstepsPodiatry@hotmail.co.uk

### **The Parish Council** - reports from recent meetings

The last meeting of the Parish Council held in the new supper room on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 covered:-

- **Hedge trimming** - land owners are asked to ensure that roads are cleared of debris.
- **Rural Broad Band** and the need to encourage demand for increased data transfer speeds
- **Community Exchanges** - a grant award scheme to encourage greater community involvement.
- **Community Right to Build** - looking at the Government's plans for increasing Community involvement in considering planning applications

### **Council Budget 2011/12**

The Parish Council's budget for the next financial year sees only a marginal increase in spending and the Council has agreed not to increase the precept. A **grants fund** has been identified for the next financial year and subject to annual review will be available to encourage groups serving the Hethersgill Parish to either start or continue local community focussed activity. Details of how the scheme will work will be published in the new year.

Meetings of the Parish Council in 2011/12 will be held on:-

January 11<sup>th</sup>

July 12<sup>th</sup>

March 8<sup>th</sup>

September 13<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and will be held in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill at 7.30pm- why not come along - the agenda allows for the public to talk about items on the agenda.

Draft minutes of meetings are published on noticeboards soon after meetings.

The role of your Councillors is to represent your views and concerns to the Parish Council and to other public bodies. They are:-

Cllr A Dalgleish - 675388

Cllr M Kay - 675910

Cllr N Elliott - 675336

Cllr P L Nichol - 675383

Cllr F Heaton - 675516

Cllr A Sisson - 675378

Cllr H Kay- 675910 (Chair)

Cllr G Sisson - 675101

### **SMR Property Maintenance**

*Plumbing and Bathroom Installations*

*Floor & Wall Tiling*

*Joinery Work inc : Wooden Flooring, Decking etc...*

*General Indoor & Outdoor Maintenance*

*Contact Steve Ritchie*

*Tel: 01228 672297 Mob:07872436925 Email : steven-ritchie@o2.co.uk*



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Call Clive Moth on 01228 675328 or email him at [hethersgillpc@carlisle-city.gov.uk](mailto:hethersgillpc@carlisle-city.gov.uk)

## **REALLY USEFULL INFORMATION**



### **Mobile Post Office**

The van visits Hethersgill every Weds morning between 10.45am and 11.00 am.



### **Highways hotline**

Report holes in the road, floods, fallen trees, broken signs, faulty street lights etc to the hotline 0845 6096 609



**Recycling if the bins are full ring 01228 817200.**



**Fire Safety in your home - ring 0800 3584777 for a FREE safety assessment, advice and a free smoke alarm.**

**Comments about the Gill** We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Clive Moth, Clerk to the Council 01228 675328

**HETHERSGILL PARISH COUNCIL**  
*wishes you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year*

