

# The Gill

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## Recycling -Wash & Squash is coming!

Two new plastic collection bins are coming soon



After months of negotiation Carlisle City Council has agreement to use smaller collection bins for plastics- they will be the same size as those for cardboard. Hethersgill will get two bins for the recycling centre at the Parish Hall.

Last year a massive 5.45 Tonnes of tins and bottles were recycled through the Hethersgill Centre with an income £117 split 50/50 between the Parish Council and the Hall Committee - well done everybody!!

**Flat 'n' fold cardboard - we get more in the bins!**

## **New Community Police Officer**

**Hello! I'm PC1564 Alasdair Wright your new Community Police Officer,**

There have been a few changes to the Local Policing Team of late with PC435 Terry Hall taking over from Christine Williams and a few new faces on the patrol front too.

Terry & I operate out of Longtown Police Station as part of the Brampton Local Policing Team.

*I'm new to Community policing but keen and still very much finding my way around in every sense, so please be gentle!*

**While** the dark nights are still with us be vigilant & report anything suspicious straight away. Diesel & quad bike thefts are still 'in vogue'. Road conditions are unpredictable at this time of year too - please drive carefully and responsibly.

**Keep** an eye out on your neighbours, especially the elderly & vulnerable - it's not the best time of year for them.

**Feel** free to get in touch - we rely on our communities to keep us posted on what's happening & value any information on criminal & anti-social behaviour in your area, so that we can deal with it -

**Together we can make a difference!**

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## **Parish Footpath Network**

The work continues to restore our parish footpath network, thanks to the East Cumbria Countryside Project. By spring we will have the first group of paths upgraded and fit to walk. This will now include 1200 metres of stile free walking along the footpath that runs from just west of the centre of the village, passing behind Mount Pleasant and down to Hether hill. This will enable one of several short parish circular walks that are planned. Thanks again to the landowners, for their co-operation in this project.

The Parish Council is working to secure sufficient funds to continue this project into next year to complete the network. Plans are also in place to restore some bridle ways within the parish for our horse riders. - Ring Harry Kay on 675910 for more information.

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

**Highways** - County Cllr John Mallinson has been active in helping to make things happen, especially with potholes and blocked drains - Workmen have been spotted in the Parish! -thanks John.

**New Seat** -the Council is to provide a new public seat by the bus stop at Hethersgill cross roads

**New Member** - Mrs Mary Kay has been co-opted to the Council to replace Dr S Rossi.

**2008/09 Budget** - a budget of £8290 has been agreed including:-

- Continued support for Parish Hall projects - up to £3000
- Parish plan projects (footpaths) - £1000
- Continued funding of 4 publications of the Gill - £512

The Council is also exploring the possibility of providing a playground and is looking for a suitable place. Regulations demand that the perimeter of the play area be at least 30metres from the nearest dwelling so not an easy task!

### **Parish Hall**

Hethersgill Parish Hall is available for private functions be they meetings, social or recreation activity, wedding receptions or wakes - Contact Norman Elliott 01228 675336

### **Hethersgill Natural History Group**

The group had a winter meeting at The Barn, Prior Rigg, to discuss participation in providing roving records for the new Bird Survey being run over the next three years by the British Trust for Ornithology.

To sharpen members' identification skills we had an afternoon visit to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust reserve at Caerlaverock, on the North Solway.

We had wonderful views of many thousand Barnacle Geese and around three hundred Icelandic Whooper swans. The afternoon feeding time on Swan Lake gave very close views to enable easy

identification of many ducks: Mallard, Widgeon, Teal, Pochard, Tufted and Shoveller all appeared.

11 Roe Deer were also seen from the hides, along with huge flocks of Golden Plover, Curlews and Lapwings. The journey there revealed good sightings of more Barnacles, Pink-footed Geese, Oystercatchers and Whoopers.

If the group had not got so involved with a huge chocolate carrot cake, they would have been back to Gretna in time to witness the spectacular Starling roost aerobatics.

Any ideas for future events, please call Ann Oswin or Harry Kay.

## Carlisle Airport Redevelopment



The Parish Council has been represented at meetings with other Council Parish Councils looking at the proposals for the Airport's redevelopment by WA Developments. A new terminus and major freight storage, accessed from the A 689 together with an increase in daily flights is proposed. Revised runway alignment bigger aircraft and changed flight paths may bring aircraft over the parish more than hitherto. Most parishes welcome the development as it will bring greater economic benefit to the area. See the Cumberland News and City Council Web sites for regular updates.

**Stop press** - The new Dacre Road sign is back where it belongs!

### Comments about the Gill

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