

The Gill

Welcome to the January 2016 Edition of the
Newsletter brought to you by
Hethersgill Parish Council.

BOLTON FELL MOSS

Bolton Fell Moss in Hethersgill is undergoing a massive make-over as you will be aware. On:

Tuesday 26 January and
Sunday 31 January From 10am—1pm

you are invited to meet at Hethersgill Parish Hall for an illustrated introduction to the Cumbria BOGlifE project, followed by a guided walk on the Moss. You will be able to see it being restored to a living bog habitat and help shape plans for public access.

You will need wellies, waterproofs and warm clothing. All ages are welcome although as the peat is soft and uneven, the full guided walk will be unsuitable for pushchairs or for those with limited mobility. However access is possible for the first section of the walk as you will be shown the site from the northern edge of the bog.

For further information please contact Tania Crocket on 07881 225343.

Lift sharing is encouraged please to reduce the number of vehicles visiting the bog.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm in Hethersgill Parish Hall. Please let the Clerk have any items you would like to discuss or simply come along and tell us what concerns you or what you are most pleased about in the Parish

NEW COUNCILLOR

We are delighted to announce that we have now filled all of the places on the Parish Council. Christine Williams has joined us and looks forward to serving you as Councillor. Her contact details are available on the back page of this newsletter.

NOTICEBOARDS

We have been informed that the new noticeboards will be delivered and installed very soon. We hope they will be a welcome addition to the Parish and prevent the issues we are currently experiencing with the inclement weather on the existing boards.

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RECYCLING

We have a very useful recycling service at the Parish Hall, however we have noticed that some bags are being left here and the items not placed in the correct bins. Please ensure you deposit all recyclable items in the correct bins and take away anything that cannot fit or is not recyclable. There is a larger recycling facility at Brampton if you require additional services.

It is based at Townfoot Industrial Estate, Brampton, Cumbria, CA8 1SW and is open from 10am—6pm every day except Tuesdays. The range of goods they recycle is as below:

 wood & timber	 hardcore & rubble	 tyres	 scrap metal
 food tins & drink cans	 mixed glass bottles & jars	 garden waste	 newspapers & magazines
 cardboard	 Books	 batteries	 fluorescent tubes
 large appliances	 small appliances	 tvs & monitors	 fridges & freezers
 gas bottles	 household & garden chemicals	 plastics	 mixed textiles & clothes
 used engine oil	 car batteries	 discs	 paint
 bicycles			

There is a permit scheme in operation at Brampton recycling centre. This means that if you want to bring your household rubbish to Brampton Household Waste Recycling Centre using a van, pickup or a twin axle trailer (up to 3 meters long) you will require a permit to do so. You can find out more on 016977 41651 .

POLICE AT BRAMPTON

The Police Desk at Brampton is open 9am - 1pm Monday to Saturday and is closed on Sunday for anyone wishing to visit the station in person.

PRECEPT SETTING

You will be pleased to hear that the Parish Council chose not to increase the Precept at their November meeting. This was in the face of some very hard grant cuts but we hope the news will be welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The date for our Parish Council meetings in 2016 are:

Tuesday 8 March 2016

Tuesday 10 May 2016

Tuesday 12 July 2016

Tuesday 13 September 2016

Tuesday 8 November 2016

Don't also forget that we have a **Public Participation** section on each and every agenda. This item allows you to bring any items that are of relevance in the Parish to the attention of your Parish Councillors. At some meetings, when their schedule allows, our City Councillor and County Councillor are present too, if you would like to speak to them.

SAFETY AT THE CROSSROADS

You will no doubt have noticed by now that the 30mph speed limit we have talked about for a long time has now been implemented around the crossroads. If you have any questions on this or have any ongoing concerns regarding speeding please do get in touch with us.

HETHERSGILL PARISH HALL

ANN BREEN

IN CONCERT

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2016 AT 8PM

TICKETS £12

FROM NORMAN ELLIOTT ON 01228 675336

ADVICE SERVICES

An exciting and innovative way of accessing advice is available for the first time. People living in rural areas will be able to receive advice and assistance from the four key advice providers in Carlisle & Eden: Age UK, Citizens Advice, Benefits Advice Service Carlisle City Council and the Cumbria Law Centre.

The charities (together with the Benefits Advice Service in Carlisle) are partners in Carlisle and Eden Advice Link, a project funded by the Big Lottery. People will be able to access the wide-ranging advice and information services currently offered by the respective agencies.

A vast range of advice and information is available to people accessing the services - from the hugely comprehensive service offered by generalist advisors at Citizens Advice, to the legal casework and representation from caseworkers from Citizens Advice and the Law Centre, as well as other specialisms, including Debt, Welfare Benefits and issues facing older people.

This service is available via Skype video technology, whereby clients and advisers can see and speak with each other, but can also share documents, have photos taken (e.g. for a blue badge application) and can work together to complete applications (e.g. for benefits) online.

The equipment is currently housed at various locations and include Brampton Community Centre and Longtown Community Centre.

You can access this service by contacting the advice charities by phone - Age UK on 01228 536673 or 01768 863618, Citizens Advice on 01768 891503 or 01228 633900, Benefits Advice Service 01228 917406 and the Law Centre on 01228 515129 - where an assessment will take place and suitable action, including making an appointment taken. For more information contact: Mark Barrett on 07823 410051.

BT PHONE KIOSK

We have received notification that BT are considering removing the telephone service from the kiosk and letting the facility be adopted by the Community Heart Trust for installation of a defibrillator. Although the kiosk has not been used in the past year, the Parish Council were concerned by these plans as we know mobile phone coverage can be patchy in our parish.

As the Parish Council have provided a defibrillator at the Parish Hall we are also concerned that there is no need for two in such a small area. We have therefore objected to these plans and requested that BT continue to provide the telephone service.

We will keep you up to date with developments in our next newsletter.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social committee held another very successful Halloween party which proved popular again. The "Mummy" game was a favourite yet again along with some new games. There were also some fantastic pumpkins and fancy dress.

The over 60s were treated to a 3 course meal and entertainment by "Zing" in November. It was a very social evening with time for everybody to have a catch up with friends and neighbours. The committee will be planning a trip for summer 16.



The Committee in Fancy Dress

BROADBAND

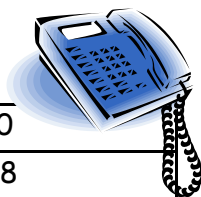
Phase 1 of Connecting Cumbria is coming to a close. It aimed to enable 93% of Cumbrian homes and businesses to have access to superfast broadband of at least 24mps. Smithfield and Hethersgill cabinets will be enabled and 'fibre to premise' will be installed along routes from the Hethersgill cabinet by the end of March 2016. This will mean that properties within about 1km of the centre of Hethersgill or those gaining 'fibre to premise' will have access to superfast broadband. To date 'take up' of superfast broadband across Cumbria so far has been 22%. The recent floods have impacted 90 cabinets

The Phase 2 delivery starts in June 2016, with a view to finishing by Dec 2017. This phase is aiming to extend the availability of superfast broadband to 95% of premises across the county by the end of 2017. You can see if you will get provision under Phase 2 by going to the Connecting Cumbria web-site and entering your post code. If you are not covered and your internet speed is less than 2Mg, it will be possible in the near future to apply to Cumbria County Council for an 'eligibility code'. This is 'traded in' with a satellite provider who will provide the service.

David Shepherd is City Councillor for our area. Please telephone 0169772853 or email david.shepherd@carlisle.gov.uk .

John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. He can be contacted at: **01228 533746** or john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Chair	Cllr H Kay	675910
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	Cllr F Heaton	675516
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	Cllr C Williams	675247
	Cllr A Gash	675562
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REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

Mobile Post Office

The van visits Hethersgill every Wednesday 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**. You can also report faults using an on-line form at www.cumbria.gov.uk

Recycling

If the bins are full ring **01228 817200**.



Comments about the Gill

We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Sarah at clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk.