

# The Gill

Welcome to the June 2017 Edition of the  
Newsletter along with the Annual Report brought to you by  
Hethersgill Parish Council

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Once again, I find myself amazed that another twelve months has passed by and I'm in a position that I am writing another summary of our Council activities over the last year.

Our maintenance works continue in the Parish and have been a prevalent feature in 2016/17. Items at the crossroads have been our biggest issue with some disappearing for repair. Firstly, the fingerpost suffered significant damage and we had this sent away for expert repair. Thanks go to City Councillor D Shepherd for fully funding this for us. The eagle eyed of you will have noticed our noticeboard at the crossroads also temporarily disappeared. Again, this has been out for much needed maintenance works. We were consulted over the removal of the BT telephone box also at the crossroads; however, we have had no news as to whether this may be retained!

Further maintenance works were also necessary to our defibrillator. We had to temporarily send it away for repair, although we did obtain a replacement machine during the time it was being fixed. Finally, we also continue to maintain the grass at the Sand Hole to keep this area tidy and (hopefully) free from fly tipping problems.

The provision of superfast broadband remains on our agenda. Although our cabinet is now switched on, we are well aware that

problems remain and that the majority of our residents struggle to achieve a satisfactory service. We do have Councillors working on this issue so get in touch if we can help.

Highways issues remain widespread. There is a new reporting system for highways issues that can be used to report defects online. Please do use this service or get in touch with us and we will report any problems that occur. The Council was pleased to support a petition submitted to us regarding perceived speeding at the Hallfoot Mill area. We were able to get the traffic team at Highways to undertake some speed measurement in the region and following this new signage will be installed during 2017.

Planning applications remain quiet with 7 coming to the Council this year. We do have a set of plans for new applications at our meetings, so do come along with any concerns you have about planning matters in our area.

The Border Rambler volunteer bus service continues to operate within our parish - please use this service to ensure it remains viable.

Onto financial matters, the Council agreed to keep the level of precept at the same level for a further year. We have made significant donations to the Parish Hall this year and plan to do so again during 2017/18 to support them in their refurbishment works. We have also once again made our regular donations to the Social Committee, the Parochial Church Council and the Great North Air Ambulance.

Our nine Councillors continue to work hard for our parish on your behalf. All Councillors attended a training course in 2016 so that we remain up to date with current trends and legislation. Thanks are offered to each of them for their service to our parish. Moving our meeting to the third Tuesday of every other month has helped our City and County Councillors to attend more

frequently and we thank them for their support. Finally, thanks are offered to the Clerk for her continuing efficient administration and support.

Harry Kay, Chairman, Hethersgill Parish Council, May 2017

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Hethersgill Social committee held a meeting and are busy planning various events. A Treasure Walk is being arranged for July.

The summer trip this year will take place on 10th September and is going to Manchester City centre and Trafford Centre.

A film night is planned for the Autumn although there isn't a definite date as yet.

The popular Halloween party is scheduled for 28th October.

A lunch and Social is planned for 19th November.

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The dates for our remaining Parish Council meetings in 2017 are:

**Tuesday 18th July**

**Tuesday 19th September**

**Tuesday 21st November**

All of our meetings begin at 7.30pm and you are welcome to come along and raise any issues in our Public Participation session.

If you wish for any items to be placed on an agenda for discussion please contact the Clerk on 01228 231124.

Please remember that until the official notice goes on the boards, all dates remain subject to change as situations do sometimes crop up that force us to change our plans.

## QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

### Do you know a voluntary group who deserves to be recognised?

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is an annual award made to recognise and reward the most exceptional and innovative groups who provide voluntary led activities carried out by groups in the community. It is a highly competitive and prestigious award where by only around 50% of the nominees go on to win.

Any group of 2 or more people doing outstanding volunteering work can be nominated for the award. The majority of the group must be volunteers, and more than half the volunteers must have the right to live in the UK. The groups should also have been running for 3 years or more to be eligible.

To be nominated for the 2018 award, the group should:

- Provide and meet a need for people living in the local community
- Be supported, recognised and respected by the local community and the people who benefit from it
- Be run locally

Winners receive a certificate signed by the Queen and a domed glass crystal. Representatives from the group may also be invited to attend a royal garden party. If you know of a group who you feel truly deserves to be recognised and meets the above criteria, then please act now by visiting the below website to nominate the group online. <https://www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service/overview>.

Nominations received by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be considered for the 2018 award. Together we can help groups to be recognised and rewarded for their remarkable voluntary work.

Mrs. Claire Hensman, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cumbria

## Hethersgill Walking Group Programme Autumn 2017

Walks may be altered due to weather, so please ring Harry (01228 675910) if you are going to attend a walk to assist communications.  
As we walk in many areas abundant in farm livestock and wildlife, any dogs must be kept on a short lead.

Date	Leader	Meeting place	Time	Proposed walk	Rating	Comments
08/07/17	Harry	Rosehill	8.30 a.m.	Apedale and Harkerside Moor	10m Moderate / Strenuous	Dogs are not allowed at all on parts of this walk. 1450ft ascent
22/07/17	Harry	Sands, Brampton	9.00 a.m.	Stonehaugh Circular	7.5m Moderate	Some time now since we did this last.
05/08/17	Harry	Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Seat Robert and Outlying Wainwrights	7m Moderate	Will the Shap fells be dry in August?
19/08/17	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Minchmoor Road and Southern Upland Way from Yarrowside	7.5m Moderate	A return to this attractive area
16/09/17	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Kippford and Colvend Coast	10m Easy	By special request
30/09/17	Harry	Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Loweswater Fells from Fangs Brow	6.5m Mod / Strenuous	Especially for our West Cumbrian Members! 1860ft ascent
07-15 Oct 17		Booking Essential		Haltwhistle Walking Festival		See Website
28/10/17	Harry	Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Nine Standards and Tailbridge Hill	6m Moderate +	Mallerstang was requested, so nearly!
11/11/17	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Newcastleton and The Blackburn Falls	7 miles Easy / Mod	An old haunt for this group!
25/11/17	Harry	Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Old paths and new around Orton	6.5m Easy	Any excuse for the Chocolate Shop
09/12/17	Harry & Carol	Castle Carrock	9.30 a.m.	Walk around Castle Carrock followed by lunch at The Duke at Cumberland	Easy but fattening	Annual lunch after a short walk. Names and order to Carol

## About the fund:

The Hallburn Wind Farm is committed to providing a community benefit fund of £66,000 per year for community projects. The Fund will be split equally over two funding rounds each year, and groups can apply for grants between £250 and £20,000.

The closing date for the first round of applications is **6 September 2017**. Decisions will be made by late October. The second closing date for applications will be **14 February 2018**.

## Project locations:

Projects for which grants are requested must be located within the Parishes of Kirkandrews-on-Esk, Arthuret, Hethersgill, Kirklington Middle and Westlinton.

## Project purpose:

The Fund is open to **any** community project which is for the benefit of residents of the local area. This Fund can provide both capital and revenue grants.

## Eligible Organisations:

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- ♦ Voluntary and community groups
- ♦ Parish Councils
- ♦ Schools and educational establishments (for projects above LEA responsibility)
- ♦ Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and will need to have a bank or building society account with a minimum of two signatories in place before applying for a grant.

## Where can I find out more?

Full details of how to apply and further information about who is eligible and what you can apply for is on GrantScape's website (address below). Please click on the REG Power Management logo on the front page and choose Hallburn Community Benefit Fund on the next page.

Phone: 01908 247630

Email: [info@grantscape.org.uk](mailto:info@grantscape.org.uk)

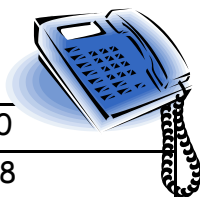
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2015/16	Accounts for the Year	2016/17
Income		
£7,000.00	Precept and CTRS Grant	£7,000.00
£2,690.00	Grants	£3,291.00
£47.50	Newsletter Advertising	£0
£0.00	VAT reclaimed	£247.88
<b>£9,737.50</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,538.88</b>
Expenditure		
£342.89	Administration	£507.72
£2,965.32	Clerk's Salary	£2,997.44
£1500.00	Parish Hall Projects	£2,500.00
£500.00	Parish Church Grant	£500.00
£900.00	Donations (including S137)	£3,112.00
£584.75	The Gill	£605.88
£159.00	Insurance	£164.25
£1,331.90	Equipment and Maintenance	£1,103.31
£225.38	VAT Incurred	£190.41
£300.00	Website	£0
<b>£8,809.24</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11,681.01</b>
<b>Summary</b>		
£2,879.05	Balance Brought Forward	£3,807.31
£9,737.50	Add receipts	£10,538.88
£8,809.24	Less payments	£11,681.01
<b>£3,807.31</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March</b>	<b>£2,655.18</b>

The above shows the summary of our accounts, please contact Sarah if you require any clarification of any points.

## Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



<b>Chair</b>	Cllr H Kay	675910
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Cllr A Sisson	675378
	Cllr S Barret	675717
	Cllr N Elliott	675336
	Cllr F Heaton	675516
	Cllr G Houston	675212
	Cllr C Williams	675247
	Cllr A Gash	675562
	Cllr A Oswin	675684
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Sarah Kyle Hill House, Walton, Brampton, CA8 2DY</b>	<b>01228 231124</b>

### 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 0300 303 2992. You can also report faults using an on-line form at [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:clerk@hethersgill-pc.org.uk).