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Welcome to the December 2017 Edition of the Newsletter for our community brought to you by Hethersgill Parish Council

WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

We are delighted to announce that we, as a community, have a new website:



www.hethersgill.org.uk

The website is still under development but we are working as quickly as possible to get all the content uploaded as soon as possible.

The website has been fully paid for by the Hallburn Wind Farm Community Development Fund and is for the whole community to advertise their group, events and news.

The Parish Council have their own section to keep you up-to-date with all the official happenings but we really want **YOU** to get involved and let us have the content you feel relevant to our community, for both the website and this newsletter.

Please get in touch using our new email address (clerk@hethersgill.org.uk) to give us your information and tell us what you want to see.

BROADBAND MEETING

A workshop to promote the benefits and uses of superfast broadband is being held in Crosby-on-Eden Parish Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7pm. Residents from our parish are invited to attend to raise questions as to how our community can benefit in the future.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2018 are as follows:

Tuesday 16 January

Tuesday 20 March

Tuesday 15 May

Tuesday 17 July

Tuesday 18 September

Tuesday 20 November

All meetings take place at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and a copy of the agenda will be on our new website and on the notice boards. Additional meetings are also called when necessary for urgent business, such as planning applications.

At every meeting we have a **Public Participation** section on our agenda. This item allows you to bring any items that are of relevance in the Parish to the attention of your Parish and District Councillors.


PRECEPT

You will be pleased to hear that we have kept our precept (the tax we levy annually) at the same level of £7,000. The precept has been at this level for a number of years now but despite rising costs and reduced funding available to us we have once again decided to maintain the level of monies requested.

As part of our precept we do offer a small grant scheme for community groups. Since the establishment of the Hallburn Wind Farm Grant Fund we do **require ALL parish based groups to apply to that fund first** but if you have a project you need support for please get in touch with the Clerk for more information on our limited grant pot.

HALLBURN WIND FARM GRANTS

Asides from the money allocated to the Parish Council for our new website, grant funds have been allocated to 9 other groups in the local area in the first round of grants allocated.



Sadly none of the groups to benefit were from the parish of Hethersgill but we hope community groups in our parish will be encouraged to apply for the second round.

Funds have been used to support projects such as a **senior citizens Christmas party**, renovations to a bowling club house and an extension to the **Arthuret church yard**.

The deadline for applications is 14th February. For more information please email info@grantscape.org.uk or phone 01908 247630.

VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

We are pleased to report that the entire surface at the Village Hall has now been tarmaced with thanks to the City Council, Carlisle Parish Council Association, Cumbria County Council and the Parish Council for financial support.

EMERGENCY PLANNING LEAFLETS

We have enclosed for you along with this newsletter an Emergency Planning Leaflet.

ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) is encouraging households across the county to consider what local risks may affect them and how to be better prepared.

The leaflet includes practical suggestions for: having a plan; what to put in an emergency 'grab bag'; how to stay informed; and responding to an incident.

This work is part of 'Rebuilding Together', a three year BIG Lottery funded programme to build the resilience of people, communities, and organisations in Cumbria, helping them prepare for events similar to the devastating floods of December 2015. The programme is led by Cumbria CVS and delivered in partnership with ACT and Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAFS).



Hethersgill Walking Group

Walks may be altered due to weather, so please ring Harry (01228 6
As we walk in many areas abundant in farm livestock

Date	Leader	Meeting place	Time	Propc
13/01/18	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Annan
27/01/18	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	A Crosby Rav
10/02/18	Harry	Sands, Brampton	9.00 a.m.	Hexhams
24/02/18	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	9.00 a.m.	Trahenna F F
10/03/18	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Wild
24/03/18	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Blotti
07/04/18	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Loadpot Hill
21/04/18	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	8.30 a.m.	Eildon Hills : RI
05/05/18	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	8.30 a.m.	Howr
19/05/18	Harry	Old Road, Rosehill	9.00 a.m.	Rannerdale K
02/06/18	Harry	Sands, Brampton	8.30 a.m.	Chew Green
30/06/17	Harry	Memorial Hall, Longtown	8.30 a.m.	Traquair and

Map Programme Spring 2018

(01675910) if you are going to attend a walk to assist communications. Dogs, cats and wildlife, any dogs must be kept on a short lead.

Proposed walk	Rating	Comments
an River walk	6.5m Easy	Just so Sheila needn't drive! She can lead instead!!
Clavensworth Round	8.5 m Easy	A slightly different route to our past ventures
Wiltshire Common	9.5m Easy	Only 900ft ascent, so basically flat!
Mill Hill and The Iron Road	7m Moderate	1650ft ascent. A new area for us.... WTF?
Wood Boar Fell	6.5m Moderate	Especially for Gill Wilson! Approached from the west. 1500ft ascent
Waddington Raise	7.5m Moderate	Good paths (mainly!) - 1600ft ascent
Mill and Heltondale	8.5m Moderate	Will we see the top this time and thus take on the round? 1400ft ascent
Stones and Thomas the Rhymer	6m Moderate	We have seen them so often...let's get closer! 1700ft ascent.
Wansford Law	7m Moderate	1600ft ascent. Was very busy 2000 years ago around here!
Wansford Bluebells and Knotts	5m Moderate	1300ft ascent mainly in one short sharp bit...but what a view
Wansford and Dere Street	9.5m Moderate	1500ft ascent. Possibly subject to war not having broken out!
Wood The Cheese Well	10m Moderate	1300ft ascent. A longer drive but we have enjoyed this area.



Bewcastle Group



Here we are coming up to Christmas with the young people already back at school for 8+ weeks and had their first holiday of the new school year. Our numbers are still increasing. We have been contacted by 3 families who are looking for spaces for their children (5 in total). This is great news but does bring problems with it in that we have to have a certain number of adults in ratio to children. Therefore, I am looking for help within the community for new leaders across the sections alongside our parents who will be asked to help if the numbers are insufficient legally and safely.

We also need to recruit a small committee to oversee the running of the group to keep us legal with the charity commission and scout association. This committee would consist of a treasurer, chairman, secretary, myself and at least another. Commitment would be minimal 3 meetings a year, chairman (Geoff Price), Treasurer (Pippa Keiser) are already in place. If you are interested in any of these positions or want more information please contact me at bewcastlescouts@gmail.com or my home telephone number.

Enough of the legalities now to the fun. Over the past few weeks we have had a number of activities including 28 of us at Lazer quest in Carlisle. A group of the scouts went camping on the Black Lyne in Kielder forest over half term, this went very well and a good time was had by all. I have to say thank you to Indra and Charlotte 2 of our scouts who ran a very successful Yoga evening for their compatriots. I would also like to thank the First Responders Nicki and Paddy who brought a young lady called Annie along so we could look at and practice artificial resuscitation as part of our emergency response badges. Some important news is that we sent three of our scouts to a selection camp to represent Cumbria and England at the Scout World Jamboree in Virginia USA 2019. They all did very well and one of them Rebecca has been selected so will be going. This is a great achievement given we are a small rural group right on the edge of the country and I have no doubt she will be a great ambassador for our area.

Lastly more good news we have been chosen by the Co-op Local Community Fund out of Brampton as a one of its beneficiaries over the coming year. We are looking for support from the locality and thank you in advance. I have included how it works for your information.

Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. We'll also give you and the other causes in your community an equal share of the money we raise from sales of carrier bags. Members in your local community will be able to choose your cause and give their 1% from the **12 November**.

Good scouting until next time.

Simon Barrett, Group Scout Leader (01228-675717)

MEALS ON WHEELS

Brampton Community Centre are considering expanding their meals on wheels service. They would like to know if there would be an interest in taking it up in the Hethersgill area?

The meals are delivered hot at lunchtime Monday - Friday. There is a choice and people can receive meals however many days in the week they wish. Mains cost £3.85.

If you are interested in this service please contact Brampton Community Centre on 016977 45023.

AGE UK

AGE UK provide a wide variety of services including: Day services; Lunch clubs; Winter Warmth fund; Community Home Support; Information and Advice; Independent Living Support; Advocacy; Befriending and Volunteering.

Please contact 01228 536673 or visit ageuk.org.uk/ carlisleandeden.org.uk or email admin@ageukcarlisleandeden.org.uk for further information.

YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise here please contact Sarah on 01228 231124. We post directly to every household in the parish so could make the perfect advertising medium to promote your business.

BIN COLLECTIONS AND RECYCLING

There will be changes to the bin collection days over the festive period. For full details please visit www.carlisle.gov.uk where you can put in your postcode and get a copy of the calendar for refuse and recycling over Christmas and beyond in 2018.



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