

Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday, of every odd numbered month, at 7.00 pm in the St Mary's Church Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings.

217 Bus Service

The 217 bus service continues to operate, picking up passengers outside the Shepherds Arms Hotel on Wednesdays only. The pick-up times for Cockermouth being 9-42 and 13-57. This service terminates at Cockermouth and will continue on to the cottage hospital on request. The parish council provides some financial support in order to keep this bus service running.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Ennerdale Neighbourhood Watch was formed in 2010 and continues to alert members of possible criminal activity, which may affect the community. It also communicates matters of possible interest to its members.

New members are welcome. It costs nothing to join and places no obligations on its members. If you are not already a member and would like to join, please contact David Wood on 862598. If you are interested in the work of Neighbourhood Watch, please also contact David Wood.

Traffic Matters

As part of the Parish Councils overall strategy for safer road use in our area, we have committed to the purchase of a Speed Indication Device. You may have seen these devices in use across Cumbria, as they signal to drivers who are exceeding the speed limit.

SpeedWatch Programme - Volunteers Wanted

The Parish Council are committed to introducing a SpeedWatch Programme for our community. Members of the public will be trained to operate traffic speed guns, to record and report speeding offenders for prosecution by the Police.

If you would like to volunteer to take part in this initiative to help curb speeding through our villages, please give your name, telephone number and/or e-address to our Parish Clerk, Dave Smith.

Cold Fell Action Group

Can we take this opportunity to remind those using the Cold Fell road, that this is the time of year when more livestock are grazing on the fell. Sheep and their lambs, cattle and of course the horses are all free to roam this area, and they have the right of way. Please drive safely.

Connecting Cumbria

BT have applied for planning permission to install a fibre-enabled exchange by the village hall in Lamplugh. At the time of writing this article, Connecting Cumbria have yet to confirm that Ennerdale will have a fibre-enabled street cabinet installed in the village.

United Utilities Works at the Lake

The delayed Ben Gill restoration work is now starting. This may result in some re-routing of the path on the south side of lake, near to the River Ehen. The re-routing of Ben Gill, back to its original course, will serve to increase the water flow into the river. This increased water flow will improve the water environment that supports the river's pearl mussel population.

Pearls in Peril Project

The community of Ennerdale and Kinniside is in a unique and privileged position in that they share the valley with an iconic and rare species, the freshwater pearl mussel. It is unique because the River Ehen is home to the largest breeding population of mussels remaining in England! But....they are critically endangered and at risk of extinction.

You may ask why they are so special, why should we care? This seemingly unassuming animal is the cleaning technician of our rivers. Each day an adult mussel, which can grow to over 15cm, can filter more water daily than we use in an average shower. As well as cleaning our water, they provide suitable conditions for other animals in the river to live and thrive. They are ancient; the mussel family have been around for 65 million years and they can live for more than a century making them one of the longest-lived animals on the planet. They also have an intriguing lifecycle, they spend the first few months of their life as a tiny larva attached to the gills of a young salmon where they live and grow without any harm to the fish. If mussels are at risk, it is a warning sign that the health of the river is declining.

The Pearls in Peril (PiP) Project, managed by West Cumbria Rivers Trust, aims to work with landowners, managers and the community on a range of projects, such as, tree planting, fencing, bank stabilisation and community events to ensure that England's most important population of freshwater pearl mussels gets the best chance of survival.

To find out more or to get involved, contact the PiP Project Officer on 017687 44347 or visit www.westcumbriariverstrust.org. Tweet @mothemussel.

Successful Easter Trail

Many thanks to all those who came along to support the Wild Ennerdale Easter Trail on Sunday 20th April. Over 400 people enjoyed the Smithy Beck route with family activities including face painting, duck racing, egg decorating and making tree spirits. The Cadbury egg each for children at the finish was popular, as always! The winning names for the 'Ennerdale bunny family' were: Rocky, Dandelion, Parsley, Daisy, Bouncer & Charlotte.

Why are our larch trees going brown?

Some of our larch trees are being affected by the destructive Ramorum disease. In response we are having to fell some trees and treat others with a herbicide stem application which is causing them to turn brown as they die. However this means that the trees will continue as a valuable habitat and shelter for wildlife. The forest is already regenerating and we are going to help this natural process by planting around 100,000 native trees under the areas of treated larch over the next few years.

Ennerdale Views

A new circular route from Bleach Green car park along the Lakeshore, Sawdust Lonning then returning through Broadmoor is now complete. The path is to 'all abilities' standard and has been done in partnership with the Lake District National Park Authority, with funding coming from a number of sources. There are benches and waymarkers to be installed along with new signage for the car park. The route should be open within the next few weeks.

Nuclear Consultation

The Wild Ennerdale Partnership continues to keep up to date on these proposals and attended the recent CORUM meeting held in Workington in April.

Ennerdale Centre

We will soon be drafting some Wild Ennerdale interpretation material for the Ennerdale Centre. If anyone would like to see the drafts, or contribute ideas, please contact Rachel Oakley.

Volunteers

A big 'thank you' as always to local people who volunteer their time, skills and energy in the valley. We regularly have 10-15 volunteers turning up weekly to help with various tasks around the valley.

Enjoy the summer!

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Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council Newsletter



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Parish Council Members

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May, 2014, David Wood was unanimously re-elected as the new Chair of the Parish Council and likewise, Ian Topping was re-elected as his Deputy Chair

Current members of the Parish Council are:

David Wood (Chair)	862598
Ian Topping (Deputy Chair)	862336
Chris Ayling	861087
Mark Denham-Smith	07527 678778
Cath McMullen	862426
Roger Shail	862515
Joan Taylor	861497
Bridget Johns	862036

The Parish Clerk is Dave Smith and his contact details are:

Tel: 016973 23296, Mob: 07742 224775, Email: davidsmith@tinyworld.co.uk

Councillor Vacancy

In May, Muir Lachlan resigned from the parish council, after many years of loyal service. This follows on from the resignation of Judith Oakley, last September.

We are grateful to Bridget Johns, who has volunteered to serve on the council.

We do have a further vacancy to fill. Any person with an interest in the work of the parish council, should contact the Parish Clerk, Dave Smith on 016973 23296.

The parish council wishes to thank both Muir Lachlan and Judith Oakley for their hard work and valued contributions to the work of the council.