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Your Neighbours Need You!

Trading Standards are recruiting volunteers for the 'Nominated Neighbour Scheme' which helps householders to feel safe when dealing with unwanted or unexpected callers at home.

Many people already keep an eye out for older or more vulnerable neighbours but this scheme provides a formal mechanism to protect against rogue traders. The scheme works by the vulnerable person being given a card that they hold up to a window or door which advises any unidentified or unexpected caller to go to the address of a 'Nominated Neighbour'. The neighbour will check the caller's identity and if they are genuine return with them and supervise the visit to make sure that nothing untoward takes place and will remain there until the caller has left. In many cases the presence of the scheme's door cards acts as a visible deterrent. If you would like to volunteer please contact Trading Standards on 01539 713594 or email trading.standards@cumbria.gov.uk

Lanercost Christmas Craft Fair

The Christmas Craft Fair will take place at the Dacre Hall between 22—24 November. For further information please contact Elizabeth on 016977 2538.

Walton News

Welcome to the September 2013 Edition of the Newsletter brought to you by Walton Parish Council.

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP SAVE A LIFE IN WALTON

A small group of volunteers are raising money to bring a **DEFIBRILLATOR** to Walton. Defibrillators are vital in helping save lives in the event of a cardiac arrest. The plan is to purchase a defibrillator that will be fitted inside a secure metal box with key code access. The box will then be placed outside an agreed building in the Village. If the worst happens and someone collapses with a heart problem, anyone calling 999 will be told where the machine is located and will be given a keycode so that vital treatment can begin straight away. The defibrillators can be used by anyone without any previous training as they provide verbal instructions on how to operate them and will only deliver a shock if they don't detect a heartbeat, ensuring they are not used in the wrong situations

We are holding a **CHARITY EVENING** on **FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER** to help raise the funds needed for this vital piece of equipment. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** by donating an item for us to auction in a **CHARITY AUCTION**. You can donate anything you like—home baking, toys, household items, promises, fruit & vegetables, a bottle of alcohol etc. We also ask you to attend on the evening and buy some useful bits and pieces and some raffle tickets. We will be running a **fully licensed bar** so even if you don't want to buy, why not come along and have a few pints of **GELTSDALE BEER FROM A BARREL**. The bar and viewing of auction items will be open from **6.30pm** and the auction will begin at 7.30pm. The bar will be open until late so there will be plenty of time to relax and enjoy a drink with others after the sale.

If you would like to donate an item please bring it to the village hall on Saturday 28th September between 9am and 6pm. Perishable goods can be brought on the evening. We are also more than happy to come and collect—ring Tom on 45409 or Pam on 3261 to arrange a convenient time. Cash donations can also be made if you prefer to help the appeal in this way.

Tracks on Walton Village Green

There have been several complaints from parishioners about the poor state of the tracks across Walton Village Green and also that vehicles are using some tracks as short cuts rather than using the roads. The Parish Council have adopted a policy which details their position regarding the use and maintenance of tracks across the Green. The full policy is available on the noticeboard in the Village and also on our website. A brief summary is provided below:

Under the Road Traffic Act 1988, driving over a village green without lawful authority is an offence with an exception being to park within 15yards of a road. In addition the damage to a green (from driving) is an offence under the Commons Act 1876 and the Criminal Damage Act 1971. This includes damage to tracks as they are classed as part of the Village Green. The Parish Council have an obligation to protect the green under the Open Spaces Act 1906. Rather than try to regulate the driving across the village green the Parish Council take a pragmatic view as follows:

- 1) To allow driving across the green where there is an express right of way to allow access to properties provided there is not extensive damage to the Green. That is where there is a clearly defined track. Note the tracks are clearly marked on the Land Registry maps of Walton Village Green.
- 2) To allow driving and parking on Walton Village Green within 15yards of a road provided that there is not extensive damage to the green.

It is forbidden by law to use the tracks for purposes other than access to properties, such as to take a shortcut and it is also forbidden to make new tracks across the green.

Walton PC consider any minor damage to the surface of the track in order to access properties as reasonable. However there is no obligation on Walton PC to actively maintain the village green (incl. any tracks). Therefore if damage were to occur, Walton PC are not obliged to repair it. Minor damage to the surface of existing tracks to allow access to properties is acceptable.

If there is damage to the tracks, such as due to weather, Walton PC are not obligated to repair any damage and as such are not liable for damage to vehicles due to the state of the tracks. However, Walton PC will allow individuals to repair any damage provided that natural materials are used, that is in keeping with the remainder of the track. In the case of Walton this expressly precludes the use of tarmac, house bricks or building rubble. Acceptable items include Hoggin (usually known as either "dug gravel" or "pit-run gravel") and Quarry Waste provided the colour is in keeping with the rest of the track. The cost and time to affect the repairs will be borne by the individuals.

Lees hill fashion show

Our catchment school, Lees Hill Primary School, is holding a **fashion show** at Roadhead Hall on **Saturday 21st September** at 7.30pm. This is a joint fundraiser by the PTA along with Bewcastle School. Clothes are from well known shops such as Next, Debenhams and Oasis and there is no obligation to buy. Tickets are £5 (cash or cheque only) and include a drink on arrival and are available from: Tracey Mitchinson 016977 3333 / 07775 680947 or Fiona Ritson 016977 41354 / 07774 051048.

Rory Stewart Surgery

The MP for our constituency Rory Stewart paid us a visit on Sunday 28 July. He met with over 20 parishioners whilst enjoying lunch in the Tea Room and discussed many issues including broadband, the closure of rural pubs and rural transport with which he is now providing support to us.

Play Area Group Funding Event

The Play Area Group were delighted to secure additional funds to hold a children's play event on the 5th September. A number of families attended and had a fantastic time! A planned camping event which was cancelled due to the weather will be re-arranged for a dryer time.

October Children's Play Scheme

We are very pleased to announce that we are hoping to hold a children's activity day in the Village Hall in the October half-term. The day would be run by the Cumbrian Sports and Activity Foundation by fully qualified play leaders. Full details are still being confirmed so posters will be displayed in due course and leaflets distributed to children via local primary schools. The details will also be publicised on our website and facebook pages.

The scheme is likely to run from 10am to 3pm and will be available for children aged between 5 and 12 years old. Places will be limited and must be pre-booked and pre-paid. Costs are also still to be confirmed. Thanks are given to Walton Play Area Group for their support with this scheme.



Sid Bowman represents our Parish at Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, he can be contacted at:
01228 561185 or SydB@carlisle.gov.uk

John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:
01228 533746 or john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk

Village Hall Boiler

We are delighted to announce that a new boiler and heating system has been ordered for the Village Hall. With thanks to the continued fundraising efforts of Walton Village Hall Social Committee as well as [Walton Parish Council](#), [Carlisle City Council/Carlisle Parish Councils Association](#), [County Councillor John Mallinson](#), [City Councillor Syd Bowman](#) and the [County Council Community Grants Fund](#) we were able to purchase the new system. It will be installed imminently and in plenty time for the colder weather.



Land Transfer

The Parish Council are pleased to announce the successful community asset transfer from Cumbria County Council of two pieces of land in the Village. The two areas of land (adjacent to the Church and opposite the former pub) belonged in name to Cumbria County Council however the Parish had paid to maintain them for years. We have successfully secured the transfer of them and they will belong to the Parish Council in due course. The gain does open up new possibilities for a possible "land exchange" in the future—where we could de-register an area of Village Green in exchange for registering these two new pieces. Full public consultation would be held before anything happens so we will keep you updated but please do contact the Clerk in the meantime if you would like any further information or would like to suggest possible uses for any future land swap.

Broadband

Provisional information shows that the telephone "green cabinet" in our Parish will be upgraded in order for the Parish to receive superfast broadband. However, this will not reach everyone. Circa 65% of the properties in the Parish are expected to benefit, but we do not know which are in the 65% although it is believed that superfast speeds are maintained for about 1-1.5km from the cabinet. Therefore the likely outcome is those houses within that distance will receive superfast broadband. What happens to those in the 35%? Their speeds will be much improved although not to superfast level, and BT are also looking at ways to extend the 1-1.5km distance. Other options are being explored and information sought. Timescales are yet unknown and further information can be found at www.connectingcumbria.org.uk or contact tom@waltonparish.co.uk and I will help where I can!

New Councillor

At the July Parish Council meeting Austen Davies was co-opted as our new parish councillor following the resignation of Robert Ridley. This brings the Parish Council back up to our required number of councillors.

Exercise Classes

Unfortunately the exercise classes we distributed a flyer about with our last newsletter have had to be cancelled due to lack of support. We would like your feedback as to why you were unable to attend—was it the time, the type of class, cost? If you can help us to find out what went wrong we might be able to try something different in the future—please email mel@waltonparish.co.uk with any feedback you have.

Giving Nature a Home

The RSPB needs your help to give nature a home. Earlier this year a group of 25 conservation and research organisations published The State of Nature report, which painted a picture of how well our wildlife was doing. Sadly, the news was not good with six out of 10 plants and animals in the UK having declined over the past five decades. These include hedgehogs, garden butterflies, bees, sparrows and starlings.

While the UK's wildlife is not in the best of shape, the good news is we can all do our bit to help it thrive once again. As part of its Giving Nature a Home campaign, The RSPB has come up with a list of loads of different things you can do in your garden to help wildlife.

If you are feeling lazy, then why not give your mower a rest and leave an area of your lawn to grow wild. This will provide homes for lots of bugs and mini-beasts, which in turn are great food for birds. Making logs piles and growing flowering plants are also easy ways to attract insects like bees, while the more adventurous of you might want to dig a pond or build a home for swifts, house martins or bats.

To find out more about how you can give nature a home visit www.rspb.org.uk/homes or call 01484-868405 to request a free guide.

Electric Blankets

Cumbria Trading Standards are carrying out free electric blanket safety checks. If the blanket fails the check they will give one free replacement per household. Checks are strictly by appointment only. To find out the nearest place to take yours and make an appointment please phone 01539 713594. The service is only available between 16th September to 4th October.

YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

The Walton News is hand delivered to all households in Walton Parish four times a year. We get directly into the doors of a wide audience so are ideal for advertising at low cost.

Contact the Clerk on 016977 2769 if for further information.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE—HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP WALTON CLEAN

Jane Rimmer has been an Education and Enforcement Officer for Carlisle City Council for nine months. Among other things she and a newly-formed team of five officers are responsible for educating communities to keep their neighbourhoods clean, as well as enforcing dog fouling, littering, flytipping and flyposting legislation.

Dog fouling is unsightly, unpleasant and can pose a risk to human health, and while the majority behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs Carlisle City Council are keen to tackle the problem of dog mess left by a minority of irresponsible dog owners. Please make sure you're not one of the bad guys! Some Golden Rules to help you are:

- Take a supply of bags out with you whenever you walk your dog
- Pick the mess up straight away, seal the bag and place the waste in a bin
- Do not throw the bag over a fence, hang it in a tree or leave it on the pathway
- Make a note of public bins on your route so waste can be disposed of properly, and if this is not possible, take it home and put it in your own bin



Put simply, **it is an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove faeces forthwith.** Being unaware that your dogs has fouled is no defence and it carries a Fixed Penalty of £80 which if unpaid leads to prosecution in a magistrate's court. There, the maximum fine for failing to pick up after a dog is £1,000. However, without information from residents it is extremely difficult to deal with those responsible for the problem that affects everyone in the local community. Please contact the Clean Neighbourhood Team on 01228 817559 or email them on lovewhereyoulive@carlisle.gov.uk with any information you may have, and help them to help us.

You are welcome at all PC Meetings. They are scheduled to take place at 7.30pm in the Village Hall:

Monday 11th November 2013

All meetings are subject to change so please check the website and noticeboard regularly. The official notice is placed 3 working days before the meeting on the notice board to confirm the date.

Additional meetings are called when necessary for urgent matters.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

“A BIT OF A DOO”

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our recent event – “A bit of a doo on Saturday 6th July. A fantastic 150 people attended and a fabulous night was had by all. We raised just under £1200 for repairs to the village hall. Also a big Thank you to The Salutation for the bar & bbq, Garry Phillips for the disco and everyone that helped erecting and dismantling the marquees.

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY

WEDNESDAY 18th September – 7PM

Tea Room, Walton Please give names to Gill Whiteford: 07738703500 so we know how many to cater for

RACE NIGHT

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER – 7PM ONWARDS

At Salutation Inn, Irthington

Please watch Village notice boards for more details

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 10th November—1pm-3pm

Walton Village Hall

Cake stall, Christmas stall, Jewellery & Accessories, Christmas cards, raffle & much more £3 per entry includes refreshments

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 7pm- midnight

Complementary Mulled Wine & Mince pie followed by Carols round the tree & Christmas raffle

ANNUAL NATIVITY & TEA – SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

4pm-6pm

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY – TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

8pm – 1am

**All events organised by Walton Social Committee are
In aid of the upkeep and repairs to Walton Village Hall**