



Arnside Parish Council

Newsletter

Annual Village Assembly

The 2024 Annual Arnside Village Assembly will take place on Thursday 16th May at 7.00pm in the WI Village Hall.

There will be local guest speakers and an opportunity to discuss issues affecting our village. All parishioners are invited to attend.

WELCOME to the fifth issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. We publish two issues each year in order to keep our community informed of the council's activities.

Editor Neil Punnett



Car Parking in Arnside

Work continues to try to secure a site and plan for a car park in Arnside. The Parish Council has engaged with senior officers and the Community Development team at Westmorland & Furness Council on key projects such as car parking and public realm improvements. This is part of W&FC's commitment to

empower Parish Councils to develop local solutions to local problems.



Daily Bus to Kendal Re-introduced

The 552 bus service from Arnside to Kendal via Milnthorpe and Levens has been made a daily service since 23rd March. Westmorland and Furness Council has been awarded £1.7m to enhance services in 2024/25. They wish

to know what additional services residents would like, so this is your chance to have your say. The deadline is April 30th. Residents are encouraged to complete the consultation survey on new services at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NT2FG2P>

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Arnside Station— Access for All Petition

MP Tim Farron and local councillor Helen Chaffey have set up a petition to Northern Rail calling for Arnside station to be made accessible for all.

ularly makes this hazardous journey, kindly gave her permission to use this photo to encourage people to sign the petition. Please can you sign using the link below or paper copies are available at the Post Office, the "Top Shop" (Nisa) and "Steve's shop" (Arnside Hardware and Homes) opposite the station.

Older people, people with mobility issues and other disabilities, parents with pushchairs, people with heavy luggage, struggle to access the southbound platform safely because they have to cross the footbridge. The only other way to access the southbound platform is by walking on the road under the railway bridge (which has no pavements) into oncoming traffic on Sandside Road—the main vehicle access into the village. They are also in danger from behind with traffic turning left out of Station Road and traffic turning right from Black Dyke Road. Both junctions are blind.

<https://www.wfelibdems.uk/arnside>

Muriel, a local Arnside resident who reg-



New Councillors and Finance Officer Appointed

Caroline Caudwell has been appointed as the Parish Council's Finance Officer and Deputy Clerk. She has worked as the Clerk in the recent past and is looking forward to supporting the Council in some ambitious aims and objectives for 2024/25.

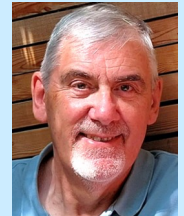


Darrell Lancaster was co-opted to the Council last summer. Recently retired from a career in the oil and gas industry which involved much global travel Darrell, who hails from Ulverston and his wife Deborah, from Milnthorpe have returned to their home county, and settled in Arnside.



Jill Abel joins the Parish Council as a co-opted councillor. She is a primary school teacher, mum of 3 grown up children, loves the outdoors and is passionate about the environment.

Mick Simpson joins the Parish Council as a co-opted councillor. He brings a wealth of experience from a career in policing, crime prevention and community safety.



Award for Arnside Parish Councillor

Councillor Steve Porter received Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape's Bittern Award for inspiring the community of Arnside to take action for biodiversity, in particular his work to enhance verges and greenspaces in the village involving Arnside Primary School and many others. Congratulations Steve, well deserved.



Reporting Potholes and Blocked Gulleys



Westmorland and Furness Council's telephone number for the public to report pot holes, blocked gulleys and other road maintenance issues is **0300 3032992**.

You can also report any such problems online at

<https://tinyurl.com/y93d78kp>

An advantage of logging the fault via the new online service is that you can provide your email address and receive automatic progress updates direct to your inbox. You can also view faults that have already been reported on a map, view the current status of each fault and register for automated updates on any previously reported fault.

Midsummer Art & Craft Fair

Whilst the Silverdale and Arnside Art and Craft Trail isn't happening this year, there is still plenty going on in both Arnside and Silverdale on **Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June**.

Stuart and Angela Sykes are very kindly organising a **Midsummer Art & Craft Fair** which will take place from 10am – 4pm each day at the W.I. Hall and the Methodist Hall in Arnside. There will be tea, coffee and home cooked food at reasonable prices all day, all in aid of charity with much needed proceeds going to the Arnside Playground refurbishment.

If you would like to participate, the cost for a 6 foot table is £30. Please email Stuart and Angela at assykes@gmail.com or phone **07789 315753** for further details.

Midsummer Art & Craft Fair
 Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th June 2024
 10am-4pm each day
 At the Arnside W.I. Hall & Methodist Hall
 In aid of the Arnside Children's Playground
 Tea, Coffee, Cake
 Sandwiches, Soup
 Available in the W.I.
Free Admission

Arnside Playground Project

Since the last Parish Council newsletter work has continued to raise the funds necessary to replace the current playground equipment, which we all know has seen better days. Progress has been made on completing the grant applications, but the results are best described as mixed. The good news is that in the last month we have received a very generous donation of £2,500 from Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Property fund, a grant of £2,000 from the Harold and Alice Bridges Charity and £1,000 from Westmorland and Furness Councillor, Helen Chaffey. Helen is allowed to choose the recipient of her Locality Funds and we are very grateful that she chose us this year.

We have applications under consideration from the Hadfield Trust, The Frieda Scott Charitable Trust, the National Lottery Awards for All, and the Walney Extension Community Fund, with still more forms to complete in the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, we have been rejected by a few charities and funding sources. The most common reason given is that there is simply not enough cash to go round. I'm sure we can all understand that times are hard, and playgrounds are not thought to be a priority. They are considered more of a "nice to have" and that is frustrating. But we continue to make our case. If anyone sees any potential source of funding, then please let me know. I'm very happy to carry on filling in applications!

On a more positive note, Arnsiders are doing brilliantly with their fundraising efforts:

- The Albion Christmas Fayre and the amazing Crossfield's Christmas raffle raised over £1,700.
- the WI have donated £200 from their raffle,
- the aluminium can recycling at Arnside Chip Shop has raised over £90 so far,

- the collection boxes in NISA, Sandpipers and Arnside House contained over £100 when we emptied them
- the recent jumble/vintage sale produced a profit of over £700 and some nice empty attics and cellars! The team who set up the stalls could not believe the amount of stuff we had to sell - so a big "thank you" for all the donations. There were definitely some great bargains to be had.
- The wonderful team at NISA have just let me know that they are donating the proceeds from their Easter raffle.



Please keep donating Arnside. Drink lots of pop, drop your change in the collecting boxes, buy a raffle ticket and support the events we have planned for this year. You will find details on the Facebook Page. If you have any ideas how we can raise funds, want to run your own event or get sponsored to do something or indeed anything – please get in touch!

Councillor Rebecca Kennington

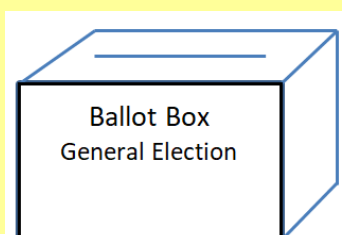
Affordable Homes for Arnside

The Parish Council is pursuing its aim to use a grant to purchase a development site in Arnside from a national housebuilder. At present negotiations are on hold as outline planning approval has yet to be granted for the site. It is intended that once purchased the site will be leased to a local housing association in order to build eight affordable homes built to a high standard and providing high energy efficiency.

The development will go some way towards ensuring that our village remains a living, sustainable community large enough and mixed enough in age and socio-economic status to sustain vital services such as the school, surgery and post office.

Arnside Moves to Morecambe...?

For the next General Election Arnside has been removed from the Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency which has been represented since 2005 by Tim Farron MP. Instead we have been placed **in a new Morecambe and Lunesdale Constituency** along with Milnthorpe, Burton in Kendal, Crooklands, Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale.



Arnside Verges Restoration Project



Now that the bulk of the preparation work on the wildflower verges has been done, the Verges Working Group have been planning the next phase of improving things for wild flowers and pollinators in the Village - encouraging residents to use their own gardens as a biodiversity resource.

Many will be aware of nation-wide initiatives such as No Mow May, which publicise the benefits of leaving an area of the lawn uncut for a while - and everyone is familiar with putting out birdfeed and nesting boxes. The Group aims to bring more residents, particularly children, into these activities - to draw on the excellent practice that already exists in the community, share it and build on it using expertise from local and national centres of excellence. It's for wildlife in general, not just wild flowers.

The programme kicked off with a very well-attended launch event at the Education Institute in mid-January, with a presentation from Jamie Normington of Cumbria Wildlife Trust and a lovely explanation of the work of the EcoGroup from Arnside School, given by the children themselves. This was followed by the real experience of a local resident, David Humphreys, who has been gardening for wildlife in his own garden for 25 years. After a break for refreshments (provided by volunteers), there was a lively group discussion which produced some exciting ideas for future projects.

The Group is building on this encouraging start by producing a starter pack for the new growing season and planning a comprehensive survey of the village to provide a baseline database of wildlife gardening activity. This survey is something which we think has never been done before and which may provide a model for other communities to use.

If you want to get involved, things you can do to help include:

- Leave a patch of lawn uncut in April or May - it's amazing what will grow!
- Sow wildflower seeds on an area you're not using for amenity;
- Maybe add a small pond or water feature?
- Leave gaps in your fence for hedgehogs;
- Leave a pile of leaves or twigs for insects or other invertebrates;
- Put up a bug-hotel or nest box.

Seeds can be bought from most garden centres these days and organisations like Cumbria Wildlife Trust (www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk) or Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape (formerly the AONB) can help with information and advice (www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk).

If you would like to volunteer your garden, or your expertise - or even just your muscle! - please contact Steve Porter or Jill Abel at Arnside Parish Council.

Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council consists of local residents working voluntarily in the interests of the parish.

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Meet Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month in the Cemetery Office on Silverdale Road commencing at 7.15 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend. <https://www.arnsideparishcouncil.co.uk/>