

LOWICK NEWS

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Public Inquiry regarding The Kirkby Moor Wind Farm.

Planning for the Kirkby Moor Wind Farm was only finally agreed in 1994, by Government, for a time limited period, as a test for the then new wind technology. A time period of 25 years in operation was imposed due to the location of the site and relaxation of some planning restrictions. Zephyr Investments Ltd demanded the Public Inquiry, to Appeal the decision of SLDC to refuse an Extension of Time for the existing wind turbines which elapsed on 26th August 2018. Mitch and I attended several days from the 22nd January and gave evidence to the Public Inquiry at Ulverston on 30th January. Zephyr were looking for legal loopholes in the current planning regulations and hoping to set new precedents for the less regulated repowering rulings. The Green Party also gave evidence which acknowledged the insignificant amount of energy produced by these out dated, inefficient turbines but argued that they were things of beauty and any amount of green energy helped towards decreasing global warming.

Graham Sanderson

The Planning Inspectorate has been in touch to let us know that the Inspector will issue his decision on or before 21st May.

See website for the full report...

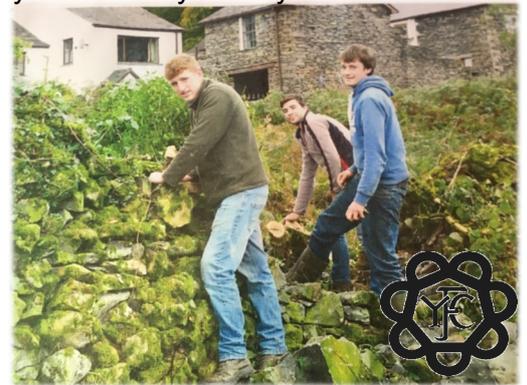


Lowick Young Farmers

In October Lowick Young Farmers helped tidy Lowick Green by cutting down and removing overgrown bushes and trees opposite Hopefield Cottages. They then put up the stonewall that had been down for many years. It was good for the young farmers to be able to do something for the local community and promote young farmers.

The club received a very nice thank you letter from the Lowick Green Management Committee who were grateful for the work they had done. Their next community project will be rebuilding the wall at the Community Hall that was knocked down in December. If any other Lowick community group have any similar projects that we may be able to help with please get in touch. Lowick Young Farmers meet every Wednesday usually at Lowick Community Hall.

If anyone would like to know more about the club or joining please get in touch with William Longmire 01229 885303



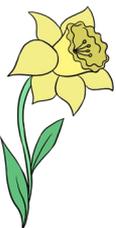
Lowick Green Management Group

A great joint effort took place in October to clear the wildflower area - hopefully helping to provide better regrowth this spring. On the same day the Young Farmers did a really good job in tidying up the area in front of Hopefield Cottages and rebuilding the field wall.

Watch out for the wild daffodils coming up on "The Triangle" the display should become increasingly good as more bulbs have been planted.

It has been suggested that we widen the verge area opposite Hopefield cottages with some hardcore. This would allow easier turning and parking and reduce the need to park on "The Triangle"; if you have any comments or objections to this please contact Richard Ellwood.

Rusland Spring Show is held at the reading rooms (LA12 8JZ) on 23rd and 24th March. There are lots of classes to enter and lots going on for children over the weekend.



Everyone is welcome to enter, schedules will be available from Greenodd Post Office (March) or from Linda, Mill Stile, Spark Bridge 01229 861664.

Special mention; Special thank you goes out to Diana Rutherford for her tireless efforts at keeping our community clean and litter free. It is very appreciated.

Follow the parish council on Facebook and visit our website for lots of useful information about our area lowickpc.wordpress.com

Lengthmans Log

Archie has been hard at work again, clearing drains and painting the 'Lowick' sign.



Lowick Common update.

Behind the scenes work at Cumbria Wildlife Trust has been going on for Lowick Common Nature Reserve this winter and this spring sees the first volunteer conservation days being carried out on the nature reserve. The Trust wants to clear a path network around the nature reserve using some of the existing paths that criss-cross the common and keep these open for people to use all year round. This will be quite a job and so we are holding our first conservation day open to volunteers on Saturday 13th April. If you want to come along and help manage the nature reserve then please get in touch with our office on 01539 816300 and book on! Later in the summer we will also be holding conservation days for volunteers to get rid of the Himalayan balsam that is in the northern area of the nature reserve. This work will help to limit the spread of it further downstream. These dates will be advertised later in the spring.

This summer also sees a major wildlife survey effort on the common. We want to update our knowledge of what species use the common and where they are. We have some people who have volunteered their time to help with various surveys but we would always appreciate more. If you are interested, then get in touch at the above number. We are keen to hear from anyone from people with specialisms and experience in particular wildlife, to people who are interested in learning something new.

If you are unable to volunteer you can help look after the Common by becoming a member of Cumbria Wildlife Trust. We are a charity and rely on regular donations to keep up and running. You can find out more on our website.

I look forward to meeting you all!

Pete Jones, Reserve Officer, Cumbria Wildlife Trust



Cumbria
Wildlife Trust

Lowick Show

The 2018 show was a huge success, of course the weather helped but it was mainly due to the amazing community spirit we have. So please could we send out a massive thank you to all involved.

This year's show will be held on Saturday 7th September, so save the date!

Watch our Facebook page to know when our 2019 schedules are online.



Lowick Parish Councillors are...

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READERS RECIPE

WARMING SPICED CARROT AND LENTIL SOUP



This is a lovely soup, keeps well in the fridge and freezes too.

Ingredients

*1 heaped tsp of cumin seeds

*Pinch of dried chilli flakes (more if you like a zing... but don't go daft!)

*Good slug of olive oil and large knob of butter

*6 large carrots, peeled and diced

*2 good handfuls'ish of split red lentils, rinsed.

*1 litre of hot vegetable stock (a cube is absolutely fine here,)

*Salt and pepper to taste, plus a little bit of sour cream/ crème fraîche and chopped chives to finish....again optional and depends on whether you want to impress or just eat!

Method

Heat the oil and butter in a deep pan over a medium heat and add the cumin and chilli, warm through until you get that fantastic fragrance from the cumin, but make sure you don't let it burn!

Add the diced carrots, mix well and cover with the lid, turning occasionally until the carrots have warmed through.

Add the hot stock and the lentils and then simmer until the carrots have softened and the lentils have fallen, don't add salt at this stage until the lentils are cooked. If you need to, add a little hot water as the lentils soften, but remember that you are aiming for a fairly thick soup at the finish.

Take the pan off the heat and whizz the soup with a stick blender, if you don't have one, then just use a potato masher. I always like my soup to have a bit of texture, but you can make yours as smooth or as rugged as you please. Now you can check for seasoning, adding salt, pepper and a little more water/stock if you feel the finished product is too thick. Serve with a dollop of sour cream or crème fraîche and a few fresh chives snipped over the topENJOY!!

If you have any recipes you wish to share, please send them to the parish clerk

Its getting Warmer! Every year the Botanical society of the British Isles organize a 4 day New Year flower hunt in early January. The rules state only wild flowers to be counted and these must be in flower. Well it's official, this New Year hunt has produced more records than last year. The probable reason is that it's been milder. Strawberry, blackberry, red campion, winter heliotrope, snowdrop, dandelion and sow thistle have all been recorded in flower in our area. However we still have to get through January and February so no gardening yet!

Rob Dove