

LOWICK NEWS



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Website: Our NEW parish website has been launched, including everything you need to know about the Parish Council and other local groups within Lowick, such as Lowick Community Hall and Lowick Agricultural Show. We wanted the website to be a 'go-to' place for everything 'Lowick'!

If you haven't already please take a look at... [lowick.org.uk](https://www.lowick.org.uk)

PC Harris Update

Unlike last year the start of the Tourist season has been fairly smooth and we haven't had many complaints so far.

Off roading has subsided, as it tends to with the better weather, and we have mainly been dealing with RTCs and shouting at sheep.

Over the next month due to the re-scheduled Appleby event the majority of Ulverston's Community team will be off area.

The Constabulary's monthly newsletter is available at the link below.

<https://www.cumbria.police.uk/Apply-For-It/Newsletter/Newsletter.aspx>

Lowick Show

The decision has been made to cancel the 2021 show.

We expect you'll be as disappointed as we are with this decision, but with the circumstances put in-front of us, there was really no other option.

Fingers crossed for safer times in 2022, save the date for next years show on Saturday 3rd September.



Lowick Parish Plan Questionnaire

Questionnaires have gone out to every household in the parish. We really need these completed and return to create a parish plan which fulfils the parishes needs. Having a Parish Plan created by you, our parishioners, enables us to insist that County and District Council action your plan in a timely manner, it will prevent them from continuing to procrastinate our demands.

Questionnaires can be returned to the Red Lion, the red telephone box on the green or completed online via the Lowick pc website, [lowick.org.uk](https://www.lowick.org.uk)

Thank to all those who have already returned their Questionnaires.

Deadline for return is 31st July 2021

Condolences

The Councillors want to take this opportunity to express their condolences for the untimely death of Mike Child to his wife Cathy. Mike had taken on the responsibility of overhauling the Council's working practices and archives during a difficult period in the pandemic when physical meetings were not possible. We remain grateful for his contribution.

From the Chairman...

After the recent election we needed to co-opt 2 new members to your council. Les Ingham was welcomed back on board, along with a new face John Townsend. John will give your council a broader knowledge base, his life experience is very different from your present Councillors, he is keen to get involved and has a can do attitude. We also welcome a newly appointed clerk, Christine Adams. I cannot believe just how lucky we are that Christine has decided to take on the role of clerk. She has many years of experience, is a real team player and already proving to be an invaluable asset.

Judith and I would like to thank all those parishioners who came to our garden at Langholme Mill and help us raise a massive £834 for Nursing and local charities through The National Garden Scheme.

Best wishes,
Graham.

Roadsides and Verges

We have had many reports of the lack of road side and verge maintenance.

We have contacted Cllr Brereton, who is responsible for highways maintenance and are awaiting his response. It has also been reported to Highways.

Lowick Common Road

Lowick PC are working hard to try and bring to light the state of the Lowick Common road. If possible, we believe that the more reports of its disrepair the better!! You can report road issues via SLDC's website <https://cumbria-ghost.onmats.com/>

An Update from Grizedale Arts and The Farmer's Arms

Since the purchase of The Farmer's Arms completed back in April, we've had an amazing response to all our programmed activities. Students participating in our sold out Garden School have begun cultivating a plot of land at Nibthwaite Grange Farm under the tuition of Karen Guthrie which will soon provide produce for the pub's kitchen. Our Pottery School led by Adam Sutherland started in June with students making good use of our new workshop facilities to drop in and practice between classes. We've had over 50 people join our volunteer days who have cleaned, scraped, gardened and painted helping us make great progress on the renovation programme. Despite the rain, we welcomed over 250 people to our Rummage Sale raising £2,253 to support our renovations, while over 650 people joined us at sunny Farmer's Fete and a further 800 attended The Farmer's Yarns helping raising a further £2,200 over both events. To everyone who has joined us and supported to date, thank you!

In other news, we've dedicated Wednesdays to volunteers so if you are interested in supporting our renovation programme or learning more about the project, register to join us this summer and we'll reward you with a hearty homecooked lunch. Our Honest Shop is now open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm stocking baked goods, local produce, crafts, vintage and more. Other upcoming events include a workshop on Illuminated Lettering with Sarah Lace on Saturday 24 July, a Young Person's 4-day Film School on the 7, 8, 21 and 22 August, and a 2-day Stone Walling course with Peter Drake on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 August.

Events are being added to our programme weekly, so for the latest information and to book, go to www.lakedistrictfarmersarms.com. If you'd like to learn more about the project or want to talk further about getting involved, get in touch with Project Manager Emma Sumner, emma@grizedale.org | 015394 41050.



Lowick Parish Councillors are...

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Lowick Common bracken clearing

Cumbria Wildlife Trust is planning some work to go on over the summer on Lowick Common nature reserve. Clearing of some of the paths will happen once the bracken starts closing in and pulling the Himalayan Balsam on the northern end of the site will also go ahead. Lowick Common is well known in the area for the huge swathes of bracken that cover it, and the problems this plant causes for getting round the site. It is also not good for the wildlife on the reserve. Once it grows so dense, nothing will grow underneath and a lot of diversity is lost. As a result of this Cumbria Wildlife Trust are going to be working with a Cumbrian company to clear bracken off parts of the Common this summer. The work is being carried out in collaboration with Dalefoot composts who will take bracken away and use it to make peat free compost for gardens. The work will be starting in the second half of July (after any birds have finished nesting) so you may see some tractors on the site. Temporary signs will go up when the work is being done and care will be taken by the drivers to avoid inconveniencing any people on foot.



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Lowick Community Hall

The Hall is open for bookings given the current restrictions. The Parish Council has met inside and as I write this the long running parent and toddlers will be using the outside facilities for their Wednesday event.

The local elections ran smoothly with the restrictions in place and The Keswick to Barrow charity walk support team are booked in for September. Tai chi classes use the Hall on Friday mornings if the weather is too bad for exercising on the Green.

Hopefully we will be fully open on the 19th of July and by September I am sure people will fill confident in using the Hall particularly as we can offer increased ventilation and a much improved heating system.

Finally we are in an excellent position to weather the current problems and I can only thank the Committee for their continual support through this difficult time and we hope to see you all back in the Hall when restrictions are lifted further.

Enjoy your summer,

Rob Dove
Chairman



Nigel Lord Bequest

No further updates on a final amount– we will keep you posted.

