

# INSIDE

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council

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## ***Parish Council's Electronic Speed Sign Proposal Rejected***



Two years ago, at the parish council meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017, a deputation of residents made representations regarding the speed of traffic on the A596 through Prospect.

Since then, the parish council has been prompting Cumbria Highways Department for some action. It started with a proper electronic traffic survey of the road, where black cords are stretched across the road. The results of that survey indicated that speeding in the 40mph area was not significant.

The council continued with a request for Highways to install their *speed indication devices* on the road, known as SIDS. They were up for approximately 2 weeks in November 2018, although the accuracy of one of them was a constant cause of complaint. After the SIDS were removed, the council hoped to purchase and install their own speed signs – however, approval was needed from Highways to fix them to Highways-owned lamp posts and draw the necessary electricity from those lamp posts.

While this was ongoing, the scarecrow just down from the Miners Arms started doing its bit to slow traffic. Finally, in May 2019, your parish council received an email from the Highways Traffic Management team.....

*"Thank you for your patience...The CRASH group has considered the request and taken into account data relating to traffic on the A596 Prospect. There is little evidence to support the introduction of permanent SID signs at this location and therefore the request is not supported. The use of the temporary SID signs that Cumbria County Council rotate between various locations along the A596 will continue to be used in the area."*

The council sought clarification on how the team had made their decision and received the following reply...

*"The attached traffic data was assessed in line with the national criteria used by Highway Authorities and the Police. As you will appreciate, it shows good compliance with the speed limit within the built-up area. Additionally, collision data was also assessed which showed 5 slight severities to have occurred between 2012 and 2019, only one of which was attributed to exceeding the speed limit. As per the policy, circulated by CALC, there needs to be controls in place so that VAS/SIDs 'are placed for legitimate reasons'. The data gathered and assessed does not justify the permanent placement of these signs, and therefore is not supported."*

Therefore, after two years of correspondence, your parish council's requests for permanent SIDS have been declined. Your parish council will keep making requests for regular traffic surveys in Prospect and attempt to ensure that the mobile SIDS belonging to Highways get used in the area as often as possible. Meanwhile, keep the scarecrow radar man looking spruce! That CRASH group gets its name from Casualty Reduction and Safer Highways – need we say more!!!

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**Allerdale District Councillors**

Following the council elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
2019 O&A has gone from 1 district councillor to  
3. They are as follows:

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council via the clerk please.**

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**Pavement Parking Regulations**

Concerns regarding cars that park with two wheels on the pavement is a topic that gets a regular airing during the public participation session of parish council meetings. We all acknowledge that many of the local properties were built when car ownership was never considered something that would become as popular as it is, for want of a better expression.

We have mentioned before respecting the dropped kerbs put in for pushchair and wheel chair users: it is now an offence to obstruct them, and fines can be issued. However, we would also ask all drivers if they are parking with a couple of wheels on the pavement if they could use the "wheelchair" rule of thumb: can a wheelchair get through between the vehicle and the hedge or wall? Your co-operation in applying this consideration would be appreciated by pedestrians with pushchairs, wheelchair users and those with the small to medium size mobility scooters.

**Update: New Bench Seats Proposal**

As reported in the last Inside, the parish council is researching potential locations and installation quotes for new bench seats. While ideal and safe locations are still being looked into, possible considerations include at Beech Hill, at the park by the school (looking down to Arkleby), and alongside the River Ellen.

**Snippets of Local History**

The bench in the park by the school had a brass plaque on it, which read: 'Presented by MILLER MINING, on the completion of Oughterside Opencast Site. 6<sup>th</sup> September 1989.'

*Does anyone have any old pictures, hand-me-down tales or memories about Prospect, Oughterside or Allerby? We would love to feature your favourite stories and reminiscences in a future of issue of Inside Magazine! Please e-mail us at the address provided if you would like to contribute to this magazine.*

**OPARA Residents' Association Disbanded**

Linda Snowdon, who was instrumental in forming the OPARA group during the period when the parish was not represented by a council, has finally decided that OPARA is no more. She would like to enjoy more time with her painting – so if you have any local issues that should be brought to your parish council's attention, please find the contact details in the left column, and leave Linda to her brushes and paints.

## Allerdale Borough Council Apologise for Refuse Collection Problems

On July 11<sup>th</sup> residents received a letter from Allerdale Borough Council regarding the ongoing disruptions:

“We are writing to apologise to everyone who has been affected by failures in the bin collection service during the last three months. Please be assured that we are working with FCC Environment, who provide the waste collection service on the Council’s behalf, to resolve these issues as quickly as we can.

“Unfortunately, in the short term, we are having to suspend both garden waste collections and glass, cans and plastic services to residents. We anticipate that these suspensions will last for up to two months from July 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.”

The letter concluded by recommending that residents could take their own recyclable refuse, including garden waste, to the Household Recycling Centres in Workington, Maryport and Wigton. Reduced price compost bins are also available from Cumbria County Council at [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com).

## Oughterside & Allerby Parish Council is Online!

On the website you can find:

- *Agendas and minutes of past meetings*
  - *Back issues of Inside Magazine*
  - *Cumbria and Allerdale bus timetables*
  - *Link to Allerdale Borough Council website (where you can find out about their services, such as bin collection days)*
  - *Photo gallery*
  - *History of Oughterside and Allerby*
  - *Link to Cumbria County Council website*
  - *Contact information for your Parish, Allerdale Borough and Cumbria County Councillors*
- [www.outhersideallerbypc.org.uk](http://www.outhersideallerbypc.org.uk)

## Prospect Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month, apart from August when we take a holiday.

Lunch is at 12 noon and consists of two courses with tea or coffee for the current price of £3.50 per person. This is followed by either a speaker or entertainment, or games and a quiz. Anyone over the age of 55 years is welcome to attend. There is no annual membership cost, just the monthly meal charge. Numbers have fluctuated over the years and at the moment we are looking for new members to come and join us.

If you are interested in coming along, please ring either Gladys Hunter on 016973 21217 or Irene Gravenor on 016973 22241, so that they can make sure there is plenty of food.

### Calendar of Upcoming Speakers and Events

\*\*\*August 13<sup>th</sup> – HOLIDAY\*\*\*

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Chris Spencer Solway Coast AONB

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Cockermouth Mountain Rescue

November 12<sup>th</sup> – Trip to The Craggs

December 10<sup>th</sup> – Carols

## Learn to play Bridge at Allonby Village Hall Thursdays 2-4pm, £2 per session (to cover expenses)

Wendy Owen: “I have run a bridge group since last May. It has been a successful year, and our members are all able to enjoy a game even when I am not there to keep them on the straight and narrow. We have between 6-12 regular members, and welcome new starters. Our normal format is to have an hour’s tuition and an hour playing. It is all totally informal and aimed at beginners and intermediates. Anyone can come, it is not necessary to have a partner. I’ll leave you with this quote from Martina Navratilova: ‘No matter where I go, I always make friends at the Bridge table.’

“For more information, e-mail [dandwoven@gmail.com](mailto:dandwoven@gmail.com) or phone 01900 881297 (leave a message if I’m out).

Alternatively, just turn up, although over summer I might be away for a few weeks.”

## Parish Councillor Vacancies

No prior experience needed.

Minimal commitment.

It is a great way to help your local community.

If you are starting out in the real world, it will provide a valuable professional experience to help boost your CV.

**Your parish is entitled to nine councillors – there are currently five vacancies. A successful community needs input and commitment from its residents. If you would like to discuss joining the council, please contact the clerk.**

## Craft Fair: Advance Notice

Due to the summer break, here is an early announcement that there will be a Craft Fair at Prospect Village Hall on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the last Saturday of the month. There will also be a fundraising tombola to benefit Pond Green Play Area.

## Village Hall Ready for Event Bookings

As reported in the last Inside Magazine, the village hall has been successfully renovated after the floor nearly collapsed following a burst pipe. There have already been popular events held there since it reopened, including a well-attended clairvoyance (with wine & cheese) evening.

*If you are interested in booking the hall, here is everything you need to know:*

The hall can be booked for private functions, children's parties & individual activities such as music practice, dance rehearsals, craft groups, etc.

**Hourly Rental Rates: £6 local residents/£8 non-residents**

To book, please contact: Elaine 016973 20809 or Gladys 016973 21217

## Parish Council Meetings

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council meetings are held at Prospect Village Hall at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month, although due to the summer break there is no meeting in August.

The next meeting will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Pond Green Play Area Fundraising Helpers Needed

Diane at The Miners Arms would be delighted to hear from local residents who are interested in helping to organise and be involved with running money raising activities to raise funds for the proposed replacement of the playground equipment at the Pond Green play area.

Please call the pub on 016973 20144 if you would like to volunteer.



## Art Classes Resume

The Prospect Village Hall art classes run by Linda Snowdon, which were postponed during the renovation of the hall, will resume on Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup>. The classes last between 2-4pm and all are welcome to attend.

