

Newsletter

Riverside play area

The under 7 play area is currently closed until repairs and replacement to the swings and see saw are carried out. Unfortunately the see saw was vandalised and cut in half, a new more robust metal one is due to be delivered by the end of April.

The annual ROSPA Safety inspection identified wood rot in one of the poles supporting the swings. This is to be replaced and the swings security bolts renewed. At some time in the future we are hoping to replace the seat in the play area (removed due to vandalism) when funding allows.

Play areas at Moor Crescent, The Square and Raefield

Following a proposal by Riverside Cumbria to remove the play areas from these 3 sites the parish council agreed taking them over by means of a 15 year leasehold agreement to retain play areas around the town. Currently the terms of transfer of ownership are being drawn up, it is anticipated the handover will take place in May/June 2016

Speeding on the A7

The parish council are currently investigating traffic calming measures in partnership with the police at both entrances to the town.

Dog fouling

Dog fouling is a problem throughout Longtown. Please carry plastic bags with you when you walk your dogs, these can be disposed of in any council litter bin. Carlisle City Council Dog Wardens visit Longtown and can be contacted on 01228 817000 if you want to report a particular street or area.

Riverside cleaning

We receive lots of positive comments from locals and visitors of how well looked after the riverside area is. David Beattie is employed to clean the area daily doing an excellent job. Please use the bins for litter and pick up after your dogs to help keep the riverside a clean and well maintained area.

Riverside walk

Mr and Mrs Hunter who own the land where the permissive footpath runs from the access point at the bottom of Esk Bank onto the Fauld Marsh up to the field gate leading to the lonnen for the farm have no problem in continuing to allow local people walk along this part of the footpath. People who use this footpath must however respect that the land is for

agricultural and fishing use and that dogs must be kept under control, due to the livestock, and not be allowed into the water in the fishing season.

Dog owners are also respectfully asked to pick up and bag after their dog.

Trees, flowerbeds, grasscutting

The contracts for these works are awarded annually as part of a sealed tender process. We are pleased that we have been able to continue to support local businesses that have been successful for the 2016/17 season.

Ken Murchison has the contract for the trees, and planting out, maintenance and watering of the flower beds.

Stefan Nicholson had the contract for grass cutting of the Bobbin Mill, The Scaur and Dollies Brae.

Cochranes Nurseries will be supplying the plants.

Churchyard grasscutting

There has been a change for this year when, in discussion with the Rector and Rectors Warden, it was agreed a grant would be given in future instead of the parish council putting the work out to tender. The parish council have paid the full cost of the grasscutting, £3,834 in 2015/2016. It has been agreed to pay to Arthuret Parochial Church Council £3,800 for 2016 followed by £4,000 a year for the following three years. We are sure the high standard of maintenance will continue.