

## NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE

### Riverside Information

We want everyone to enjoy our riverside safely and please remember although the surface might look inviting on a hot day it is not a safe place to swim. The parish council have lifesaving equipment placed on

Dollies Brae - 2, one near the walkway to The Scaur, the other near the play areas.

The Scaur - near the steps

Bridge - on the bridge near the steps to The Scaur.

All have ropes and are checked daily. Please if you see anyone using them or removing them when not needed in an emergency let us know. We want to ensure that if there is ever a need for one in an emergency they are there. Over the years we have had regular cases of vandalism when they have been thrown into the river or removed. As well as the cost to replace them more important is the possibility of not having one in place in an emergency.

### Play areas

The good news is the see saw that was vandalised in the Under 7 play area at Dollies Brae has now been replaced. The swings have been repaired and supporting post replaced.

Although we still need to carry out work in this park, safety surface repairs and when funding is found replace the seat, it is an improvement to how it has been over the last few months. Unfortunately we do have anti-social problems in this area. The police are aware of the problems and we are looking at ways to address this.

You may have read over the last year that Arthuret Parish Council have agreed to take over the 3 play areas currently owned and managed by Riverside Cumbria. Their proposal was to remove them which is why the council have agreed to take them over on a 15 year lease agreement. These play areas - Raefield, The Square and Moor Crescent will be in the ownership of the parish council in the next few months. Riverside Cumbria will continue to cut the grass around the parks and empty the litter bins.

Unfortunately the play area between Old Road and Lochinvar Close has been vandalised recently and the slide and other play equipment sprayed with blue paint. The police were informed; as there were no witnesses any further action was taken.

### Highway Issues

There will be a temporary rolling road closure on the A7, north of Carlisle, which has been put in place to allow Connect Roads to carry out essential works. This will be a rolling closure with various sections being closed at any one time along the length of road. Suitable alternative routes for vehicles will be signed and available as and when the relevant traffic signs are displayed.

These works are expected to commence 5<sup>th</sup> June with an approximate duration of 17 weeks. It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 19.00 and 06.00

## **Longtown Services**

### **Youth activities**

#### **Homework Club - Local Links Library**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3.00pm-5.00pm Saturdays 10.00am-1.00pm

The Library welcomes children Year 7 and above to use the facilities of the library to carry out home work. There is also an area to "hang out" quietly with music and board games.

#### **Youth Club - Community Centre**

11-19 year olds Friday 5.30p.-7.30pm

#### **Young Farmers**

Fortnightly Tuesday 7.30pm Auction Mart

### **Children Activities**

#### **Child Health Clinic (0-4 years)**

Longtown Medical Centre Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week in the month

#### **Let's Go..... Story telling/creative 0-4 years Longtown Sure Start Children's Centre**

Monday 10.00-11.30am

#### **Arthuret Church Kids Club**

Community Centre (0-10 years) Wednesday 5...00-6.30pm

#### **Rainbows**

Community Centre Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm

#### **Brownies**

Community Centre Thursdays 6.30-8.00pm

#### **Breakfast/After School Club**

Pear Tree Nursery 8.00am-8.50am/3.00pm-6,00pm

### **Something for the adults.....**

#### **Jobs Club - Local Links Library Tuesday 1.30pm-3.30pm**

Riverside will help you

- Build a CV and cover letter

- Identifying key skills and training needs
- Confidence building and motivation
- Job searching
- Applying for jobs on line
- Accessing Universal Jobmatch

**Riverside Housing Officer** - Local Links Library  
Tuesday 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Digital Inclusion** - Community Centre  
Thursday 1.00pm-3.30pm

**Longtown Football Club**  
Saturday and Sunday mornings

### **Community Centre Activities**

#### **Monday**

Indoor Carpet Bowling 1.00pm-3.00pm

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Bingo 7.15pm-8.45pm

Circuits 7.00pm-8.00pm

#### **Wednesday**

Relaxed Art Class 2.00pm-4.30pm

Metafit Bodyweight training 6.30pm-7.00pm

#### **Thursday**

Circuits 7.00pm-8.00pm

Embroidery and Crafts 7.00pm-9.00pm