

## Annual Parish Meeting

### Chairs report 2024-2025

Welcome to the annual parish meeting. Another year gone

And another year of soaring prices, more people having to use food banks to make ends meet.

Conflict around the world with innocent people suffering.

Everyday watching the news another tragedy has happened.

We are so lucky to live where we do and so much to be thankful for.

As a council we continue to work hard on behalf of the parish.

Reporting problems and making sure we put forward views on behalf of the community.

Two main topics is usually Dog fouling and parking.

We need to take pride in the place where we live and so this year we had a Cleanup Day, not many residents turned up to help,

But we had 3 councillors and 3 members of the parish, it was a start, and we achieved quite a lot. The weather was not on our side we did get rather wet, but it didn't put us off.

Speeding through Mealsgate still remains a problem. Hopefully we will be able to get the speed Device back which seemed to slow the traffic down. Maybe we may get the 20mph which we have requested.

We have had a request for two grit bins for the village,

The seat outside of the allotments is to be relocated on the grass beside the Miners Barrow

Our odd job man Ricky Bowness is busy with a long list of things which need to be done. The Playpark railings are to be painted also the monkey bars. The Centre car park is to have a fence put along the side between the pavement and the centre car park.

This year with the help of a grant from Aspatria Charity Shop we purchased a new Defibrillator which we relocated from the phone box in the centre of the village to the community centre. A local electrician Mark Eve kindly agreed to move it free of charge.

The 39 bus is still a vital service to the community; we also have the main A595 bus but anyone using it has to walk to the main road.

We continue to support financially a number of services that benefit our community

ie Wigton Swimming Baths, Citizens Advice and the Great North Air Ambulance we need to keep these vital services going.

### **Allhallows Centre**

This is an asset to the parish and needs more support the committee do a brilliant job keeping it running there is something for everyone, It attracts people from all over the surrounding area. We look forward to more events over the next 12 months.

### **Allotments**

Bird flu is still a problem all birds need to be kept inside or the pens to be netted so that wild birds cannot get in,

### **Cumberland Boundary Review**

The clerk advised members that the purpose of the review was to increase the number of Cumberland councillors from 46-55 which would result in some ward changes.

I'd like to thank councillors for their continued support throughout the year, thanks to Kevin Thurlow our Cumberland Councillor and most of all our clerk Trevor Gear for his continued support and guidance over the last 12 months.

Finally, Tomorrow is. V E Day 80 years since the end of the war in Europe. Brave men and Women lied about their age so they could fight for this great country of ours

We owe them so much we must never forget the sacrifices they made. We thank them all

That concludes my report

Thank you