

# Scaleby News

Welcome to the April 2014 Edition of the  
Newsletter brought to you by Scaleby Parish Council.

## PARISH MEETING

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th May 2014 in Scaleby Village Hall. We would like to see as many parishioners there as possible to discuss the matters that are affecting you. If you have any items you would like placed on the agenda please don't hesitate to contact the Clerk on 016977 2769 or via email at [clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk). Any matters relevant to the Parish can be discussed—we look forward to seeing you there. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow directly after the close of the Parish Meeting.

## CHAIRMANS REPORT

This year has seen the Parish Council begin to work through the priorities identified in the Community Led Plan. Unfortunately some of these, such as the footpath between the Church and Barclose, were non-starters due to the costs involved. Others however are being worked through and we are pleased with the start we have made. These include working towards reducing speeding and tackling the problem of dog fouling with the City Council Enforcement Officer. We have also worked in conjunction with the transport team with regards better bus time table signage. We were also delighted to have Clive Moth take over as our Broadband Champion and we appreciate the work he is doing on our behalf to bring superfast speeds to the Parish. We will continue to work through some more priorities during the forthcoming year.

The Summer seen us host some very successful play days (89 out of a maximum of 90 places were filled). Another successful litter pick was also held—thanks to all those who volunteered. Lots of rubbish was again collected!

The roads in the parish have been a priority this year; the on-going battle to keep them fit for purpose will remain in focus during the next twelve months. A number of other projects are also planned including a commemorative WW1

leaflet and a map of our many parish footpath walks. Many thanks to Cllr. McGarr for his work on these topics.

Finally, thanks must be given to all the Councillors for their invaluable contribution, to the Clerk for all her work and also to City Councillors Bowman and Bainbridge and County Councillor Mallinson for their continued support. *Linda Thompson.*

## FIRST AID/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As most of you will now have noticed, the defibrillator is now installed on the exterior of the Village Hall. Many thanks to all of those who attended the first aid and defibrillator training in the Hall—we hope you all found it very useful. The defibrillator is available for anyone to use in the event of an emergency—the 999 operators will provide you with a code for accessing the cabinet. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## RURAL WHEELS

Rural Wheels provides door-to-door transport for people who do not have, or are unable to access scheduled transport. The service can be used for a variety of purposes including:

- Making connections with buses or trains
- Doctor, Dentist or Optician appointments
- Visiting friends or family in hospital
- Shopping
- Visiting friends or family

It does not duplicate other County Council transport provision and therefore cannot be used for transport to day care, school, nursery or college and cannot be used for hospital appointments/treatment if Patient Transport is available. If you need transport to get you to your hospital appointment please check your eligibility for Patient Transport by contacting the Patient Transport Service run by North West Ambulance on 0800 032 3240.

Rural Wheels uses a 'Smartcard' to pay for travel and a central booking system to plan journeys. Passengers need to apply for the Smartcard before they are able to travel. The value of the Smartcard can be topped up with the transport provider or alternatively at local post offices (including Brampton Post Office), libraries and mobile libraries. It can be topped up by £5, £10 or £20 per time. Transport requests must be booked by telephone before noon the day before travelling and passengers may be asked to be flexible about their travel time and also to share transport which will be at a

reduced fare.

Further information on the service can be obtained by telephoning 0845 602 3786 or by emailing [integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:integrated.transport@cumbria.gov.uk)

## **SCAMS**

There are numerous scams circulating our area at all times. The Police advise anyone who suspects a scam, or who has been the victim of a scam, to report it to them on [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040. The charity **Think Jessica** ([www.thinkjessica.com](http://www.thinkjessica.com)) provides a lot of useful advice about scams. Their 12-page booklet, '[Scam mail is blackmail](#)', is particularly useful and covers: lottery and prize draw scams, clairvoyant scams, catalogue scams, courier scams, bank / building society scams and more. You can order a **free hard copy** of this booklet by writing to: Think Jessica, PO Box 4442, Chesterfield S44 9AS. (Please enclose a 2nd class stamp) or by emailing [advice@thinkjessica.com](mailto:advice@thinkjessica.com).

## **STRIKE UP THE BROADBAND**

Broadband speeds in the parish range from poor to nothing depending on the time and the day when we want to access the internet. The County initiative managed by Connecting Cumbria is not due to involve Scaleyby Parish until late 2014 or early 2015.

To be in a position to strike first with knowledge of what everyone wants from the new service the Parish Council has commissioned a survey of all of its residents.

**We really want to know what broadband service you have now, what your views are about how it affects you and your business or family and finally what you would ideally like by way of faster broadband.**

Please complete the enclosed survey and return envelope to Clive Moth our Broadband Champion (Sunnynook, Chapel Lane, Scaleyby Hill, Carlisle, CA6 4LY). The survey can also be downloaded from the website and returned to [clivemoth@sky.com](mailto:clivemoth@sky.com). A big thank you in advance!

## **CUMBRIA GATEWAY HANDYMAN SERVICE**

In conjunction with Cumbria County Council and the Neighbourhood Care Independence programme the Handyperson scheme is design to help Cumbrian residents with small repairs in their homes and gardens.

Professional, friendly service and 100% reliable using fully vetted handymen/ women.

Attractive and competitive rates with fixed charges on viewing job, no call out charge to assess work required. Fixed appointment times.

In all households that are jobs that need to be done. Things that need fixed, fitted, repaired, filling, sealing or hanging. This is exactly that the 'Handyperson Scheme' specialises in – we are the small job experts.

Call Cumbria Gateway on 01228 524450 or 077785 29232 for more information or an informal chat.

## **CEILIDH**

A ceilidh with music provided by local band Jiggery Pokery will take place at the Dacre Hall on 25th April. Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased from Elizabeth Harding on 016977 2583.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE INDEPENDENCE**

If you are looking for support to help you stay independent at home then help is just a phone call away.

If you need a service that will help you stay in your own home for as long as possible or want to know what help or support is in your community then you can ring a dedicated helpline to find out more. You may alternatively have a family member who wants to know about the support available.

By telephoning 0844 967 1855 to you can find out more about:

- ◆ Equipment to support daily living including buying and hiring wheelchairs, commodes, grab rails and more
- ◆ Practical support following a stay in hospital
- ◆ Handyperson Service for Small repair or DIY jobs in the home (see our previous article)
- ◆ Opportunities for sharing experiences, befriending and keeping involved and active in your area
- ◆ Hearing Aid maintenance
- ◆ Volunteering Opportunities to meet other people

There is also general information and advice on a wide range of issues included:

- ◆ Home Equipment and Adaptations to make life easier
- ◆ Healthy Living Advice
- ◆ Money—information on entitlements

To find out more either call the helpline or email [info@ncip.org.uk](mailto:info@ncip.org.uk)

## **BRAMPTON BUSINESS HUB— OFFICE FACILITIES ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

Cumbria is one of five regions to benefit from a national project to provide a

Rural Growth Network to assist areas like Cumbria to overcome economic barriers to sustained growth. The Brampton Hub is part of this ground breaking project to support local businesses. The Hub provides a central point for support, advice, access to technology, conference facilities and meeting rooms. If you are a business owner or manager looking to grow your business or are looking to start your own business, Brampton Business Hub can support you in achieving your goals.

They offer a suite of dedicated PC's with access to fast broadband, conference and meeting room facilities for up to 30 people, smart board and video conferencing technology, training and access to people across Cumbria who can help answer your business questions. Much of this is offered free of charge. So if you need a letter typed or need to do some research or need a place to have a meeting or would just simply like to network with other businesses in the area then the Brampton Business Hub offers you a one stop shop to all of this. Please call in or email the Hub Manager if you need further information or help: [fionajo@bramptoncommunitycentre.org.uk](mailto:fionajo@bramptoncommunitycentre.org.uk) Tel: 016977 45023.

## NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Could you receive an emailed copy of this newsletter instead of this printed version? To help us cut costs and to be more environmentally friendly we would like to see as many households as possible receive an electronic version in the future. If you are willing to then please email [clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk) with your home address and we will ensure you are added to our mailing list. We do keep all previous editions of the newsletter on the website too in case you need to refer back to them. All of the minutes and lots of other useful documents can be found on there too so don't forget to check it regularly at [www.scalebyparish.org.uk](http://www.scalebyparish.org.uk).

## CHILDRENS PLAY DAYS

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding some children's activity days in the village hall during the summer. We have arranged dates of Tuesday 5th August, Tuesday 12th August and Tuesday 19th August between 10am and 3pm. The scheme will be delivered by the Cumbrian Sports and Physical Activities Foundation using fully trained play workers. The days are open to all children aged between 5 and 12 years old and will cost £3 per day. You will need to send your child with a packed lunch and drink. All bookings for the



days are to be made directly with the Cumbrian Sports Foundation—details will be provided on the noticeboards and in local children's schoolbags. We will also publish the booking details on the website so please do keep a watch on these for more information. The days have been funded by the Parish Council and Cumbria County Council Community Grants.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2014 are set to take place as follows:

**Wednesday 14 May 2014 (preceded by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm)**

**Wednesday 9 July 2014**

**Wednesday 10 September 2014**

**Wednesday 19 November 2014**

Please do bear in mind that we sometimes need to change the date due to unforeseen circumstances but we always post the official notice of the meeting date on the noticeboards and website three clear working days in advance. Additional meetings are also called when necessary for urgent business, such as planning applications.

### **SPEEDING IN VILLAGE**

One of the main priorities in the Community Led Plan was to tackle to perceived speeding problem throughout the Parish. We are pleased to report that we have recently had a Speed Indication Device in Scaleby and hope this has acted as a deterrent for some excess speeds. We will continue to work where possible with Cumbria Constabulary with regards this problem.

### **ACCOUNTS**

On the following page is a summary of our annual accounts. Please note that these are not yet either internally or externally audited and hence are subject to change and correction. Once they have been externally audited we publish a poster on the noticeboard to let you know. Please do get in touch with the Clerk if you have any queries about the accounts. You will notice that we have made a small gain this year. This is partly due to on-going projects and also the receipt of some grant income towards projects we will undertake later in 2014.

### ***YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!***

If you would like to advertise in the Scaleby News please contact Sarah on 016977 2769 for further information. We post directly to every household in Scaleby so could make the perfect advertising medium .

## Scaleby Parish Council Summary of Annual Accounts

2012/13		2013/14
Income		
£5,000	Precept	£5,000
£8,452	Grants	£3,327
£180	Recycling	£120
£60	Newsletter Advertising	£0
£0	Play Day Income	£267
£1,906	VAT reclaimed	£0
<b>£15,598</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,714</b>
Expenditure		
£1,220	Administration	£1,025
£250	Newsletter (not including postages)	£255
£9,347	Projects	£2,730
£1,679	Clerks Salary	£1,696
£853	Insurance (includes Village Hall)	£665
£1,906	VAT incurred	£20
£275	Donations/Grants	£335
<b>£15,530</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,726</b>
<b>Summary</b>		
£4,496	Balance Brought Forward	£4,564
£15,598	Add receipts	£8,714
£15,530	Less payments	£6,726
£4,564	Balance at 31 March	£6,552
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Chairman	Clerk and Responsible Financial Office	

## Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Linda Thompson (Chairman)	01228 675266
Jackie Clifford (Vice-Chair)	01228 675220
Willie Bendle	01228 675270
Michael Grant	01228 675384
Ronnie Grieves	01228 675115
George McGarr	01228 675132
Raymond Marston	01228 675572
James Bell	01228 675637
<b>Sarah Kyle (Clerk)</b> <b>Hill House, Walton,</b> <b>Brampton</b> <b>CA8 2DY</b>	<b>016977 2769</b> <b>(9am—3pm Monday</b> <b>to Friday where possible)</b> <b>clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk</b>
Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
Police	101
Dog Fouling	01228 817559

Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge represent Stanwix Rural on Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, we can be contacted at:

**Marilyn Bowman** - Tel. **01228 561185**.

Email **MarilynB@carlisle.gov.uk**

**James Bainbridge** - Tel. **07896300997**.

Email **Jamesba@carlisle.gov.uk**

John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:

**john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk** or on **01228 533 746**.