

Workington Town Council

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Date of issue: Thursday 9th April 2026

To Members of the Environment Committee:

Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair)	Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Cllr John Mills
Cllr Beth Dixon	Cllr Billy Miskelly
Cllr Susan Martin	Cllr Patricia Poole
Cllr Sean Melton	Cllr Mike Rollo

(Copy for information only to other members of Workington Town Council).

You are summoned to a meeting of Workington Town Council's Environment Committee on **Thursday 16th April 2026 at 6.30pm.**

The meeting will be held at the Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Chapman'.

Emma Chapman
Chief Officer/RFO

AGENDA

- 1. Absences:** To note any absences.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** To receive any declarations of interest relating to matters which appear on this agenda.
- 3. Exclusion of Press and Public:** To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.
- 4. Public Representation:** To consider whether there are any agenda items in which public representation will be permitted.
- 5. Minutes of the previous meeting:** To consider the minutes from the 12th February 2026 meeting and affirm them a true record.

6. Public Questions: To consider any questions from electors, of which notice has been given in accordance with standing orders.

7. Questions and Statements from Members: To consider questions and statements by members of which notice has been given in accordance with standing orders.

8. Motions on Notice: To consider any motions from members of which notice has been given in accordance with standing orders.

9. Budget: To note the budget end of year report 2025-2026.

10. Streetscene: To note the report on the following and make any decisions required.

- a) Miner's Bench
- b) Cumbria Police

11. Estates: To note the report on the following and make any decisions required.

- a) Estates Equipment
- b) Miner's Memorial Wheel
- c) Bowling Club
- d) Enforcement Partnership

12. Workington Community Emergency Response Group: To note the report and make any decisions required.

13. Workington Nature Partnership: To note the latest report from WNP for information.

14. Funding: To note the feedback report from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School.

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 6.30pm in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair)	Present	Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Absent	Cllr John Mills	Present
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent	Cllr Billy Miskelly	Absent*
Cllr Sue Martin	Present	Cllr Patricia Poole	Present
Cllr Sean Melton	Absent	Cllr Mike Rollo	Present

Also in attendance: Chief Officer/RFO, Cllr Denise Rollo, Paul Shearsby and two Enforcement Officers from Cumberland Council.

E25.66 Absences

Absences notified prior to the meeting were noted from Cllr Billy Miskelly.

E25.67 Declarations of Interest: None.

E25.68 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

E25.69 Public Representation: None.

E25.70 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 13th November 2025 and affirmed them a true record.

E25.71 Public Questions: None.

E25.72 Enforcement:

Committee were given an update from Paul and team with regards to their focus and priorities within Workington:

- Review of teams and their focus across all areas following LGR.
- Reporting system is new; My Cumberland and allows for intuitive data and reporting.
- Hot spots can be identified and drilled down to wards and streets.
- Operation Turd and 'Don't be a Tosser' campaigns have increased reporting by 29% and educational awareness.
- New team members roles are to be proactive and prevent issues before they become issues.
- Top issues: fly tipping, dog fouling and ASB.
- Addressing issues in back lanes in Workington. Locals may be unaware of their responsibilities for recycling; work is being done to educate; teams have been leafletting and door knocking.
- The team need to be seen to educate first, before enforcement.
- A request was made for a bin at the entrance to Hall Park opposite the entrance to Curwendale. Email enforcement.team@cumberland.gov.uk and they will investigate this.

- McDonalds and KFC have been approached with regards to their rubbish and their responsibilities, and the team will continue to work with the companies.
- Concerns around The Line which was cleaned up following a big operation involving several organisations but seems to have fallen into disrepair again. This is being addressed, but reports need to be placed on the website, so they know there is an issue.
- Discussion around dog fouling in Vulcan Park. Estates team encouraged to report, so Enforcement has evidence of the issues and can therefore address.
- Discussion around Siddick and fly tipping, WTC have no power to enforce. PS advised they would assist. CO to send details of recent issues.

The team were thanked for their time; Committee appreciated their attendance and being able to have an open discussion. The team left the meeting.

E25.73 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

E25.74 Motions on Notice: None.

E25.75 Budget 2025-2026

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

E25.76 Budget 2026-2027

Committee noted the approved budget for 26-27.

E25.77 Streetscene

Resolved: To approve a cost of £1,899 for a miner's memorial bench to be commissioned from the Streetscene budget line.

E25.78 Estate Development

Resolved: To approve a cost of up to £1,800 for the refurbishment of the cast iron lampposts to be used for decorative purposes in Vulcan Park from the Estate Development budget line.

Committee noted an update on the Stoneleigh project.

Committee were given an update on the investigation into an additional Miner's Memorial, using a pulley wheel which is being donated by West Cumbria Mining from Haig Pit. Costs for CDM considerations are currently being obtained and a detailed report will be brought to a future meeting for committee consideration.

E25.79 Workington Nature Partnership

a) Committee noted the report from WNP Officers.

b) Committee noted the minutes from the WNP Steering Group meeting which took place in December. Budget has been approved in principle by Council for an increase in WTC's contribution towards WNP, which may include an additional staff member, but further information and discussions are required between Officers and Councillors from WTC and Cumberland Council before a proposal can be put to committee for consideration.

Allerdale Investment Partnership (AIP) have been contacted with regards to the silt issues at Harrington and have responded positively to the suggestion to re-wild the Ellerbeck and the proposal put forward by WNP and Rivers Trust who are keen to carry out the work. Further updates on this will be brought to committee when available.

E25.80 Nature Recovery for Town and Parish Councils

Committee noted the report for information.

The Chair asked members to let the CO know if they wished to attend the event in Penrith on 24th March 2026.

E25.81 Funding

Committee considered a request for £1,000 from Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre for a 'Festival of Nature' event to be held at Rivendell, nr Stainburn.

Committee was very supportive of this venture.

Resolved: To underwrite up to £1,000 to CBDC for the Festival of Nature event to take place in May 2026 from the environmental activities budget line.

The meeting ended at 7:49pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At
09-Apr

		Current Year 2025/26							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 09-Apr-26	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 09-Apr-26
120	Environment								
4700	Street Displays	26,000	0	0	0	26,000	21,873	2,912	1,215
4705	Environmental Activities	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	661	1,000	1,339
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	1,608	0	1,392
4810	Streetscene	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,612	254	(866)
4830	Vulcan Park	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	19,633	246	(879)
4840	Play Areas	45,000	0	0	0	45,000	41,801	2,166	1,033
4850	Allotments	24,700	0	0	0	24,700	14,692	3,075	6,933
4860	Estate Management	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,576	169	(745)
4870	Estate Development	201,000	0	0	0	201,000	124,877	46,156	29,967
4730	Nature Partnership	25,500	0	0	0	25,500	23,948	0	1,552
		367,200	0	0	0	367,200	270,281	55,978	40,941

Committed Expenditure Listing for 2025/26

Order Number	Month	Order Date	Supplier Name	Description	Code	Centre	Net Amount	Invoiced	Balance
2303	1	26-Nov	Tivoli Group Limited	Soapery - Remove and dispose of footbridge	4850	120	766.80		766.80
2383	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Street Lighting at Frostoms 25/26	4810	120	254.48		254.48
2388	1	01-Apr	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Café & Lights 25/26	4830	120	1,359.44	1,246.15	113.29
2390	1	01-Apr	Clover (First Data Europe Limited)	Allotment Virtual Terminal Fees 25/26	4850	120	599.88	542.91	56.97
2397	1	01-Apr	Water Plus	Water - Annie Pit Allotments 25/26	4850	120	1,462.46	1,397.27	65.19
2401	1	01-Apr	Water Plus	Water - Stoneleigh Allotments 25/26	4850	120	181.08	173.10	7.98
2403	1	01-Apr	FuelGenie Business Account	Fuel for Estates Team Machinery 25/26	4860	120	1,345.00	1,175.92	169.08
2457	10	08-Jan	L & K Curwen Limited	Work to Park End Shelter	4870	120	37,829.72		37,829.72
n/a	1	01-Apr	Business Stream	Water - Green Hub 25/26	4830	120	21.01		21.01
n/a	9	31-Dec	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Messroom Electricity	4830	120	448.01	336.63	111.38
n/a	1	01-Apr	Arborscape	Floral Displays 2025	4700	120	25,318.00	22,406.00	2,912.00
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to Stoneleigh Allotments	4850	120	4,000.00	1,822.30	2,177.70
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to Siddick Allotments	4870	120	3,000.00	1,922.13	1,077.87
n/a	5	01-Aug	Project	Works to The Ranch Playing Fields	4870	120	3,000.00	2,332.13	667.87
n/a	6	25-Sep	Project	Accessible Play Area Equipment	4840	120	10,500.00	8,333.74	2,166.26
n/a	9	31-Dec	Project	Work to Park End Shelter	4870	120	8,720.28	3,939.58	4,780.70
n/a	11	12-Feb	Project	Refurbish Cast Iron Lampposts	4870	120	1,800.00		1,800.00
n/a	11	12-Feb	Project	CBDC Festival of Nature Funding	4705	120	1,000.00		1,000.00



Workington Town Council Meeting – Police Update

25th June 2025





Adrian Dobson
Acting Inspector



Josh Brown
Sergeant

Workington North



Esme Clark
PC



Cameron Chawdhary
PCSO

Workington Central



Catherine Higson
Community Beat Officer



Jill Robertson
Community Beat Officer



Dan Snell
PCSO



Zara Lewis-Gress
PCSO

Workington South



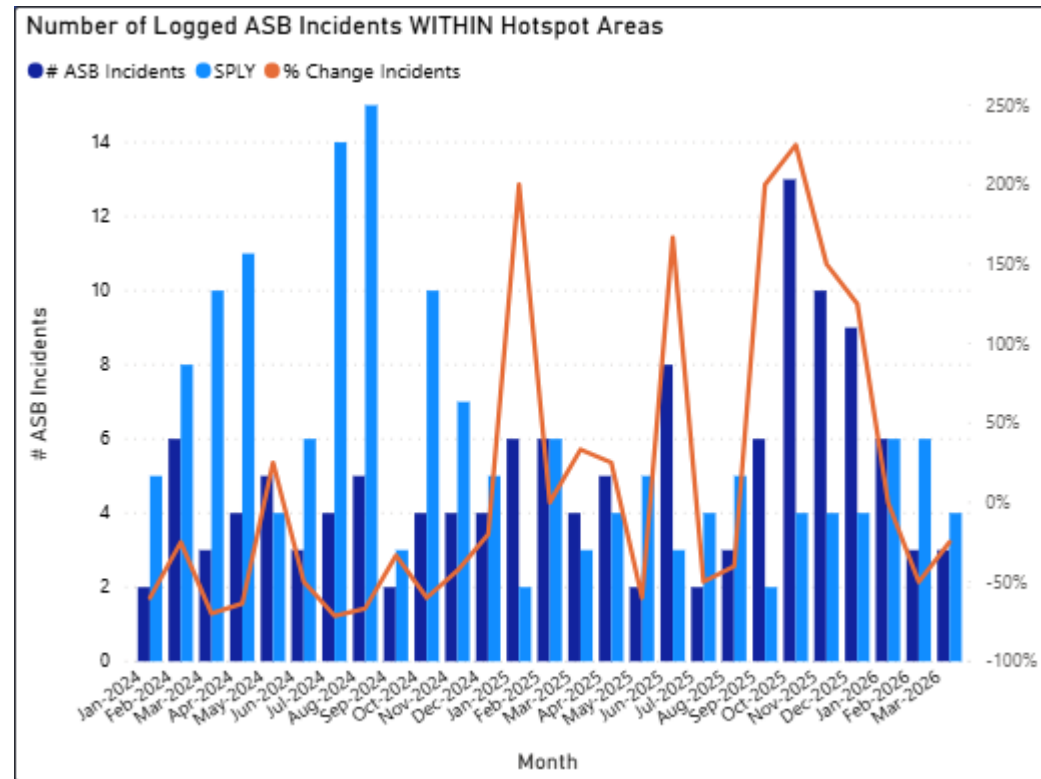
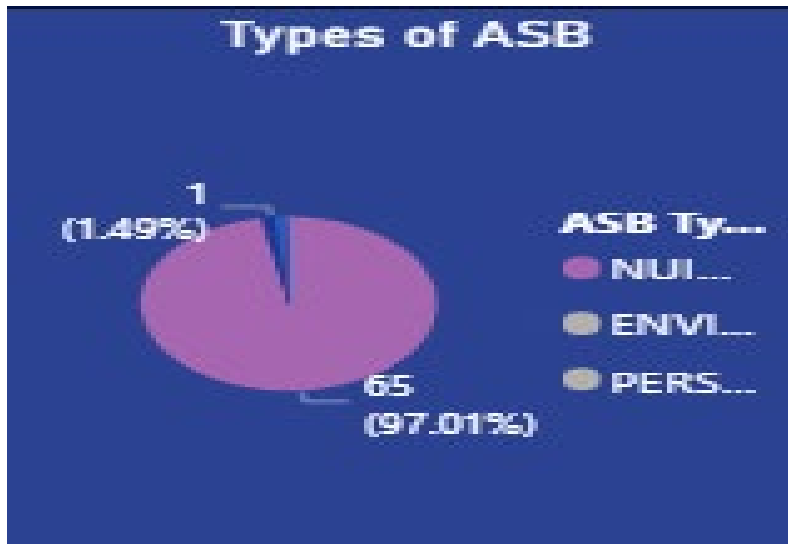
Callum Lofthouse
Community Beat Officer



Andrea Pagett
PCSO

Recruitment is ongoing to fill vacancies for CBO positions across Derwent & Esk with an anticipated increase in 4 for the quadrant

- Workington Town Centre remained a hot spot for patrols
- Temporal Analysis conducted shows that peak times for Workington ASB continues to be between 16:00-22:00hrs



Data - 1st Apr 25– 28th Feb 2026

OffenceGroup	Crimes	Last Year	Change	%
<input type="checkbox"/> Arson and Criminal Damage	287	271	16	5.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Arson	10	4	6	150.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Damage	277	267	10	3.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	88	102	-14	-13.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Attempted Burglary Residential				
<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary Business and Community	40	32	8	25.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary Residential				
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Burglary of a Home	46	65	-19	-29.2%
<input type="checkbox"/> Residential Burglary Of Unconnected Building	2	5	-3	-60.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Robbery	15	9	6	66.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Robbery	15	9	6	66.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft	437	379	58	15.3%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Theft	9	14	-5	-35.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Theft	151	141	10	7.1%
<input type="checkbox"/> Shoplifting	266	213	53	24.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Theft From The Person	11	11	0	0.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Offences	63	65	-2	-3.1%
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Offences	63	65	-2	-3.1%
Total	890	826	64	7.7%

You Said	We Did
<p>Youth related crime and anti-social behaviour around Workington Town Centre</p> <p>The original issue date of the priority was 1st July 2025.</p>	<p>Conducted proactive and hi-visibility patrols in the areas at prevalent times.</p> <p>Use of dispersal powers to remove perpetrators of ASB from Workington Town centre during periods of increased disorder</p> <p>Engagement with local media around the recent increases in ASB in Workington – notably BBC Look North, Times and Star.</p>
<p>Complaints have been received about persistent use of the line between Northside, Siddick, and Seaton by offroad motorcycles</p> <p>Issued 24 February 2026</p>	<p>Hi Visibility patrols in the area, engagement and intervention and are aware of ongoing complaints regarding off road bikes.</p> <p>Use of drones to identify and trace users of offroad motorcycles on the line</p>
<p>Youths riding off road bikes in the areas of Moorclose, Westfield, Salterbeck, Oldside</p> <p>The original issue date of the priority was 1st June 2025. This priority is to be continued particularly as this issue is anticipated to increase as the weather improves into Spring</p>	<p>Proactive Drone lead operations to identify and trace users of illegal offroad bikes on public roads or paths resulting in the seizure of a number of Sur-Ron E-bikes and prosecution of the riders</p> <p>Continue to provide hi visibility patrols at prevalent times to address this issue and deal proactively with those responsible whilst supporting victims of crime</p> <p>We encourage members of the public to report such incidents to police along with any video evidence of such incidents if captured.</p>

Community Drop In

🕒 1:30PM - 2:30PM, Mon 23 March 2026

📍 The Oval Centre, Salterbeck

Community Drop In

🕒 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Thu 26 March 2026

📍 Seaton Library

Community Drop In

🕒 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Sat 28 March 2026

📍 Workington Library

Further Priorities and “You said, we did” is available on our website
www.cumbria.police.uk/area/your-area



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 10
Meeting date: Thursday 14 th April 2026	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Streetscene	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To note the report for information.
- b) Members are asked to consider and give their views on effective ways of communicating and engaging with local Police.

2. DETAIL

a) Miner's Memorial Bench

The bench has now been commissioned and is being made by apprentices at Shepley Engineers Ltd.

Permission has also been obtained from Cumberland Council for the bench to be installed in the area around the Steelworks column in the town centre by HSBC.

Cumberland Council will be providing £1,000 funding towards the bench. Councillors will be kept informed as to when installation will take place.

b) Engagement with Police

Members will recall that Cumbria Police introduced a new way of engaging with Town/Parish Councils which required representatives of Councils to attend meetings with their local neighbourhood policing team. As three policing teams cover Workington, that meant a separate meeting with each team (three) and no opportunity to take a town-wide view. Members will recall that they concluded this system was unwieldy and did not provide for effective engagement between Council and Police.

Our new Police Inspector, Adrian Dobson, attended a Full Council meeting on 11th March and gave an update on policing across the town (attached as Appendix One). This report was helpful, but there remain some issues which members could consider:

- a) The format of the meeting does not allow for structured engagement around policing priorities for Workington.
- b) Members have no opportunity to read the Police Report before the meeting and so must respond “on the hoof” without being able to consider relevant questions and comments in advance.
- c) The Inspector has no prior notice of what questions or issues members might raise and so must also respond to members “on the hoof” and may need to take those issues and questions away and respond later. Examples from 11th March meeting include:
 - Statistics required on the number of persistent offenders in the town.
 - Stats to show violent crimes.
 - Council asked for stats on VAWAG, hate crimes and drug offences for future meetings.
 - Council also asked for information on nighttime and daytime economy and CCTV usage. Are shop watch and pub watch still active.
 - Council asked with regards to the Walk Safe app which has been introduced in Carlisle and if there are plans to expand this to Workington.

Members are therefore asked to consider how this process could be improved to make better use of limited Police and Council time.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 11
Meeting date: Thursday 14 th April 2026	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estates Update	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To consider cost approval for a new piece of equipment for the Estates team.
- b) To consider estimated details for the Miner's Wheel project and consider progression.
- c) To consider approval of maintenance costs for 2026-2027 paid to the Bowling Club for the bowling green in Vulcan Park.
- d) To note an update on Enforcement partnership.

2. DETAIL

a) Estates Equipment

The Estates team have requested to purchase a petrol waterer. This is similar to a normal IBC but petrol powered for large-scale watering.

The petrol waterer has a pump flow rate of 450 litres per minute whereas electric waterers' flow rate is 19 litres per minute, it would therefore not be viable to have an electric one as it would be very time consuming to water or fill anything needed.

The team can easily set-up an IBC system at Princess Street to be used to fill the waterer.



b) Miner's Wheel Memorial

Information and costs have been obtained from a company with regards to the CDM element required for this project.

Estimated costs have been put together, based on previous Council projects, but are not confirmed or final costs.

Committee needs to consider if it is prepared to potentially commit to a budget or look for external funding for this project, if so, Officers will then contact contractors for actual costs.

Councillors may have seen in the news that Haig Pit Colliery Mining Museum had re-opened, and this may have some impact on the ownership or lease of the wheel originally planned for this project. Officers are waiting for a response from West Cumbria Mining with regards to this.

Potential costs:

Ground scans	£1,500.00
Planning permission	£1,500.00
CDM requirements	£3,000.00
Principal Contractor	£2,000.00
Transportation costs	£3,000.00
Landscaping	£1,500.00
Base construction / installations	£10,000.00
Unveiling event	£700.00
Signage	£1,000.00
Wheel lease	£600.00
Contingency 5%	£1,240
TOTAL	£26,040.00

c) Bowling Green Maintenance

The Chair and CO held an annual review meeting with the Bowling Club and are very satisfied with how the bowling green is being ran and maintained. Everything is in order.

They have requested an annual maintenance fee of £2,500 for 26/27 which is a decrease from the previous year. This is because they have a clearer understanding on how the green needs managed and equipment needed has been purchased.

d) Enforcement Partnership

Following the last committee meeting, Officers met with Cumberland Council Officers at Siddick allotments to discuss issues and concerns in the area, mainly focussing on fly tipping.

It was agreed that partnership working is required as the Council has no enforcement powers when fly tipping takes place on their land, the following was agreed for the Siddick site and all sites/land owned by WTC will be reviewed and relevant actions put into place asap:

- Introduce CCTV signage
- Joint letter drop to residents
- CCTV deployment
- Land protection/Vehicle Restriction measures

- Signage has been put up at the site to inform allotment holders that a barrier will be installed, and vehicle access is restricted on site.
- The barrier has been purchased and will be installed asap by the Estates team.
- A big clean up is planned with the probation service and WTC Officers.
- Allotment holders have been contacted with regards to the removal of vehicles on allotment sites.
- A review of all allotment sites will take place and eviction may take place if the plots are not being used in compliance with Council policy and tenants' terms and conditions.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

- a) £1,700 from Estate Management budget line.
- b) None at present
- c) £2,500 from Estate Management budget line.
- d) None at present.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 12
Meeting date: Thursday 14 th April 2026	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Workington Community Emergency Response Group	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the report and consider approval for Officers to progress.

2. DETAIL

Workington Community Emergency Response Group (WCERG) which was set-up by a number of members of the public and ran from Helena Thompson Museum has now ceased.

Not only were they responsible for assisting the emergency services with flooding, but helped the community through COVID, managed food parcel distribution and much more.

Since the news, Officers have met with current members of WCERG and Cumberland Council to discuss how this can be covered and to ensure that Workington does not suffer any consequence.

CC have been very supportive and re-iterated that this group is not in replacement to the emergency services, as long as a basic plan is in place Workington is covered for emergencies. The question is if Council wishes to take on the leadership role of the implementation and execution of the plan and communication to the town. Further meetings, guidance and training is needed if committee wishes to proceed.

Points/notes:

- An emergency response plan already exists; this could be reviewed and updated by WTC with support from CC resilience team.
- HTM are happy to still be used as community emergency base.
- CC have a flood contact list for Workington which is regularly updated.

- Food parcels will be taken over by Cockermouth CERG.
- CC have a contact for the pump at Barepot, the flood group is no longer formed but are available to help if needed
- CC would communicate change on resilience websites and inform emergency services.
- A list of potential volunteers would need to be obtained to be called upon if needed; contact volunteer groups/community centres – rotary etc.
- Leaflets through doors to residents to communicate change, where to go for help – identifying vulnerable people.
- Group would cover all emergencies, not just floods, pandemic, gas leaks etc.
- Mapped out areas of the town and who was covering which area – team leaders.
- Identify areas in the town to use as emergency centres – ward Cllrs or an appointed person (i.e. community centre manager) to take responsibility for co-ordination of that area.
- It was suggested that an ex-emergency services person would be useful to lead the group.
- Clear information that volunteers are not there in place of the emergency services.
- Equipment – jackets, radios, torches, branded WCERG are at Museum and can be utilised by WTC.
- Insurance liability – this will need investigated thoroughly, especially with regards to volunteers who can't be vetted beforehand.

It was suggested the members of the previous group should have some sort of acknowledgement for their services to the community from the Council for their work.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

a) Unknown at present

WNP Activity March 2026

3/3/26- 3 classes of St Mary's school children out at HNR for World Wildlife Day where they enjoyed a site tour looking for signs of Spring, worm charming and a scavenger hunt to find pictures of different animals which they had to decide if they were animals from Workington or the rainforest and match them up into groups of other similar animals.

Volunteers were also out gapping up an access point from the field up at the top end where some scrambler bikes had been accessing the wet meadow. 6 volunteers=**30 hours**

The crocuses on Banklands cemetery were at their peak at this time so I had a site visit there and I spotted my first bumblebees of the year

5/3/26 Siddick Pond session behind Iggesund to coppice willow and thin out woodland closest to pond edge to allow wading birds better access. Dead hedges created. Aidan the horticulture apprentice from Cumbria Wildlife Trust joined us. 5 volunteers=**25 hours**

We heard our first chiffchaff which is around 10 days earlier than my usual records and also spotted our first butterfly of the year.

6/3/26 Sowed yellow rattle seed on Salterbeck rezzet. Yellow rattle is semi-parasitic, feeding off grass roots and so is used to suppress the growth of vigorous grasses giving wildflowers a better chance of establishing. Some of our wildflower areas were cut and scarified later than usual this year owing to machinery problems. Most are cut by a profihopper machine and the (former) Copeland green spaces team. 2 volunteers=**4 hours**

9/3/26 Tree planting at ranch with WTC team and Kings Trust Award students = 15 volunteers ~**25 hours**

10/3/26 Session at HNR to remove large fallen willow which was creating a significant blockage in Ellerbeck 7 volunteers= **35 hours**

10/3-20/3 Kings Trust Students were working at Bankfield Mansion Gardens clearing paths, removing brambles and overgrown scrub, uncovering spring bulbs, litter picking etc. I called in on them every few days as did Valerie Hallard and Green Space Friends group =9 days, 12 students per day, 4 hour sessions = **430 hours** work put into a green space that otherwise wouldn't have been, a huge help to Val's group who usually only have a few volunteers for a couple of hours every Tuesday afternoon.

12/3/26-Science day at Seaton Academy, working in early years all day to explore pond life, frog life cycle, build wormeries, learn about birds and their nests and what we can do to help wildlife locally. Volunteer session at Siddick cancelled due to 58mph and rain all day but Helen volunteered at the school with me so =**6 hours**

16/3/26 Cumbria Festival for Nature committee meeting. Festival will be 8-10th May at Rivendell (behind BP garage at Stainburn/Clifton) programme coming together and tickets are on sale

17/3/26 Session at HNR clearing tree blockages from the beck again to prevent water being diverted around blockages increasing siltation 7 volunteers= **35 hours**

19/3/26 Another session behind Iggesund knocking back willow and creating dead hedges at other side of the pond 7 volunteers=**35 hours**

24/3/26 Raegan at CALC event for Nature Recovery for Towns and Parish Councils in Penrith. Launch of workbook (online resource) and presentations from various organisations. WNP was the best received talk (if I do say so myself) and as usual I had several people come and speak to me afterwards saying what an inspiration we are.

3 volunteers had a wet morning at HNR removing a tipper load of willow off site, collected by Tivoli and clearing some areas of daffodils of bramble = **7 hours**

26/3/26 Siddick Pond session rediscovering an orchard/education area we created a few years ago, the trees are now mature enough to benefit from being uncovered, paths through bramble and vegetation started to be cut in. 9 volunteers= **50 hours**

Kings Trust Award students joined for a tour and to paint a handrail = 10 volunteers= **25 hours**

= 227 regular volunteer hours + ~470 Kings Trust project hours

AOB

Horse on HNR meadow 22/3 for a week, appears a couple of times a year, owner sent a letter from CC solicitor asking to remove it

This in addition to persistent dog fouling and intermittent access of motorised vehicles has been causing an edge of disillusionment in some of the volunteers. Seeking support from Enforcement to try and help.

Lots of work experience enquiries have been received for June and July, I have agreed to have one or two students every week as I like to show young people there can be other careers in the area and hopefully surprise them by the nature on our doorstep. Anni will have the students with her in her WTC role on some of her working days and we will liaise with WTC team if they have anything interesting on over the summer which would be good for the students to see.

Anni should be returning after Easter. It has been very busy for me trying to multitask between volunteer sessions and other commitments while she has been off and everyone will be pleased to see her back!



About this form

1. Organisation Name: St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
2. Date grant was awarded: 28/11/24
3. Amount of grant awarded: £1000.00
4. Purpose of grant:
Development of kitchen garden so that all the children can use it & develop an understating of where fruit & vegetables comes from.
5. Please describe how your grant was used:
We have started to purchase equipment for our gardening club & also for the class teachers to use in the late Spring & Summer term. We have also asked a local gardener to prepare the ground with new compost & wood bark.
6. Is your project/event finished: NO
If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion:
We have spent all the money that was allocated to school but this is an ongoing project.
7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:
We have purchased equipment to enable us to commence sowing seeds & plant small plants.
8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?
Gardening clubs are restricted to 12 children but all the classes do gardening as part of their curriculum
9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?
All 199 children will be able to join in at some point.
10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?
(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants)
The children will be able to take home the produce they have grown

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11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

Gardening gloves £102
Garden forks £109
Compost bin £29
Compost activator & accelerator £6
Garden shovels £56
Seed Trays £50
Potting soil £15
Local gardener preparing area with new compost & bark £195
Plants & compost £141
Watering cans £35
Outdoor storage boxes £81.00
Gardening Services to weed ground £95 for winter
Garden shears £21
Seeds & Plants £150

12. What other funding (if any) was used? N/A

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

Additional money comes from the school budget.

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

N/A

14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

Emailed with this form.