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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 13th February 2025 at 6.30pm in the 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	Present	Cllr Susan Martin	Present
Cllr Sue Fryer	Absent*	Cllr Sean Melton	Absent
Cllr Hilary Harrington	Present	Cllr Tricia Poole	Present

In attendance: Cllr Mike Rollo as a substitute for Cllr Sue Fryer, Chief Officer/RFO and one member of the public.

E24.85 Absences: Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Sue Fryer.

E24.86 Declarations of Interest: None.

E24.87 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

E24.88 Public Participation: None.

E24.89 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 7th November 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

E24.90 Public Questions: None.

E24.91 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

E24.92 Motions on Notice: None.

E24.93 Environment Budget

Committee noted the report for information.

Money remaining in the Streetscene budget line would be committed following committee consideration of items further on in the agenda.

£3,500 from the committed expenditure showing against the Estate Development budget line is to be released as Officers have come under budget on some completed projects. This will then allow for £5,000 to be vired to the Park Maintenance budget line (following approval from Full Council) to allow for the purchase of new electrical equipment for the Estates Team.

E24.94 Street Displays

Committee noted the report for information.

Resolved: Committee agreed £4,419 from the Streetscene budget line to cover the cost of the new mangers and hanging baskets required.

E24.95 Green Grants Feedback

Committee noted the feedback report from High Harrington Community Centre for information.

E24.96 Streetscene

- a) **Resolved:** Committee agreed to the additional budget of £2,424 from the Streetscene budget line to pay for a new defibrillator at Barepot.
- b) **Resolved:** To create a policy outlining the process for defibrillator considerations and location.
- c) **Resolved:** To discuss with the police a way forward about the proposed meeting structure as committee did not feel that this would work for the Council.

d) Workington Gateway

Committee discussed concerns about the location of the pocket park in relation to the traffic being at close proximity.

A suggestion was made that a fitting memorial for the miners of the town could be accommodated in this area.

Committee would like to discuss using plants that reduce emissions to be planted and the building that is still in this location would benefit from some sort of covering or planting to hide some unsightly areas.

Resolved: The Chair and Chief Officer arrange a meeting with Cumberland Council to discuss the pocket park element of the Workington Gateway project in detail.

E24.97 Estate Development

a) Tennis Courts

Resolved: Committee agreed to charge £4 per hour per court and offer an annual household pass of £25 as recommended by the Lawn Tennis Association.

b) Relocation of existing equipment in Vulcan Park

Resolved: Committee resolved to move two of the basketball hoops to the area in Vulcan Park where the band stand stood.

Resolved: Committee were happy for Officers to find suitable locations for the mini tennis nets, basketball hoop and panna court and report back to committee at a future meeting.

The previously agreed activity markings planned for the band stand area would be located elsewhere on paths around the park.

c) Green Hub

Committee noted the report for information.

d) Land Acquisitions

Resolved: To request F & GP to approach Cumberland Council with regards to land acquisitions for the following areas:

- Mountain View allotments
- Stoneleigh allotments
- Moorclose Park
- Southfield school playing field
- Northside play area
- Bankfield Mansion Gardens
- Banklands cemetery

E24.98 Park Maintenance

a) Play area map and list: Committee noted the report for information.

Committee asked for number 19 Wentworth Park to be checked as they believe this is on Oak Drive.

b) Play area annual inspections: Committee noted the report for information.

c) Estates Team electrical equipment:

Resolved: Committee agreed to ask Full Council to vire £5,000 from the Estate Development budget line to Park Maintenance to cover the cost of £4,057 for new electrical equipment. This would also cover the overspend of £725 on this budget line.

E24.99 Allotments

Committee noted the report for information.

E24.100 Workington Nature Partnership

Committee noted the report for information.

The Chair has requested a meeting with Cumberland Council planners and the portfolio holder to discuss issues of silt at Harrington from the new housing developments.

There are also new concerns with the new housing development being built at Seaton.

The meeting ended at 8.11pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At
31-Mar

		Current Year 2024/25							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 31-Mar-25	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 31-Mar-25
120	Environment								
4700	Street Displays	17,500	0	0	0	17,500	18,350	0	(850)
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	1,300	0	1,700
4810	Streetscene	13,500	0	0	0	13,500	10,038	4,621	(1,159)
4725	Estate Development	99,500	0	31,000	(5,000)	125,500	122,131	1,000	2,369
4770	Park Maintenance	30,000	0	0	5,000	35,000	31,364	2,989	646
4820	Allotments Maintenance	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	11,899	1,730	2,371
4730	Nature Partnership	23,500	0	0	0	23,500	24,120	0	(620)
		203,000	0	31,000	0	234,000	219,202	10,341	4,457

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At
01-Apr

		Current Year 2025/26							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 01-Apr-25	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 01-Apr-25
120	Environment								
4700	Street Displays	26,000	0	0	0	26,000	0	0	26,000
4705	Environmental Activities	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
4810	Streetscene	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
4830	Vulcan Park	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	0	500	18,500
4840	Play Areas	45,000	0	0	0	45,000	0	0	45,000
4850	Allotments	24,700	0	0	0	24,700	0	0	24,700
4860	Estate Management	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
4870	Estate Development	201,000	0	0	0	201,000	0	102,952	98,048
4730	Nature Partnership	25,500	0	0	0	25,500	0	0	25,500
		367,200	0	0	0	367,200	0	103,452	263,748



About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we ask that you return this form as an interim report and then submit a final report no later than eight months after receiving the grant.

1. Organisation Name: Workington RFC
2. Date grant was awarded: 5/12/2025
3. Amount of grant awarded: £70
4. Purpose of grant:
External defib enclosure & defib equipment
5. Please describe how your grant was used: Purchase of equipment
6. Is your project/event finished: YES |
If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion:
7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:
Defib enclosure installed & commissioned

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?

N/A

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?

1000 – all local population within distance of medical equipment

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)

No public defib previously available, improvement in local amenities

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

Purchase of equipment £750 ex VAT

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

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

Local social impact construction team used to install the equipment, Jacobs / OneAim

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

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



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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 understanding 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 are going to start the after-school gardening club after the Easter break. It has been too cold & dark to run the club before half term as it is held outside. Teachers will also go into the

garden area once the weather has improved & it is the natural time to start sowing seeds & bulbs.

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.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?

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?

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The children will be able to take home the produce they have grown

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

Still need to purchase small greenhouse, plant plugs, seeds ready for planting after Easter.

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

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

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

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

I confirm that the grant awarded has been used for the purpose specified in the original application.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 12
Meeting date: Wednesday 9 th April 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Streetscene	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To consider a request from the police to attend twice yearly virtual meetings. Although Workington has been split into three areas, it's suggested that two Councillors are nominated to attend all meetings and feedback to committee or Full Council where appropriate.
- b) Public Rights of Way

2. DETAIL

a) Police Neighbourhood Pledge

On 16th January 2025, Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual pledge priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing.

The second Pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and to improve public confidence. One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. Specifically, the Pledge commits the Constabulary to, 'Twice yearly virtual meeting within each NPT locality with parish and town councils'.

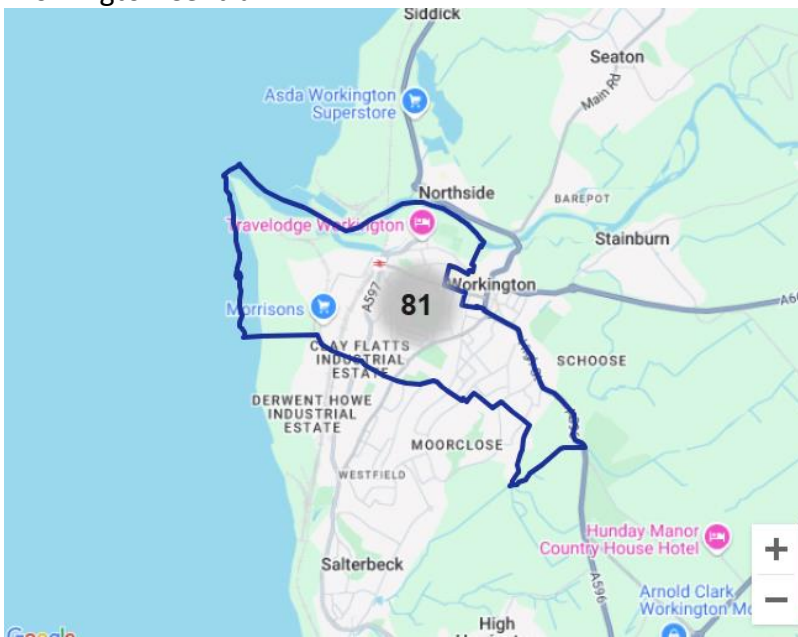
Cumbria Constabulary currently operates six Neighbourhood Policing Teams, three in Cumberland and three in Westmorland. Every Neighbourhood Policing Team is made up of smaller geographical 'localities', with each allocated at least one dedicated Community Officer. In total there are currently 33 localities within the force.

Unfortunately, in a such a large county with over 250 parish councils it is not possible to dedicate local police officers to attend monthly parish councils direct, except in the most exceptional of circumstances, as to do so would detract from operational requirements for those officers.

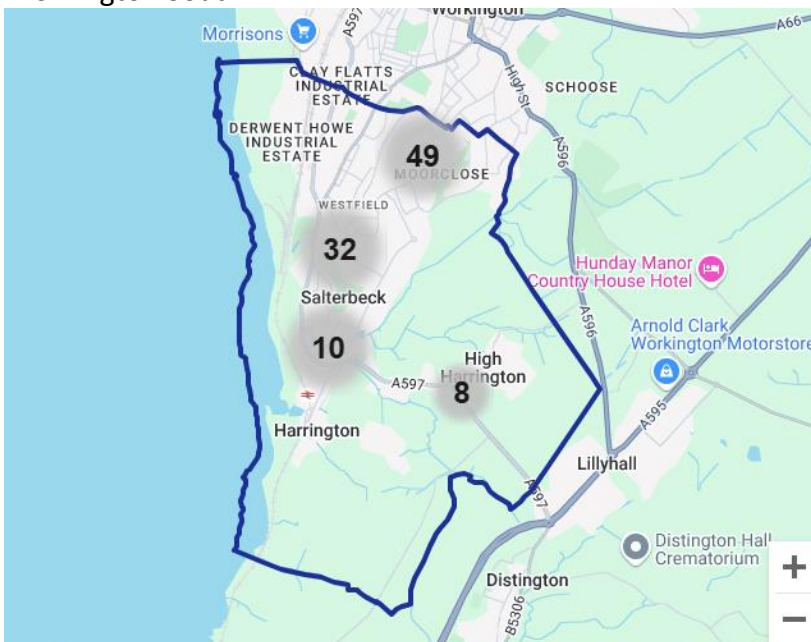
Cumbria Constabulary have worked with Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) to identify those Parish Councils that best fit within the 33 Neighbourhood Policing Team localities, and they have pooled them together for us with the intention that a couple of representatives from each council can attend twice yearly virtual meetings with their locality-based officer(s). In the case of a few parishes that do not clearly sit within any one locality it may be preferable for parish representatives to attend more than one locality meeting.

For CALC to assist Cumbria Constabulary further in this Pledge commitment, we would be grateful if you could, at your earliest opportunity, inform CALC of the two council representatives that you wish to attend your local virtual meeting. Once we have these details, we will then be able to schedule meetings in line with our Pledge commitment.

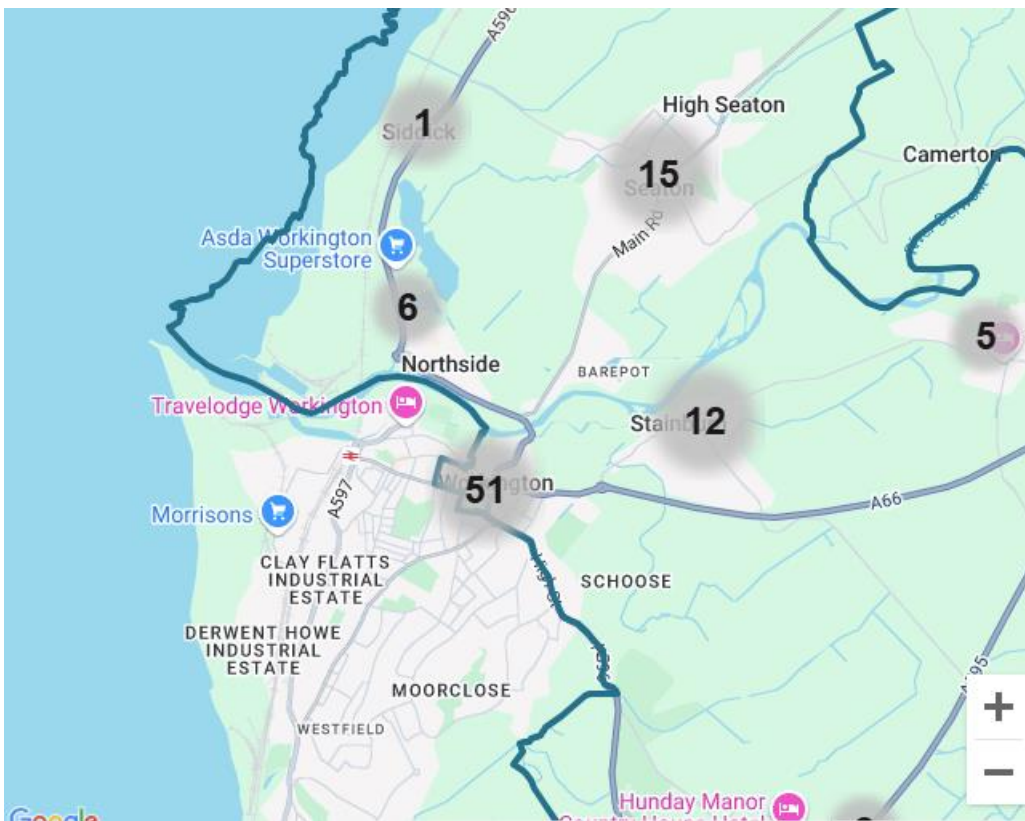
Workington Central



Workington South



Workington North





Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge



Neighbourhood Priority Area	Explanation
Dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Model	Dedicated CBO's for each policing locality supported by PCSO's and Special Constabulary
Contact and accessibility	Visible and accessible neighbourhood policing teams committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and improve public confidence
Increasing dedicated neighbourhood resources	To enhance the neighbourhood policing model with a commitment of dedicated Special Constables in each NPT
Rural Crime Team (RCT)	Dedicated Rural Crime Team (RCT) with responsibility for engagement and the prevention and investigation of crimes in rural communities
Improving neighbourhood capabilities with new equipment and technology	Additional investment in equipment and technology to improve the capability of our neighbourhood policing model
Engagement, Visibility and Reassurance	We will engage with communities, listen to their concerns and address issues that affect them
Communication	We will improve communication with local communities in order to improve public confidence
Tackling Crime and ASB	We will listen to our communities and work with partners to address anti-social behaviour and other issues that affect communities
Making our roads safer	Adopt a partnership approach i.e. prevention, communication and engagement to reduce the number of people 'killed and seriously injured' on our roads
Developing our Neighbourhood workforce	It is important that the force neighbourhood policing model is supported by a capable workforce that is confident and well trained

b) Public Rights of Way

Sufficient evidence has been received to support the two Harrington PRoWs and the applications are being prepared to submit to Cumberland Council.

- Archer Street
- Simpson Street

The remaining PRoWs are unlikely to be successful with the current evidence gathered so further investigation is required.

- Rosemary Lane
- Isabella Road / Curwen Road
- Moorclose Road / Cockfield Drive
- Workington Sailing and Fishing Club

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

None



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 13
Meeting date: Wednesday 9 th April 2025	
From: Finance Officer	
Title: Vulcan Park	

1. RECOMMENDATION

Committee to consider if they wish to increase the picnic facilities in Vulcan Park.

2. DETAIL

The Estates Team Leader has suggested that an increase in the number of picnic tables would be a benefit to Vulcan Park, particularly in the summer months.

Officers have obtained quotes from two previously used suppliers for reference (see below).

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

Amount dependant on number and type of tables.

NBB OUTDOORS

HAP01-BLK STANDARD PICNIC TABLE - 780 X 440
 X 1500 X 1460- Black
 Legs/Undercarriages-BLACK 445.00 3 1,335.00



DMP01-BLK Standard Wheelchair Access Medium
 Picnic Table, One wheelchair space
 W1500 x D1460mm BLACK 420.00 1 420.00



CONKIT2 Concrete Fixing Kit for Recycled
 Plastic Furniture x 4 20.00 4 80.00



TOTAL 1,835.00

EARTH ANCHORS

SKU1209-BLK	Surrey 1.5M Picnic Table Table Top Length - 1500mm Seat Height - 445mm Table Height - 745mm	413.00	3	1,239.00
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SKU1210-BLK	Surrey 1.5M Wheelchair Accessible Table Table Top Length - 1500mm Seat Height - 445mm Table Height - 745mm	413.00	1	413.00
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SKU 1503	EA3 Concrete Bolt Down Kit	14.00	4	56.00
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Zone 2	Shipping to Workington, CA14 2QG			130.00
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TOTAL				1,838.00
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 14
Meeting date: Wednesday 9 th April 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Play Areas/ Estate Development	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To consider additional inclusive play equipment for Harrington marina play area.
- b) To note the update with regards to Northside Play area.
- c) To consider a suggestion that the Council discusses involvement with the Walker Road playing field and Garnet Crescent play area with Riverside.

2. DETAIL

- a) A member of the public has requested that the Council consider installing a disabled swing and additional pieces of equipment to the Harrington Marina play area to make it more inclusive for children and adults with special needs.

Disabled swing @ £1,000
Make it Rain panel @ £1,600
Play panel @ £950
Tile slide @ £950
Ball fall @ £950

- b) Castles and Coasts are waiting for their lawyers to confirm the agreement to transfer ownership of the play area equipment at Northside Community Centre to WTC.
- c) It has been suggested that the Council may wish to be involved in the Walker Road playing field, currently owned by Riverside.
It is also suggested that the Council may wish to move some of the equipment from Vulcan Park (from the tennis court site) to the Garnet Crescent play area, which is also currently owned by Riverside. Committee to discuss.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

- a) TOTAL ABOVE (Estate Development budget line)
- b) None known as yet
- c) Implications of any agreement will be brought to future committee meetings

Make it Rain Music Panel | Playground Equipment | Wicksteed



<https://www.kompan.com/en/gb/p/pcm003721>



<https://sovereignplayequipment.co.uk/playground-activity-panels/games>





ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 15
Meeting date: Wednesday 9 th April 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estate Management	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To consider the maintenance cost as part of the ongoing agreement with the Bowling Club with regards to the green and bower.
- b) To agree to purchase materials for the Bowling Club to make their own raised beds for around the bowling green.

2. DETAIL

- a) A meeting was held with the Bowling Club and a report was submitted with regards to their activity over the last year which was very positive.

They have requested an annual maintenance fee of £2,950 to cover 25-26.
Committee to consider approval of this cost.

- b) The Bowling Club would like to make their own planters and buy plants to brighten up the surrounding area of the Bowling Green. The suggestions is that WTC purchase materials and flowers for them to keep costs down.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

- a) £2,950 25-26
- b) Estimated at £2,000

Report from Workington Nature Partnership March/April 2024

Work at Harrington Nature Reserve has included:

Session to plant ash trees to replace trees that have been removed due to being unsafe or having ash dieback. Removed willow from around the dipping pond, to open up the space and allow more sunlight in the area. Strengthen the river channel with willow to help prevent erosion, next to leaky dam. Erect dog fouling signs. (6 vols, 30 hours).

Session to make a dead hedge, next to the dipping pond to use up willow removed in previous session. Remove debris from channel by weir. Tree roots and accumulated soil had built up and hidden the channel. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Session to fix fence along the weir. Additional posts used to strengthen the fence. Site wide litter pick. Received sluice boards to store. (3 vols, 12 hours).

Session to remove willow from island. Joined by volunteers from Cumbria Wildlife Trust who visited the site and helped improve the dead hedge. 10 vols, 40 hours).

Session to remove wind debris from top path. (4 vols, 20 hours).

Session to put bark chippings along top path. (3 vols, 15 hours).

Session to create barriers to try and prevent motorbike access along the wet meadow and across the stream. Brush/ fallen branches was used to block access points to the stream and wet meadow. (4 vols, 20 hours).

Session to put bark chippings along top path. (4 vols, 20 hours).

Session to trim area around picnic bench and remove overgrown grass from the pathways. Afternoon visit with Year 5 from Beckstone Primary school, who came to view the wildflower meadow, help plant wildflower plugs, and to do some dance work as a legacy project from The Promise Opera which Raegan has worked on since 2019.

Work at Siddick ponds has included:

Session to repair steps adjacent to the brackish pond. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 20 hours).

Session to clear debris from maintenance path including removing trolleys from the bank. Remove debris from sluices. Site wide litter pick. (7 vols, 28 hours).

Session to clear debris from maintenance path, opposite end, remove debris from sluice. Remove floating island from brackish pond to prevent public getting on pond. Site wide litter pick. (8 vols, 40 hours).

Work at Hall park has included:

Session in the woodland to remove overhanging trees from the pathway. Litter pick through the woods. (4 vols, 20 hours).

Session to do site wide litter pick. (1 vol, 4 hours).

Other work has included:

Session at Workington Shore to do a beach clean. Very well attended, 40 volunteers came to help clean the beach and car park area. (40 vols, 60 hours).

Session at Oldside, with students from Lakes college working alongside Steve Doyle from Butterfly Conservation. Students used loppers and bow saws to remove buckthorn from some of our wildflower scrapes. (14 vols, 42 hours).

Session at Steelworks, with students from Lakes college working alongside Steve Doyle from Butterfly Conservation. Students used loppers and bowsaws to remove buckthorn across the site. (10 vols, 30 hours).

Session at Salterbeck Back Field to help plant a 165 meter wildlife hedge after a call from Denys Nash to help out. (6 vols, 30 hours).

Session to sow yellow rattle seed along the Siddick to St.Helens, and to install signage. 3 (3 vols, 6 hours).

Raegan has attended several meetings including:

Cumbria People and Nature Network meeting at University of Cumbria. Presentation given.

Westogether/CAFS meeting in Oval Centre. Presentation given.

Cumbria Invasive species meeting at Penrith.

Wilder Walkmill event at Moresby

Twilight (8pm) beach clean for care-leavers in Cumbria at Harrington shore

Pond dipping session with Seaton academy, separate session for each class, held inside as the weather was so bad.

Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy meetings

Classes from Dearham school and St Bridgets, Parton visited HNR.

Van update- We have extended our current lease with Dobies for 6 months whilst the Cumberland Fleet team look into the possibility of purchasing a new van, with the option of trialling an electric vehicle.