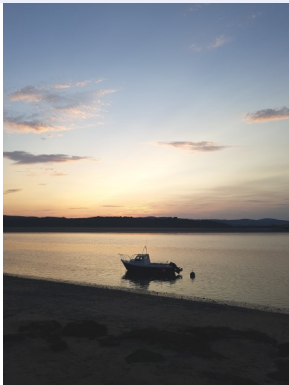




Newsletter

WELCOME to the second issue of our Parish Council Newsletter. We intend to publish two issues each year in order to keep our community informed of the council's activities.

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Arnside Community Well-Being Day

The 2022 Arnside Community Well-Being Day will take place on **Saturday 1st October** in the Educational Institute between 10am – 4pm. It covers well-being in its widest sense including the environment, housing, health, leisure and hobbies.

It is an opportunity for all local clubs and organisations to have a stall and encourage new membership. The following have already signed up – Arnside & Silverdale AONB, Bittern Countryside Community Interest Company, the Wildflower Verge Project Group, Arnside Fairtrade Group, the Archive Group, Arnside Natural History Society, Arnside Sight Advice, the Art Group and the

Blacksheep Ukelele Band who will also be performing live on the day.

Cumbria Action For Sustainability will present an aerial map showing optimum roofs in Arnside for solar panel installation as part of their SOLAR MADE EASY project, and will be explaining how to get involved.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available with proceeds going to the local Family Food Club and Arnside Homes for Ukraine.



If you are interested in participating, please email clerk@arnsideparishcouncil.co.uk

Arnside Homes for Ukraine

Concerned parishioners founded a new charity **Arnside Homes for Ukraine** to welcome Ukrainians to Arnside. Over 50 refugee guests are now being hosted in our village, the largest single community in Cumbria. Parish Councillors Helen Chaffey and Neil Punnett were involved from an early stage in the scheme.



Arnside Parish Council expressed its full support,

purchased a Ukrainian flag for the pier flag-pole and offered the Cemetery Chapel as a store for the generous donations of clothing from our parishioners. The Ukrainians, some of whom had fled their homes with only a bag of belongings, made regular visits to choose suitable clothes.



You can donate money to support the charity's activities at tinyurl.com/ms8vw9cw

Arnside Memorial Playing Field Play Area

That the village playground is in need of some modernisation is obvious for all to see. With that in mind the Parish Council have formed a working group to put together plans for new and exciting equipment and to then raise the necessary funds. The working group is so far made up of Parish Councillors and a parent with children who are regular users of the play area. They are being advised by an expert from South Lakes District Council and by the team who did such an excellent job of getting the current facility built twelve years ago. Potential suppliers will be visiting the site over the next month or so and drawing up plans. More news to follow.....

Parish Council Appoints New Clerk



Carly Taylor was appointed as the new Clerk, after Michelle Thear decided to leave in order to take up her “dream job” at Levens Hall gardens. The council would like to thank Michelle for the excellent service she has provided during her time with APC and wish her well for the future.

Carly lives in Silverdale with her husband and little boy but she has close connections with Arnside having grown up in our village and her parents and other family members still live here.

Having attended Dallam School Carly gained a Dip HE in Dental Hygiene & Therapy at Liverpool University and worked as a dental hygienist in Kendal before working for four years at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary where she was involved in a project to increase the uptake of breast screening. She is currently working part time as Business Support Officer for the Carnforth and Milnthorpe Primary Care Network.

Carly enjoys spending time with family and friends, going outdoors walking and paddleboarding.



Reporting Potholes and Blocked Gulleys

Cumbria County Council’s telephone number for the public to report pot holes, blocked gulleys and other road maintenance issues is **0300 3032992**. You can report any such problems online at <https://tinyurl.com/3bbjhey2> .

An advantage of logging the fault via the new online service is that you can provide your email address and receive automatic progress updates direct to your inbox. You can also view faults that have already been reported on a map, view the current status of each fault and register for automated updates on any previously reported fault.



Clearing up after Arwen

Storm Arwen hit Cumbria in November last year with winds of up to 90 mph. Damage was exacerbated by the strong winds coming unusually from the north. In Arnside this was disastrous for the row of pine trees in the Parish Council’s Beachwood reserve. Four were felled by the storm, one hitting a house and causing considerable damage, fortunately without injury to the owner. Trees in the cemetery were also felled by the storm damaging the boundary wall. The cost of clearing the fallen trees, grinding the stumps, clearing the site, removing the wood and replanting was over £21,000 and beyond the Parish Council’s resources. The Council was forced to increase its precept and to take a sum from its reserves to cover the costs.



Goodbye Cumbria, Hello Westmorland and Furness

On 1 April 2023 local government in Cumbria will change. The current six district councils, along with Cumbria County Council, will be replaced by two new 'unitary' councils.

In the area currently covered by South Lakeland District, Barrow Borough and Eden District councils a new authority, **Westmorland and Furness Council**, will be created.

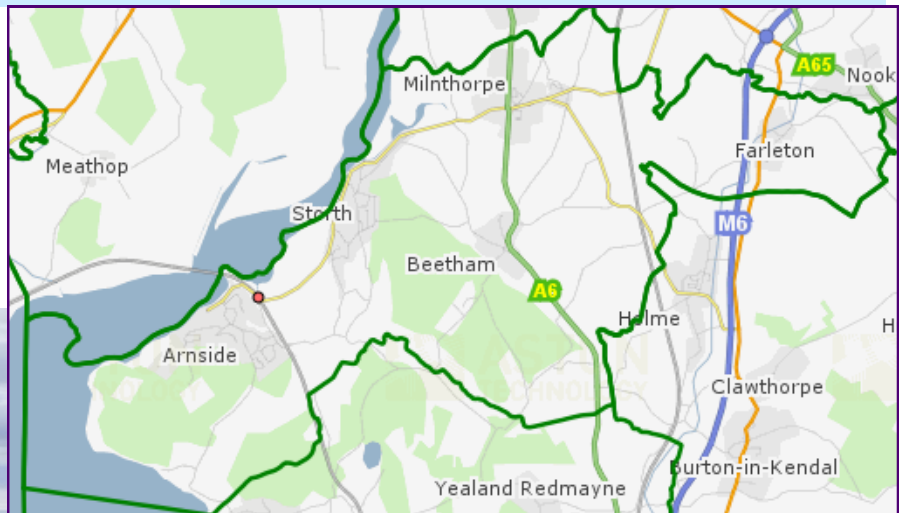
From April 2023 Westmorland and Furness Council will be responsible for providing all the services currently delivered in those areas by the three district and borough councils and the county council.

That means everything from your waste and recy-

cling collections to highways and planning matters, adult social care and parking will all be looked after by the new Westmorland and Furness Council.

On 1 April 2023 the Shadow Authority and its 65 councillors will become the new Westmorland and Furness Council and it will take over responsibility for services. At that point the existing county, borough and district councils will be dissolved.

Arnside lies in the Kent Estuary Ward (below). The Parish Council will have a direct link with the new authority as Councillor Helen Chaffey was elected on to it and will continue to serve on the Parish Council.



Save the Date

Arnside Well-Being Day
Saturday 1st October
in the Educational Institute
between 10am and 4pm

<https://www.arnsideparishcouncil.co.uk>

Arnside Wildflower Verges Project



In 2020, an Arnside resident proposed that some of our roadside verges be left uncut to provide an improved environment for wildlife. Thus the Parish Council commissioned a review into rewilding which recommended that a pilot project be set up. A working group met in June 2021 to decide a project plan which was approved by the Council. Arnside and Silverdale AONB and Cumbria Wildlife Trust have advised the group.

The first main growing season for the Project is now nearly over and the team are quietly pleased with progress so far. After the fine display of Daffodils in the spring, the number of plants in flower has increased to nearly 70 species with some significant types present - notably Yellow Rattle, an attractive flower which is semi-parasitic on grasses and which will, over time, reduce the number of tall grasses and allow lower-growing flowers to thrive and give more colour and variety to the verges. This is a long-term process and those tall grasses were still evident this time so we decided on an early cut to help keep them suppressed. It's a fine balance here - we have to wait until the annual flowers (like Yellow Rattle) have set their seed before we cut and this means the grasses have also gone over and are unsightly. The verges at the recycling centre on Black Dyke Road were cut in early August and the Sandside Road verge will be cut in early September. There will be another cut in the autumn.

Parents of Year 4-6 children in the village will be aware of a significant development in the Project! It has always been our intention to involve the children in some way - experience from projects elsewhere shows how productive this is, especially in educational value. So, thanks to Head Nick Sharp, resident Paul Barnes produced a delightful slide show and Councillors Chaffey and Porter assisted in presenting it to an assembly at Arnside School before the end of summer term. All of us were really impressed with the knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment of the young people. In the autumn they will be re-wilding their own dedicated areas of the Beachwood which were laid bare by the failed trees of Storm Arwen. Look out for the activities of Arnside's own Wildflower Superheroes!

Finally, we are looking at how we might extend the Project in the future. For this to happen we need to apply for a grant from the Arnside and Silverdale AONB, who have been wonderfully supportive throughout (particular mention to Dougie Walters). Updates on this and other aspects of the Wildflower Verges Project can be found in this Newsletter and as regular Bulletins on the Parish Council website. We are in it for the long haul but it will be worth it!

Councillor Steve Porter
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Your Parish Councillors

The Parish Council consists of eight local residents working voluntarily in the interests of the parish.

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Meet Your Parish Councillors

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month in the Cemetery Office on Silverdale Road commencing at 7.15 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting if you wish to attend. <https://www.arnsideparishcouncil.co.uk/>