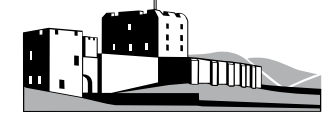


# Rural Voice

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## Time to Refresh the Parish Charter

Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) is asking City, Parish and County Councillors if it's time to refresh the Parish Charter.

The charter was signed between the three tiers of local government three years ago. Cllr Ronnie Auld, Chairman of Carlisle Parish Councils Association (CPCA, CALC's district arm in Carlisle) welcomed the review. He said: "We look forward to discussing this with our City Council colleagues at our next meeting. The current charter runs to 20 pages and includes over 100 action points and two further appendices. We want to take this opportunity to renew, simplify and take forward the partnerships we have established over the last few years."

CPCA's next joint meeting with Carlisle City Council is on Monday, 20 June in Burgh by Sands. To find out more, visit [www.calc.org.uk](http://www.calc.org.uk)

## Did You Know

Work first started on the planning for the Burgh by Sands Village Hall renovation in 2002

## Village Hall Set to Open

After several years of planning, fundraising and hard work, Burgh by Sands' Village Hall is set to re-open.

Following extensive consultation with the local community, the need to 'improve' the Parish Hall was highlighted as something which residents wanted to see happen. Although the hall had served the community well since 1894, it was in urgent need of repair and the layout and facilities needed to be upgraded.

A team of architects was appointed to draw up plans and the bulk of the funding was provided by The Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund. Other funders included BIFFA, Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust, The Hadfield Trust, Burgh by Sands Parish Council, Cumbria Community Foundation, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, Solway AONB, Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council.

Work started on site in June 2010 and was going well until archaeologists on site (necessary because of the hall being close to Hadrian's Wall), made discoveries which meant that costly remedial work was necessary. After additional funding was found, the work re-started in April this year and is nearly completed.

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Welcome to our latest edition of Rural Voice.

Thanks for all your comments on our new-look newsletter and for your suggested articles.

Please continue to let us know what you'd like included within the Rural Voice, by emailing Carlisle City Council's Rural Support Officer, Zoe Sutton, at [rural@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:rural@carlisle.gov.uk) or call her on **01228 817312**.

In this edition, we've got a feature on [volunteering](#), [the next steps for broadband](#) and [training opportunities](#).

There are also our regular sections: [Training Matters](#); [Diary Dates](#) and [News in Brief](#).



## Training Matters

There are lots of opportunities for training...

Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA) Training 2011 is offering training in:

- Making and Distributing E-brochures
- Global Youthwork
- Supervision in Youth and Community Work
- Practical Strategies for Dealing with Conflict Aggression & Violence
- Values, Ethics and Youth Work.

For more information on CYA training, telephone 01900 822110, email [miranda@cya.org.uk](mailto:miranda@cya.org.uk) or visit [www.cya.org.uk](http://www.cya.org.uk)

## Volunteer Training

Run in conjunction with Cumbria Adult Education, these courses are £90 or free to anyone in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support, Housing/Council Tax Benefit (not single allowance) or Working Tax Credit (with a total income of up to £15,276).

All sessions run between 9.30am and 4.30pm, over six weeks. Training includes:

- Carlisle - Introduction to Office Skills

Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 June and 6, 13 July 2011.

Riverside Housing, Botchergate, Carlisle CA1 1RP.

For more information, telephone 01228 512513 or email [jackiebo@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:jackiebo@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

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## Village Hall Set to Open

The facilities now include a new toilet, kitchen facilities and a community room, for health-related activities. There is also a separate access from the Village Green for use as a changing and shower room and to act as a green room for visiting entertainers and others.

Existing user groups are being invited to see the new facilities and it is hoped that the Village Hall will have the pleasure of welcoming all, or most, back in the autumn. In the meantime, steps are being taken to look at other uses for the Hall in morning and afternoon periods, including: a 'drop-in' Coffee Shop for residents and visitors; local Heritage Displays and Information Point; a 'Community Exchange', providing a weekly opportunity for residents to meet and socialize over coffee or a lunchtime soup & roll; also, a local Library Service.

For further information about other schemes in the Burgh by Sands Parish, visit <http://burghbysandsparishcouncil.co.uk>



# Spotlight on Volunteering

## Farming Landscapes Project

The Friends of the Lake District & Cumbria Farmer Network is looking for volunteers for a new Farming Landscapes Project.

The project aims to raise awareness of the connection between farming, food and the landscape and promote the use of local produce and services. They are looking for volunteers to work with farmers to put on a wide range of events that may include themed walks, activities for the whole family, 'try your hand at' events and opportunities to sample local produce. Their aim is to develop local clusters of farmers and volunteers who can provide farm events on an ongoing and sustainable basis once the project is completed.

Volunteers can choose from a variety of activities, for example, undertaking risk assessments, managing an event with a farmer, providing support such as first aid (with training) and distributing publicity material. They are also looking for volunteers who would be happy to take on desk-based activities such as inputting visitor feedback data, maintaining the contact database and updating the website.

To find out more, telephone Judith Moore on 01539 720788 or email [judith-moore@fld.org.uk](mailto:judith-moore@fld.org.uk)



## Rotary International

There are four Rotarian Clubs in Carlisle area, each of which is an integral part of Rotary International.

Each member enjoys business as well as social networking opportunities, whilst giving something back to those less fortunate, learning new skills and having a huge amount of fun.

Members aim to organise or support community projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as health, hunger, the environment and illiteracy. Rotary clubs decide on their projects based on local needs and they would like to hear from their local communities, so that they can provide their support.

They work for, and with, young people to address challenges facing the youth of today. They have recently introduced Rotakids into a number of our rural Primary Schools. Interact and Rotaract are also part of the Rotary family, with a similar club structure specifically for young people aged 11-18 and 18-30 respectively.

To find out how you can help us make a difference, visit [www.rotary1190.org](http://www.rotary1190.org) or email [rotary@kevin601.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:rotary@kevin601.orangehome.co.uk)

### Did You Know?

This year is also the European Year of Volunteering

## Volunteers' Week 2011

Volunteers' Week is an annual event which celebrates the fantastic contribution that millions of volunteers make across the UK. The week plays a huge part in raising the profile of the millions of volunteers who regularly contribute to society, while inspiring others to get involved too.

To highlight this contribution, there is a burst of activity during 1-7 June when organisations hold events and activities to highlight their volunteers and the volunteering that do. From showcasing the different volunteering roles on offer, taster sessions and team challenges with new partners, to volunteer recruitment

events, awards ceremonies and launching new volunteering campaigns, hundreds of events take place throughout the country. To find out more, visit [www.volunteersweek.org.uk](http://www.volunteersweek.org.uk)



Volunteers for BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend

# News in Brief

## Broadband update

Ronnie Auld, chairman of the Carlisle District Association (see right), will represent CALC on the Accessible Cumbria Partnership Board within the County Council's project management structure. Work to set up the CALC broadband boards will start shortly so if you are aware of people in your area who you believe could contribute to the project at parish level do please let your district chairman know. To find out more, visit [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)



## Planning – Joint Working Matters

A Carlisle Parish Council Association Executive Committee report, “Planning – Joint Working Matters” examines parish councils’ concerns regarding planning issues.

The report addresses several issues including the right to speak; the use of video in place of site visits; consultation timescales; and the explanation of reasons for planning decisions; the report is intended to act as a basis for discussions leading to closer and more effective joint working. It was recently discussed with City Council Officers and a series of further joint meetings will be held between the City Council and CPCA officers, with the ultimate aim of creating a new, planning specific, joint working protocol.

## Rural Support Update

Claire Rankin and Lynne Hutchinson no longer work for Carlisle City Council. They both made a valuable contribution to championing rural issues and will be a big miss. If you would like to discuss any rural issues contact Zoe Sutton, Rural Development Officer on **01228 817312** or email [rural@carlisle.gov.uk](mailto:rural@carlisle.gov.uk)

## Scaleby – Community Led Plan

Scaleby Parish Council is in the process of producing a Community Led Plan (CLP). The aim is to find out about local needs and what problems and concerns parishioners have, alongside bringing the community together, increasing communication and encouraging some renewed involvement in parish events.

To find out more, contact the CLP Steering Group via Clive Moth on **01228 675328** or the Parish Council Clerk, Sarah Kyle, on **016977 2769** or email [scalebyparish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:scalebyparish@hotmail.co.uk)

## Quick Links

FREE Community, Youth and School Woodland Trust Tree Planting Packs  
[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

Cumbria On Farm Renewables  
Email [farms@envirolink.co.uk](mailto:farms@envirolink.co.uk) or telephone 01768 213084

New National CLT network website  
[www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/home](http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/home)

## Diary Dates

Big Society: Rural Action  
Saturday 18 June - 9.30am to 3.15pm - Rheged Centre, Redhills, Penrith  
Telephone 01768 840827 or email [info@cumbriaaction.org.uk](mailto:info@cumbriaaction.org.uk)

Joint meeting of Carlisle City Council and Carlisle Parish Council Association  
Monday, 20 June - 7pm - Burgh by Sands Village Hall

Community Trust for Brampton Beyond AGM  
Thursday 30 June - 7.30pm for 8pm - Brampton Community Centre

Cumbria CVS AGM  
Thursday 22 September - 10am to 1pm - Forum 28, Barrow  
Telephone 01900 819 191 or email [michellem@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:michellem@cumbriacvs.org.uk)