

## Planning and Development in Burton-in-Kendal

The Parish Council hopes that everyone has been aware of the South Lakeland District Council public consultation on the Land Allocations Document and that those who wish to comment have done so. However, the consultation runs until 15 April so if you wish to and you haven't yet commented there is still time.

## The Localism Bill and Quality Parish Status

You may have seen reports in the press about the Localism Bill going through Parliament at the moment.

The government intend that the bill will:

- Give new freedoms and flexibilities for local government.
- Give new rights and powers for communities and individuals.
- Reform to make the planning system more democratic and more effective.
- Reform to ensure that decisions about housing are taken locally.

It is likely that Parish Councils will need to meet as yet undefined standards before being able to take full advantage of the powers in the bill. It is hoped that Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council's recently renewed Quality Parish status will mean that we will be well placed to adopt any measures in the bill that would benefit the community.

## Road Repairs

The County Council have introduced a new scheme for managing minor road repairs. The so-called "Better Highways" project reorganises the county's highway stewards into 2-man find and fix teams. Larger jobs will be dealt with by follow-up teams. The aim is to ensure that pot-holes and similar faults are repaired promptly and effectively. Reports to the County Council should still be made through the Highways Hotline.

The Parish Council would like to publish a record of reports made to the Hotline so that the effectiveness of the scheme can be seen. The table below will be built up as reports are made. If you make a report to the Hotline and would be willing to pass the reference number and nature of the problem to the clerk, then your report will be entered and the Parish Council will check on progress. We have started the table with obvious one!

CCC Ref	Date	Problem	Status
492175	10 Jan 11	Flooding under railway bridge on Moss Lane.	Waiting full assessment

## Useful Telephone Numbers:-

Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Fly-tipping Hotline	0800 807 060
Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333

## Your Councillors

Francis Mason-Hornby <i>Chairman</i>	01524 782442
Richard Boddy <i>Rep on Burton Recreation Trust</i>	01524 781473
John Brown <i>Memorial Hall Committee Rep</i>	01524 782066
Jane Hopwood <i>Quarry Liaison Committee Rep</i>	01524 781248 (evening)
Ian Hunt	01524 781978 (evening)

George Isherwood <i>Burton Morewood School Governor</i>	01524 781132
Paul Rogers <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	01524 782660
Mike Taylor	01524 781334 (evening)

Alan Wren <i>Quarry Liaison Committee Rep</i>	01524 781387 (evening)
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Our County and District Councillor is Roger Bingham  
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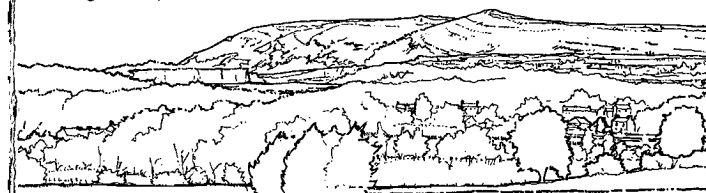
Our Member of Parliament is Tim Farron  
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## Clerk to the Council

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Burton-in-Kendal, Cumbria, LA6 1NX  
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The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm in Burton Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Minutes and the Agenda are displayed on the notice board at the north end of the Memorial Hall and on the Parish Council Website. The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

Designed by Des Metcalfe



# BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



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## Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

## Spring 2011

Visit our website at  
[www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk)

Contact us or leave a comment on the  
feedback page.

Ask to have the agendas and minutes of  
the council meetings sent to you by email.

Your views count!

## Parish News

### Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund

The Parish Council were disappointed by the announcement that the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) will be discontinued this year. The ALSF was set up about nine years ago to provide funding for projects that would reduce the environmental impact of the extraction of aggregates and deliver benefits to areas affected by the extraction. The Countryside Agency and English Nature Partnership was one of several national bodies involved in administering the fund. Their aims included:

- Improving the quality of life of local communities.
- Increasing recreational and educational opportunities.
- Restoring or enhancing landscape value.
- Management and acquisition of land affected by aggregate extraction for biodiversity, geological conservation and public access.
- Projects to involve the local community in the conservation of protected species around quarries.
- Projects to provide space and access for informal recreation in and around former quarries.

With Holme Park Quarry lying partly within the parish, Burton-in-Kendal has over the years benefited considerably from the fund. In all, around £300,000 has been spent in the local area. Projects in the area paid for by the fund include:

- The maintenance of the network of nature reserves in the area and information boards and leaflets describing the reserves.
- Developing the schools education pack for the local nature reserve.
- Information leaflets on local walks including the Jubilee series of walks.
- Repair of dry-stone walls and hedge laying.
- The purchase of Holme Stunted Pasture to be held in trust for the public.
- The Morewood School Wildlife Walk.
- Landscaping and development of Plain Quarry into a picnic and amenity area with car parking.

These projects have been of considerable continuing benefit to the community. The Parish Council, along with many others around the country, has written to the Secretary of State for the Environment to urge her to reconsider the decision to withdraw the fund.

## Outdoor Activities In and Around the Village

Most people in the village are probably well aware of the many outdoor activities available in Burton-in-Kendal and the surrounding countryside. We are blessed with easy access to open country including formal nature reserves and open access land. In addition the Burton Recreation Trust provides the opportunity for outdoor sports for all ages.

### The Nature Reserves

#### Lancelot Clark Storch and Burton Fell Nature Reserves

These reserves are both owned by Cumbria Wildlife Trust. The reserves can be accessed from Slape Lane and the footpaths are well used and easy to use. Occasional information boards provide maps of the reserves.

#### Holme Park Quarry Local Nature Reserve and Clawthorpe Fell National Nature Reserve

The Holme Park Quarry reserves can be accessed from Clawthorpe Lane. The Local Nature Reserve includes a view point over the quarry with an excellent information board describing the geology of the area. The reserve is run by local volunteers who are always keen for more people to join them. The reserve website (<http://naturereserve.burtonweb.org.uk>) provides more information.

#### Holme Park Fell Nature Reserve

The Holme Park Fell reserve is owned by the National Trust and lies to the north of the quarry and can be accessed from the Limestone Link path which runs along its southern boundary.

### The Access Land

Generally speaking the unfenced areas of the fells are access land. Dalton Craggs has easy access from the Plain Quarry car park and picnic area. Hutton Roof Craggs may be reached from Slape Lane via Burton Fell. Please remember that most of the areas do not have convenient parking and that the verges are soft and destroyed by cars parking carelessly.

## Burton Recreation Trust

How many villages can boast a crown green bowling green and Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch right in the centre of the village, within walking distance of all residents? Very few – but Burton can! Behind the old Royal Hotel, just off the Main Street, we have a crown green bowling green, a MUGA marked out with two tennis courts, five-a-side football and netball courts. Both the green and the MUGA are floodlit. There are pavilions with changing rooms and showers, small kitchens and ample parking. This facility was built by the village for the village – are you using it?

There are bowling and tennis clubs to join or you can just go and enjoy the facilities as the urge takes you. It is not necessary to book but if you want to ensure a game it is advisable and easy. For casual use there is an 'Honesty Box' – just turn up, the booking sheets are on the notice board and if no-one is playing, then go ahead and enjoy. Prices for use are also on the notice board. If you want use the pavilions then you must book and pick up a key.

It's a great way to spend a Sunday morning or a warm summers evening with friends or family having game of tennis or a kickabout – or try your hand at bowling, it most definitely is not 'an old mans' game! By joining the clubs you can play with other like-minded people at all levels – a great way to get to know more people in the village if you are a newcomer. The clubs also offer coaching and have teams playing in a number of local leagues and have social events during the summer. Regular exercise improves health and well-being and you don't have to go far or pay a fortune with this facility right on your doorstep (you don't even have to get the car out)

The facility is run entirely voluntarily as a Charitable Trust. If you want to find out more about it – either as a user, being involved in its running or its potential for other sports, games or children's parties please contact any of the following:

Tennis and general bookings	Phil Mann 782152
Bowling	Carl Dobson 07930 583984
General	Richard Davey 781248