

Culgaith Parish Council

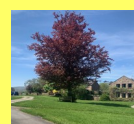
Annual Report 2024 – 2025 Serving: -



Culgaith



Skirwith



Blencarn



Kirkland.

From The Chair

Culgaith Parish Council has had another busy year, a highlight being taking ownership of two areas of land at Otters Holt. After 10 years as Chair, I shall not seek re-election at the May Annual General Meeting. Throughout my term in office, I have worked with a dedicated and committed team of Councillors and been ably supported by the Parish Clerk, whose knowledge and advice has been invaluable. I should like to take this opportunity to thank them all and wish my successor well for the future.

Caroline Richardson

Chair, Culgaith Parish Council

In Culgaith

- The issue of HGV traffic mounting the pavement, on the Black Swan corner and putting pedestrians at risk, - with Highways.
- The 20mph speed restriction requested on the B6412 through the village was not selected by WAFC. To be reconsidered at a later date.
- Traffic exceeding the speed limit past the school, was addressed.
- The position regarding the use of HGV's, over 7.5 tonnes and coaches, using the 'The Pea', was clarified by WAFC and the Police
- 'The Pea' to Station Road flooding issues were still being reported to Highways.
- Degrading road edge at top of 'Pea' opposite Jink Bank House, was reported to Highways
- The issue of the installation of Broadband by more than one provider was investigated.
- The Culgaith notice board was very professionally renovated by the 'Culgaith Men in Sheds' group.
- Sat -Nav mapping policy was clarified.
- A bench and Council notice board were installed on the community land at Otters Holt.
- Community land at Otters Holt has been gifted to the Parish, along with a £2000 maintenance donation. With very grateful thanks to Willan-living the site developers.
- During 2024/2025 the Council considered 7 planning applications in Culgaith

Around The Communities - General

- The Parish is very grateful for the support received from the Community Support Officer, PC Anthony Labram, on policing matters during the year.
- The Parish is also very grateful for the support that it has received, from the Highways department, during the year, in maintaining the roads within the Parish.
- The Parish Council is indebted to Geoff Anderson for his support in maintaining the Council's website, during the year.
- The Council is also indebted to Mark Binney for his very conscientious cutting of the Parish greens and keeping the Parish tidy.
- Parish Defibrillators – Council continues to cover ongoing and consumable cost and is pleased to have acquired a Defibrillator at Otters Holt. Training organized in Culgaith in conjunction with 'Hartside First Responders.
- Portrait of the King donated to the school.
- Revised Emergency Parish Plan was adopted.

In Kirkland and Blencarn

- A bench was installed on Kirkland Village Green in memory of the late Ian Howes.
- Cumbria Wildlife Trust undertook a pollination survey of Kirkland village green, recommendation to follow.
- Blencarn notice board has been refurbished.
- Road flooding south of Howrigg, reported.
- During 2024/2025 there was one planning application in Blencarn.

In Skirwith

- A footway lighting issue was resolved.
- 'Green Waste' skip, provided, as previously.
- A surplus waste bin by the entrance to the playground was removed.
- Road flooding past the Blencarn junction, towards Skirwith, reported to Highways.
- Cumbria Wildlife Trust undertook a pollination survey of Skirwith village green, recommendation to follow.
- Church St. roadside concrete post and rail fence repair requested to highways and will be attended to when funding is available.
- Three damaged road signs reported to Highways.

- During 2024/2025 the Council considered 3 planning applications in Skirwith.

Finance

The Parish Precept (The Parish Councils share of Council Tax) for 2024/2025 was £13,000

Financial Summary

Income	2023/2024	2024/2025
	£	
Carried forward	18888	17635
Precept + CRS	12043	13043
Other Income	739	3139
Total Receipts	12782	16182
Expenditure		
Administration	4602	4723
Village Greens	3069	4054
Village Maintenance	1438	11
Playgrounds	160	185
Grants	1745	2315
Wreath	20	24
Lighting Costs	0	0
Elections	0	0
Parish Defibrillators	45	627
Other Expenditure	2547	3666
Total Expenditure	14034	15605

Internal Audit – The Council is indebted to Sandra Harrison for undertaking this duty.

Support For Local Organisations

	£
Fellrunner	540
Skirwith Village Hall	310
Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room	310
Culgaith Victoria Institute	310
Culgaith All Saints Church	245
St Lawrence Church, Kirkland	245
Skirwith Parish Church	245
Skirwith Playground – RoSPS inspection costs	325
Memo	201

The Importance of a 'First Responder'

First Responder teams are very thin on the ground and they are always looking for new recruits to be trained up so that the area is well covered. The speed with which a Responder can arrive on a scene can have a direct effect on the outcome for the patient, which is why it is best to have Responders in the same village or close to where you live

The Hartside First Responder's area includes Culgaith Parish.

If you are interested in being trained up, the contact is Alison Smith Hartside First Responders, Tel 01768 881066 or 07500 564922. hartside-cfr@cowp.co.uk

Parish Councillors 2024 - 2025

Culgaith Ward

Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair)
Glenamara, Culgaith

David Witney

Sunnyfield, Culgaith, Penrith

Sue Smith

Briarfield, Culgaith.

Ian Stowers

29 Otters Holt, Culgaith

Blencarn and Kirkland Ward

Andrew Clay

The Croft, Blencarn

Caroline Richardson (Chair)

Smithy House, Blencarn

Ken Philipson

Glebe Farm, Kirkland

Skirwith Ward

Nick Mason

The Old Vicarage, Skirwith

Westmorland and Furness Councillors

Michael. Hanley

Mary Robinson

Parish Clerk

John Fleming

Fell View, Blencarn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1TX.

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Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 7th July 2025- Skirwith

Monday 1st September 2025 - Blencarn

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Culgaith

Monday 12th January 2026 – Skirwith

Monday 2nd March 2026 – Blencarn

Monday 18th May 2026 – Culgaith

Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)

For More Information

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