



Scaleby News

**Welcome to the Christmas 2013 Edition of the
Newsletter brought to you by Scaleby Parish Council.**

FIRST AID/DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Scaleby Parish Council are delighted to announce that they have purchased a life-saving defibrillator for the parish. The defibrillator will be fitted inside a secure metal cabinet with key code access. The cabinet will be placed outside the Village Hall. If the worst happens and someone collapses with a heart problem, anyone calling 999 will be told where the machine is located and will be given a keycode so that vital treatment can begin straight away. The defibrillator can be used by anyone without any previous training as it provides verbal instructions on how to operate it and it will only deliver a shock if it doesn't detect a heartbeat, ensuring it is not used in the wrong type of situations.

At the time of writing the PC were waiting for delivery of the defibrillator and we will have it installed as soon as possible. It will be situated outside the Village Hall so will be easily accessible for anyone at all times of the day and night. A light will also be available should anyone require access in the dark.

We know many of you will be keen to learn more about the defibrillator and how it can be used in the event of a cardiac arrest. To help you in this we have arranged two training sessions in the Village Hall—both free of charge. Depending on numbers we will run a session on either:

Thursday 23rd January from 7pm to 9pm and/or

Saturday 25th January between 2pm and 4pm.

The session will be delivered by Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service and will be a hands—on training session with practical demonstrations and cover

topics including:

- General care of a casualty including the procedure for obtaining help
- Dealing with an unconscious person who is bleeding
- Giving rescue breaths
- Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Dealing with choking and dealing with serious bleeding
- Dealing with a suspected heart attack casualty
- **Defibrillator Awareness**

Places on both sessions must be pre-booked as there are maximum numbers allowed. To [book your place](#) please ring Sarah on 016977 2769 or email clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk. One or both sessions will be cancelled if we do not reach the minimum number of participants needed. The sessions are open to anyone aged 6 years and over.

COUNTING THE BIRDS THAT ARE COUNTING ON YOU

It will be all eyes to the skies on Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th January 2014, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch. The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden.

Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings. And this year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife you see in your garden too.

We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home.



Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch is fun and easy, and you don't even need to leave the comfort of your own home. To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. You then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online

BROADBAND – LATEST

Cumbria County Council and BT Openreach have entered into a £40m contract for the supply of Superfast broadband to at least 93% of Cumbria over the next few years. Early indications from BT show that Scaleby will be among those who will gain faster speeds (80%) and those who will only gain at the margin (20%).

What does all this mean? Firstly speeds which in the parish currently range from less than 2Mbps (Megabytes per second) for incoming data which comes together to form text, pictures and films, to 6Mbps. There are odd locations receiving 10Mbps. The Superfast broadband project will mean speeds of between 2 and 24Mbps and possibly beyond, with 10 to 12Mbps being adequate for the downloading (streaming) of TV and films. For the 80% in Scaleby who will benefit this will be a real advance. Sadly for the other 20% we have to think of other means of getting the faster speeds - this is where the Community scheme comes in.

A Community scheme is where all those within the 20% group get together in partnership with a chosen supplier to enable a scheme outside the BT contract to provide the superfast service. How do we know who is going to be in this group? The simple answer is that we don't, yet!

BT will not release information about the likely availability of superfast broadband until a rather convoluted process, including a survey of residents has been followed and even then there may be subscription issues between BT and residents to resolve.

Underpinning everything however is the question of whether we want superfast broadband anyway!

The recent Community Plan survey identified nearly every household as having a computer and connection to the internet. Few however demanded fast connection speeds say to support working from home. Since then some residents have talked to us about slow, even non-existent broadband service so there is definitely a need and this may increase when more people discover the advantages of higher speeds.

The almost daily change in communication media such as Tablets, Smartphones and Smart TV is encouraging both commercial and public services to take full advantage. Superfast broadband is the means to the end of getting us to join in. Staying in touch via email and Skype, studying on line, working from home and downloading our favourite TV and films will all be possible with higher broadband speeds.

The Parish Council supports superfast broadband and wants everyone to benefit whether inside the 80% group or not. An application has been made

for a community scheme even though little is known about the distribution at this stage. It at least gets the process started.

A survey of residents' need will be undertaken soon so let's all think about why we use the internet and what more we could do with better speeds.

Have a look at the Connecting Cumbria web site to keep up to date with progress county wide – www.connectingcumbria.org.uk

Clive Moth, Broadband Champion,

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CUMBRIA AFFORDABLE WARMTH PROJECT

For some parishioners on eligible benefits, there is funding currently available for various energy measures including heating repairs, replacement boilers, draft proofing and insulation. For more information and to check if your benefits qualify you please telephone Tom Barlow on 01228 817239 or visit www.cumbriawarmhomes.org.uk.

CHILDREN'S PLAY SCHEME

Unfortunately the planned Play Activity Day that was to take place in the Village Hall on Friday 1st November was cancelled due to a lack of support. Please let us know why you didn't support the scheme this time—particularly in light of how successful the summer schemes were. If we are going to possibly consider running days in Summer 2014 we would like to know if these are wanted.

BRAMPTON CHOIR CONCERT

Brampton and District Choir are holding their Christmas concert on Friday 13th December at 7.30pm at William Howard School. Tickets are priced at £5 (under 12s free) and are available from Cumberland Building Society, Front Street, Brampton; Choir Members; on the door or by email to secretary@bramptonanddistrictchoir.com

YOUR ADVERT COULD APPEAR HERE!

If you would like to advertise in the Scaleby News please contact Sarah on 016977 2769 for further information.

We print our newsletter four times per year and we post directly to every household in Scaleby so could make the perfect advertising medium to promote your business or event.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The dates for our Parish Council meetings in 2014 are set to take place as follows:

Wednesday 15 January 2014

Wednesday 19 March 2014

Wednesday 14 May 2014 (preceded by Annual Parish Meeting for all electors at 7pm)

Wednesday 9 July 2014

Wednesday 10 September 2014

Wednesday 19 November 2014

Please do bear in mind that we sometimes need to change the date due to unforeseen circumstances but we always post the official notice of the meeting date on the noticeboards and website three clear working days in advance. Additional meetings are also called when necessary for urgent business, such as planning applications.

SEASONS GREETINGS

The Chairman, Councillors and Parish Clerk would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2014!



John Mallinson is your local County Councillor. If you have a County Council related issue which you wish to raise he can be contacted at:

john.mallinson@cumbria.gov.uk or on 01228 533 746.

Marilyn Bowman and James Bainbridge represent Stanwix Rural on Carlisle City Council. If you have a City Council related issue which you wish to raise, we can be contacted at:

Marilyn Bowman - Tel. 01228 561185.

Email MarilynB@carlisle.gov.uk

James Bainbridge - Tel. 07896300997.

PLEASE HELP YOUR NATIVE REDS AND SAVE THEM FROM EXTINCTION

The Red Squirrel is the UK's only native squirrel and needs your help now to prevent them from becoming locally extinct. They are under constant threat from the grey squirrel, an introduction from North America that out-competes them for food and carry the awful Squirrel Pox Virus Disease (SQPVD) that they are immune to, but when passed on to a red squirrel causes their very sad painful death, usually within 15 days from onset. At the moment the only way to save your reds is to control the increasing numbers of grey squirrels in your area. Brampton & District Red Squirrel Group is a non-funded group of volunteers working within your area to promote the preservation of the red squirrel population for the public benefit and protect these wonderful creatures from extinction but, **We need donations to help us;**

- Buy feeders & feed for monitoring reds
- Fund blood sampling for research into SQPVD
- Fund educational & promotional material
- Fund on-going awareness campaigns
- Buy traps & feed for grey squirrel control



If you would like to support the group, cheques should be made payable to Brampton & District Red Squirrel Group and sent to Julie Bailey, B&DRSG Volunteer Secretary at Woodside, Armthwaite, Cumbria, CA4 9SX. We also urgently need more volunteers, especially at ground level, to undertake trap control. If you are interested please contact us on **07968 576455** or by e-mail to j.bailey203@btinternet.com. ***You can also help by reporting all sightings of squirrels (grey or red) to the above contacts.***

PRECEPT

At the November Parish Council meeting, it was agreed to retain the precept at its existing level. This decision was taken even in view of the fact that costs as ever continue to increase and the Council has recently lost thirty percent of one stream of its funding and the recycling payments we used to receive have also now been abolished. We hope this will provide welcome news to you.

CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

Time is still available to have your say on the County Council's budget proposals for 2014/15. Go to www.cumbria.gov.uk/ourfuture before 20th January to submit your views.

SPEEDING IN VILLAGE

The Parish Council are asked regularly to look at vehicles speeding through the Village. We are currently trying to secure a Speed Indication Device for the parish to help assess the speeds cars are travelling at.

We are also aware that Brampton Police have recently conducted a **Restorative Justice Speeding** initiative in the village of Heads Nook. This was due to an increase in complaints from residents regarding the speed of vehicles passing through the village. This initiative is used as an alternative to prosecution to try and get people to firstly identify why they speed and secondly both the direct and indirect effects their speeding has on others. If that can be accomplished then it is hoped they may refrain from speeding in the future. The officers were assisted by a local man from Heads Nook, Mr Steve Griffiths. Mr Griffiths sat with the officers during the morning and spoke to the drivers who had been caught speeding . He **explained what effect their speeding had on him, the village and the local community**. This initiative was offered to any driver exceeding the speed limit between 34 to 42 mph, any speed higher than 42mph cannot be dealt with under the initiative and offenders will be summons to court. In total 8 speeding drivers were stopped, of which 3 were warned, 5 took part in the initiative. No one elected court proceedings!

Brampton Police would like to carry out more of the Restorative Speeding initiatives in other villages (only those with a speed restriction in force). For it to work it is paramount that someone who has been effected by speed is included in the process, so whether you are a dog walker, parent of small children, horse rider etc. and feel that you have been or are **adversely effected in your day to day life by speeding vehicles and would like to take part** in such an initiative please contact Brampton station PC 1012 Anita Owen or PS 1007 Sue Jamieson on 101 ext 53208.



FOOTPATH

In the Community Led Plan, one of the things you asked the PC to look at was the building of a pathway between Barclose and the Church. Unfortunately work for this small project has been priced at almost £43,000 so we are unable to continue any further with the idea.

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



Linda Thompson (Chairman)	01228 675266
Jackie Clifford (Vice-Chair)	01228 675220
Willie Bendle	01228 675270
Michael Grant	01228 675384
Ronnie Grieves	01228 675115
George McGarr	01228 675132
Raymond Marston	01228 675572
James Bell	01228 675637
Sarah Kyle (Clerk) Hill House, Walton, Brampton CA8 2DY	016977 2769 (9am—3pm Monday to Friday) clerk@scalebyparish.org.uk
Highways Hotline	0845 609 6609
Police	101
Dog Fouling	01228 817559

SNOW CHAMPIONS AND WINTER GRITTING

You will all have received in the post a very useful leaflet from Cumbria County Council detailing their winter driving advice. The leaflet included lots of useful information about the routes that will be gritted as a priority this winter— you can keep up to date with the roads that are done at Cumbria.gov.uk/winter or follow them on [twitter](https://twitter.com/CumbriaCC) at @CumbriaCC. The leaflet also detailed the work of Snow Champions. These are volunteers who help clear snow and ice from footways and pavements near their homes. Volunteers are given equipment such as high visibility vests, gloves, a shovel and a supply of salt) to allow them to treat agreed lengths of footways. If you would like to volunteer to be a **Snow Champion** to help keep local footways safe for others then please contact Cumbria County Council on 0845 6096609 or visit Cumbria.gov.uk/winter.

