

LOCAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES – HAWKSHEAD JULY 2021

1: Covid 19 Update

As of 16th July, the number of Covid 19 cases in South Lakeland is 497 cases per 100,000 as opposed to 10 per 100,000 a month ago. In Cumbria, there are 3300 new infections. This is the second highest figure on record. The infection rate is greatest in the 19 to 24 age group, followed by the 30 to 39 age group.

Even though the restrictions have been relaxed.

Please:

- If you travel take a rapid result covid test on your return, get a confirmatory PCR test if you test positive and self-isolate.
- Get vaccinated as soon as you are able. National data is showing that around 95% of people now being admitted to hospital have not been vaccinated.
- Stay vigilant and follow the basic public health guidance - washing hands, wearing masks, keeping your distance and meeting outdoors are effective at preventing spread.
- Continue to do regular rapid result covid tests at home as part of your weekly routine and get a confirmatory PCR test if you are positive.
- If you have symptoms - new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell - book a PCR test through the national system and self-isolate until you get your result. If you are positive, self-isolate for 10 days.

Testing is important for the management of this situation and this push will commence shortly. You can get testing kits from your local chemist.

2. SLDC Update

The Government Boundary Commission is undergoing a boundary change Consultation, for the Parliamentary Constituencies in Cumbria. This could see large parts of the Broughton and Coniston coming under the Barrow and Whitehaven Constituencies. It is important that everyone has an input in this Consultation, so we get the representation that is right for the area. www.bcereviews.org.uk

You have until 2nd August to make your comments. Please advertise this as much as possible to your residents as much as possible. You could end up with an MP living in Whitehaven.

Last Thursday the Government announced this shape of the Unitary Authority. The County will be split diagonally into two Units. The South Lakeland District Council area will merge with Eden (Appleby/Penrith and Barrow). The nature of the roles of the District and County Councillors will merge and will probably end up with extra workload on the Parishes. Though the nature of the roles will have to be finalised.

There will be a Development programme to develop Priorities, Structures, Accountabilities and Responsibilities. Roles will remain the same and the proposed change date, or Vesting Day will be 1st April 2023. The role of the District councillor and County Councillor will merge and there will be elections as a result.

Full Council is tomorrow night and I will give an update asap.

3. Visitor Management

The Tactical Visitor Management Group and developed specific area visitor management plans. These plans are regularly reviewed and amended as the situation changes. We have a traffic light system in place, ranging from Green, Amber, Red and Purple. Emergency services were stretched with mountain rescues and water accidents In a lot of the areas we are purple after last weekend. The purple areas tend to be near water and there will be extra Ranger and Police patrols, Parking enforcement and Landscape Protection Officers, dealing with Fly Camping, Litter and Irresponsible behaviours.

Messages are being sent out on Social media on Behaviours in the Lakes, Preparation and Water and Fire Safety.

We are aware of fly camping around Harrowslack and Moor Top, High Cross and there are specially trained SIA landscape protection officers who will deal with these issues. and we ask you to contact CVAlerts@lakedistrict.gov.uk for action, likewise for any similar infringements. There are various signs including No Camping signs. If you know of any landowners having problems, contact me and I can get some signs sent to them.

Strictly No Camping in this area

**Ranger patrols in operation
Camping here is trespassing
Only use official campsites**



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Unfortunately, we are still seeing a small minority exhibiting loutish behaviours and I have concern that people have approached some of these groups and as a result have been threatened. The advice is not to confront, but to call the Police. Call 101 or 101emails@cumbria.police.uk if you see any of these issues occurring. Likewise if there is fly Camping or illegal offroading. There are regular patrols around the area, so help is not far away.

Remember, it is a small minority causing this problem, the vast majority are no problem at all.

Contact me on 077784 30926, or ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk if you have any queries/concerns.

Stay Safe, Keep Healthy

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