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JUNE

BIKE CLINICS & WORKSHOPS

WEEKEND 10th-11th JULY



Millom Without Parish Council are running a series of bike maintenance workshops and M-check bike clinics at Thwaites Village Hall in The Green. The clinics and workshops are free but workshops will need to be booked upfront. There are two sessions of each event at the same time on both days of the weekend. Both events cater for conventional and electric bikes.

12-4pm Dr Bike Clinic: M-check plus minor repairs

6-9pm Maintenance Workshops: demonstrations, Q&A, practical sessions

Buzz Cycles from Bootle will be present during the afternoon sessions while the clinic is running, with a selection of bikes and demonstrators, and details of their products and services.

The four hour Dr Bike sessions don't need to be booked but workshop places are limited to twenty people per session, so bookings will be taken. More information will be coming out closer to the dates and we'll start taking bookings soon, so keep an eye out for details on the Parish Council Facebook and Web Page





Lay-by Improvements Complete

The improvements to the A5093 layby close to Ghyll Scaur Quarry have now been completed, including a further litter-pick on Monday 17th May which removed another 17 sacks of rubbish plus various large objects. Now the area is more visible it's hoped that any future fly-tipping can be eliminated and thoughtless littering of the layby and verge will be deterred. The area looks so much more appealing as a much needed and well used stopping place now.

Congratulations to all involved, including Aggregate Industries, and the councillors and volunteers who have worked hard on this environmental improvement scheme.



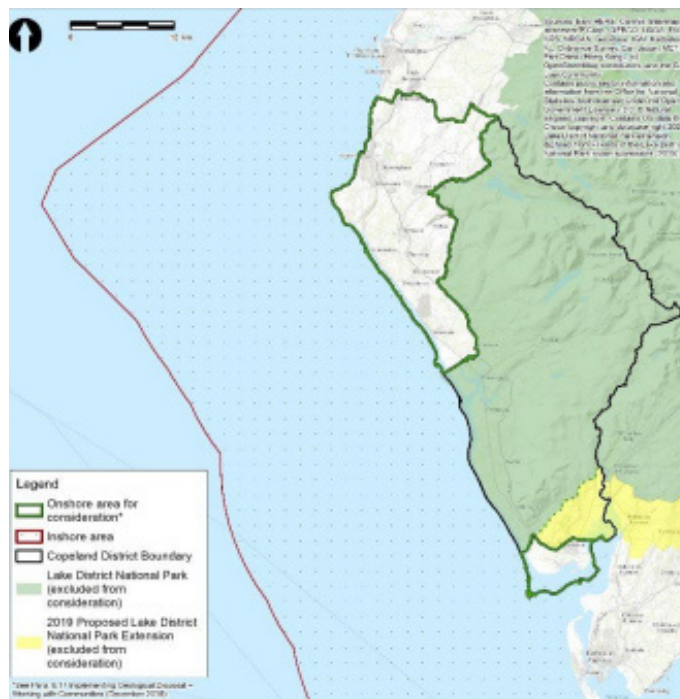
GHYLL SCAUR QUARRY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE TITLE OF THE INITIAL EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE GDF

Copeland Working Group have issued a Position Statement revising the inclusion of Ghyll Scaur Quarry in the initial evaluation report. Ghyll Scaur Quarry will be removed from the title of the document and the search area will exclude any of the land earmarked for the southern boundary extension of the Lake District National Park, which includes Ghyll Scaur Quarry.

The report is not being withdrawn but the area under investigation for potential development of the deep repository will be revised.

The full statement can be seen at the MWPC website

<https://millomwithoutparishcouncil.com/gd/f/revised-position-statement-from-copeland-working-group/>



News From The Thwaites Village Hall

Village Hall is Open for Business



Village Hall is now re-open for Business within the guidelines set by HM Govt to ensure a Covid-19 secure environment. Limitation on the numbers who can safely socially distance are in place for both the Main Hall and Supper Room. If you wish to book the Hall, please contact Chris on 773284.

A Connected Village Hall

With the Village Hall now open for business, we are progressing the connection of the Hall to an internet provider and please look out for further updates as this work is completed.

EV Chargers - now up and running



The EV chargers has experienced some false starts - but the technical issues are now resolved, and we saw our first customer over the weekend take advantage of this new service.

We appreciate your support in keeping the two parking bays designated for the EV Chargers free for potential customers.

Pic-Nic Benches

The Village Hall has purchased Three Pic-Nic Benches, made from 100 % re-cycled plastic and are maintenance free. Two have been located within the Play Park area and one near the Tennis Court. We hope you enjoy these new seats.

In Search of Help!



To help market the Village Hall for bookings and increase usage, we need to update our website and improve our Facebook presence. To do this, we need help in transforming our social media - we would appreciate some help in making this happen. If this is you - can you please drop a line to **oandacontact@gmail.com** and we will get back to you.

Your Feedback

If you have some views or feedback regarding the Village Hall - new ideas - services - or comments on what we currently we do - please drop a line to **oandacontact@gmail.com**

Ghyll Scaur Quarry - Working through a Pandemic



At Ghyll Scaur Quarry, we have continued to operate throughout the Coronavirus pandemic from the very first lockdown announcement on the 23rd of March 2020 to this present moment. Recognised by the government throughout as critical workers we have helped to continue with the steady supply of nationally important high PSV aggregates for new highway surface wearing courses and highway improvements throughout the UK. The construction sector has been recognised as a key part of the economy to remain open throughout this devastating pandemic and we are proud to have contributed and played our part through this.

Since the outset of the pandemic we have had to adapt and innovate in the way in which the site operates, finding safe and efficient ways of continuing to deliver high quality aggregate to a buoyant, high demand market throughout. Working collaboratively has helped to ensure our hauliers, staff team, contractors and stakeholders have remained safe. This has seen the site remain Covid secure, compliant and current with government guidelines and as a result we have fortunately not seen one transmissible infection within the team or stakeholders at Ghyll Scaur Quarry.

We are also pleased that through the pandemic the Ghyll Scaur Quarry Community Fund has continued to support our local projects where together, through the hardwork and dedication of our local community and this funding, we have brought to fruition the play park at Thwaites Village Hall and the standing stone sculpture at The Green.

Please contact Millom Without Parish Council in the first instance to establish if your project may qualify for funding to support local projects and initiatives, in a time where working and enjoying things together as a community has never been more relevant and needed.

Aggregate Industries continues to maintain the Millom Rock Park which provides an excellent safe viewpoint of the workings and a great opportunity to learn about the local geology here in our beautiful surroundings.



Community Plan - Work Starts on Local Bus Shelters



Working In Partnership with HMP Haverigg, work has commenced in bringing the Bus Shelters at The Green and The Hill back from their current state of decay. This project has been led by Councillor Gray.

The Bus Shelters were one of a number of issues the Community highlighted as an area for action. The Community Plan was finally completed in May 19, with progress continuing during the Pandemic on a number of fronts, including the Play Park, Litter Picking, and working with partners to develop a safe travel corridor for walkers between The Hill and The Green.

The bus shelter project has been possible by working with the HMP Community Outreach Team who are supplying the skills and labour to make the shelters an asset and not a community liability.

There is more work to be done on The Green shelter with new frames being constructed at HMP Haverigg and the transfer of Parish Council Notice Boards to be placed inside the Shelters.

The bus shelters though not serviced by a bus route continue to be used by the community and so it was overdue for a makeover.

We will report back on progress in the next issue of Out and About

Thwaites Village Hall 100 Club Winners - May 21

1st £30 Number 50 Janet Barrow
2nd £15 Number 118 John Malham
3rd £10 Number 75 Mrs Findlay
4th £10 number 19 Andrew Rigg

The Hill Village Hall 100 Club Results May 21

1st £50 Alan Beare
2nd £20 James Hall
3rd £20 Ian Hornsby
4th £20 John Irwin
5th £10 Colin Garnet
6th £10 Charlotte Delaney
7th £10 Sandra Beare



Open Garden

**TOMSTEADS, WOODLAND
BROUGHTON IN FURNESS LA20 6DG**

SUNDAY 11th July 2021

10am - 4pm

£5 entry (accompanied under 12s £1)

includes tea and biscuits

***Moth Trap* Guided Walk**

***Pond Dipping *Wildlife Quiz**

Millom Without Slow Cycling Group

It is National bike week from 30 May to 5 June this year and the theme is health and well being: cycling is good for you and good for the environment!

There are many in South Copeland who cycle and some of the minor roads in Millom Without serve as scenic rides and useful detours from the busy main road. One of the outputs of the community plan for Millom Without was a desire for safe connections between our communities. Millom Without Parish Council has been working with Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council and others to promote an off-road connection between The Green and The Hill. This would also allow a connection to the English Coastal Path network.

In anticipation and in support of 'green' transport (and warm dry summer weather!) please contact Out and About (oandacontact@gmail.com) if you would be interested in an occasional slow group cycle ride around our area. This could be an opportunity to try out your bike after the bike workshop events (see page 1). Alternatively, if you don't have a bicycle a loan could be arranged (you would have to provide your own helmet).



St Mary's Hospice: Plant and Produce Sale Friday June 18th 2021 - Starting 9:30 am

Please help us raise money for the Hospice. Because of Covid 19 they have had a tough year with little or no funding from community events and we would like to celebrate the return to some normality with another plant sale in the layby at the northern end of The Hill, the same site as last year. Look out for the hospice banners and maybe the flowerpot man!

We are planning a stall for produce and crafts as well as the usual array of plants and seedlings. If you could help out with any donations that would be really welcome such as crafts, garden related bric a brac, baking, jamming, pickles, cordials, fruit and veg, and fresh eggs. And of course we need your plants!

Please bring any donations the night before if you can. We will be finalising details closer to the date but if you ring Sally after June 5th on 01229 775172 we can give you more information.

We hope that you will join us in supporting St Mary's Hospice by donating or buying on the day or both! See you there!

How Green Is Your Garden?

Gardening is seen as an environment and health enhancing activity. However, the use of peat for bags of seed and potting compost contributes directly to damage of precious bog environments which also leads to release of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide.

Peat bogs represent the UK's largest store of carbon – an estimated 3.2 billion tonnes of carbon – and more than all the forests in the UK. Draining bogs laid down over thousands of years for farming or for harvesting peat causes release of the stored carbon.

Most of the peat used in UK sold potting compost is imported from Ireland or other EU countries. The only solution to the adverse environmental impact of using peat for compost is to use responsibly sourced peat alternatives.

Read product labels carefully to avoid being taken in by marketing and packaging. It is important to look out for 'peat free' as terms such as 'environmentally friendly' and 'organic' do not mean that the product is 'peat free'. If your gardening supplier does not have 'peat free' compost then ask for it! Incidentally, there is a Cumbrian based producer, Dalefoot Composts, of well-reviewed compost made from bracken and Herdwick sheep wool. Contact Out and About (oandacontact@gmail.com) if you want to a sample

Spring Clean - Millom Without - Did you know?

Residents of Millom Without have completed a Spring clean of roadsides, verges, laybys, and paths over the last several months. In this period a staggering amount of litter and fly tipping has been collected. The tally of bags collected is over 110 at present.

