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Village Hall starts to activate community funded charge points

Thwaites Village Hall has become the first in South Copeland to install two community funded Electric Vehicle (EV) chargepoints as part of the Village Hall improvement programme.

The sockets are the first publicly accessible chargepoints to be activated in South Copeland and the installation marks a huge step forward for residents who may have been considering when they will switch to an EV.

This new service will help build confidence for drivers to visit our beautiful area in the knowledge a charging point is easily accessible.

The chargepoints are installed by community benefit society Charge My Street. This is part of an ongoing project to install EV charge points throughout Cumbria funded through a community share offer as well as funding from Innovate UK, the UK's innovation agency. We have welcomed this opportunity to be part of a growing and reliable infrastructure for EV.

Because the chargepoints are funded through these means, the installation did not cost the village hall any money at all.

To help with the testing of the new chargers - Bob Slack kindly brought his E-Van along to check the systems. We look forward to the formal opening of the EV Chargers which is expected in the next week following final commissioning.



Director of Charge My Street Daniel Heery said: "It's been fantastic to work with Thwaites Village Hall for this installation. They have shown a real desire to do something for their community and that's been obvious throughout.

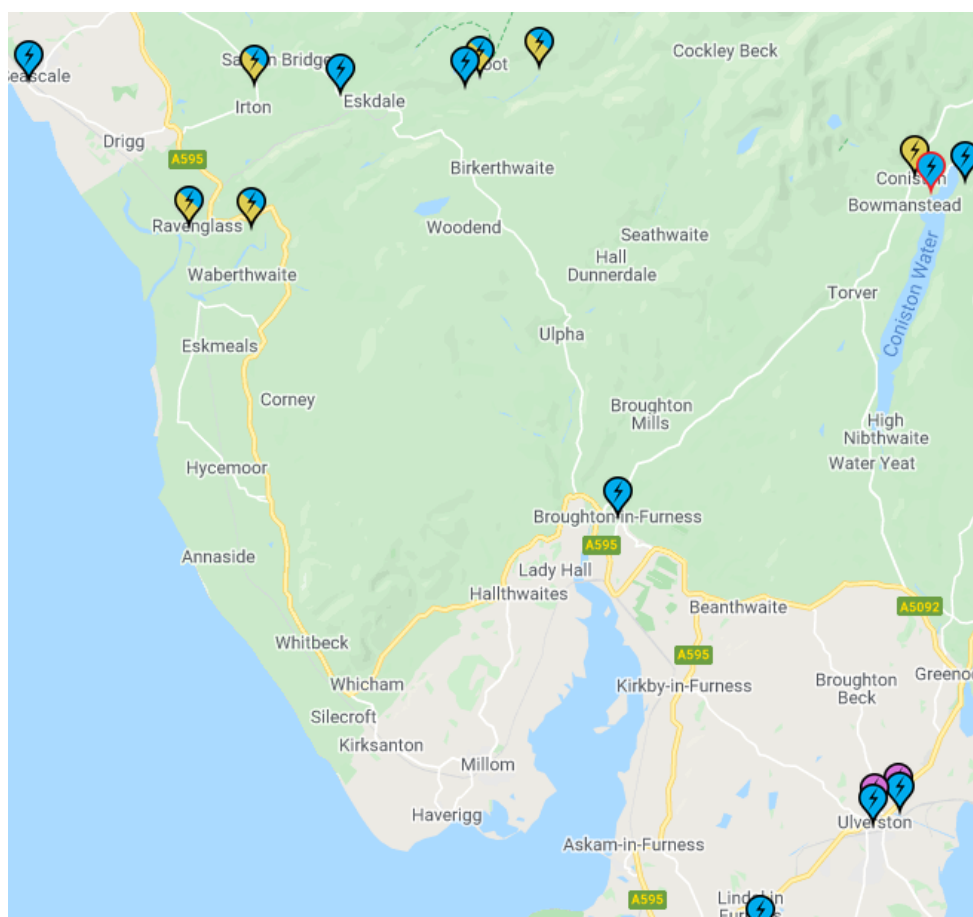
"So many of the large charging companies have been focused on installing chargepoints at motorway service stations or in big cities. This completely neglects those of us who live in villages or in terraced housing who just want somewhere to park an EV to charge overnight.

The more chargepoints like these we get installed in communities like this, the more people will be able to switch to an EV from their petrol/diesel car, cutting carbon emissions and saving themselves money."

In 2030, the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will be banned and people will need to use alternative transport instead. For many who live in rural communities, a car is the only viable option for commuting so a robust charging infrastructure is a vital part of Cumbria's future.

Anyone wishing to suggest another site that would be a good host for a chargepoint should go to www.chargemystreet.co.uk/host

Map of Local Charge Points for South Copeland



The Continuing Litter Challenge



Litter picking has continued along the A595 along where the old road joins the new road. This area seems to have become a favourite spot for littering. A number of bags of litter - full of the usual cans, plastic bottles, fast food wrapping, cigarettes packets - have been collected here. Repeat collections of litter suggest there are several individuals who return to roadside verges to leave their waste. This area has also been subject to fly tipping: kitchen type flooring tiles, much carpet, bits of a car and so on have been found in this area.

Fly tipping is a criminal activity and can lead to substantial fines. If you have information about this activity you can report it to Copeland Borough Council.

If you have work carried out in your home and garden and the waste is disposed for you then it is your responsibility to ensure that you should ensure that you know that the waste is being disposed of correctly (e.g. not fly tipped).

Butterflies in your Garden

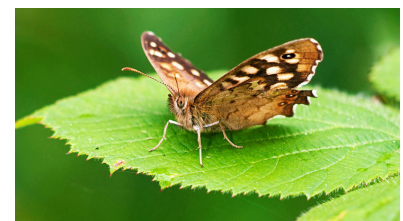
At this time of year you should be able to spot butterflies along verges and hedgerows. However, you may not appreciate how far some of these fragile insects have travelled to reach our countryside. The painted lady butterfly's life-cycle relies on migration, up to 5000 miles! This migration is achieved by 3 or more generations that reproduce quickly. Caterpillars develop in the Sahel region of Africa and as spring begins they travel as butterflies North over the Sahara desert. Some butterflies may get to North Africa but others may make it to Southern Europe. As summer approaches another generation or generations will continue the journey North, ending their journey in the UK. Astonishingly, in the Autumn these butterflies may fly 5000 miles back to Africa in a single generation!



Research is ongoing into how insects make these fantastic journeys. Apparently the painted lady butterfly orients itself using the sun. Laboratory tests have suggested that the shortening or lengthening of days determines whether caterpillars will develop into a butterfly which will fly North (lengthening days) or South (shortening days).



With climate change these and many other creatures will be challenged to adapt their migration and life cycles. We should be aware of how important migrating insects are to our environment. Radar data suggests that migrating insects represent a biomass of 3200 tonnes or 3.5 trillion insects, which is a considerable amount of bird food.



Thwaites Village Hall 100 Club Winners - April 21

1st prize £30. Number 108. Jack Giles
2nd prize £15. Number 15. Kath Barnard
3rd prize £10 Number 97 Julia Dixon
4th prize £10 number 62 Joan Gent

The Hill Village Hall 100 Club Results April 21

1st £200 Alan Parsons 70
2nd £20 Derek Tattersall 90
3rd £20 Josie Garnet 31
4th £20 Pat Jenkinson 46
5th £10 Caroline Usher 95
6th £10 Irene Atkinson 4
7th £10 Colin Garnet 30



Essential resurfacing to begin on A595 near Broughton-in-Furness



Cumbria County Council will be carrying out essential highway maintenance work on the A595 near Broughton-in-Furness in May 2021.

The county council is investing approx. £250,000 in the works which will involve replacing worn-out sections of road with a brand new surface on the A595 between High Cross and Duddon Bridge. Resurfacing works are scheduled to start on Monday 10 May and should take up to six nights to complete, subject to suitable weather conditions. Works will take place overnight during off-peak hours when less traffic is on the roads in order to minimise disruption to road users and local residents and businesses.

To protect the public and allow the council's contractor to safely carry out the work, it will be necessary to close this section of the A595 from 7pm each night (10-15 May) during this period. The road will be reopened by 5am the following morning each day.

A signed diversion route will be in place during the road closure and road users are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time for journeys.

Covid-19 Road Map and The Village Hall

We are moving towards the next step in the HM Government Road Map - Step 3 - with an implementation date of 17th May 21.

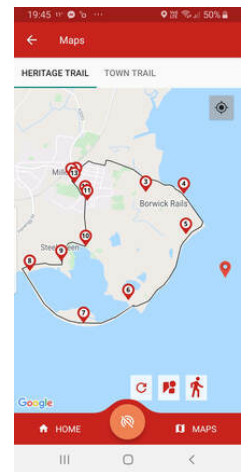
The Village Hall will re-open but will be subject to strict Government Guidelines as published:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>.

The Village Hall Committee is starting to review its booking conditions and from the guidance work out what the Hall can be used for in line with the new Guidance.



'Norman Nicholson's Millom' - walking trails app is live!



The Norman Nicholson digital trail will take in routes that the poet himself would regularly walk. The trails - there are currently two, with three more in the pipeline - are not just about Nicholson, and can be enjoyed by general visitors of all ages. It is hoped that people will enjoy the app in line with any current Covid-related restrictions.

The project has been made possible with £20,000 of 'accelerated' funding from the Towns Fund, and brings to life places loved by the acclaimed 20th century writer, who lived in Millom. The app has an introduction from Melvyn Bragg, Cumbrian broadcaster and President of the Norman Nicholson Society. As well as providing routes, the app has images, text and audio telling visitors about the area, its history and points of interest. It also links to other local attractions.

You can find out more about the app via You Tube

The Norman Nicholson House Community Interest Company has led the project, and funding will allow the app to be operated for at least five years.

Charlie Lambert, Chair of the Norman Nicholson House CIC, said: "Getting all the content for the app together in a relatively short time has been a brilliant achievement. My thanks go to everyone involved and of course to Copeland Borough Council for coming up with the funding to make this happen. "The trails not only guide people along attractive routes, they provide a host of fascinating facts, historic photos, and specially-recorded audio memories which really bring the heritage of Millom and surrounding area to life."

Copeland Council successfully bid for £500,000 of immediate funding for Millom, while the outcome of the main funding bid of up to £25m should be revealed later this month.

The initial accelerated funding is also being used for a new children's play area at St George's Road Park, and an accessible running/cycling track. The play park is currently under construction and should be open for the start of the summer

More Information is available at:

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKMYgN6OA3Y>

Andriod Phones - Google Play

Iphones - Apple Store