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COLTON PARISH ~ ANNUAL REPORT

During the year the Lengthsman has cleaned out 187 drains all over the Parish from the Coniston East Road to Riddings Bay and Lakeside, from the Rusland Valley to Penny Bridge including the whole length of Bessy Bank Road after contractors renewed the road surface and covered the drain covers with tar.

91 Drains were marked on maps for Cumbria County Council.

I have found many drain covers upside down and in the wrong way round.

Several Culverts have been cleaned out and some new ones added to the annual list to inspect each Autumn for blockage.

Storms, in particular, Storm Ophelia ravaged the Rusland Valley causing flooding that saw a wall having to be pushed down to release the trapped water and photographs and a write up in The Guardian Countryfile column.

The outstanding fallen rocks have been removed from the dangerous bend to the A590 and three sacks of rubbish were collected and disposed of from the Bouth turn off. A sign post to Hay Bridge was restored which has led me to carrying out similar work in the Furness area.

A London based film company spent two days making a short documentary film of the Lengthsman in the Parish and expected to be released this year.

Cumbria County Council were asked to clear verges around the Rusland Triangle & a gully sucker to clean two drains at Penny Bridge.

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