

This newsletter brings together information concerning [South Lakeland District Council](#) (SLDC) that should be of interest to local Town & Parish Councils and worth sharing locally.

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1. Tesco Community Grants

Did you know Tesco Community Grants is always open for applications from charities and community organisations to bid for up to £1,500? Projects are voted on by Tesco customers in stores across the UK, with projects changing every three months. They are currently **looking for applications from charities and community groups who deliver projects that help to tackle food insecurity in their communities**. This might include breakfast clubs, holiday clubs and food banks. If you fit the bill or know a local group who does, then please visit the Tesco Community Grants website for further details: [Apply for a grant – Tesco Community Grants](#)



2. Litter picking

Many local Parish and Town Councils do fantastic work with their communities to lead and support litter picking activity. We know some local groups cover the same territory while there are also some areas in the district that could benefit further from litter picking.



SLDC can help – beyond the provision and emptying of around 850 bins across the district, [we can supply you with litter picking equipment and work out how best to dispose of what is collected.](#)

Please contact locality@southlakeland.gov.uk if you would like help with your local litter picking.

3. Eric Wright Charitable Trust funding



[Eric Wright Charitable Trust](#) Funding of up to £1,000 is available for small groups (with an income of less than £30,000) in Barrow and South Lakes.

Closing date **Thursday 30th September** (funding must be spent by end March 2022) however applications will apparently be considered on a first come first served basis.

The fundholders explain that projects are more likely to be funded where the applicant can show a real measurable difference to the community that their project makes. This grant cannot be used for any capital purchases.

While consideration will be given to all applications, regardless of location, which improve the quality of life and life choices for people in the area, the Trust's main areas of interest are the following: Young Persons' Wellbeing; Elderly Services; Education and Training; Health and Respite Care.

Application packs are available to download from Cumbria CVS [here](#).

4. Digital Woodoo look to refurbish or build a community building

Newly formed Community Interest Company, [Digital Woodoo](#) are keen to partner with a Cumbrian community group looking to refurbish or build a community building such as a village hall, scout hut, or community hub.

Digital Woodoo use the manufacturing technology called [WikiHouse](#). WikiHouse is a digitally manufactured building system using sustainable plywood, computer numerical control machined to produce an adaptable system of standardised parts. Buildings can be rapidly assembled (like a flat pack) to millimetre precision. It aims to make it simple for anyone to design, manufacture and assemble beautiful, high-performance buildings that are customised to their needs.

Digital Woodoo claim the technology is ideally suited to engage the community from the design/concept stage all the way through to construction and delivery enabling members of the community to partake at all stages.

They would love to hear from any community group who would be interested in this innovative technology. Email digitalwoodoo@gmail.com or visit www.digitalwoodoo.co.uk for more.

5. Cold to Cosy



Despite it still being the school summer holiday period it's never too early to prepare your home for the colder months. **Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) provide a range of small and medium sized interventions for free through their Cold to Cosy service.**

The eligibility criteria are very broad and includes anyone receiving child benefit, Universal Credit, suffering from a range of health conditions or living in specific circumstances. Individuals can refer themselves or others. Free energy-saving equipment including energy saving light bulbs, radiator reflectors, letterbox covers and chimney balloons or sheep are among the interventions on offer. Please share with others: www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria

6. The Greening Campaign

Peninsula Environmental Action Together (PEAT) have worked with a number of Parish Councils to complete phase 1 of the Greening Campaign: Grange Town, Cartmel and Allithwaite, Cartmel Fell, Lower Holker, Lindale and Newton, and Witherslack, Meathop and Ulpha.

The whole Cartmel Peninsula was invited to take the Greening Challenge this July. Everyone received a Greening Campaign card in their copy of July's Grange Now magazine and picked five challenges to undertake for one year from a shortlist of eight voted for by community representatives. The challenges are simple to do with little or no outlay and aimed to encourage energy-saving habits that also save money. To highlight the challenges and remind people to look out for their Greening card, there have been scarecrows popping up everywhere, from Bill and Ben and Beatrix Potter characters to Pru Leith!

Rolling out the campaign across a big area like this has had its own challenges but the organisers were assisted by their campaign manager, Mr Graham Greening (right), whose success in negotiating with the crows rather than scaring them earned him his present job. Graham is particularly looking forward to the outdoor community event in September which will celebrate the total amount of energy saved by everyone.



PEAT managed to get 301 cards in windows and the results are savings of 182 tons of CO², which equates to a saving of £85,409.

If you have questions about the Greening Campaign, or want to sign-up and benefit from a subsidised Phase 1, costing just £25, then please visit our website and get in touch: climate.action@southlakeland.gov.uk.

7. Free Electric Vehicle Charging Point in your Parish



This is your last chance to explore installing an electric vehicle charging station in your area for free.

The [‘Scaling On Street Charging Infrastructure Project \(SOSCI\)’](#) has been extended to September 2021 and is looking for more suggested sites to meet its target to install 100 charge points west of the Pennines. SLDC is a partner organisation and we are using the scheme to install charging points in some of our car parks.

The [website](#) has more detail, and outlines how the scheme seeks to address some of the challenges of electric vehicle use in rural areas. With a budget of more than £4m and a keen interest in evaluation to better understand the barriers to EV use in rural areas, this is a great opportunity to propose installing a charge point in your local area.

If you would like a community car park in your area to be considered please register your interest here: <https://chargemystreet.co.uk/host>. The programme will look at the feasibility and, if it is possible, install the charge point – all for free.

8. Low Carbon Lake District Grants



The [Lake District Foundation](#) is using the European Structural Investment Fund to offer grants totalling £1 million to community groups and small to medium sized businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

Applicants will need to operate or have an impact within the Lake District National Park and **can be awarded up to 60% of projects costs, up to a maximum of £20,000**. Projects will need to be completed by March 2023.

To find out more visit: [Low Carbon Lake District Grants - Lake District Foundation](#)

9. SLDC My Account

My Account

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Apply

Report

Registering for My Account, **an easier way to report or request a whole range of council services**, is easy and takes just a couple of minutes – all you need is an email address. Go to www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Myaccount to login or register. You might like to [opt for paperless billing](#) while there, meaning future council tax or rate bills are sent to you electronically. Joint thousands of South Lakeland residents in signing for My Account.

Please pass on these details to local residents who can use the service to report everything from missed bins to fly-tipping, broken playground equipment to abandoned vehicles. They can also apply for services that range from postal votes to replacement bins, and make payments that include parking fines and council tax. More services are being added all the time alongside information tailored to the resident’s area that include local planning applications, bin collections calendars and local councillor contact details.