



ANNUAL REPORT & Accounts

April 2012 – March 2013

Your Councillors are:-

Jeff Carroll	Chairman	Councillor since March 2011
John Stoddart	Deputy Chairman	Councillor since April 2001
Anne Hall		Councillor since June 1987
David Coxon		Councillor since May 2000
Lee Tarr		Councillor since June 2004
Adam Kelly		Councillor since May 2012
Ken Batty		Councillor since May 2012

Thank You's and Achievements of the Year

The Parish Council would like to thank:-

- Flood Forum – Steve Emmett for his work on the flood forum and related works that have been carried out
- Housing Group – Alastair Cameron, Helen Dodd and the rest of the team for their work with the housing group for Coniston and Torver and creating a Community Land Trust
- Local Police Officers for regular attendance at the Parish Council meetings with updates on local incidents
- Cumbria County Councillor Claire Salisbury for attending our meetings and her support and assistance.
- Those involved in running and organising the clubs and societies in the village that make the village the vibrant and thriving community it is

The Parish Council has supported and achieved the following in the last year:-

- Paying for six street lights in addition to those provided by Cumbria County Council
- Grounds maintenance for the playground
- Maintenance of the two bus shelters in the village
- Grant of £300 for Coniston Development Centre
- Grant of £250 to Coniston Crusaders
- Grant of £300 to Coniston Parochial Church Council
- Donation of £300 to the Coniston Fireworks display
- Grants of £550 each for Coniston Institute and Ruskin Museum
- Running the Bridge Toilets to keep them open for the benefit of the community
- Completing revision of the Coniston Parish Plan
- Commencing the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan
- Assisting with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Coniston
- Appointing contractors to clear verges in the village
- Co-ordinating a meeting of venues holding events in the village to minimise problems within the parish
- Acting as Custodian Trustees of the Coniston Institute & Ruskin Museum

Councillors also attend the following meetings:

- High Furness Local Area Partnership
- Coniston Institute Committee
- Flood Forum
- Coniston & Torver Community Land Trust

Chairman's Report 2012 - 13

I was flattered by my fellow Councillors on the Parish Council when they proposed me as Chair in July 2012. As a fairly new member of the Council, it's not always easy to understand what has gone before, but I rapidly learnt that the only constant we are likely to see is change!

Your Council continues to work hard on your behalf, fighting to maintain and improve facilities and the service we as a community receive. As you'll read elsewhere in this report, we have completed a revision of the Parish Plan in the last Council year, creating a blueprint for where we put the emphasis on community development, or conservation for the next few years.

Also as seen elsewhere, your Council is leading the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, one of the first communities in the country to be involved in such a scheme. This will be a way to ensure the community's views are listened to by the planning authorities and decisions are made with our aspirations for the village in mind.

We continue to experience the age old problems of Dog Fouling and Highway potholes and continue to liaise with both South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council on both matters to try to improve the situation.

I would like to thank you, our parishioners for your support throughout the year, although it would be nice to see some more of you at our meetings! Additionally thank you to the other Councillors for their forbearance with me as their Chair, and lastly to the Clerk who puts in many hours making sure matters are dealt with properly and efficiently and without whom your Council would be unable to operate in the orderly and constructive way it does.

Jeff Carroll
Chairman
Coniston Parish Council

Summary of Accounts 2012 – 13

Balance b/f 4,819.19

Income

Precept	16,500.00
VAT Refunds	869.73
Interest	10.71
Bridge Toilets (collecting boxes)	274.52
Neighbourhood Plan	125.00
Transfer from Amenities Fund (playground)	3,276.00
Transfer from Amenities Fund	324.00
Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	3,140.53
SLDC to repair Bridge Toilets	2,196.00
SLDC Verge Maintenance	600.00
Local Area Partnership funding	700.00

Total Income 28,016.49

Expenditure (figures less VAT)

Clerk's Salary	3,700.00
Admin	2,921.94
Powers & Duties	2,574.00
Maintenance	1,689.67
Insurance	787.89
Street Lighting	1,363.25
Bridge Toilets	3,482.68
Parish Plan	91.38
Neighbourhood Plan	110.00
Diamond Jubilee	3,696.68
Playground	3,276.00
S137	30.00
VAT on above	1,480.86

Total Expenditure 25,204.35

C/f to 2012/13 7,631.33

Of *c/f* allocated:-

Local Area Partnership funding (verge maintenance)	964.00
Local Area Partnership funding (broadband events)	1,700.00
Local Area Partnership funding (housing needs survey)	300.00
SLDC Repairs to Bridge Toilets	2,196.00
SLDC Shop Front Improvement Scheme	1,200.00

Balance 1,271.33

Precept for 2013 - 14

This will remain the same as the previous year, £16,500.00

Plans for 2012 - 13

In the next year the Parish Councillors will be looking to:-

- complete the Coniston Neighbourhood Plan
- addressing the issues raised in the revised Parish Plan
- complete the new Coniston Parish Council website which will include a village diary

Planning Applications 2012 - 13

The Parish Councillors have commented on the following planning applications that are within the Parish of Coniston:-

7/2012/5147	6 Collingwood Close
7/2012/5151	11 The Garth
7/2011/5520	Boathouse near Black Beck Cottage
7/2012/5268	Radio Mast in Grizedale Forest
7/2011/5259	Land at Haws Bank
7/2012/5474	The Bungalow, Far End
7/2012/5470	Dixon Ground Farm
7/2012/5616	Thurston Outdoor Activities Centre
7/2012/5652	Brantwood
7/2013/5056	3 Low Yewdale Cottages
7/2012/5612	Land adjacent to 12 Collingwood Close
7/2013/5131	12 Yewdale Road, Coniston

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If you would like to receive the agendas, minutes etc of meetings or have any ideas or suggestions for the Parish Council please contact us.