

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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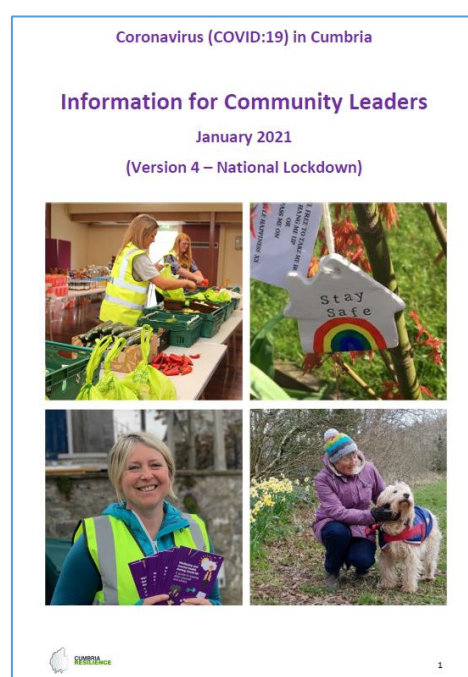
**1. Community Leaders**

A [new information pack for community leaders](#), updated by the organisations involved in the Cumbria Community Resilience Group (CRG)\* alongside other key partners, is available online and reflects the impact of the current lockdown including information about the new variant of Covid-19, lateral flow testing, and the vaccination programme. It is hosted on [Cumbria Council for Voluntary Services' website](#).

**Please read it and share it widely if you have not already done so.**

If you have any feedback on the pack, for example, ideas of information you would like to see included in future versions, please contact Carolyn Otley, Chair of Cumbria Community Resilience Group: [CarolynO@cumbriacvs.org.uk](mailto:CarolynO@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

\*The Cumbria Community Resilience Group was established as part of the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum coordination structures for the response to Coronavirus.



**2. Cold to Cosy**



With recent fresh snowfall outside and sub-zero temperatures overnight, many homes in South Lakeland could benefit from the range of small and medium scale interventions that [Cumbria Action for Sustainability \(CAfS\)](#) can provide 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](#). Consultations are taking place over the phone due to the current lockdown and free energy-saving equipment, that includes energy saving light bulbs, radiator reflectors, letterbox covers and chimney balloons or sheep are still being distributed.

**Please look into and share with others: [www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria](http://www.cafs.org.uk/cold-to-cosy-homes-cumbria)**

### 3. Public Spaces Protection Orders

SLDC is reviewing the district's [Public Spaces Protection Orders](#) (PSPOs) which were granted under [section 59 of the Antisocial Behaviour \(ASB\), Crime and Policing Act 2014](#) to allow authorised council officers and the police to introduce new measures to tackle antisocial behaviour and to improve public safety in a defined area.

PSPOs in the district can be found on our website [here](#), alongside further information [here](#). Associated Local Government Associate guidance for councils can be found [here](#).

In addition, **we are consulting on a number of new PSPOs that are proposed** due to recent complaints about anti-social behaviour, some of which would restrict the lighting of barbecues and fires in certain areas. As you will see in the questionnaire we are targeting sports pitches as these seem to have caused the most concerns.

**This consultation will run for eight weeks and close at midnight on 9th March 2021.**

For full details and to have your say please go online: [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/PSPO](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/PSPO)

If you do not have access to the internet please call 01539 793278

**We are also offering the opportunity for your councils to consider your own PSPOs.** There is no charge to parish councils to apply for these protections or to bring them into law under the PSPO. Some examples of where these restrictions may be appropriate include children's play areas and playing fields that are owned by the parish council. As part of the application process Parish Councils will need to be able to justify to SLDC that there is a clear need to introduce a specific protection. This will involve parish councils holding a six week consultation with the constituents of the parish and providing an analysis of the results. Please let us know if you would like further information on the process by emailing: [Locality@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:Locality@southlakeland.gov.uk)

### 4. Member Locality Budget Scheme

Each SLDC Councillor has [£1,000 to use for projects in their ward areas](#) this financial year. Approximately one quarter have allocated all of their budget, but a further quarter have some budget remaining and almost half of councillors have yet to allocate any of their fund. If you are looking for funding for a local initiative that is in keeping with [SLDC's priorities](#) then do consider contacting your [local Ward Councillors](#).



**Have your say**

**Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)**

We are consulting on Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) that will affect this area.

The existing dog related PSPOs in South Lakeland are due to expire in 2021 and we are required to review them and consult the public and certain stakeholders before they are renewed.

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## 5. My Account



[My Account](#) is the **new way to report or request a whole range of council services, contact us or check information**. It is part of SLDC's commitment to make it easier for our residents to access services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at a time that suits them.

Registering for an account is easy and takes just a couple of minutes – all you need is an email address. Got to [www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Myaccount](http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/Myaccount) to login or register.

**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.

## 6. The Greening Campaign

South Lakeland District Council are supporting communities within our area to join a movement of villages and towns across the country tackling Climate Change. People are often asking 'what do we do about Climate Change?', or 'What is the point if no-one else is doing anything?' and so this is an opportunity to meet that challenge with help, support and a structure to move through.

The initiative is called [The Greening Campaign](#) and has already been run by over 200 communities in the UK. We already have some\* in South Lakeland who have taken the first steps to be part of this initiative. The campaign supports communities through a structured process, enabling them to become more sustainable, looking at things like community engagement, retrofit of houses, and rewilding. It provides expert advice and support, along with information packs, to help each community through this process. So all you need to get started is the desire to create a Greening community and to have some fun along the way. Everyone, of all ages, is welcome to take part.



Now we're looking for communities of between 250 and 8000 households in South Lakeland who want to take up the offer to be a Greening Campaign.

**If you think this could be your parish, town, neighbourhood or ward, you can learn more by joining our free virtual event at 7pm on 16th February, to get the link please email [jemma.fells@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.fells@southlakeland.gov.uk)**

The first phase is offered at a subsidised cost of just £25.00.

We very much look forward to seeing you there and we will make sure there is time for questions.

\*Greening Cartmel Peninsula is a group of 9 parish and town council working together, led by PEAT (Peninsula Environmental Action Together) to deliver phase 1 during 2021.