

# Dalton with Newton Town Council

## Newsletter

Feb - Mar 2025

Town Mayor Councillor Neil McDougall was delighted to be invited to open Dalton's latest new business on Friday 14th February.

Wellness at Greenacres Sensory Snug is based on Chapel Street in Dalton. It offers babies and children a unique and enchanting sensory experience where little ones can enjoy and explore. They offer a number of themed and tailored sessions.

To check on the opening times and find out more information please visit their website [www.wellnessatgreenacres.co.uk](http://www.wellnessatgreenacres.co.uk)



### *Do You Have Old Photos of Dalton Railway Station?*

We are looking for historical photos of Dalton Railway Station for an exciting upcoming project!

If you or someone you know has any old photographs, we'd love to hear from you. Your images could help preserve and showcase the station's rich history.

How to Contribute:

Please email your photos to [admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk) or bring them to Dalton Town Hall, Station Road.



Many of our residents will have seen our appeal for historic photographs of Dalton Railway Station, strangely, there are virtually no photographs of our station held in the archives, there are none in the Sankey Collection and only one in the Francis Frith collection.

We are looking for pictures for a project which would see the George Romney portraits currently on the platform fences replaced with historic photos of our station.

This is part of the Rail 200 celebrations being held nationally this year to celebrate 200 years of the modern railway.

If anyone would like to be involved in the celebrations Rail 200 have their own website with all the information and what is being planned elsewhere in the Country.

<https://railway200.co.uk/>

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## Proposed new Christmas tree for Coronation Drive

Town and Parish Councils have a duty to consider Biodiversity when considering maintenance of any land they may own, any new projects they may undertake and when making responses to planning applications submitted to Westmorland and Furness Council and which they are consulted upon.

Each year for the festive season the Town Council purchase a cut tree which is decorated with Christmas lights and put into a special tree pit on the green area at the junction of Coronation Dr and Greystone Lane, bearing Biodiversity in mind the Town Council have agreed that a live Christmas Tree will be purchased instead. Planting a live tree at this location will remove the need to purchase a cut tree every year and is obviously much better for the environment and biodiversity. Westmorland and Furness Council have kindly given permission for the tree planting as they own the land. Once a suitable size tree can be sourced it will be planted in October/November 2025.

## VE Day Celebrations

### Funding Available for VE Day Community Events!

Dalton with Newton Town Council is offering funding of up to £200 to community groups based in Dalton in Furness who are planning public events to commemorate VE Day.

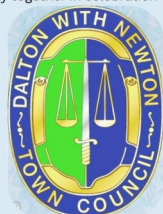
Ideas for Events can include afternoon tea parties and community gatherings. Along with funding the Town Council are also offering the provision of table decorations to be used at the event. The event must take place within Dalton, be open to the community and take place between 8th - 11th May 2025.

#### How to Apply:

Submit your event details, including a description, proposed budget, and contact information, via email to: [admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk)

#### Application Deadline: 4th April 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to bring the community together in celebration of VE Day!



As part of the VE Day Celebrations in May this year the Town Council will be putting up their bunting along Market Street and are also offering funding to local community groups who are planning events to mark the occasion which will be open to the public. The Town Council can make grants of up to £200 per group to help with the overall costs. Unfortunately the Council are unable to fund street parties. If you are planning an event and would like further details please contact us to discuss if we can help with funding.

A free afternoon tea is being arranged for up to 40 people and will be held at Dalton Community Church on Thursday 8th May. The event will be ticket only and will be on a strictly first come first served basis.

Tickets will be available from early April

The Town Council would like to pass on their thanks to Westmorland and Furness Councillor for Dalton North Cllr Ben Shirley. In preparation for the Christmas Switch On event it was necessary to power-wash Market Place, during the winter months the paving becomes extremely slippery and had to be thoroughly cleaned on safety grounds. Councillor Shirley kindly donated £500 towards the overall cost from his Members Community Grant allowance.

The Town Council would also like to thank Westmorland and Furness Councillors for Dalton South Tony Callister and Dave Taylor who have both donated £500 each from their Members Community Grant Allowance towards the production of a dedicated 'Visit Dalton' leaflet. The leaflet is currently being designed and will showcase our historic assets and promote Dalton as a visitor destination. It is hoped that the completed leaflet will be printed and available during April 2025.

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## **Dalton to enter Cumbria in Bloom competition in 2025**

After a 'rest' of 10 years Dalton Town Council will be entering the Town into the Cumbria in Bloom competition this year. In 2013 and 2014 Dalton had fantastic success winning almost every trophy available. This resulted in Dalton being entered into the Britain in Bloom competition where we were awarded a Bronze trophy. For 2025 the Town Council have several new projects in the pipeline which will enhance our Town, this includes a new garden to be created at Goose Green (see details later on in this newsletter), A willow sculpture artwork piece and an overall 'planting for pollinators' theme. In addition after consultation with the National Trust the Town Council will assume responsibility for maintenance of land to the front and sides of Dalton Castle, some shrubs have already been removed and the long-term planting plan is currently being looked at. Closer to the judging time we will be running regular litter picks and we hope that the community will get involved to help show our town at its best.

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### **Borderlands Update from Dalton Town Team Chair**

Hello everybody, and I hope everyone is ok.

I thought it a welcome time to be able to update on The Borderlands programme for Dalton.

Given that Borderlands funding for Dalton was agreed prior to the Covid Pandemic and then given Local Government Reorganisation, there has been a stop start to having the cogs of local government able to forward the aims and objectives of the various projects.

Leisure, the High Street and Active Travel are the areas that are now underway with regards to options to enhance Dalton's Historic beautiful town.

Activity to date has been to leaflet and receive feedback from the Businesses on Market Street to offer possible grants which can be used to improve the front of their operations or to extend and develop from within which helps to build capacity and sustainability. A healthy number of requests have been received and these are now in the system to be looked at as this project moves forward.

Various design layouts and options through the Active Travel fund are underway through consultants with discussions taking place with local business and elected members. This will be firmed up and in time will go out to consultation.

A really exciting area has been the discussions around a specific "Visit Dalton" leaflet which will highlight the many great facets of our Historic Town of Furness. It is expected that a launch of this leaflet will be ready sometime around April this year. This leaflet will really promote Dalton far and wide.

Many thanks for the Dalton Community for their input and enthusiasm.

As ever, if anybody needs to get in touch, please don't hesitate.

Tony Callister, Councillor, Dalton South.

Chair of Dalton Town Team.

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## **CALLING ALL RESIDENTS!**

Help us bring history to life this VE Day!

Dalton Town Council is organizing a World War II Exhibition in honour of VE Day on May 8th. We are looking for photos, memorabilia, or stories from this pivotal time in history to share with the community.

Do you have any photographs, letters, or artifacts from World War II?

We'd love to showcase them in our exhibition to honour the sacrifices and triumphs of our community.

How You Can Help:

- Loan us your items to display for the exhibition.
- Share your stories and help us preserve history for future generations.

Contact us by 9th April to contribute!

01229464000 / admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk

Items can be dropped off at Dalton Town Hall and left for the display or where possible copies can be taken if you would prefer not to leave any important pictures and paperwork.

Let's come together to make this VE Day truly special.

Your contributions will help us honor the past and inspire the future.

Thank you for your support!



## **Dog Fouling**

On the 23rd February the Town Council received an email from a member of the public who lives outside of our area regarding dog fouling.

"We come up to Dalton-in-Furness probably once every 6 weeks and the one thing that stands out is the amount of dog mess, this weekend Becksides Road had literally piles of it on the pavement and road, Little fields path was pretty much impassable and a couple of deposits outside the Post Office and Co-Op on Market Street and up Station Road make walking in the town difficult, the problem seems to be rife wherever you go but unfortunately it does seem to be pretty bad in Dalton-in-Furness"

Incidents of dog fouling always increase during the winter months as the dark nights seem to be a green light for those who don't want to pick up to just walk away. But do we really want our Town to be known only for its lovely Christmas Lights and enormous amounts of Dog Poo?

Free dog bags are available for our residents so there is no excuse for not picking up after your dog.

## **WW11 Display**

As part of the larger VE Day Celebrations the Town Council will be holding a display in the Town Hall building during May. If you can help by loaning memorabilia which can be put on public display please contact us.

## **Dalton Cemetery**

Following numerous complaints about loose dogs being exercised in the cemetery grounds and incidents of dog fouling, Westmorland and Furness Council are taking action. Westmorland and Furness enforcement officers will now be patrolling the cemetery and if you are found to have an off lead dog or fail to clear up after your dog and are caught you will face a financial penalty.

Dogs are permitted in the cemetery grounds if they are on a lead, it is not a dog exercise area and not cleaning up after them is not only disrespectful it is also a health hazard.

## **Keep up to Date**

The Town Council have a social media page and a website where you can keep up to date on local news and events:



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[www.daltontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.daltontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## **Your Town Councillors**

Dalton Council has 10 Councillors representing the 3 wards which make up Dalton, Dowdales, Becksides and Anti-Cross & Newton. Councillors are elected on a four year term and are unpaid, giving their time voluntarily.

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## **FREE WILDFLOWER SEEDS!**

Help support bees & butterflies in Dalton! Dalton Town Council are giving away free packets of wildflower seeds as part of the council's biodiversity commitment. We invite all residents to pick up a pack from Dalton Town Hall and help create beautiful, pollinator-friendly spaces in our community.

Bee Kind, plant wildflowers and help make a difference.

While supplies last!

**Let's work together to make Dalton bloom!**

As part of the Town Council Biodiversity commitment approx. 1,000 packets of wildflower seeds are being made available free of charge to residents of Dalton. Seeds packets will be available from Tuesday 25th February from the Town Hall.

### **Did you Know?**

To help reduce the number of dog fouling incidents in our area residents of Dalton and Newton you can pick up 20 dog bags per week free of charge from Dalton Town Hall.

### **New Garden for Goose Green**

Plans are progressing for a new community garden at Goose Green. The Town Council took on responsibility for land at Goose Green from Westmorland and Furness Council in December 2023. If all goes as planned work on the garden should start in July 2025.

### **Community Orchard**

Work is continuing on the creation of a community orchard. The Town Council took over the tenancy of one allotment late last year and considerable clearance work was needed before plans could be drawn up for the layout. Work has been continuing on the clearance and rubbish removal although at a slower pace due to the winter weather. 14 tons of waste have been removed from the plot so far. Recently Cllr Bruce Solari attended the site and measured up so work can now begin on planning the paths, tree locations and wildlife area.



Before - July 2024



Progress - Feb 2025



Clearance nearing completion

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## Decorate for Victory!

Dalton with Newton Town Council invites all local shopfront businesses to take part in our V.E. Day Window Display Competition!  
Help us commemorate Victory in Europe Day on May 8th by decorating your shop windows in a creative, patriotic display!

Windows will be decorated from May 1st  
Support Local! We encourage members of the public to take a stroll through town, enjoy the displays, and show their support for our local businesses.

Nominate Your Favorite! Vote for the best-decorated shopfront by emailing your nomination to [admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk).  
Deadline for Votes: 11th May

Let's come together as a community to celebrate and remember! ❤️💙💜



## REPURPOSE & CREATE!

Join Dalton with Newton Town Council's Recycled Bird Box & Feeder Competition!  
Get creative and help our local wildlife!  
As part of **Cumbria in Bloom**, Dalton Town Council is inviting residents of all ages to repurpose recyclable materials into bird boxes or feeders – a fun way to recycle, get creative, and support nature!

### What to do:

- ✓ Use recyclable materials like wood, plastic bottles, old teapots, or milk cartons!
- ✓ No metal, please! Keep it safe for birds.
- ✓ Bring your creation to [Town Hall Name] by 10th June.
- ✓ Your bird boxes and feeders will be displayed until after Cumbria in Bloom judging.
- ✓ After the event, you can collect your creation and place it in a location of your choice!

### Need inspiration? Try these ideas!

- Plastic bottle feeder – Cut holes and add perches for birds to access seeds.
- Milk carton house – Paint & decorate an empty milk carton for a cozy nest.
- Teapot home – An old teapot makes a quirky nesting spot!
- Wooden box – Got spare wood? Build a classic birdhouse!

🏆 Prizes for the most creative & eco-friendly designs!

📍 Drop-off: Dalton Town Hall, Station Road, Dalton

📅 Deadline: 10th June

❓ Questions? Contact us at [admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk)

🌱 Let's work together to make Dalton & Newton beautiful and bird-friendly! 🌻  
#CumbriaInBloom #EcoChallenge #RecycleForNature #BirdBoxChallenge



## Other News In Brief

- The Town Council are working with Westmorland and Furness Council on the design of new kissing Gates being installed to complete work recently carried out on the Cistercian Way footpath
- Potholes Mill Brow Roundabout - Resurfacing of the carriageway between Dalton Lane and Long Lane is included in the Westmorland and Furness Programme of works for 2025/26, until that happens a temporary repair of the potholes on Mill Brow roundabout is being planned, this will be done during night-time hours to minimize disruption.
- The Town Council are working with the Borderlands Town Team on the production of a dedicated Visit Dalton Leaflet. It is hoped the new leaflet will be available by early Summer 2025.
- Following the huge success of a temporary Pump Track seen on Walney, the same has been secured for Dalton, the temporary track will be located at Dowdales during the Summer Season and will be open to the community.
- As part of our Pride in Your Community entry into Cumbria in Bloom competition, community litter picks will be arranged starting in April. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page for dates.
- Do you have any pictures of Spring in Dalton?, we are looking for nice pictures for our year round portfolio.
- Watch out for our first Willow artwork sculptures - if plans go as expected a family of three sheep will take up residence in the Pinfold on Goose Green.

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## LGBCE - Have Your Say

To ensure that all residents are equally represented on Principal Councils, in our case Westmorland and Furness, periodically a review of our electoral wards are carried out, the review is carried out by an independent body, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and is done without local communities incurring any costs. Currently a review is ongoing in our area and the draft recommendations are now available to view and make comments on.

Put very simply Dalton is covered by 2 electoral wards, Dalton North and Dalton South. Dalton North covers parts of Dalton, Askam, Ireleth, Lindal & Marton. Dalton South covers Dalton & Newton. Both wards are represented by two Westmorland & Furness Councillors.

In summary the LGBCE are proposing that two wards remain but one will be renamed Askam in Furness and will be represented by just one councillor, the second ward would be renamed Dalton In Furness and would be represented by 2 councillors. The village of Newton would be moved from current Dalton South Ward and placed into Low Furness Ward and Lindal & Marton would be moved from the current Dalton North Ward and also placed into Low Furness.

The LGBCE are asking for your views on the proposals including if the proposed ward names are right, could the proposals be improved and do the proposed wards reflect local communities. Your comments can be made online where you can also see proposals for the entire Westmorland and Furness electoral wards and comments from Westmorland and Furness Council, Dalton with Newton Town Council and Askam & Ireleth Parish Council.

[www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

### Christmas 2025

The Christmas switch on this year will be Sunday 23rd November, our lights are usually switched on in the first Sunday of December, however this year this that falls on the 6th December which was considered too late.

Barrow BID will be running the switch on again this year after the success of the 2024 event. Final plans are yet to be decided but it is very likely that it will be very similar to last years event with activities for families being held at various locations across the Town Centre throughout the day.

Askam and Ireleth History Society

### ASKAM

#### LOOKING BACK EXHIBITION

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025

from 10.30 am until 4.00 pm

Duddon Road Methodist Church,  
Askam

This year is a special year for Askam, as we celebrate 160 years since it was founded in 1865. 155 years of Duddon Road Church and 120 years of our library

Please join us for this free event with refreshments and music



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## How does the council tax work?

Council Tax bills will land on our doormats soon so we thought this would be a good time to give a quick explanation on how the council tax charges works.

Westmorland and Furness Council provide things such as Education, Social Care, Transport & Roads, Waste Collection & Recycling, Housing and Planning, Libraries, Leisure and Culture.

Dalton Town Council can only provide things within Dalton and Newton and these include Christmas Lights, Flower Displays, Grass Cutting, Maintenance of Land, provision of public areas such as gardens and seating areas, Allotments, Community Events and providing small grants. This list is not exhaustive but lists just a few of the things the Town Council does.

Since the introduction of Westmorland and Furness Council, smaller Town and Parish councils have had to make the decision if they wanted to take on the responsibility of some things which were previously paid for by their District Council (Barrow Borough Council), this has seen an increase in the amounts needed annually to cover these additional costs.

If you have a Town or Parish Council in your area they will have decided how much they need to operate over the next 12 months. Some councils are more active than others so amounts needed vary from area to area, however your Town or Parish Council must by Law spend the money they obtain within their boundary, they cannot pay for things outside their area, so for instance Dalton Town Council could not contribute to or fund something in Barrow or Ulverston.

Once this additional amount is confirmed by your Town Council the total required is divided by the number of properties in your area who pay Council Tax, it does not include properties that receive council tax benefit or discounts. For Dalton this means the amount needed (£314,000 in 2025/26) is collected from just 2460 properties. This amount is then added to your council tax bill.

To address the question 'Why do we pay more than Barrow?' - Barrow Town Council may have decided they only need the same amount as Dalton Town Council but they have many, many more properties to divide the amount across which makes their charge smaller .



This is how much you contribute to Dalton with Newton Town Council annually

- Band A £85.14 or (£1.64 pw)
- Band B £99.33 or (£1.91 pw)
- Band C £113.52 or (£2.18 pw)
- Band D £127.71 or (£2.45 pw)
- Band E £156.09 or (£3.00 pw)
- Band F £184.47 or (£3.55 pw)
- Band G £212.85 or (£4.09 pw)
- Band H £255.42 or (£4.91 pw)

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