



The Mayor of Dalton, Ann Thurlow, and Cllr Neil McDougall were honoured to receive a special invitation to the North West Air Ambulance Charity headquarters in Manchester. The visit was arranged to celebrate the incredible work the charity does across the region and to acknowledge the donation made earlier this year by Cllr McDougall. During his term as Mayor of Dalton (2024/25), he dedicated his fundraising efforts to supporting the North West Air Ambulance, raising a fantastic total of £3500.00 for the charity. The team at North West Air Ambulance gave a warm welcome and shared how donations like these help keep their helicopters flying and their critical care teams on the road – saving lives across the North West every single day.

A huge thank you to everyone in Dalton who contributed towards this amazing cause during Cllr McDougall's mayoral year – your generosity has truly made a difference.



🌸🌿 A Huge Thank You from Dalton Town Council! 🌿🌸

We would like to give a massive thank you to all the wonderful groups who took part in this year's very first 'Adopt a Planter' scheme here in Dalton:

- 💜 Girl Guides
- 📖 Dalton St. Mary's School
- 📖 Our Lady's School
- 👮 Police Cadets
- 🌿 Scouts
- 👏 Dalton Community Action Group
- 📖 Dowdales School
- 👏 Dalton Community Association
- 🏛️ St Mary's Church

Your hard work and creativity made Dalton bloom beautifully this summer, with each planter showcasing unique flowers and thoughtful planting choices. It has been fantastic to see so much community spirit and such a variety of designs, especially with biodiversity at the heart of the scheme. 🌸🐝

The low raised wooden planters are the responsibility of Westmorland & Furness Council, who will now replant them for the winter season. They have kindly agreed that Dalton Town Council can run the 'Adopt a Planter' scheme again next summer (May–October 2026).

The Town Council provides funding for each planter, but gives groups the freedom to choose their own plants – ensuring creativity and individuality shine through.

🌿 If your group, school, or organisation would like to take part next year, please get in touch with us at: admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk



Kendal Torchlight Reception

I was delighted to represent Dalton Town Council at the Kendal Torchlight Reception in September, held in the beautiful Assembly Rooms of Kendal Town Hall. The event, hosted by the Mayor of Kendal, Councillor Richard Sutton, and Vice Chair of Westmorland and Furness Council, Councillor Mark Rudhall, celebrated the many volunteers who make such a valuable contribution to the Kendal community.

Guests were treated to entertainment by Bob Christie from KAOS Musical Theatre, along with a traditional pie and pea supper kindly provided by the Ring O' Bells public house on Kirkland.

The Mayor's theme for the year – volunteering – was truly brought to life through the presence of representatives from Kendal's many community organisations, charity shops, and support groups. It was inspiring to see so many people dedicated to helping others and improving their town.

In keeping with Kendal's climate emergency priorities, the evening's food and drink were locally sourced, supporting nearby businesses and reducing the event's carbon footprint. The Torchlight Carnival's theme, "Seasons," was beautifully reflected in the room's decorations, with a stunning autumnal centrepiece created by Lifesteps, one of the Mayor's chosen charities, and vivid seasonal colours provided by the Torchlight Volunteers.

It was a privilege to attend such a warm and uplifting celebration of community spirit. My thanks to Kendal Town Council for their kind invitation and hospitality.

– Bruce Solari, Deputy Mayor of Dalton Town Council

Charnley's Christmas Display 🎄

I was honoured to be invited to officially open the Christmas Display at Charnley's Garden Centre. As always, the team at Charnley's have outdone themselves – transforming the space into a truly magical winter wonderland filled with festive sparkle and creativity.

It was wonderful to see so many families and visitors enjoying the beautiful decorations, festive atmosphere, and the start of the Christmas season. Events like this really bring our community together and showcase the hard work and imagination that make local businesses like Charnley's such a valued part of Dalton.

My sincere thanks to everyone at Charnley's Garden Centre for the warm welcome and for inviting me to take part in such a joyful occasion. Wishing them every success for the festive season ahead!

– Bruce Solari, Deputy Mayor of Dalton Town Council



Mayor's Mock Council Meeting with Dalton Scouts

Mayor Cllr Ann Thurlow recently hosted a special evening with the Dalton Scouts, giving them a unique opportunity to experience local democracy in action. The Scouts took part in a mock council meeting, where they followed a real-style agenda, discussed community topics, and even elected their own "Mayor" to chair the session.

The young participants showed great enthusiasm and curiosity, asking thoughtful questions about how local decisions are made and the role of the council in supporting the community.

Mayor Thurlow said, "It was wonderful to see the Scouts engaging with the democratic process in such a fun and meaningful way. They were full of ideas and confidence – our future leaders in the making!"

A great night was had by all, with plenty of laughter, learning, and lively debate.



Cumbria in Bloom - The Results



We're so proud to share that Dalton has been awarded a Silver Gilt Medal in Cumbria in Bloom 2025!

A huge thank you to everyone who played a part – from our amazing volunteers and community groups to local businesses and residents who helped keep Dalton looking beautiful.

Your hard work and pride in our town truly shine through.

Here's to building on this success and going for gold next year! In addition to this award, Dalton Railway Station were presented with an achievement of thriving in 'Its your Neighbourhood Award'.



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Mayor and Councillor Attend Rusland Remembrance Service



Above: Cllr Bailey Parrington & Mayor Cllr Ann Thurlow

Below: Cllr Neil McDougall & Mayor Cllr Ann Thurlow



On Sunday, 2nd November, Mayor Councillor Ann Thurlow, accompanied by Councillor Bailey Parrington, attended the annual Remembrance Service at Rusland. The service brought together local residents, community representatives, and veterans to honour the memory of those who gave their lives in service to their country. Mayor Thurlow laid a wreath on behalf of the town, paying tribute to the fallen and expressing gratitude for their sacrifice. Speaking after the ceremony, she said, “It’s always deeply moving to stand with our community and remember those who gave everything for the freedoms we enjoy today.”

The event was marked by a moment of silence and traditional readings, with the peaceful Rusland setting providing a fitting backdrop for reflection and remembrance.

On Sunday 9th residents gathered in solemn reflection on Sunday as a series of Remembrance Day services were held across Dalton, Newton, Askam and Ireleth.

The morning began in Dalton, where Mayor Thurlow and Cllr McDougall led the civic tribute. Together, they laid a wreath at the town’s war memorial, joined by local veterans, youth organisations, and members of the public who paused to honour those who lost their lives in conflict.

Following the Dalton ceremony, the councillors continued their commemorative duties, travelling to Newton, Askam and Ireleth to lay wreaths at each village memorial. At every stop, residents gathered in respectful silence as the Last Post was played and two minutes’ silence observed. Mayor Thurlow said the day served as “a moving reminder of the sacrifices made by generations before us,” while Cllr McDougall added that it was important “to stand with each community and ensure their fallen are remembered with dignity.”

Across all four locations, attendance was strong, with families, veterans, community groups and parish representatives coming together to pay tribute. The series of services concluded late Sunday afternoon, bringing to a close a day of shared remembrance and reflection across Furness’s close-knit communities.



A New Christmas Tradition for Dalton!

On Wednesday 12th November, Mayor Cllr Ann Thurlow and Cllr Neil McDougall planted a brand new real Christmas tree at Coronation Drive / Greystone Lane!

It may be small now, but with the love and care of the people of Dalton, we're hoping it will grow and shine brighter with every Christmas to come.

This year, our little tree is joined by a bigger, temporary Christmas tree – there to show it what being a Christmas tree is all about! By planting this tree, we're supporting the Council's biodiversity and green awareness goals – and it's one less tree to cut down each year.

So when you pass by, take a moment to show the little tree some love – it's the start of something truly special for our town.

Annual Christmas Lights Switch-On

What a fantastic day we had yesterday at our Annual Christmas Lights Switch-On! We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came along and took part in the day's free activities – your support made it truly special.

A special thanks to:

BarrowBID for organising the day's events and to all their volunteers – without you, none of this would be possible.

Optech Fibres for their amazing lighting expertise.

BAE Systems & Furness Building Society for sponsoring the day.

Goadsbarrow & Stribers for the beautiful trees that brighten up our town.

The Rotary Club for sponsoring the Tudor Square tree.

Alan Brown, our fabulous Town Crier.

All the local businesses that opened especially and the traders who joined us – we hope you had a great day!

Dalton Town Band for leading the parade so brilliantly.

(Sorry if we've missed anyone)

Through everyone's generosity, a grand total of £387.00 was raised for the Mayor's Charities.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations so magical – we hope you all had a lovely day!

Thank you everyone.



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