

Mayor Attends “Telyn Dafydd” – Help for Ukraine Concert

On Wednesday 18th February, the Mayor attended the “Telyn Dafydd” concert held at St. Mary’s Church, Dalton, in support of Help for Ukraine.

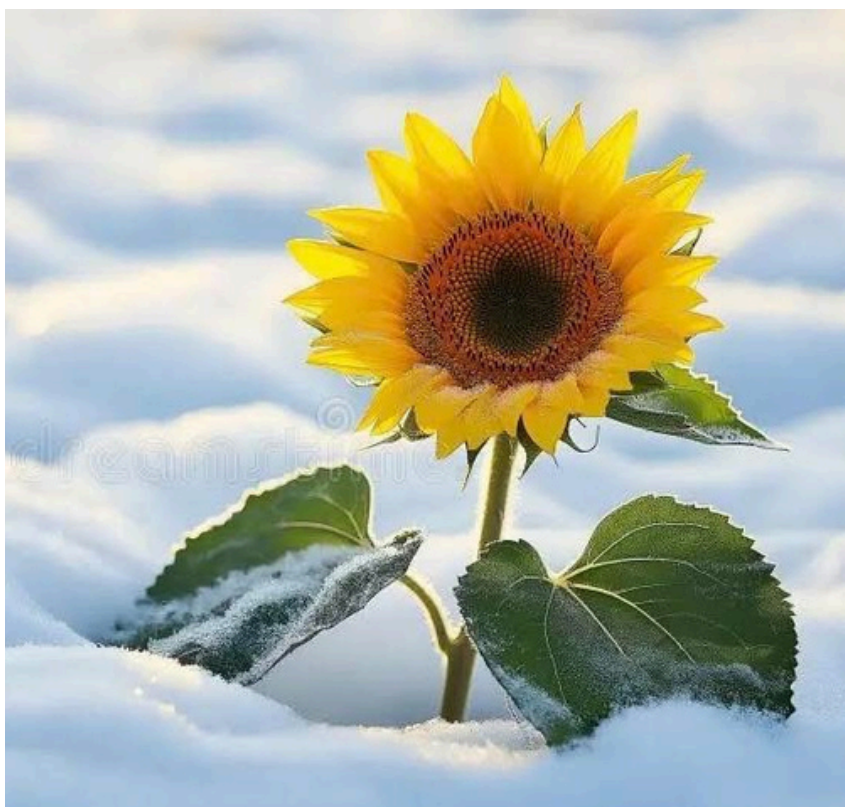
The evening featured predominantly folk-style music, much of it from Ukraine. The musicians were gentle and unassuming performers who were genuinely surprised and deeply moved to receive a standing ovation at the end of the concert.

The performers had travelled from the war-affected city of Lviv, leaving their home town in temperatures of minus 19 degrees. With no commercial flights currently operating from Ukraine, they made the long journey overland to Poland before travelling on to perform in Dalton, as well as in Millom and Kirkby Lonsdale.

There was a good turnout from the community, and it was a very moving and worthwhile evening in support of Ukraine.



BRIGHTEN UP THE DARK DAYS



Winter is still upon us but brighter days are ahead, get up in the morning, open up the curtains, crack open a window, breathe in the fresh crisp air, wave at your neighbour.

Town Council Emergency Plan – Preparing Our Community

Dalton with Newton Town Council has developed a Community Emergency Plan, designed to help our towns respond effectively in the event of an emergency. The plan outlines how the Council intends to coordinate support, share information, and assist residents during situations such as severe weather, flooding, power outages, or other major incidents. The Emergency Plan is available to view on the Town Council website, or you can request a hard copy from the Town Hall.

As part of this initiative, information leaflets have been delivered to properties identified as being most at risk of flooding. These leaflets contain practical guidance for a range of emergency situations, and additional copies are available from the Town Hall for any resident who would like one.

The Town Council is also exploring opportunities to secure additional funding to provide emergency 'grab bags', containing useful items to support households during unexpected events. Please keep an eye on our social media channels for updates on availability and how to obtain one.

Support for vulnerable residents

If you or someone in your household is considered vulnerable – for example due to age, disability, or a medical condition – you may be eligible to join your utility provider's Priority Services Register. This free service ensures you receive extra support during power cuts, gas or water supply interruptions, and other emergencies.

You can register by contacting your utility suppliers directly, or by visiting:

👉 www.thepsr.co.uk

Know your flood risk

To check whether your property is in an area at risk of flooding, visit the Government's flood information service:

👉 www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk

Taking a few simple steps now can make a significant difference in an emergency. By staying informed and prepared, we can help keep Dalton and Newton safe and resilient.

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Cumbria in Bloom 2026 – Let's Go for Gold!





Following our successful return to the Cumbria in Bloom competition last year – our first entry in many years – Dalton was proudly awarded Silver. This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work, community spirit, and pride that make our town such a wonderful place to live and visit.

The Town Council is delighted to announce that Dalton will be entering Cumbria in Bloom 2026, and we would love even more of our community to get involved.

We are inviting residents, community groups, organisations, and local businesses to become part of the Cumbria in Bloom 2026 Working Group. Whether you enjoy gardening, organising community projects, supporting environmental initiatives, or simply want to help make Dalton look its very best, your support would be greatly valued.

The first meeting will take place on:

 Monday 16th March

 7:00pm

 Dalton Town Hall

If you are interested in joining the working group, please register your interest with Jane at admin@daltontowncouncil.gov.uk so we have an idea of numbers to expect.

Let's work together, build on last year's success, and go for Gold in 2026!

Mayor's Charity Afternoon – You're Invited!

Residents are warmly invited to attend the Mayor's Charity Afternoon on Sunday 19th April, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Drill Hall.

Hosted by Mayor Councillor Ann Thurlow, the afternoon will celebrate community achievements and recognise the many individuals and groups who help make Dalton such a special place.

During the event, the Mayor will:

Present cheques to her chosen charities

Share a report reflecting on her year in office

Award certificates to those recognised for their contribution to Cumbria in Bloom 2025

Honour individuals who have gone above and beyond for the local community

There will also be an opportunity to hear from some of the groups that have received funding from the Town Council over the past year, highlighting the positive impact these projects have had across Dalton.

Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available, providing the perfect chance to relax, meet others, and celebrate the strength of our community together.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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Dog Fouling – There Is No Excuse

Dalton with Newton Town Council continues to receive a high number of complaints regarding dog fouling across our town. Dog mess is not only unpleasant but also a public health concern, particularly in areas used by children and families.

To support responsible dog ownership, the Town Council provides free dog waste bags every week to residents of Dalton and Newton. With this service readily available, there is simply no excuse for failing to clean up after your dog.

We remind all dog owners that it is a legal responsibility to pick up dog waste immediately and dispose of it appropriately. Failure to do so can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

We ask everyone to take pride in our community and help keep Dalton and Newton clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

If you witness persistent issues in a particular area, please report them to the Town Council so that we can work with the relevant enforcement teams.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Help Dalton Bloom – Join the Tidy Town Team!

Dalton Tidy Town Group has enjoyed another busy and productive year, with volunteers playing an important role in keeping our streets and community spaces looking their best through planting, weeding, and ongoing care.

The group was especially proud to support Dalton's entry into Cumbria in Bloom last year, where the town achieved a fantastic Silver Gilt Award. The railway station, lovingly maintained by Tidy Town volunteers, also received a Silver Gilt and narrowly missed out on Gold – a wonderful achievement for everyone involved. In addition, the sensory garden on Abbey Road, near Chequers, was commended by judges and contributed valuable points towards the town's result.

Like many community groups, Dalton Tidy Town is finding that its membership is getting smaller, and they would warmly welcome new volunteers. Whether you can spare the odd hour or would like to become more involved, your support can make a real difference to the appearance and pride of our town.

If you are interested in joining the Tidy Town Group, why not come along and meet current members at the Cumbria in Bloom meeting on Monday 16th March at 7pm in the Town Hall? You'll be able to find out more about what they do and how you can get involved.

Alternatively, for further information, please contact the Town Hall.

The Bridge Pub charity Event



The Bridge Pub held a charity night on Thursday 19th February.

A great night was had by all, featuring a quiz, Lucky Thirteen, a raffle with donated prizes, and stand-up bingo.

We had lots of fun, and the event raised an amazing £200 for local charity, The Drop Zone.

Drop Zone Dalton is a youth organization dedicated to supporting young people aged 7 to 21, The Youth club is held in Dalton from 5pm till 7pm on Tuesday Evenings. Check their website for more details or drop in to Dalton Community Centre

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Lord Street Residents – Could You Be a Street Voice?

Westmorland and Furness Council Housing Service is currently looking for a Street Voice representative for Lord Street, Dalton.

Street Voices are local tenants or leaseholders who work with the Housing Service to share what matters most in their neighbourhood. It's an opportunity to highlight local issues, support improvements, and help shape your area.

- ✓ Open to tenants and leaseholders
- ✓ Volunteer role (reasonable out-of-pocket expenses covered)
- ✓ Help improve your local community

If you live on Lord Street and would like to get involved, please contact the Housing Service using the details on the poster below.

Dalton with Newton Town Council is pleased to share this opportunity to help ensure Lord Street has a voice.



Become a Street Voice!

**Help shape your neighbourhood
and make a real difference**

What is a Street Voice?

Street Voices are local tenants and leaseholders who work with us to highlight what's important in their neighbourhood. Your insight helps improve the area and make it a better place to live.

Who can be a Street Voice?

- Any tenant or leaseholder
- Cover an area of at least five properties
- Unpaid volunteer role, but we cover all out-of-pocket expenses

What do Street Voices do?

- Act as a link between the Housing Service and your area
- Chat to neighbours and complete short surveys
- Join Housing staff on area inspections
- Be a "critical friend" – sharing what matters to your community
- Give views on estate improvements
- Signpost residents to the right Council team

Want to get involved?

Contact us to find out more: Cathy Kirk 01229 876523
or email: housing@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk