

DALTON WITH NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

August - September 2026

Be Well at Dalton Community Centre

Dalton Town Council was pleased to support the Be Well event at Dalton Community Centre, which brought together local organisations and community groups to promote health, wellbeing and positive activities within the local community.

The event offered a range of free activities, information and opportunities for residents to get involved, creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere throughout the day.

Dalton Town Council was represented by Deputy Mayor Cllr Neil McDougall and Cllr Wendy Maddox, who spent time at the event handing out goodie bags and chatting with local residents. They were also joined by W&F Cllr Tony Callister.

There was even an unexpected highlight to the day when Cllr McDougall and Cllr Maddox had the opportunity to meet Tommy the Pigeon, adding a little fun to what was a very enjoyable community event!

The Council was delighted to be part of the day and to support an event which encourages residents to connect with others, discover what is available locally and take positive steps towards their health and wellbeing.



A New Challenge in the Reading Garden!

Our Reading Garden Challenge has had a change of theme!

The previous challenge has now finished, and we've got a brand-new theme ready for everyone to enjoy. Why not pop along to the Reading Garden, have a look around and see if you can complete the new challenge?

It's a fun way for children and families to explore the garden, discover something new and enjoy a little bit of nature along the way.

Happy exploring!

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Exciting New Community Allotment Project

Dalton with Newton Town Council is delighted to be moving forward with one of its most exciting community projects – the creation of a new Railway Community Allotment.

Following successful discussions with Network Rail, the Town Council has secured a licence for a previously unused area of land adjacent to the railway. Over the coming months, this space will be transformed into a thriving community allotment that will provide opportunities for residents, schools, community groups and local organisations to come together and enjoy the many benefits of gardening and the outdoors.

Our vision is to create an attractive, welcoming and accessible space where people of all ages can grow fruit, vegetables and flowers, learn new skills, support local wildlife and biodiversity, and enjoy spending time in nature. The allotment will also include communal areas where people can meet, share ideas and build friendships, helping to strengthen our local community. We are now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring this exciting project to life. Whether you have years of gardening experience or have never picked up a trowel before, everyone is welcome. There will be opportunities to help with developing the site, planting, maintaining the gardens and shaping the future of this fantastic community space.

If you would like to get involved or find out more about becoming a volunteer, please contact the Town Clerk. Together, we can transform this unused piece of land into a vibrant community asset that will be enjoyed for many years to come.

The artist's impression of the proposed allotment, shown below, gives an exciting glimpse of what the site could become with the support of our volunteers and the wider community.



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A Step Back in Time at Dalton Railway Station

If you're passing through Dalton Railway Station, be sure to take a look at the fantastic new historical display on Platform 2.

Dalton Town Council has been delighted to work in partnership with Northern Rail and Community Rail Cumbria to bring the station's history to life. A collection of enlarged historic photographs has been installed, along with an information board telling the story of the station and its importance to our town over the years.

Whether you're catching a train or simply passing by, it's well worth stopping for a look and discovering a little of Dalton's rich railway heritage.



A Wonderful Family Day at Dalton Community Centre

Cllr Ann Thurlow and Cllr David Pearson were delighted to attend the family event held at Dalton Community Centre on Tuesday 11th August.

The event brought together local families and community groups for a lovely afternoon, with a wide range of stalls showcasing the activities and organisations available in our local community. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the event, with lots of families coming along and plenty for children to see and do.

Dalton with Newton Town Council was also pleased to have a stall at the event, where children were invited to take part in a colouring competition. It was wonderful to see so many young people getting involved and showing off their creativity.

Cllr Thurlow said: "It was lovely to see the Community Centre so busy and to meet so many local families and representatives from our community groups. Events like this are a great opportunity to bring people together, find out what is happening locally and support the fantastic groups and organisations that do so much for our town."

The Town Council would like to thank everyone involved in organising the event and all the local groups who gave their time to take part. It was a great example of the community coming together and making the most of the facilities and activities available in Dalton.

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Mayor Cllr Bruce Solari – August & September

Over August and September, Mayor Cllr Bruce Solari has been busy representing Dalton with Newton Town Council at a number of civic and community events across the area.

One of the events he attended was Barrow Town Council's Civic Sunday, joining fellow civic leaders and representatives from across Westmorland and Furness. Bruce is pictured alongside Doug Rathbone, Chair of Westmorland and Furness Council, Cllr Kay Hyland, Mayor of Barrow, and Cllr Helen Ladhams, Mayor of Kendal.

Bruce also attended the Staveley House Summer Fair, where he had the pleasure of meeting the founders, Mr and Mrs Staveley. The fair was a lovely community event and provided an opportunity for Bruce to meet residents, volunteers and those involved with Staveley House. Bruce and his wife Sharon also enjoyed a visit to the Medieval Fair at Furness Abbey, taking the opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and atmosphere of this popular local event. The Mayor is looking forward to continuing to attend events and engagements throughout his Mayoral year, supporting local organisations and representing the communities of Dalton and Newton.



Poetry Day at the Reading Garden

Join Dalton with Newton Town Council on Saturday 3rd October, from 11am to 4pm, for a free Poetry Day at the Reading Garden.

The event will celebrate poetry, creativity and our local community, with something for everyone to enjoy. There will be poetry readings from local poets and groups, an open mic session for anyone who would like to share their own work, and poetry competitions to get involved with. Free refreshments will also be available throughout the day, so come along, take a seat in the garden and enjoy a relaxed afternoon surrounded by words and creativity. Whether you are a keen poet, enjoy listening to poetry, or simply fancy coming along to see what is happening, everyone is welcome.

Saturday 3rd October | 11am–4pm | Reading Garden
Free entry – no booking required.

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