

Moresby Matters

and surrounding area

June 2017

Issue 2

Welcome to the second 'Moresby Matters' issued by your Parish Council. We are pleased to say we received positive reaction to issue 1 and are hopeful your response to the latest edition will be as enthusiastic. Details on how to contact the Parish Council are given overleaf.



Keeping Moresby Tidy

A big thank you to the 12 volunteers and Councillors from Moresby Parks and Low Moresby who joined forces on 8th April to collect unsightly litter on Moresby Parks Road. 15 bags of rubbish were gathered. It appears most of this had been thrown from passing vehicles but some must have been left behind by locals. Please take pride in our village.

Rural Wheels

Since there is no longer a bus service from Moresby to Whitehaven, please remember the Rural Wheels service is available to meet urgent transport needs. Information leaflets on this service are available from the County or Borough Councils and Moresby Post Office.

Traffic Issues

Moresby Parks Road and pavements have been resurfaced and the speed humps replaced. In late April, 5 Parish Councillors were trained by local Police Community Support Officer Collette Harrison in the operation of a speed gun, enabling them to monitor traffic speeds through the village. This will provide information to present to those authorities concerned with rural speeding issues.

Rosehill Theatre by Councillor Norma Boyes

It was my pleasure to represent our Parish at the official opening of the famous theatre following extensive renovations. This was performed by HRH Prince Charles. Guests included volunteers, members of the community and representatives of the organisations who had kindly financed the work. Once the opening is announced I would encourage everyone to visit. There is a lovely new restaurant on the top floor, with top local chef Jon Fell at the helm. However, whilst everything is bright shiny and new, the theatre remains untarnished. Refreshed, but exactly as it was when it opened in 1959.

Broadband Speeds by Councillor Nick Troughton

According to www.broadband.co.uk the national average broadband speed is 25.6 Mb/s. Moresby is served by 3 roadside cabinets:

Cabinet 42 is on the B5306 serving Howgate and Low Moresby. BT states that with a clean connection (i.e. one with no faults) a download speed of 18-24.3 Mb/s is available from this cabinet.

Cabinet 34 is on the corner of Parkfields Road and Moresby Parks Road and serves the Parkfields Road estate allowing download speeds with a clean connection of 60-80 Mb/s.

Cabinet 11 is at the Rosehill/Quality Corner crossroads, and serves a wide area including Round Close, Scilly Banks, Rosehill, Parklands Estate, Moresby Parks Road and Solway Road. A clean connection here should allow download speeds of between 13-20 Mb/s.

There are several sites which allow you to test your connection speed. Put 'line speed test' into your search engine and follow the instructions.

If you have any queries or comments on your broadband speed, email: HowgateAndDistingtonHC@gmail.com or www.connectingcumbria.org.uk

A polite reminder! Dog walkers – please always bag and bin – keep Moresby tidy.

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Defibrillator in Moresby

We are pleased to report we shall soon be installing a defibrillator unit in the old BT phone box on Moresby Parks Road.

Once the equipment is in place we will be holding an awareness session for all residents aged 8 upwards; this date will be announced on the Parish Council webpage. Please come along for a demonstration and find out how easy it is to use this vital piece of life-saving equipment.

Remember this equipment could save the life of someone near you, so we have a responsibility to each other to ensure we look after it.

Howgate and Low Moresby by Councillor Janice Ogilvie

The Parish Council are aware of litter and speeding problems in Howgate. Our County Councillor is involved and we intend a litter pick in the near future. The Parish Council are dealing with the Howgate grass cutting issue and we hope this will have been actioned by the time we go to press.

School Brow Housing Development

The Planning Authority of Copeland Borough Council meeting in February decided to approve the outline plan for the construction of potentially 100 houses in the two fields beside the school.

The approval is subject to various conditions being satisfied, such as school expansion, drainage and road safety. When available these can be seen in the approval decision document on the Parish Council website.

Other News:

Prescription collection from Distington GP surgery to the Moresby Post Office has been temporarily suspended, please note the shop is operating as usual. Please watch the website for updates.

Grass cutting has started again, please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help. **Allotments are available in Moresby to rent**, the Parish Clerk can supply the necessary details.

We now have **floral displays in planters** throughout the Parish thanks to Councillor Hazel McGuirk.

Whats on:

St Marks Village Church Moresby Parks Road

- **Moresby Sparks Toddler Group:** Tuesdays 10-11.30 am in term time
- **Party in the Parks:** Disco for 5-11's, 3rd Thursday each month 5.30-7 pm.
- **Marks in the Parks:** All ages exploring faith and sharing a meal, 2nd and 4th Sundays 3 pm – look for the banner !
- **Time for Everyone:** Lunch Club 1st Thursday each month 12-1.30 pm

For more details contact the Minister Paul Kerry on 01946 66168 or facebook at St Marks Village Church - Moresby Parks.

Moresby Women's Institute

Meets on 4th Wednesday of each month in Moresby Church Hall. For information contact the members' secretary on 01946 694434.

Over 60s Club

Meets every Tuesday at 1.30 pm in the Rugby Club with a bingo night every Thursday at 7.30pm.

Getting in touch with your Parish Council

Tel: The Clerk Mr. C Shaw 01946 695701

Go to the Moresby PC website: www.moresbypc.com and facebook page

Here you will be able to access council details and minutes and be able to comment via facebook or email to: joshaw@talk21.com

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