

CARNFORTH EXPRESS

Carnforth Town Council – Working for you

March & April 2023

Call to stand in the local council elections to make a change

**CALLING ALL
COMMUNITY HEROES**



**CARNFORTH TOWN COUNCIL
NEEDS YOU!**

**MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR**

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT:

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Carnforth Town Council supports the *Make A Change* campaign by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) which calls on people from all backgrounds and experiences who are passionate about their local area to put themselves forward in the parish and town council elections on **Thursday 4th May**.

The Town Council is urging enthusiastic and engaged members of the community who want to make a long-lasting change, have innovative ideas or have concerns about specific issues, to stand as councillors for the opportunity to make a real difference. The Council has 12 councillors and we hope that the following information will help you in making a decision to stand for election.

What does Carnforth Town Council do?

The work Carnforth Town Council does is exciting and rewarding. The Council is responsible for, or has a direct influence on, a range of services and activities.

These include:

- ✓ managing and safeguarding Carnforth Civic Hall and Crag Bank Village Hall;
- ✓ Highfield Allotments;
- ✓ maintaining public open spaces, footpaths, street furniture, flower beds and planters;
- ✓ running local events and projects such as Carnforth's Big Jubilee Weekend, Carnforth's Big Coronation Weekend and the Great Big Green Week;
- ✓ speaking and acting on behalf of our local community;
- ✓ commenting on planning applications;

On January 26th 2023, the residents of Carnforth and Crag Bank voted overwhelmingly in favour of the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan. For the first time we now have a long term blueprint for our town that gives the community greater control over planning applications and local development as well as greater influence over heritage and tourism matters, the local economy, green spaces and our environment and our ability to tackle the impact of climate change.

Being a local councillor: As a local councillor you can become a voice for the community and bring about real change. Local councillors are the champions of their community, investing time in projects and issues for the benefit of residents and the local area.

An integral part of a councillor's role is engaging with local people, groups, and businesses to determine their needs; making decisions on the services and projects the council should take forward; collaborating with Lancaster City and Lancashire County Councils to help ensure their services meet the community's needs.

Local councillors are people who try to put their own interests last and to help others first. Attributes of a good councillor include welcoming open and public debate, getting along with others, understanding different views and being able to compromise. Being a councillor is not just about going to meetings. It is about having an interest in what goes on around each of us and being prepared to invest time to help the community.

Carnforth Town Council meets monthly (except August) and has three committees. Councillors will be asked to represent the council on other outside bodies or to attend meetings on particular subjects.

The amount of time councillors spend on their responsibilities really depends on the individual – if you enjoy the challenge you will naturally spend more time meeting it!

It is important that councillors are familiar with the way councils work, the role of councillors and the legal powers and duties that councils have and an understanding of the role of the Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Full training is available on all these matters and more.

Who can stand for election? To stand for election to the council you must be:

- ✓ A British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union;
- ✓ At least 18 years old and;
- ✓ Meet at least one of the following qualifications;
 - Be an elector within the Carnforth boundary;
 - Have, in the past 12 months, occupied land or other premises in the local area (as owner or tenant);
 - Work in the area the council serves (as your principal or only place of work);
 - Live within three miles of the council boundary.

You can find out more about the local elections and how to become a councillor at:

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/makeachange>. **Nominations can be submitted at Lancaster Town Hall between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday March 21 to Tuesday April 4 (excluding weekends and bank holidays). Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**

Photo ID now required to vote

The May local elections will be the first occasion when voters in the United Kingdom will be asked to show photo ID when voting at a polling station. The new requirements were introduced by the Government's Elections Act (2022). A range of photo ID will be accepted including UK, European Economic Area or Commonwealth passports and drivers' licences, PASS ID cards (the national proof of age accreditation scheme), disabled parking blue badges and some concessionary travel passes, such as older person's bus passes or Oyster 60+ cards. Expired ID is acceptable as long as the photograph is still a likeness of the person.



Anyone without an accepted form of photo ID is urged to apply for a free voter ID document known as a *Voter Authority Certificate*. The deadline is 5pm on 25th April in order to vote in this election. Full information is available here: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>. If you are not yet registered to vote all you need is five minutes and your National Insurance Number to register here: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> or you can contact elections@lancaster.gov.uk. The deadline for being on the electoral register is Monday 17th April.

Eden Project awarded £50m from Levelling Up Fund



The Eden Project has been awarded £50m in the second round of the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund. Eden Project Morecambe is the new official name for the project, which has previously been known as Eden Project North.

The bid was submitted by Lancaster City Council, one of the Eden Project's key partners involved in the Morecambe attraction, and was chosen as a recipient of the largest investment possible under the fund, earmarked for large-scale cultural regeneration projects.

As the lead for the partnership bid, Lancaster City Council will be the recipient of the funding and will work with partners to ensure it is allocated in accordance with Government requirements.

Preparatory ground work will now be undertaken on the site on the Morecambe seafront, a vital prelude to construction beginning. The Eden Project team will ensure the community is kept informed about the construction schedule through its social media channels, the local media and a revamped series of community engagement events.

An expanded project delivery team will be created in preparation for the construction phase with details of the first round of recruitment to be announced soon. Around 300 high-quality green jobs will be directly created by Eden Project Morecambe, with more than 1,000 additional new jobs supported in the region.

The £50m investment is half of the £100m needed to build the coastal-themed project. The funding allows the project to move into its next phase and begin the process of finalising the remaining £50m from private and philanthropic sources identified as part of the bidding process.

Annual visitor numbers are projected to be 740,000 and additional revenue brought into local businesses due to Eden Project Morecambe is set to exceed the £50m Government investment within months of the project opening. Now that the Levelling Up Fund process has concluded, preparation for construction is due to start this year and the aim is for Eden Project Morecambe to be open to visitors by 2026.

Carnforth Town Council believes that Carnforth has an important role to play in support of the Eden Project Morecambe.

In 2020, Carnforth Town Council working with Carnforth Chamber of Trade and Lancaster City Council produced a brochure exploring how the town might position itself to share in the economic benefits of the Eden Project. This has been incorporated into the Carnforth Neighbourhood Plan adopted by our local community.

The town's location close to major transport links would provide visitors with a convenient northerly route which, with some imaginative developments, would provide an environmentally sustainable point of access, not only for the Eden Project, Morecambe, but also for those wishing to explore the wider area.

Carnforth's unique selling point is provided by the railway and its legacy. The development of the station and the Steamtown site would provide tourists with another wet weather visitor attraction to enable them to prolong their stay and further enhance the links between Eden Project, Morecambe and other communities in the district. **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**

Scotland Road – Traffic management: Carnforth Town Council was pleased that the traffic management arrangements in February on Scotland Road were removed on 2nd March – several days ahead of the original schedule.

At the time of writing, the contractors, Aptus, are awaiting chlorination results for the water main. The results are expected soon (7th March) at which point traffic lights will be re-erected at Market Street to facilitate the connection which will take one day to complete.

They will then be progressing with other roadworks north of the railway bridge on the A6 Scotland Road opposite the Rowland Homes development. These will require 2-way traffic lights for the period 13th - 17th March, and 20th - 24th March to install a 15m water main at Truck Haven.

Carnforth Town Council acknowledges that this has been a difficult and complex scheme from the start with multiple constraints and we are pleased that on this phase several essential areas of work have been programmed and carried out concurrently.

We are grateful that the contractors and Lancashire County Council have listened to and, where possible, acted on, issues raised by the Town Council over the last few weeks.

We are especially thankful to our local community who have, once again, demonstrated their patience, understanding and resilience throughout the past few weeks. **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**



Carnforth Community Events Display Network: The Town Council has set up a network of event noticeboards around Carnforth to display upcoming events in and around the town. We have done this to further publicise any future community events. This has also been done to help bridge the gap for those residents of Carnforth who do not have access to the internet and social media platforms, to enable them to keep up to date with what is happening around town. Upcoming events posters will be displayed, with their kind permission, at the following locations: **Carnforth Bookshop, Carnforth Pharmacy (on the digital screen), The Station Hotel, Carnforth Library, Carnforth Swimming Pool, The Co-Op, Kitty Browns and Tesco.** This is in addition to Town Council noticeboards at **Carnforth Civic & Crag Bank Village Halls, War Memorial Gardens, North Road & Highfield Road and on the A6 Truckhaven and Crag Bank roundabouts .** **Councillor Ian Laurence**

CARNFORTH'S CORONATION BIG LUNCH



TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THIS FREE HISTORIC EVENT!

Join us for this celebration of the King's Coronation on **Sunday 7th May**. This is an opportunity for the Carnforth community to come together to share friendship, food and fun.

Like last year's highly successful Queen's Big Jubilee Lunch there will be three 'sittings' for lunch (12noon - 2pm; 2:30pm - 4:30pm & 5pm - 7pm). Tables are limited, so early booking is recommended!

Bring your own food or enjoy the food and drink available for purchase as well as a range of arts and crafts, activities and top entertainment (full details to follow soon).

Booking is easy just click on the link and follow the instructions:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CDXJ>

DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK NOW!

Carnforth Film Nights – 2023: You can book tickets NOW for any, or all, of our great programme of films at Carnforth Civic Hall on North Road.

Tickets are £10 including food. Drinks to buy are also available.

Tickets can be purchased online by clicking the links below or by emailing Leah at admin@carnforthtowncouncil.org or by calling 07828254149.



Ticket numbers are limited to 40 - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2023: ELVIS <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CAEC> **SOLD OUT**

SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2023: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CAEE>

SATURDAY 20th MAY 2023: KNIVES OUT 2 GLASS ONION

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CAEF>

SATURDAY 24th JUNE 2023: BRIAN & CHARLES <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CAEG>

Council venues for hire: Carnforth Civic Hall on Lower North Road and Crag Bank Village Hall on Jesson Way, are suitable for baby groups, ceremonies, corporate events, exhibitions, music practice, music events, meetings, parties, sports and fitness, societies and clubs, theatre productions and training and workshops.



The Carnforth Civic Hall Meeting Room is suitable for corporate events, exhibitions, music practice, meetings, societies and clubs, training and workshops.

All our venues have super broadband available free of charge.

Book online here: <https://venuehire.scribeaccounts.com/Carnforth-Town-Council> or by emailing Leah at admin@carnforthtowncouncil.org or calling 07828254149.

Prices to hire Carnforth Civic Hall and Crag Bank Village Hall will be going up in April for the first time since 2019 but they can still be hired for as little as £15 per hour for regular bookings; £18 per hour for one-off bookings and the Meeting room at the Civic Hall from £12 per hour for regular bookings and £14 for one-off bookings. Both venues enjoy Superfast Wi-Fi at no extra cost. **Availability is limited so book now for 2023!**

Car club nominated for top awards: The Co-wheels scheme has been nominated in two categories for the iNetwork Innovation Awards that cast a light on projects and teams that have delivered transformation and excellence in public service delivery.



One of the new electric vehicles is based at Preston Street in Carnforth. The scheme provides an opportunity to hire an electric vehicle for as little as £5 an hour - perfect for those who may only need a vehicle for short periods of time. Once you've signed up as a Co Wheels member, you pay a monthly membership fee to be part of the car club, and then just pay for your journeys when you use the vehicles.

For more information and to sign up visit www.co-wheels.org.uk/lancaster

As an added incentive, you can get membership for just £1, plus £40 driving credit and no monthly fees, when you join using the promo code LANCASTER40.

Community News: Carnforth Integrated Care Community (ICC) Carnforth Integrated Care Community (ICC) hold a monthly support group for people caring for someone with memory loss. This takes place on the second Monday afternoon of each month, 2pm-4pm at the Civic Hall, Carnforth (April and May 2023 are on the third Mondays owing to the Bank Holidays). The group is open to carers of and anyone living with memory issues. The group provides the opportunity for attendees to chat to professionals, share experiences and access information. Light refreshments are provided.

For our May 2023 session (Monday 15th May 2023), we are arranging for our usual monthly meeting to be a '*Dementia Awareness session*' and plan to have professionals in attendance who can talk specifically about dementia diagnosis, living with dementia and local services that could help those affected.

For more information, please contact Carnforth ICC via email carnforth.icc@mbht.nhs.uk or call our ICC Development Lead, Hayley Clarke, on 07876 130616.

Carnforth Chamber of Trade: How is it March already? At the Carnforth Chamber of Trade this means we have our AGM and move forward with plans for next year and how we can support local businesses. Membership to the Chamber renews on 1st April and if you'd like to hear more about who we are and what we do, please drop us an email at secretary@carnforth.org or message the Facebook page @CarnforthCOT.

On a more EGGsciting note, it's almost time for the Easter Eggs to reappear! Look out for our usual band of amazing volunteers, namely Keith Moore, Keith Quinn and Paul Turner, putting these up in the coming weeks. We hope you enjoy them; they always make us smile.

We are also going to organise an Easter trail around town, look out for more details coming out on social media in the next couple of weeks!



Discover Rotary – Discover Carnforth Rotary!



Let me start by thanking you all for your generous support for our recent collection at Tesco and

Booths in the town for the disastrous earthquake that affected Turkey and Syria. Your generosity and a contribution from our club trust account raised £2000 for the relief of suffering in these countries. We paid for up to 5 Shelter Boxes. (<https://shelterbox.org/>) which are now in the stricken area providing shelter, clean water and cooking facilities for families left homeless by the disaster.

Carnforth has had a Rotary presence for over 75 years and we want to be around for a lot more years into the future. **But what is Rotary?** Rotary is the world's largest service organisation with 1.4 million members in most countries. We are People of Action working in our communities and supporting local, national and international projects. We have areas of focus to aid us to achieve our objectives which includes: Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Clean Water & Hygiene, Saving Mothers & Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies and Protecting the Environment.

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever, Our motto is 'Service Above Self' which we, as Rotarians, try to live up to.

Carnforth Rotary in the local community: Rotary engages with communities which include national and international projects but most of our work is focused on our own community. There are so many activities that we have been involved with recently - I can't list them all here but examples include: Stewarding the vaccination against Covid 19 virus; Youth Activities such as five Rotakids Clubs in local primary schools; the schools choir competition in December and planting trees to support the environment.



What does Rotary offer you? Being a member of your local Rotary club is not all service! We do have fun and friendship in spades.



Rotary membership gives you the opportunity to support your local community projects and work with like-minded people.

Eligibility for Membership: Rotary is open to everyone over the age of 18 years. Full Stop!!

Your Rotary club needs new members to ensure that their presence is assured for the future.

If you would like to know more, log onto www.carnforthrotary1190.org

or please email info@carnforthrotary1190.org and we will organise a 'Meet & Greet' your Rotarians and Discover Carnforth Rotary. **Arthur Jones, President Elect, Carnforth Rotary**

Carnforth Library - Get Online course – Thursdays 2-3pm: Carnforth Library's free



computer skills course is for anyone wishing to improve their IT skills. Our friendly staff can help learners at all levels. For beginners, we recommend the popular Learn My Way course which teaches basic IT skills over 6 weeks. Help can also be provided for anyone wanting to learn how to search the web safely, apply for jobs, complete a variety of online forms, deal with Universal Credit, use email, follow hobbies and use public services such as Lancashire Libraries online. You can also bring in your own

device, such as a tablet, and learn how to use get the most out of it.

For more information please contact us via Telephone: 0300 123 6703 or Email: carnforth.library@lancashire.gov.uk

Carnforth & District Bowling Club: We have various teams bowling in the Ladies, Morecambe and Lancaster Leagues. Also for the 60+ Bowlers we have two teams in the South Westmorland Seniors who play on a Monday afternoon and two Vets Teams who play on a Thursday afternoon. We would like to encourage new and experienced bowlers to join us for the 2023 season. If you are a new, experienced or a junior bowler, or a bowler whose green has recently closed and you are looking for a new venue, we would like to hear from you. We have three Coaches on hand to give advice or training to new bowlers and help experienced bowlers to improve their game.

Brian Cooke, Secretary, contact by PM or email: runningjack@yahoo.com

Cost of living Crisis: Helping people find the help they need: If you're struggling to make ends meet and wondering how you're going to get through the cost of living crisis, a visit to our one-stop-shop of useful information might be useful.

Visit www.lancaster.gov.uk/cost-of-living for 🙌 Information and advice on staying warm and saving money; Locations of 'warm banks' in the district; Food bank, food clubs and help with essentials; Financial and household support; Mental health and other support.

There are also links to other supporting organisations for advice and practical assistance for residents and businesses. **Bob Bailey, Town Clerk**