

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT WITH THE ABBEY?

Discussions with Westmorland and Furness Council show that it is unlikely that we will be able to bring the Abbey into community ownership. We are refunding all the pledges we received for now. The council are determined to sell the site to a Housing Association for the development of some affordable houses. Two housing associations are interested so far and we are working with them and W & F to see if we can include elements of our community vision into the specifications. If you are interested in what happens to the Abbey or have any ideas you'd like to share contact us through the website. www.thenewabbeystaveley.org



The Abbey garden

RAILWAY UPDATE

At its November meeting, the Parish Council agreed to support a lift as the chosen option should funding become available to improve station access. The design briefs considered clearly showed that a lift would be far less intrusive than a lengthy, three-tier ramp required due to the height of the platform. Currently there are no opportunities to bid for funding but a new round of Access for All is anticipated and Northern has committed to ensuring Staveley is the only Cumbrian bid.

WARM SPACES

There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't met yet.

A warm welcome, soup, pudding and a great place to find out what's going on!
Each Tuesday and Thursday at the Institute throughout the Winter - 12 to 2 pm

SNOW EMERGENCY!

Thanks to everyone for their kindness and generosity during the 'big snow' on 3 and 4 December 2023. 12 people sheltered from the bad weather in the Institute and received donated food, warm drinks and bedding.

The response was part of Staveley with Ings Emergency Plan - go to our Community website to find out more.

Our emergency response is led by the Parish Council and co-ordinated through a WhatsApp group where the 'Lead' people can make decisions and plan action.

Who knows if and when there will be another emergency but it is important that we are well prepared. The Parish Council Emergency team would like to connect directly with emergency volunteers by developing an Opt-in WhatsApp group. The group will be specifically to help organise support in an emergency.

If you'd like to be on the volunteer What's App group, please let us have your full name and phone number.

Email: staveleyings.parish@gmail.com



Check out the our new website for information about our community.

www.staveleywithings.org



Find out more about all items on the newsletter and volunteer.

www.staveleywithings.org/community-news

STAVELEY WITH INGS

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winter 2024

Welcome to the winter edition of Community News! It gives you a brief outline of what is going on in Staveley and Ings to turn the Community Plan into reality with links to where you can find out more.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of the month (except in December and August). There's an opportunity for Community engagement at each meeting so anyone can raise an issue and have their say. Minutes and Agenda are on the PC noticeboards in Staveley and Ings and on our community website. If you're interested in Staveley's community buildings and other assets - the Village Hall, Institute, Pavillion and rec) come to the **SVA Community Information Meetings**. Minutes and agenda are on the SVA website.



Parish Council Meetings

7 February, 7.15pm, Ings Village Hall
4 March 7.15pm, Pavilion, Staveley
SVA Community Information Meetings
23 March, 7pm-8.30pm, Institute
8 June, 7pm-8.30pm, Village Hall

CLIMATE AND NATURE PARTNERSHIP GRANT FROM W&F COUNCIL

A partnership between SENS and Staveley with Ings Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £18,350. Our success reflects the reputation of the parish for sustainability, and will enable progress on priorities within the Community Plan. We have a year to use the money to make a difference. Why don't you get involved in one of the following projects:

Scoping green spaces - we are trying to identify the green spaces that people value so that we are ready to protect them through the planning process. We've already saved Craggy Wood and ensured that the Big Meadow maintains its status for agricultural use but we need to be ready when the LDNP next review usage.

Alec Row - we're already committed to creating a space that has a mixture of car parking, recycling and attractive recreational space. The grant will allow us to create raised beds and provide an accessible picnic table.

Staveley Green Gateway - The 'gateway' will be planted to improve biodiversity with silver birch and heather to create an attractive welcome to Staveley.



Community engagement - the grant will allow us to continue to develop the community website and update and link this with an improved SENS website. We'll also be able to hold events to encourage engagement in the projects and revamp some of the noticeboards.

Young people - when the year 6 class from Staveley Cof E school discussed the community plan they told us they were interested in the environment and would like somewhere for young people to meet up. The grant will fund a youth worker to facilitate a youth council for Staveley with Ings. This will provide a forum for them to discuss how they might create a meeting place and discuss what they can do to tackle climate change and promote biodiversity, linking with other groups, including Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Get in touch if you are interested.

Environmentally friendly transport - our parish is ageing and there are an increasing number of people who struggle to get around. The grant will allow us to explore ways we might help those with mobility difficulties get around without contributing to the climate crisis. It will also contribute to the **community e-bike scheme**.

The grant will allow us to run **Repair Cafes** throughout the year and develop **Community Composting** at Staveley C of E school, to benefit the environment and reduce council waste costs.

SEWAGE ... SEWAGE ... SEWAGE

United Utilities (UU) is committed to a major investment at Staveley Waste Water Treatment Works (WwTW) during the next funding period (2025 to 2030). This investment cannot come soon enough as the WwTW is failing its permit which means that partly or untreated sewage is being dumped in the river Kent on a very regular basis. This has probably been happening for many years.

In 2022, Staveley's WwTW was the 4th worst discharger of sewage across the whole of the north-west of England. UU is also working with other partners (the Environment Agency and



Westmorland and Furness Council) to find an integrated solution for the village and improve the sewage network. In this way we hope that the regular discharge of sewage on to our streets will be resolved but as yet no commitment for this has been made.

Louise Beardmore, CEO of United Utilities, is coming to Staveley so we can consider UU's plans. The Parish Council and the Clean River Kent Campaign (CRKC) will be discussing the plans in detail with her. **It is essential that we all show her that our community cares so come to the public Drop-in session on 31 January between 12.30 and 6.30 pm at the Village Hall and make your voice heard.**

We also need to update our information about the impact of sewage discharges so we've created a survey to collect this and will be presenting it to UU on 31 January. If you've been affected by discharge on or close to your property since Storm Desmond in 2015 please complete the survey, on line or on paper.

**Drop-in session with Louise Beardmore from United Utilities and her team
Wednesday 31 January, Staveley Village Hall 12.30 - 6.00 pm
Sewage Survey**

**Deadline to complete and return all surveys Friday 26 January at 12 noon.
On paper from The Beehive and Big Onion.
On-line at www.surveymonkey.com/r/sewage**

