

# Village News

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## WELCOME

to a new quarterly newsletter for our villages,  
with contributions from the Parish Council, St Lukes Church, the newly formed  
Bridgefoot and Little Clifton Energy Hub and others. If you have news, views,  
opinions or comments that you'd like to add, or things you'd like to learn more  
about, you can contribute to the next issue by emailing the Editor at  
[stkp@sky.com](mailto:stkp@sky.com)

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## A LOAD OF RUBBISH

A dedicated band of litter  
pickers turned out at the  
end of October to collect  
litter and rubbish from  
the roads around the  
village. A good number of  
bags were filled, and a  
plentiful supply of coffee  
and cake was consumed  
in the village hall  
afterwards! Thanks to  
everyone who supported  
the event, look out for  
the next one early in  
2023!



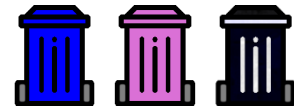
## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Chairman – Ian Elliott.  
Members –  
Jean McCartney, Ken  
Stephenson, Carol  
Wilson, Roland Bell.  
The Parish Council has  
recently welcomed two  
new members – Fiona  
Heslam and Fliss Watts –  
but it can have up to  
twelve members. If  
you're interested in  
joining, contact Ian Elliott  
on 01900 67301 or the  
Parish Clerk, the Rev'd  
Judith Morgan at  
[LittleCliftonPC@outlook.com](mailto:LittleCliftonPC@outlook.com)

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH WHATSAPP

A village Whatsapp group  
was set up during the  
Covid lockdown of 2020.  
It is now a friendly,  
unofficial noticeboard for  
anything and everything,  
from exchanging books to  
free apples, from lost and  
found to buying and  
selling...to join, just text  
your number to Fliss  
Watts on 07900 471205

## BIN COLLECTIONS



Need to know which bins  
are being collected this  
week? Check online at  
<https://www.allerdale.gov.uk/en/bincollections>  
You can download and  
print out an annual waste  
collection calendar for  
your address here, report  
a missed bin or ask for a  
replacement if your bin is  
damaged. NB. The last  
green bin collection for  
2022 is week beginning  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, collections  
recommence week  
beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March  
2023.

## SPEED CAMERA TRAINING

Speed camera training  
has been postponed until  
the New Year. Please  
contact Ian Elliott on  
01900 67301 if you would  
like to be involved.

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## PLANNING NEWS

Residents who objected will be pleased to hear that the planning application relating to the field adjacent to Scots Croft has been withdrawn. The Parish Council had applied to have ownership of the field transferred from Cumbria County Council to the Parish; Cumbria CC declined to proceed, the PC hope to take this forward with the new Cumberland Council next year.

## SUSTAINABLE WARMTH CUMBRIA

Grants of up to £25,000 for energy efficiency measures, such as double glazing, loft insulation and solar panels, are available through Sustainable Warmth Cumbria to households with less than £30,000 income and combined household savings of £50,000 or less. To find out more visit [www.carlisle.gov.uk/Residents/Housing-and-Homeless/Sustainable-Warmth-Cumbria-Grants](http://www.carlisle.gov.uk/Residents/Housing-and-Homeless/Sustainable-Warmth-Cumbria-Grants)

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON CHURCHES

### Cake and Carols

At Great Clifton Methodist Church, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm – home-made refreshments, carol singing and a short Christmas reflection.

### Carol Service

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at Great Clifton Methodist Church.

### Carols by Candlelight

St Luke's Church, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm followed by wine / soft drink and mince pies (You might want to bring a torch to help you see the words on the carol sheet!)

### Crib Service

St Luke's Church, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm. A lovely interactive service for children and adults – why not dress up as your favourite nativity character?!

### Christmas Eve Holy Communion

St Luke's Church at 5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Also, don't forget..... Fortnightly **Coffee and Crack** morning at Bridgefoot Village Hall 10am on alternate Wednesdays (December dates 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) come and have a crack and some home-made goodies! **Open Church – at St Luke's** every other Tuesday at 10am – a chance to enjoy our beautiful church, have a cuppa and a chat, take some quiet time out, children welcome, toys provided (next date 14<sup>th</sup> December). On behalf of the Clifton Churches we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.



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## Rising Energy Bills!

Worried about rising energy bills? Across the country villages and communities are finding local solutions to some of the problems people are facing – in particular the rising costs of oil, gas and electricity. A small group of people from Nespiggill, Bridgefoot, Little Clifton and Chapel Brow (BLC Energy Hub) have formed a working group of the Parish Council to see if we can find ways to help each other through these difficult times. To help us to know what is most important to you, please fill in the attached survey and post it in the Village Hall post box (just inside the metal doors to the Hall) or use the online survey at

<https://forms.gle/b3AQmNh57Xq2vcWG7>

## BRIDGEFOOT AND LITTLE CLIFTON ENERGY HUB SURVEY

The information gathered by this survey will be used to see how much interest there is within our community regarding energy saving measures and what steps have

already been taken to improve energy efficiency. Recommendations can then be made for options such as 'to explore community energy saving schemes'. This survey has been produced on behalf of the Little Clifton Parish Council and is subject to its privacy policy. By providing us with your e-mail address you are consenting to us automatically sending a copy of your responses to you and a copy of the final report. No personal information will be contained in the report and your details will not be passed on for any other reason. The data will be analysed by a Parish Councillor. The final report will be prepared by the BLC Energy Hub.

1. Are you concerned about rising energy and fuel costs?

Y/N

2. Are you concerned about your carbon footprint?

Y/N

A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gas emissions that are released as a result of our

actions. It measures the total volume of a number of greenhouse gases. It is often described in terms of the carbon dioxide equivalent

3. How well insulated is your house? Is your house draughty/cold?

This question will help us to understand some of the measures already in place and what other insulation solutions may be available as part of a community energy hub offer.

Well Insulated/Cosy

1

2

3

4

5

Not well

Insulated/Draughty/Cold

4. How old is your main source of heating?

Understanding how old equipment is will help inform options for renewing/changing to other sources e.g. from combi boiler to heat pump

-1-5 years old

-5-10 years old

-More than 10 years old

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5. Would you like more/better insulation?

Y/N

-Solar Panels  
-Heat Pump - Ground Source or Air Source  
-Electric Vehicle

of interest there may be in community energy schemes. Being interested may mean you only wish to be kept up to date with information, help sheets and energy saving advice or it could mean you would like to be part of the working group helping to promote energy saving ideas which is currently overseen by the Parish Council

-Yes

-No

-Maybe

6. How is your home heated? – Tick all that you use

This will help to inform us of the range of energy sources already being used in the local area

-Mains Gas  
-Bottled Gas  
-Electric  
-Coal  
-Wood  
-Oil  
-Other

9. Would you like to explore any of the options below?

-Solar Panels  
-Heat Pump - Ground Source or Air Source  
-Electric Vehicle

10. Please tell us if your home is rented or owned

This will help us to understand how to target energy savings options

-Rented (Social Housing)  
-Rented (Private Landlord)  
-Owned

12. Do you have relevant expertise/experience that you could share with the community group?

This would help us understand if we can draw upon local expertise to advise and guide us.

If yes, please give details...

7. How is your water heated?

This will help provide information on the current range of water heating systems and how they might be linked to future options for hot water generation

-Combi Boiler  
-Hot Water Cylinder  
-Other

11. Would you be interested in supporting a community energy hub to develop local energy production for residents and/or collaboration on home insulation etc?

We understand people have busy lives. We are trying to gauge the level

8. Do you have any of the following?

This will provide us with an overview of energy saving products already in use in the community